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GENERAL MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, being scheduled to commence at 7.30 pm (although they usually start about 15 minutes later). The location is currently in the basement of the Catholic Centre (near St Stephen's Cathedral) with entry via Charlotte Street. The door is usually manned up to about 8.00 pm. If you arrive after this, please ring the bell and wait for someone to let you in. Parking is NOT available on site and free parking can be difficult to find nearby. Parking is available close by at \$4.

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 rear of the Cathedral in Charlotte Street 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 to 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 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 9.00 pm, 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 required.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

The Association requires that certain minimal basic equipment should be carried by all walkers on all trips. This should comprise the following - a first aid kit, a torch, a parka/raincoat, hat, shirt, 15+ (or suitable value) sun screen 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.

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.

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KEY

D/W	Day Walk
T/W	Through Walk
O/N	Overnight
B/C	Base Camp
1/2DW	Half-day Walk
S/T	Safety & Training
FMR	Federation Mountain Rescue
Soc	Social

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CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Type</u>
SEP 3	Back Creek	Matthew Palmer	366 5660	D/W
6	Operation Centre	Cliff Harrison	378 0264	FMR
10-12	Pilgrimage - Bigriggen	Christine Harrison	378 0264	B/C
17	Progressive Dinner	Bernard Ivers	865 1032	Soc
19	MEETING			
25	Araucaria Circuit	Gabriel Romaguera	369 7330	D/W
OCT 7-9	Border Loop to Lindesay	Greg Endicott	351 4092	T/W
15	B-B-Q	Bernard Ivers	865 1033	Soc
16	Coomera Crevice	Christine Harrison	378 0264	D/W
17	MEETING			
22	Beginner's - Glasshouse Mts	Cliff Harrison	378 0264	FMR
23	Intermediate - Timbeerwah	Cliff Harrison	378 0264	FMR
28-30	Boonoo Boonoo	Matthew Palmer	366 5660	B/C
NOV 6	South Kobble Creek	Cliff Harrison	378 0264	D/W
12-13	Club Hut	Paul McDonald	205 1984	Soc
19	Rock Sports	Joe Finn	848 4642	Soc
20	Dine-in at Diana's	Cliff Harrison	378 0264	D/W
21	MEETING			
27	Stradbroke Is	Bill Butler	351 1588	T/W
27	Stradbroke Is	Paul McDonald	205 1984	B/C
DEC 4	Pine River	Justin Tobin	812 1518	D/W
9-11	Christmas Party-Lodge	Bernard Ivers	865 1032	Soc
16-18	Black Canyon	Matthew Palmer	366 5660	T/W
16-18	O'Reillys	Justin Tobin	812 1032	B/C
19	MEETING			
JAN 8	Illinbah Circuit	Chris McCaffrey	349 5730	D/W
15	Goomburra	Nathan Tobin	202 2690	B/C
16	MEETING			
22	Northbrook Gorge	Kerry Mulligan	870 8564	D/W
26	Mt Cougal			D/W
FEB 5	Echo Point - Beginners	Paul McDonald	205 1984	T/W
12	Obi-Obi	Phil Murray	841 0254	D/W
18	Ballanjui Falls	Susan Tobin	366 3193	D/W
Mar 5	Federation Bush Dance			Soc
12	Annual Mass & Dinner			Soc
19	Ballow Range			T/W
20	MEETING			
26	Club Hut			B/C

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HOW FAST CAN YOU MOVE WITH A THROUGHPACK ON IN A ROCKY GORGE?

Well, ask four walkers who crept up for a closer look at a King Brown Snake! One unidentified witness reported that it reminded him of "jet fighters performing a starburst manoeuvre!!"

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COMING EVENTS

FMR - BEGINNERS' DAY - MT NGUNGUN

Contact : Mike Wood (Ph: 398 1465)
Date : 22 October
Meeting Time : 8.00 Am
Meeting Place : Matthew Flinders Rest Area,
 Glasshouse Mountains Road, Beerburrum
Grade : Beginners' Abseiling
Emergency Officer : Kathy Wood (Ph: 398 1465)
Cost : \$

This outing will be run in a similar fashion to the FMR sessions held at Kangaroo Point earlier in the year, designed for the novice and those who cannot abseil at all (but would like to learn). Please come along - you get the added bonus of a day in the bush.

What to bring: Personal abseil gear (if you have any), however, FMR will be supplying most. Usual day-walk gear, including 2 litres of water, hat, sunscreen, lunch, sturdy boots, collared long-sleeve shirt preferably (this is summer!).

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FMR - INTERMEDIATES' DAY - MT TIMBEERWAH (via Cooroy)

Contact : Cliff Harrison (Ph: 378 0264)
Date : 23 October
Meeting Time : 9.00 Am
Meeting Place : Cooroy Railway Station
Grade : Medium - Abseil Experience Necessary
Emergency Officer :
Cost : \$

This day trip will provide the challenge of a multiple abseil where the participants will experience long pitches which include overhangs, giving you free fall experience.

Experience with self-belays, prussiking, is essential.

For those who would like this challenge, nominate early so that transport can be arranged and adequate abseiling gear can be provided.

Each person participating must have a complete set of abseil gear - as gear hall is impracticable and time consuming especially over several hundred metres.

What to bring: Your own personal abseil gear (if any), day pack, at least 2 litres of water, lunch, sturdy boots, gloves, sunscreen (15+), hat that you can secure.

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BOONOO BOONOO/BALD ROCK (BASE CAMP)

Leader : Matthew Palmer (Ph: 366 5660)
 Date : 28-30 October
 Meeting Time : 7.00 pm
 Meeting Place : T.B.A.
 Grade : Medium
 Emergency Officer : Valerie Palmer (Ph: 366 5660)
 Cost : \$15.00

You are cordially invited to join me and your fellow bushwalkers on the inaugural Matthew Palmer Base Camp, destined to be a weekend of good times and bad jokes (if you can remedy this situation, please bring along some good jokes).

We will depart Brisbane at 7.00 pm (7.01 pm!) and camp in the camping ground at Bald Rock National Park. Saturday's itinerary will see us journey to South Bald Rock. This is my favourite part of the Queensland/NSW area — you will see why when we get there underground caverns, rainforest gorges and plenty of nooks and crannies to explore. On our return, we will detour via Bald Rock. Saturday night should see a campfire, so bring your marshmallows and yarns (not in the same bag though, otherwise it might get a bit sticky!).

Sunday will involve going on the waterfall tour. This encompasses Boonoo Boonoo, Undercliffe Browns, Doggs & Queen Mary's Falls on our return trip via the old Mt Lindesay Highway and Head Road. So mail a letter to the "Gods of Rain" and, if they can spare some, it will make the trip more interesting.

On Sunday, we have another alternative if the waterfalls are too dry, that is, paying homage to the Valley of the Winds — a decision will be made on the day.

Please bring water if it doesn't rain between now and then. Bring a bird book so you can identify the diverse range of feathered friends we will see on the weekend.

This walk has been pre-tested and has a medium rating as there is some kilometres to walk and a few bits to climb. The scunge factor rating is low, otherwise I would not be going!

There won't be room for every homosapien, and his canine on this trip, so it is a first in best dressed basis. Nominate to me at the meeting.

Matthew.

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Yes they have definitely fixed the bell at the Meeting!!

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SOUTH KOBBLE CREEK (Brisbane Forest Park) (DAY WALK)

Leader : Cliff Harrison (Ph: 378 0264)
Date : 6 November
Meeting Time : 7.30 am SHARP
Meeting Place : Charlotte Street (behind the Cathedral)
Grade : Medium
Emergency Officer : Greg Endicott (Ph: 351 4092)
Cost : ~~\$~~5.00

This is a very enjoyable and rewarding walk where we travel along some old logging tracks along a ridge line, before descending into South Kobble Creek. The descent is reasonably steep, so caution is required. However, once you are in the creek proper, you will feel the peace and tranquillity this part of the environment has to offer.

We will be heading upstream, which entails rockhopping and the occasional scrub bash around the numerous rock pools. Some scrambling is experienced further up the creek as some rocks are the size of houses and, of course, the occasional waterfall. At this time of year, these falls are reduced to a trickle.

On the survey (pre-outing) the creek was cool and moist with lush palm groves in the upper reaches of this creek. Nice, easy walking. As I have said, this is a medium walk but within the capabilities of most.

Bring your cameras (some areas require a "flash" due to poor light), 2 litres ... minimum ... of water, good ankle support boots, hats, sunscreen, a picnic lunch and energy food (remember, this is a "summer trip" and temperatures could be 30°C+), and your sense of adventure.

Mark this great walk in your diary now!!

Cliff.

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STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

FUN - FUN - FUN

Christmas Party -- Christmas Party

9-11 December -- 9-11 December

Mt Barney Lodge -- Mt Barney Lodge

Keep date freeall details in November magazine.

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CLUB HUT CLEAN-UP (BASE CAMP)

Contact : Paul McDonald
Date : 12-13 November
Meeting Time : 9.00 am
Meeting Place : Sullivan & Nicolaides
Grade : Easy
Emergency Officer : Desley Pedrazzini (Ph: 369 5530)
Cost : \$12.00

This is the major repair weekend.

We've obtained permission to take a 4WD in so the heavy work of sanding down the hut and repairing the door can be made a little easier with some machinery and generator we are able to take in. Hopefully, a few people will volunteer! It won't be all work -- there should be time to swim in the Lower Portals, relax and swap stories about our trip into the hut after tea. More information at the meeting.

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DINE-IN AT DIANA'S (or Walk-In Gourmet Lunch) (DAY WALK)

Contact : Cliff Harrison (Ph: 378 0264)
Date : 20 November
Meeting Time : 8.30 am
Meeting Place : Indooroopilly Railway Station
Grade : Easy
Emergency Officer : Anthony Dolan (Ph: 899 1785)
Cost : \$10.00

This is one of those walks that I really enjoy doing, once at the location. Maximum walking time is 20 minutes - but if you are really slow you could stretch the time to 30 minutes!

The day consists of some walking, exploring the local area, relaxing, "EATING", swimming, relaxing, swimming, relaxing, enjoying oneself with good company.

For lunch, bring all your "YUMMY GOURMET FAVOURITES" (eg. icecream, cheesecakes, savoury dishes, pate, cheeses, exotic fruits - even water melon!). You could use this event as a training session for the Club's annual Christmas Party which is always a crowd-pleaser.

What to bring: Swim gear, li-los, beach balls, etc, eskies (full of food), hats, sunscreen, chairs, your stove (for a good cup of tea), cameras (to catch those magic moments) and anything else you can carry to make your day enjoyable (of course, remember what you carry in, you must carry out!).

Don't forget this is a walk over uneven terrain, so appropriate footwear is a necessity.

Nominate early.

Cliff.

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PAST OUTINGS**ROGAINING - MANUMBAR (20-21 August)**

Ever since I read about rogaining several years ago I had been wanting to try it. I will briefly explain what is involved.

Shortly before an event the participants are handed a map with a number of control points marked on it. Each control is given points depending on distance from the start and how difficult it is to locate. By mapping your own route and obtaining as many points as possible in a given time you are on your way. Just before the competition starts you can work out a proposed route with your team members - navigational skills are essential! Event times vary, but I entered an eight hour event starting at 12am.

Kod and I decided for an easy start to see how we would go. The first point was easy - we followed the other teams heading for the same point. We decided to slow down to do our own navigation. The next four points we had chosen were not too hard to locate, but point 52 proved a challenge. Unfortunately not all the roads are marked on the map and it took a 1 1/2 hour detour through forestry pine plantation before it was found.

By this time the sun was beginning to set, so we revised our plans and chose a route back to the start or "hash house" as it is known. It was dark after finding the next three control points, but it was still 1 1/2 hours before the end of the event, enabling us to try our hand at night navigation. With torches out and a full moon we took a bearing and did a compass march for over 1km and located the control. We located one more control on the way back to the hash house and finished the event within time.

We were pleased with our modest total of 350 points. We enjoyed the meal that was provided at the end of the event and watched the more serious competitors running in right on finishing time. I think the highest total was around 500 points.

If you have not tried rogaining before, consider giving it a go. The organisation puts a lot of time into organising the events. It helps improve your confidence and skills in navigation and map reading, skills which every bushwalker should take the time to learn.

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POLICE OPERATION CENTRE (6 September)

We were given an hour's talk on the emergency procedure, should the need arise, not only for a lost bushwalker but also for natural disasters - flood, sea, bushfires, etc.

Very interesting, and I am sure Pat, Justin, Christopher, June, John, Matthew, Kerry and Ian enjoyed the time spent in expanding our knowledge.

Many thanks to Andrew King from FMR for arranging this night.

Christine.

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NAVIGATION NIGHTS (14 & 21 September)

A couple of nights joined with YHA bushwalkers and Andrew King, our instructor/navigator.

We began from the basics to be able to fully comprehend map reading -- not being "geographically embarrassed", but knowing exactly where we were and going to, how long it takes and the terrain. Almost experts, one would say, and now we have a few extra leaders.

Thank you Kerry, Matthew, Ian, June, John, Patricia and Cliff for your attendance. We shall be having our "field trip" exercise in all kinds of navigation at wonderful CARNARVON GORGE.

Christine.

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COULD THIS BE OUR DIET WHEN WE VISIT CARNARVON GORGE --

THE BUSHMAN'S DIET
Tea, mutton and damper -
Damper, mutton and tea -
Three times a day.

OR

HOW TO COOK A COCKATOO
First catch your cockatoo. Pluck it
and gut it, and place it in a pot of
water with two stones. Boil steadily.
When the stones are soft, the cockatoo
is ready to serve.

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Give me good digestion, Lord, and also something to digest
Give me a healthy body, Lord, and sense to keep it at its best
Give me a healthy mind, O Lord, to keep the good and pure in sight
Which seeing sin is not appalled but finds a way to set it right.
Give me a mind that is not bored
That does not whimper whine or sigh
Don't let me worry overmuch about that fussy thing called "I".
Give me a sense of humour, Lord
Give me the grace to see a joke
To get some happiness from life
And pass it on to other folk.

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Justin and Susan would like to thank the Club for their best wishes and kind thoughts on their wedding and future.

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KILLARNEY TO COTTONVALE - 26/27/28 AUGUST, 1994.

Pat Lawton.

When you have exhausted most bushwalking areas, new walking areas are always appealing. What about the Great Divide along the border fence - Killarney to Stanthorpe! But would anybody be interested? Well the trip attracted 22 people. Stanthorpe was just too far so Cottonvale was substituted - I wouldn't be alive to write this article (and probably some walkers wouldn't be either - Ed Thistlewaite feet wouldn't have made it) had I made all walk to Stanthorpe!!

We met at Goodwin's Coaches in Warwick and after packing loads of gear in the bus we then squeezed in ourselves. We weren't in the bus long with Geoff in the darkened bus made an attempt to hold my hand - then tried to tell me he thought my hand was the top of the bus seat! Hope Anna doesn't read this article! Kay and Margaret were dropped off at the Killarney Hotel for the night with the rest of us being dumped, gear and all, into N.S.W. at the Killarney Border Gate - looking like refugees no doubt. It was 10 p.m. Tents went up like mushrooms. The snorers choose an area to themselves. June and Christine preferred looking up at the stars while Matthew tried to tell me I was camped on the sewerage overflow and that if it rained I would be rather smelly. It was nice to see John had bought his daughter Sarah along (and the 58.5 klms was a breeze for her).

Barking dogs, semi trailers and traffic kept some people awake - but the rooster who lived next door was gone and thereby went my alarm clock. The weather on Saturday looked a bit threatening and there was also a cold wind blowing. After packing all our gear into the two support vehicles Matthew then discovered he had no socks (no brains as well)! After putting his big feet in a spare pair of mine we farewelled the gate keeper and set off at 8 a.m. and headed back into Qld. and then westwards along the fence - our constant companion for the whole trip. Without this fence I'm sure Matthew would have been lost - my biggest worry was that he might turn around and follow it to the coast, taking Kerry with him.

The effect of the drought and recent frosts was evident and instead of lush green conditions we had brown dry grass. Paul and Patricia accompanied us for most of the morning's walk. We had great views along the first section of the fence - towards Killarney, across the downs to Warwick and eastwards towards the main range area. It was puff, puff as we all tried to keep up with Russell as we conquered Mt. Leslie (nearly 2,800 ft) and I received the odd remark "But you said it was all flat". After the steep climb we went steeply down the other side, along the fence and then another steep climb to One Tree Hill.(note a "hill" not a mountain to those who said it was steep).

There was a letter box on top of this and it was here that we had morning tea (not in the letter box). From there it was a downward run to Barlow's Gate - our lunch spot. En route an emu followed us for a bit along the fence. Alan Cox wanted to rescue it, but we had to have a reason for rescuing and then how would we fit an emu into a pack. (Learnt after the trip that emus are dying of thirst as their water supplies dry up and they go in search of water and are then trapped by the border fences - maybe Alan was right!) We arrived at Barlow's Gate (locked gate) in good time just after noon. Bern had come around to join us. Matthew and Jonas entertained themselves on a scooter licences must have been going cheap when they got them! The gate was opened especially for us but had to be locked again after lunch - Neil was nearly locked in N.S.W. (how dreadful).

After lunch came the long afternoon walk - flat all the way. Christine yellow pack was always visible up front. A well deserved afternoon tea break was had at the old abandoned house along the way. This proved rather an interesting stop. People were crawling and out and under the old house - sifting through personal papers etc. that had been left - what was the story behind the property? The way the findings were pieced together I'm sure we had good detective material within the group. While all this was going on Jonas sat by a fence and played with his little tow truck. I saw June stealing an old bottle. Ian took lots of interesting and well composed photos of the old bits and pieces lying around.

After that it was a slog into Cullendore Gate - 30 klms from Killarney Gate.

Paul's hot water for a welcome cup of tea was most welcome as all trudged in with sore feet etc. The Gatekeeper was away at a 21st for the night so we had the place to ourselves.

It was a very relaxing night. After tea Mass was celebrated by Father Ed with Matthew being the lead singer. We then settled around the fire to enjoy Paul's self saucing pudding and a night of jokes (mostly told by Justin).

Sunday morning was lovely. The birds were singing in the trees and the weather was ideal for walking. Our departure time was 7.30 a.m. We farewelled our support group and once again trudged across the map. Over the next 8-10 kilometres we climbed approx. 2,000 feet. Because of the drought, conditions were not as good as they should have been, however the walking was easy, even if hard on the feet. We had a few gates to cross. One gate was particularly high and rather difficult to get over - Sarah nearly fell off the top of it. Rather than make a fool of myself trying to attempt it I chose (as did Father and Ed) to cross on the side fence. After everybody had struggled over the fence, and with only Jonas left to cross, Justin opened the gate with one of his keys and said "Enter in by the narrow gate Jonas my son". Geoff meanwhile was perched like a rooster about to crow on top of the gate post. Contemplating the scenario below he finally let out a cockle cockle do - his ruffled feathers took some time to settle.

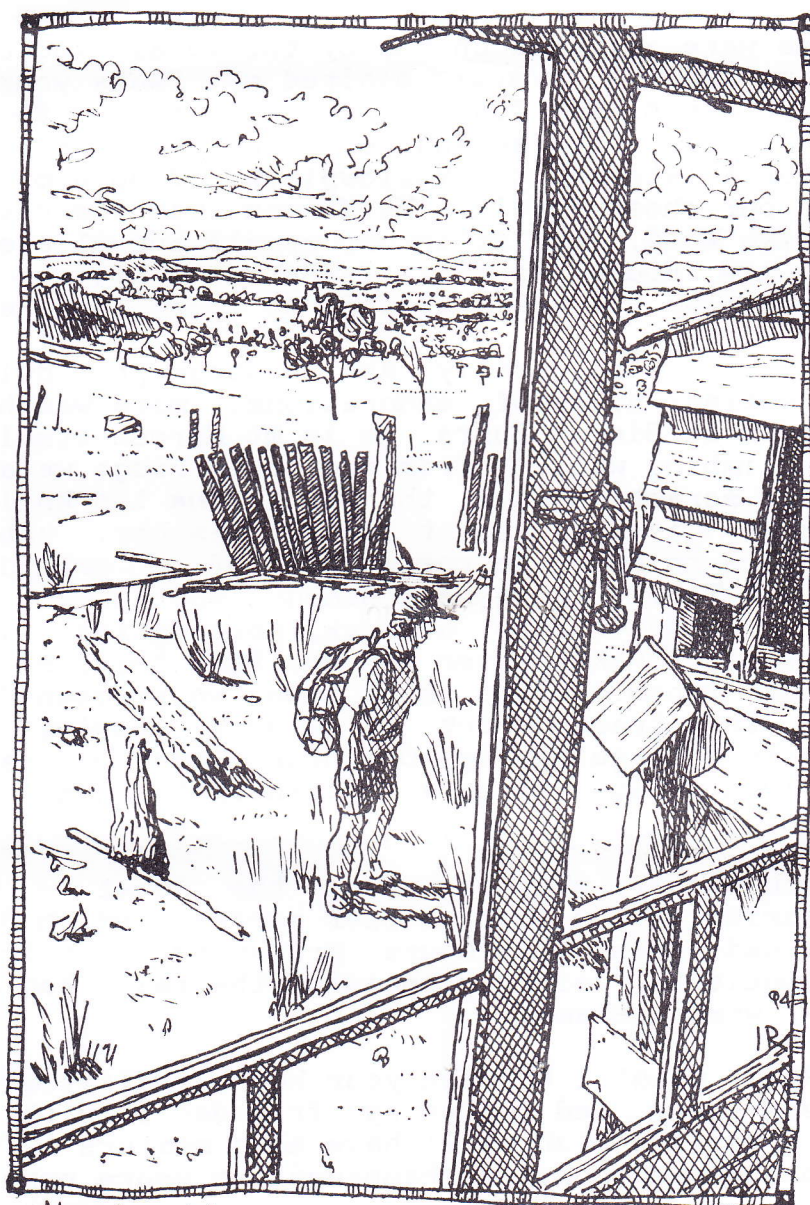
We walked off the map just before Marsh Gate. It was noon and Maryland Gate was 5 klms away however all seemed happy to push on there for lunch. En route we met a lovely lady named Mary O'Keefe who owned a nearby property. Fr. Ed accepted a short lift in her vehicle and as she drove off she said she would take him to Timbukto - would we every see Father again! As Ken Fraser eyed off the vehicle with Father sitting there comfortably, Ken looked at his sore feet and wished he was Father Fraser. We arrived at Maryland Gate at about 1.30 p.m. to find Father was already manning the Gate. Our lunch break was well deserved as many feet were crying out in agony. This Gate is an unmanned gate but in the Cobb & Co. days it was the main route through to Warwick.

On our last section along the fence we could see Bald Rock in the south. We cut across private property (prior permission obtained) to "Forest Oak" and it was then a 2 klms. road walk to Cottonvale, our bus and the end. Paul kindly met us at "Forest Oak" and a few managed a short lift to the finish.

After patronising the local shop it was back to Warwick. I hope everybody enjoyed the trip - I did leading it. It was a new area for the Club (in fact it is only the second time the entire trip has been done by a bushwalking club).

I enjoyed the trip and the company of my fellow walkers - all of whom had no trouble walking across 4 maps. I would like to thank Ken Fraser for offering his vehicle to carry the gear, Bern for driving it and for Father for allowing us to fulfil our Sunday Mass obligation in such a bush setting. The whole trip would not have been possible without the assistance of Paul McDonald and I would particularly like to thank Paul for all his help - supplying his vehicle, supplying hot water, pudding etc. etc. Thanks a lot Paul it was greatly appreciated.

Those on the trip - Christine John and Sarah, Matthew and Kerry, June, Ken Fraser, Russell Code, Ed Thistlewaite and Fr. Ed, Geoff Egert, Neil Douglas, Kay McIntosh and friend Bern, Margaret Pascoe, Ian Renton, Justin, Alan Cox, Jonas Bernotas, Paul McDonald and Patricia Broughton.



Abandoned house on Killarney-Cottonvale Walk.

PAST OUTING PILGRIMAGE 04

June and I travelled down to the Pilgrimage held by Gold Coast Bushwalkers at Bigriggen. It took us 2 hours travelling time due to a electrical storm which resulted in very heavy rain so strong it was 'whiteout', everyone had to pull over to the side of the road it was too dangerous to drive not knowing where the road should be ahead. I appreciate your company June, don't like driving by myself at night let alone a storm as well, a bit scary wasn't it?.

Well we thought 'how many walks will now be cancelled?' We filled in the nomination sheet and retired to bed at 9.45pm

4.30 a.m. we were given a chorus by the local kookaburras and at 6.00 a.m. the P.A. system blaired out "wake your bodies to the sound of aerobics". Just before we were due to depart for the day, Patricia, Louise and Rusty arrived just in time to nominate for a later walk - Yellowpinch. 7.30 a.m. we were on our way to our chosen walk - Mt Maroon via the caves. There was June, Mike Wood, Ken McCarron, myself and 11 eleven others to enjoy a new route. Monica, Cathy and children stayed at Bigriggen to enjoy the walks around the immediate area.

The caves are a geologically and photographic delight with many interesting holes of explorations, more weather beaten than the caves at Binna Burra, as is Mt Maroon itself like the remarkable climbing wall. From the north ridge we ascended up over boulders scrambling all the way to the top knoll where we had 360 degree views in almost perfect weather, unbelievable. I was even able to super macros a photo of an orchid in a rock hole. The "A Team" as we were named, was ahead of time and had to have - a water stop, a break, morning tea, little lunch before eventually trekking over to the trig point of Mt Maroon for a 1 hour lunch. Going back down we proceeded thru the gorge down the track which is slowly showing signs of degradation from regular use. One hour later we were back at the cars, even managed to have afternoon tea near the Bell on the way down.

Sadly I could not stay to enjoy the feast - Roast spit meats, vegetarian and a huge supper spread, which Gold Coast Bushwalkers had spent many hours preparing. It looked like much food would be leftover because the rain had kept many people away, what a shame.

Thank you Gold Coast I enjoyed your hospitality, meeting new fellow bushwalkers and renewing friendship with the old. Maybe next year our club will have more members attend too - No early Spring weddings, has happened two years running now.

Hope to see you all next year. Christine Harrison

SOCIAL

ROCKSPORTS - INDOOR ROCK CLIMBING ("LOW CALORIE SOCIAL")

After months of socials such as the "Progressive Dinner" and "BBQ", and before the Christmas Party, here is the chance not to put on a few pounds and maybe tone up that body for the coming season of plenty

INDOOR ROCK CLIMBING

at Rocksports in The Valley.

Climbing in the vertical, while very rarely faced on a bush walk, is a good way for building up confidence for those rock scrambles that we do face from time to time. By facing harder ordeals in much safer conditions, confidence is built. This new knowledge then can be transferred to the bush walking situation and a more enjoyable time can be had.

By itself, rock climbing can be a lot of fun. Chris Ellis and his staff can supply you with harness (\$3) and the special rock climbing boots (\$4) and, combined with the entry fee of \$9 for 3 hours climbing, this is a very cheap way to experience what can be a much more expensive sport/adventure.

Try it once it's scary, then fun and all the time safe, good exercise and a challenge.

AND IT'S ON - Saturday, 19 November

TIME - 4.00 pm

CONTACT - Joe Finn (or my bizarre answering machine).

STOP THE PRESS!

Chris Ellis, the owner and a friend for many years, has offered BCBC members for this auspicious occasion only free harness hire with entry - a saving of \$3.

A 4 o'clock start should allow an early enough finish to catch an evening movie or such.

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SIZZLER - MOVIE NIGHT

DATE: Tuesday, 25 October

MEETING PLACE: Outside Sizzler, Myer Centre

TIME: 6.30 pm

COST: Movie - \$7.50
Sizzler - depends on your choice of food.

Everybody welcome - should be an enjoyable night. For further information, contact Bernard on 865-1032.

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THE LONGING

By Jim Teys

Deep in my heart the Mountains are calling,
Calling me home to the land that I love
Singing their song like the haunting of sirens,
Echoing through the mist high above.

Along hidden paths where few men have ventured,
My soul is alive with the memories there.
And cliff tops so high the eye cannot catch them
Gracing the sky with their igneous hair.

Eagles so proud, with their wings full extended,
Scouting the countryside far down below,
Searching for prey to feed the young fledglings,
Gliding to where the warm currents flow.

O sing to me valleys and rivers so mighty,
Croon to my ear your sirenous song
Long has my heart been full for your yearning
Wait for a while and I'll be along.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr Editor,

Perhaps you can help me, as I am a little confused!

I went on a recent six day throughwalk and, as a relative youngster, I was unable to comprehend some of the terminology used by some of the veteran walkers.

One senior member stated, "I love a hot camp at night". What does this mean?

Another senior member remarked, after hearing a strange animal noise, "It sounded like blowing off in water". What kind of a noise is this?

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