



MONTHLY CIRCULAR

BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB Inc.

UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY



JANUARY 2001.

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JILALAN

Please have all articles to Louise Leonardi (25 Harburg Drive, Beenleigh 4207) by the 1st of the month. Articles, if on disk need to be submitted in RTF (Rich Text Format) with a hard copy included, otherwise a handwritten or typed copy will do. Alternatively, you can e-mail your articles to: **leonardi@gil.com.au**

GENERAL MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, at 7:30pm. The location is St Brigid's Parish Hall, Musgrave Rd, RED HILL. VISITORS are always welcome.

OUTINGS

- (a) Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
- (b) Departure of walks is usually either from the Old Windmill on Wickham Tce or at Sullivan & Nicolaides (134 Whitmore Street, Taringa – enter via the upper driveway and drive down to the upper level of the carpark). Check "Jilalan" or phone the leader to be certain.
- (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 Monday prior to the activity (Wednesday at the latest) 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. Should you change your mind and decide not to come to a club event, please notify the leader as soon as possible.

EMERGENCY OFFICER

If, within the hour prior to an outing's departure, you can't make it or you are running late, phone the number shown in the Jilalan for the Emergency Officer for that outing. If you have not returned from an outing by 9:00pm your family may ring the Emergency Officer – but please don't panic.

EQUIPMENT HIRE

The Club has some tents and through-walk packs to hire to visitors and newer members. Borrowers are responsible for collecting and returning equipment, as well as making good any loss or damage over and above normal wear and tear. Hire rates – Packs \$10/weekend, Tents \$5:00 – Deposit of \$20:00 required.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

The Association requires that all walkers on all trips should carry certain minimal basic equipment. This should comprise the following – a first aid kit, a torch, a parka/raincoat, hat, shirt 30+ sunscreen and at least 2 litres of water. Leaders may require that walkers carry other equipment. Advice of this will be given in Jilalan and/or by the leader.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

All members are most welcome to attend a meeting of the Management Committee, but please contact the President beforehand. This means you can be advised of any change of date/venue. If you feel strongly about an issue, bring it along to the Committee Meeting and we'll put it on the agenda.

WARNING

All persons, adult or child, member or visitor, undertake all activities of the Club at their own risk. The club is not in a position to even state that all care will be taken.

| DATE | EVENT | LEADER | CONTACT NUMBER | WALK Type |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| December 2000 | | | | 1 |
| 18 | Meeting | John Carter | 3290 3621 | |
| 23/24 | Christmas Carols | | | Social |
| 26 | Dularcha National Park Train Tunnel | Greg Endicott | 3351 4092 | D/W |
| 31 | New Year's Eve | Graham Walters | 00011072 | Social |
| January 2001 | | | <u>├─</u> ── | 00014 |
| 6 | A Walking Odessy 2001 Mt Beerwah | Greg Endicott | 3351 4092 | N/W |
| 12-14 | Border Ranges | Gabe Romaguera | 3856 3842 | B/C |
| 15 | Meeting | John Carter | 3290 3621 | Die |
| 20 | Boghaban Falls | John Carter | 3290 3621 | D/W |
| 26-28 | Bunya Mountains | Maxine Brophy | 3203 4699 | B/C |
| February | | Maxine Dropity | 5205 4077 | Dic |
| To be decided | Obi Obi Li-Lo Trip (rain dependent) | Phil Murray | 3841 0254 | D/W |
| 3 | Social | Graham Walters | 3379 9486 | Social |
| 11 | Little Kings Walk | Gabe Romaguera | 3856 3842 | D/W |
| 17 | Meeting of the Waters Springbrook | Trevor Kelly | 3269 4795 | D/W D/W |
| 19 | Meeting | John Carter | 3299 3621 | |
| 24-25 | Mt Mitchell Night Walk | Justin Tobin | 3366 3193 | D/W |
| March | | Justin Toolii | 3300 3193 | D/W |
| 3 | Social | | | Social |
| 4 | Tinchi Tamba Clean Up Australia | Maxine Brophy | 3203 4699 | D/W |
| 9-11 | Green Mountains | Maxine Drophy | 3203 4099 | B/C |
| 10 | Western Cliffs | | | D/W |
| 17 | Northbrook Gorge | | | D/W D/W |
| 19 | Meeting | John Carter | 3290 3621 | D/W |
| 25 | Cronans Creek | Carolyn Ivanac | 3379 9486 | D/W |
| 31 | FMR Navigation | Carolyn Ivanac | 3319 9400 | FMR |
| April | | | 1 | TIVIK |
| 1 | Mt Superbus Monitoring | Christine Harrison | 5429 5494 | D/W |
| 6/8 | Fountain Falls | | 5427 5474 | T/W |
| 13/16 | Easter at the Hut | Justin Tobin | 3366 3193 | B/C |
| 23 | Meeting | | 5500 5175 | D/C |
| 25 | Anzac Day Dawn Service | John Carter | 3290 3621 | Social |
| 25 | Boondall Canoe | Joe Finn | 3848 4642 | D/W |
| 29 | Teviot Falls | Maxine Brophy | 3203 4699 | D/W D/W |
| May | | Diaxine Drophy | 5205 4077 | Diw |
| 5-8 | Washpool/Gibraltar Range | | | B/C |
| | Ipswich Wanderings | Nathan Tobin | 3282 8904 | |
| 19 | Meeting | John Carter | | D/W |
| 21 | Annual Mass & Dinner | John Carter | 3290 3621 | 10.11 |
| 26 | | John Co. to | 2000 2 (2) | Social |
| 27 | Tingalpa Creek Wilderness | John Carter | 3290 3621 | D/W |
| June | | | | |
| 8-11 | Sundown | | | B/C |
| 8-11 | Sundown to Wallangara | | | T/W |
| 16 | Moreton Island | Justin Tobin | 3366 3193 | D/W |
| 16/17 | F.M.R. First-Aid | | | |
| 18 | Meeting | John Carter | 3290 3621 | |

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS

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| DATE | EVENT | LEADER | CONTACT NUMBER | WALK TYPE |
|-----------|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 24 | Knapp's Peak | | | D/W |
| 29-1 | Albert River | Maxine Brophy | 3203 4699 | B/C |
| July | | | | 1 |
| 7 | Colonial Ball | | | Social |
| 15 | Kenilworth Bluff | Christine Harrison | 5429 5494 | D/W |
| 16 | Meeting | John Carter | 3290 3621 | |
| 21 | Historic Shepherd's Walk | | | D/W |
| 27-29 | Spicers Gap | John Carter | 3290 3621 | B/C |
| August | | | | |
| 5 | Fun Run | | | Social |
| 11/12 | | | | |
| 15 | Mt Barney Mass | | | D/W |
| 20 | Meeting | John Carter | 3290 3621 | |
| 24-26 | North Coast Mountains | Justin Tobin | 3366 3193 | B/C |
| 26 | Mt Coolum | Mary Nolan | 3355 6851 | D/W |
| September | | | | |
| 1 | Moggill SF (Fr Ed Memorial Walk) | | | D/W |
| 7-9 | Pilgrimage | | | B/C |
| 17 | Meeting | John Carter | 3290 3621 | |
| 23 | Karawatha by Train | | | D/W |
| October | | | | |
| 5/6/7 | Lizard Point | Justin Tobin | 3366 3193 | T/W |
| 7 | | | | D/W |
| 14 | Muscat & Baileys Creeks | Matthew Palmer | 3279 4490 | D/W |
| 15 | Meeting | John Carter | 3290 3621 | |

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KEY – Walk Types

| D/W | Day Walk | ½ DW | Half-day Walk |
|-----|--------------|------|----------------------------|
| T/W | Through Walk | TRN | Training |
| O/N | Overnighter | FMR | Federation Mountain Rescue |
| B/C | Base Camp | SOC | Social |

KEY - Walk Gradings The BCBC is now using the following Walk Grading system currently used by the Brisbane Bushwalking Club.

| 1. Distance | 2 |
|-------------|--------------------|
| Short | Under 10km per day |
| Medium | 10-15 km per day |
| Long | 15-20 km per day |
| EXtra Long | Over 20 km per day |

2. Terrain

- 1-3 <u>Graded or open terrain</u>. No scrub.
 4-7 <u>Bush</u>. Minor scrub rainforest, rock,
- creek, rock hopping, scrambling
- 8-10 Bush. As Above + thick scrub, major rock scrambling using hands, technical

3. Fitness

- 1-3 Easy. Suitable for beginners
- 4-7 Medium. Reasonable fitness

required

8-10 Hard. Strenuous, fit walkers only

January General Meeting

Come along to our first meeting of the year, to hear about coming outings and stay for a cuppa after the meeting.

Thanks to all those you came to December's meeting, it was a most enjoyable night.

Don't forget that Australia Day is on Friday this year.

About Members

Christine and Cliff Harrison, Pat, Jonas and several BOSC members are going to Tasmania shortly to undertake several of the popular walks there. A safe trip to you all.

Our sympathies are extended to Fr Kevin McGovern, whose Father passed away recently. May he Rest in Peace.

The clubs financial year ended on 31 December. Therefore membership fees are now due. A membership form will be sent to each member and will be avialable at the next meeting. The fees are the same as last year.

| Ordinary Member | \$30 |
|-------------------------|------|
| Associate Member | \$22 |
| Country Member | \$22 |
| (over 150 kms from GPO) | |
| Spouse Member | \$8 |

Outing's News

OUTINGS REPORT.

Welcome to a new walking year. The new calendar is in this months magazine. I'm sure there is a walk for you in 2001. Leaders and emergency officers are needed especially for the two long week-ends to Washpool and Sundown. Easter this year is at the hut, four days of walking in the shadows of Mt Barney. For those who can't get away for the four days. Its close enough to come down for a day walk or two. If you are able to lead a walk or two please let me know.

Thanks to all who helped with the new calendar and we'll see you on the track.

Justin.

Treasurer's Report

| Balance 20/11 /00 | 2516.76 |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| + Receipts | 0.00 |
| | 2516,76 |
| - Payments Balance 18/12 /00 | 904.35 |
| | 1612.41 |
| | |

Term Deposit

1522.41



COMING WALKS

Bohgaban Falls Saturday 20 January Daywalk

| Leader: | John Carter (3290 3621) |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Time: | 7am |
| Meet at: | St Brigid's Car park, |
| Musgrave Ro | |
| Grade: | M65 |
| Cost: | \$13 |
| Emerg Off: | Majella Carter (3290 3621) |

Bohgaban Falls lies on Nixon Creek, below Binna Burra in Lamington National Park. For this walk we will start in the clearing below Binna Burra and follow an old track down into Nixon Creek. We will be in the vicinity of Egg Rock. We then rock hop up the creek pass a number of cascades to the base of the Falls. There will be an opportunity for a swim. Our return route will be advised at the meeting. Rock hopping does require some agility and this depends on how wet the rocks are on the day. Beat the heat in Brisbane for a lovely day in the rainforest. Don't forget the Rid!

Obi Obi Gorge Li Lo Adventure Daywalk

| Leader: | Phil Murray (3841 0254) |
|---------|-------------------------|
| Date: | Rain dependent |
| Cost: | \$12 |
| Grade: | M55 |

Obi Obi Gorge is located below Barroon Pocket Dam. After heavy rain, the dam's spillway overflows and at a certain level it is sufficient to li lo through the gorge. The destination is either Skene Creek or Kenilworth Road Bridge. This should happen in the next couple of months, at least once.

If you are interested, contact Phil now so as to be placed on the list of interested walkers/floaters. So pray for rain!

Bunya Mountains 26- 28 February 2001 Basecamp

| Leader: | Maxine Brophy (3203 4699) |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Time: | 6:30 am |
| Meet at: | St Bridgid's, Musgrave Rd |
| | Red Hill. |
| Grade: | 324 |
| Cost | \$35.00 |
| Emerg Off: | Michael Brophy (3203 4699) |

Come along and enjoy one of our old favourite Basecamp areas.

We will depart early Friday morning and set up tents before donning boots and packs and heading out to explore the western escarpment. Saturday will find us amongst the mighty bunya pines in this mountainous area. Please bring warm clothing for cool evenings up in the mountains & goodies for around the campfire.

This will be a week-end offering great views and good walking, camping amongst paddy melons & rock wallabies

Looking forward to your company. Maxine

Little Kings Walk 11 February 2001 Daywalk

| Leader: | Gabe Romaguera (3856 3842) |
|----------|-----------------------------------|
| Time: | 8:45 am |
| Meet at: | Appel St, Graceville. (across the |
| | road from the train station) |
| | under the awning of the music |
| | shop |
| Grade: | Easy |
| Cost: | Nil, zilch, nada, rien !!!!!!!! |

This is the cheapest daywalk offered by the club, it permits you to sleep in, and can be as short as you like. We get to walk around a very scenic area of Brisbane. What more could you Ask for.

For those who don't know the Little Kings Movement is established primarily to assist the handicapped by offering vocational training, entertainment, friendship, pastoral assistance, and support. Their charter also covers helping anyone in need and lately this includes helping displaced refugees and the homeless in Brisbane.

They have a centre at Buranda and transport people there from all over Brisbane using specially modified buses. They provide meals to the disabled also etc etc etc. It all costs money quite a lot in fact even though they have no paid Staff – It is all voluntary.

The annual collection underpins the activities of the Movement for the whole year. Last year our club helped raise about \$1,000 for their work. We do make a difference! It is a chance to show that our club is not just here for a good time, but we are practising what we believe in. Our club traditionally collects in the Graceville area.

Please come along for whatever time you can spare on the Sunday, and help the club show that we do care for those in need and contribute significantly to the operations of The Little Kings Movement.

If we get a lot of people we finish our allotted area more quickly and it becomes a very easy day. Any contribution of time is gratefully accepted!!

Of course, we traditionally meet for lunch and coffee afterwards - a lovely way to ease into the afternoon!!

Thanks. Gabriel

Meeting of the Waters Springbroook 17 February 2001 Daywalk

| Leader: | Trevor Kelly (3269 4795) |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Time: | 7:00 am |
| Meet at: | St Bridgid's, Musgrave Rd |
| | Red Hill. |
| Grade: | L 3 3 |
| Cost | \$12.00 |
| Emerg Off: | Carol Kelly (3269 4795) |

Meeting of the Waters is accessed via the Warrie Circuit in Springbrook National Park. This is a beautiful area to walk inpunctuated by slpended rain forest, cascading waterfalls, magnificent amphitheatres, spectactular rock formations and therapeutical swimming holes.

The track descends through a number of different forest types to the junction of Boy-ull and Mundora creeks and passes behind Twin, Blackfellow and Rainbow Falls.

For a great summer walk, come along and enjoy the superlative, the scenic and the picturesque beauty of Springbrook National Park.

SOCIALS

Coffee Night – Fundraiser for St Vincent De Paul Wednesday 24th January Southbank by the Lagoon 7:30pm Cost: \$5.00

We will meet at Southbank by the Lagoon and enjoy club supplied coffee and cake.

The main aim of this night is to raise money for the needy through St Vincent De Paul. So we need maximum attendance to be successful in our aim.

So please bring your money, your swimmers your caffene addiction your cup and a friend.

River Night

Start:Hamilton HotelTime:5.00pmDate:February 3 2001Cost:\$20-\$30

We're going to take advantage of our fine Qld climate and relax Brisbane lifestyle by cruising, wining and dining along the Brisbane River.

We will meet at 5.00pm at the Hamilton Hotel, then cruise along the River to St Lucia where we will enjoy our main course. The night will be rounded off with a cruise back to Riverside for coffee.

Buy your \$4.40 Off –Peak Saver at your newsagent and join us on the City Cat.

Please nominate to me at the January Meeting. For further details contact Graham (3379 9486).

Past Socials

Coffee Night – Aspley

November: coffee Shop night was enjoyed by eight members at the Aspley Coffee Club. Special thanks to Bernard Ivers for organising the night.

New Years Eve – 31st December

New Years Eve: About a dozen bushwalkers gathered at the Carter residence to say good-bye to both the 20th century and the 2nd millennium.

The coming of the new year was celebrated with a mighty cheer. We enjoyed fireworks from around the Springwood area as well as a smorgasboard of fine food and great company.

Special thanks to John, Majella and Thomas for Hosting a wonderful evening

PAST OUTINGS

THE ONE AND ONLY BALD ROCK NATIONAL PARK BASECAMP PREOUTING OPEN BY GENERAL INVITATION TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS

14-16 JULY

Please note that this is the Yang version of the walk - ie a full rebuttal of the Yin version in the August magazine!! Please ignore all spurious claims in the earlier version particularly "that Gabe had mislead us". It just proves that a little alcohol (and heaven forbid there was very little of it flowing) does muck up people's perceptions of great achievements.

It started off as a great weekend. We stopped at Warwick for a huge truckies meal. The excitement was building up. Then on past Stanthorpe along excellent graded roads. I had never been to Bald Rock (that's right - no preouting as I had only agreed to be leader late in the day) but it was very easy to find in the dark night. We found an excellent campsite waiting for us on a cold night - picnic tables, loos, water and lots of firewood.

It was situated at the base of Bald Rock, warm and protected, despite the gale force winds blowing through the treetops. We were too exhilarated at escaping the city with friends to go to bed straightaway, so we mulled around chatting and enjoying the stars show. Finally to bed. Even though the temperature got down to 4 during the night, we were snug in our tents.

Saturday dawned with great clear skies, and a warm sun - an ideal tonic on a cool winter's day. We headed off for South Bald Rock and as the ranger claimed, it was easy to find if you followed the firebreak - a clearly mown track along the border. We passed marshlands, along gentle undulations with great views. Huge rock slabs poked through the open forest. After a wrong turn, we retraced our steps to discover the impressive South Bald Rock.

As soon as we saw it, we realised all the hard work was worth it. A tough scramble via a crevice and we climbed the summit for great views of Mt Norman and the Pyramids and some other huge unidentified rock nearby...

There were tarns up top also surrounded by moss. We sat back and watched the clouds form various pictures on the horizon before breaking up. Someone suggested one looked like a legless pregnant woman giving birth to puppies...too much fresh air can be a bad thing.

We headed back to camp enjoying the wrens flitting about until we passed a dell where the most amazing concert was taking place that most of us had ever heard. A hidden lyrebird was in full voice, imitating currawongs, catbirds, screeching lorikeets, and too many other impersonations to remember. We stood spellbound for a good 10 minutes listening. When it was finished we all felt like clapping and yelling encore!!

After a tea break back at camp, the blokes felt like the sheilas needed some time to themselves (probably to exchange gossip and bemoan the male sex). Feeling threatened, we escaped camp and risked our lives to climb Bald Rock, solely to give the fairer sex the space they so richly deserved.

We climbed Bald Rock late afternoon, following the steep slope up along marked white spots that could easily be confused with algae growing. We followed the wave rock out along the ridge of Bald Rock to enjoy the sunset from up top.

While still light, we could not spot a house in any direction. With the markers up top, we could see South Bald Rock where we had climbed that day. It looked a lot smaller from here.. Mt Lindsay stood out as well as the Main Range. Before long the sun changed from red to a smokey turquoise while the full moon was already up. Before long, the sky darkened and the stars emerged. We moved around up top to get better perspectives of the changing scenery. We headed back to camp without need of torches. However, some care was required as it was a steep slope and a few of us were needlessly apprehensive about the descent.

We returned to find the girls giggly and secretive - "secret women's business" we gathered. The group reunited, we enjoyed nibblies before cooking our dinner and then spent a fun evening with entertaining yarns and games.

Sunday dawned and we took the longer track up Bald Rock in full light today. An excellent track through caves and under balancing split rocks. Today some of the group actually saw a lyrebird scratching around. There were also dramatic spherical rocks, and split spherical rocks, fitting together like jigsaw pieces, and surrounded by bracken. Their rock crusts were cracking off. Red algae and orchids added to the scene. Again beaut views up top- around every turn a different vista of enormous rock slabs and boulders. Same views as last night. Also picked up Girraween today and acres and acres of forest. We lay down and enjoyed the views and the winter sunbaking. We returned with two groups taking the separate tracks down. It was another excellent day.

We pulled down our camp, and headed home, sorry it had to end, but thankful we had enjoyed such great company among friends in one of the beautiful spots of the world. Thanks to all who made this such a wonderful week-end. Gabe

Dorrington Wilderness October 1

Most National Parks were closed due to bushfire back in October so this walk was a great consolation prize. The idea was to join together some of the remaining pockets of bushland on the northside of Brisbane for something different. It turned out to be "wow what a walk" for a number of reasons. Firstly it hit a sunny 35 during the day. With so much open countryside it was hard going. Secondly, it was a long walk. We had to keep the pace up in sweltering conditions to finish it - I think the walk may have been well over 20 km.

Unfortunately the creeks were too low to seriously consider swimming in them to cool off. Thirdly we saw lots of great scenery and birdlife - Terry commented that he saw more animals than on any walk he'd been on. This included ducks, bats, a domestic chicken which Nathan was seen nursing, kingfishers, scrub turkeys, snakes, 2 species of cormorant, lizards, cattle, egrets, herons, wrens, drongos, plovers, And others I no longer remember.

We headed off from the park adjacent to Ithaca Creek in Ashgrove, across the old tannery site through to Bancroft Park along the creek. After crossing Kelvin Grove Road, we followed the tracks along Enoggera Creek. This is a tidal creek with mangroves and mudbanks so lots of opportunities for birdwatching along here. Also a great chance to fill our bags with litter. Most people collected a couple of bags so we made ouite a difference for the urban environment!!

Then started the historic part of the trip visiting the grand old homes of Windsor - Oakwal, Fairleigh, Kensington and Boothville. Lots of jacarandas and trees in flower. Smaller homes like the former kitchen to Fairleigh (now a cottage), The Grange, and 54 Rosemount Tce the smallest allotment in Brisbane at 2.9 perches. Cute!!

It was a long hot climb up Constitution Rd in the heat, past the magnificent Windsor school and vista of the Windsor War Memorial. Finally we reached Eildon Hill for panaromic 360 deg. views of suburban Brisbane and out to the bay, islands and mountains enclosing our city. An excellent spot for morning tea.

Down through the scrub, recently ravaged by fires, to Bert Hinkler Park (where his aerodrome club was located) and past "The Lighthouse". On through the The Grange to reach Kedron Brook - open and hot with grassy banks gradually being revegetated. Stopped under the Webster Road bridge for some precious shade and then pushed on to explore Grange Forest Park. Some folk omitted this section to rest under the shade of some huge trees. We explored the forested top of the hill, hit hard by fires unfortunately. We were keen to regroup under the natural canopy when we reached it.

Then we pushed on to Sparkes Hill on the border of Everton Park and Stafford. Nathan was up to shenanigans again - we lost him down the creek when he stepped over the disguised creek bank. I believe his fractures have healed neatly. On Sparkes Hill we enjoyed more views and settled under gum trees and on picnic benches for a well earned lunch break. We lost a few walkers here who moved on to other commitments. It was sad, as the bat colony was just on a bit further, looking west across the cow paddocks. The trees were teeming with them - I would guess there were several thousand. Then it was down hill through the forest, and our first creek crossing without the aid of a bridge to reach Alderley. We lost another walker who decided to commute home on the train - the beauty of a city walk!

There was a stop at the bottle shop also for drinks as the troops were truly suffering. Sugar levels were topped up before we hit our final ascent up the hill to Banks Street, Ashgrove.

Finally it was all down hill into the Banks St Reserve, site of the Chinese market gardens on the creek in times gone by - now a secluded park surrounded in forest and creek vegetation. Here we were further up Enoggera Creek again, but it was a mere trickle to cross here. This was quite a contrast to the wide muddy stretch down in Wilston - it was hard to believe it was the same creek! Now we followed the bike tracks along the creek to our starting point enjoying the creek scenery with the backdrop of wonderful Queenlanders looking down the hill at us.

It was a great day. I really enjoyed showing some enchanting perspectives of Brisbane to my friends on the walk. I hope they enjoyed it as much as me. Remember it was all within 7 km of a bustling metropolis!! Brisbane is a fantastic place to live if you can't live in the bush. Take the time to enjoy it.

Regards Gabe

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Quotes

A pat on the back is only a few vertebrae away from a kick in the pants. But its miles ahead in terms of results.

To carry care to bed is to sleep with a pack on your back. (T. Haliburton)

The National Parks Master Plan has been officially launched by the Minister, Rod Welford. Comments are due 31 March, 2001.

Copies of the plan are with John & Gabe. The club has to decide whether to provide our own comments and/or to let Federation speak for all clubs.

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2% of the community in Australia give blood We need to think about giving blood now. Phone: 13 14 95

Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs

Federation meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Baroona Special School, Milton at 7:30pm. For further information contact John or Majella.

The next meeting will be Thursday, 18 Juanuary 2001.

Federation has a new web site. Its address is http://www.geocities.com/qfbwc/index.html

The email address is qfbwc@yahoo.com.au

FEDERATION MOUNTAIN RESCUE

FMR meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Baroona Special School, Milton at 7.30pm. For further information contact John or Majella Carter. Ph 3290 3621

FMR has a web site and its address site is htp://130.102.84.99/quanta/org/fmr/fmr.htm and the email address is fmr@chem.cmemistry.ug.oz.au

Dates to Remember

January 6 – Feast of the Epiphany January 26 – Australia Day February 14 – St Valentine's Day

Have You By Joan Andrews

Have you ever stopped to listen To the singing of the birds, As the forest fills with music And there's just no need for words?

Have you ever paused to wonder How the many mosses grow, Or why the fan-like fungi In the darkness starts to glow

Have you noticed all the colours As the butterfly flies by, Or traced the shapely beauty Of the fig tree standing high.

If you've always been too busy Just with running here and there To notice all the this beauty Then take time to stop and stare.

For there's beauty in abundance, Plants and birds are everywhere, If you only spare a minute You'll be glad you spent it there.

LETTERS from the Editor

Things That Are Not What They Seem

- 1. A shooting star is not a star It's a meteor.
- A Guinea pig not from Guinea and it's not a pig – It's from South America and it's a rodent.
- 3. A lead pencil contains no lead It contains graphite.

India ink is not from India – It's from china & Egypt.

You can tell it's going to be a rotten day when:

- (a) You wake up face down on the pavement.
- (b) You put your bra on backwards and it fits better.
- (c) You call suicide prevention and they put you on hold.

Celebration Corner



Birthday wishes To Cliff Harrison Bob Mollison Ken Fraser Which occur in Late January & Graham Walters Terry Silk Kerry Mulligan Michele Endicott Which occur Early to mid Feb

And

Happy Wedding Anniversary to Paul & Cecilia McDonald



There is nothing better than homemade cookies on a bushwalk.

- Bushwalker Biscuits
- ¹/₂ cup butter, softened
- 1 cup raw sugar
- l egg
- 1 tblsp sugar
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup SR flour ¹/₂ tsp bicarb soda
- 2 cups muesli or 1 cup muesli & 1 cup
 - cornflakes
- 1 cup sultanas

Method

- 1. Cream butter and sugar
- 2. Add egg, water & vanilla, then beat
- 3. Add the rest.
- 4. Place small-medium ball of mixture on greased tray and flatten slightly with spoon.
- 5. Bake in medium oven until lightly brown approx 10 min.



Hope you all had a very safe and enjoyable Christmas with your family and friends. May God bless you and guide you all in what you wish to achieve in 2001.

Yours in Christ Louise.

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