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OF THE

**BRISBANE CATHOLIC
BUSHWALKING CLUB Inc.**

UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY



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JILALAN

Please have all articles to Majella (11 Montrose Place, The Gap 4061) 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: robertsonm@marash.qld.edu.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

- Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
- 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.
- 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.
- Walkers are responsible for their own transport to and from the departure point.
- 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.

CALANDER OF CLUB EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
20	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
24/25/26	Mt Castle	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	T/W
26	Beau Brummel	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
October 10	Flinders Peak	Matthew Palmer	3279 4490	D/W
16	Abseiling K.P. (Beginners)	Joe Finn	3848 4642	FMR
16	Progressive Dinner (Red Faces)	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Soc
18	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
23/24	Spicers Gap	Nathan Tobin	3282 8904	B/C
30	Pages Pinnacle	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	D/W
November 2	Climbing Gym	Joe Finn	3848 4642	FMR
6/7	Lake Wivenhoe	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Soc
13/14	Club Hut			B/C
14	Barney Creek Site Monitoring	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
15	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
21	Mt Byron Gorge	Ann Tracey	3395 2559	D/W
December 3/4/5	Harry's Hut	Trevor Kelly	3269 4795	B/C
11	Christmas Party	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Soc
20	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
27	Love Creek Falls			D/W
Dec 31 – Jan 1	Millennium Party	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Soc
9	Larapinta Falls			D/W
14/15/16	Nightcap			B/C
17	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
23	Tooloona Falls CCT			D/W
26	Australia Day			D/W
29	Wynnum Fish and Chips Boardwalk.	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Soc
February 13	Little Kings	Gabriel Romaguera	3369 7330	D/W
18/19/20	Binna Burra	Nathan Tobin	3282 8904	B/C
21	AGM	John Carter	3290 3621	
26	Springbrook			D/W
March 5	Clean Up Aust			D/W
11/12	Mt Devlin			O/N
17 - 19	Boonoo Boonoo			T/W B/C
20	Meeting			

DATES TO NOTE.			
Floating Date	Obi Obi Lilo		D/W
21- 25 April	Easter / ANZAC Day.		
28 April - 1 May	Gibraltar Range		B/C

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 Grading

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

1. Distance	2. Terrain	3. Fitness
Short Under 10km per day	1-3 Graded or open terrain, No scrub.	1-3 Easy. Suitable for beginners
Medium 10-15 km per day	4-7 Bush. Minor scrub rainforest, rock, creek, rock hopping, scrambling	4-7 Medium. Reasonable fitness required
Long 15-20 km per day	8-10 Bush. As Above + thick scrub, major rock scrambling using hands, technical	8-10 Hard. Strenuous, fit walkers only
EXtra Long Over 20 km per day		



UP BEHIND KILLARNEY

REPORTS

President's Report

The committee has agreed to Federation's request to hold the next pilgrimage in September 2000. We will co-host with Ipswich Catholic, Village Bushwalkers and Queensland Bushwalkers. The club last hosted the Pilgrimage in the early 1990's. This is a major commitment and will require the support of all members in its planning and implementation. A sub-committee will be formed in due course. This planning will cover walks, entertainment and organising camping facilities. Once a location has been decided, the club's walking calendar will focus on the area.

October General Meeting

Senior Ranger Ross Buchanan from Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service will attend this meeting to give a talk about **Managing the Scenic Rim National Parks**. As well as being a ranger, Ross is an experienced bushwalker. This is an important presentation and as many members as possible should come along. He will talk from 7.45 to 8.30, with the meeting to follow after the talk.

I would like to thank Pat for presenting her slides on her trip to the Dolomites at the last meeting. The slides were of a high quality.

Amendment to By-Law 22

"The minimum number of walkers on any official Association walk shall be four."

This amendment was discussed at the last committee meeting and will be discussed at the next general meeting as per Club Rule 26.

By-Law 22 Number of Walkers

The minimum number of walkers on any official Association walk shall be

.... four or as determined by the walk's leader and the Outings Secretary.

John

Treasurer's Report

Balance 19/7/99	2 286.31
+ Receipts	220.00
	2 506.31
- Payments	204.95
Balance 16/8/99	2 301.36

Term Deposit 1 486.16

Membership Report

Welcome to new members Carolyn Ivanac and Bev Gaffney. We hope you enjoy walking with us.

Outing's News

Leaders are reminded to contact Justin re the costing of walks and the emergency officer for their particular walk.

COMING WALKS

Spicers Gap
23-24 October
Basecamp

Leader: Nathan Tobin (32828904)
Time: 6:30am Saturday
Meet at: Sullivan and Nicholaides
Grade: S44
Cost: \$15.00
Emerg Off: John Carter (3290 3621)

Spicers Gap between Spicers Peak and Mt Mitchell was the original route over the Gap to the Darling Downs. Parts of the original convict road are still here and now preserved in the National Park.

It will be an enjoyable basecamp with walks to Mt Matheson, the base of Mt Mitchell and

Governors Chair. A walk along the Convict Road. Camp fire Saturday night. Something for everyone
Nominate for two days in the bush.

Pages Pinnacle
Saturday 30 October
Day walk

Leader: Justin Tobin (33663193)
Time: 12:00 Noon.
Meet at: Old Windmill Wickham Tce
Grade: S55
Cost: \$12.00
Emerg Off: Nathan Tobin (3282 8904)

Pages Pinnacle is the prominent rocky outcrop off the Nerang - Numinbah Road overlooking the Hinze Dam. We will follow the old forestry road as far as the razorback then into the saddle then onto the Pinnacle for those views overlooking the Hinze Dam. We're doing this as an afternoon walk and having tea at Numinbah Natural Arch then having a look at the Glow Worms before heading home.

Barney Creek Site Monitoring
Sunday 14 November
Daywalk

Contact: John Carter 3290 3621
Time 7.00am
Meet at Old Windmill, Wickham Tce
Grade: M54
Cost \$12
Emerg Off: Dolans (3843 4116)

What a great time of the year to go to Barney Creek and visit the club hut. As normal we will commence from the Lower Portals car park and walk 4.5kms to the hut, where we have a short break. We will follow the ridge to Barney Gorge, where we will complete the site monitoring at the campsite. The trip back will involve a rock hop back down the creek to the Lower Portals. There will be opportunities for a dip in the creek and to relax along its bank. It's a beautiful location, so nominate to me at the next meeting.

Federated Mountain Rescue

The next training day is on Tuesday 2 November at 7.30pm, where there will be climbing at a climbing gym (abseiling and rope skills).

BCBC endorses FMR as it provides members with opportunities to enhance their bush skills with training from experienced personnel and with the necessary insurance protection.

SOCIALS

Coffee Night
Wednesday 27 October 1999
7pm

The Coffee Club
209 Boundary St, WEST END

Wivenhoe Dam Social Weekend
(Referendum Day)
Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 November 1999

Contact: Maxine Brophy (3203 4699)
Time 7.00am
Meet at Old Windmill, Wickham Tce
Grade: Social
Cost \$15
BYO: BBQ for Saturday Evening

We will be camping on the shores of Lake Wivenhoe at the Captain Logan Camp. This will be a relaxing weekend offering leisure activities, quiet times and time to enjoy each other's company away from busy city life. We will have a BBQ Saturday evening, so bring along your favourite dessert to share around as we sit beside the campfire. A good time to hear past bushwalking tales. Mass will be attended at the local township during the weekend. Since this falls on Referendum Weekend perhaps you would like to come along dressed as your favourite "Royal" or "President" to add to the fun.

Looking forward to seeing you for a fun weekend.

PAST OUTINGS

Pilgrimage 1999.
A return to Sacred Places.

Another Friday afternoon heading to Barney. We were off to the Federation Pilgrimage at Barney Lodge. There was no time to waste Barney was calling. Mary was eager to go. One and half-hours on the road landed us at the gate to be greeted by the smiling B.B.W. gatekeepers, over to the Forestry Barracks and the amazing view off the verandah. Matthew, Kerry and Ethan already here and saw the storm over Barney. After tea it was off to the coffee shop to drink tea, eat cake, say hello to the other clubs and nominate for the walks. Our walkers were doing Cronans Cascades, Logans Gorge, Mt Maroon and Mt May.

Saturday was overcast but cleared at about morning tea. From all reports everyone enjoyed the walking they did. Saturday night there were slides on walking in Nepal and bushdancing to be enjoyed on the green.

Sunday an early morning bird walk, the Expo of the latest bushwalking gear from various shops and speeches from the Federation President before handing over the boot to John Carter as its B.C.B.C. turn to host the 2000 Pilgrimage which I'm sure we can do in the same fellowship and friendship as past Pilgrimages including 1999.

Thanks B.B.W. for a great weekend. Over the weekend from our club were Pat, Jonas, June, Kerry, Matthew, Ethan, Margaret, Libby, Chris, Maxine, Louise, Ann, Iain, Susan and Mary, John, Majella and Thomas. I hope you enjoyed it.

Mt Maroon Site Monitoring
10 October 1999

It was pleasing to finally end up with ten people to climb Mt Maroon. I met Terry and Richard in at Wickham Tce and the three of us journeyed

in Terry's trusty Datsun (quite an experience in its own right!)

Iain picked up Dale and Christine and John and set off to Rathdowny where we met for a quick break and continued on to where we began the walk on the south side of Mt Maroon, off to the right of the Lower Portals carpark road.

Russell, Clive and Neville joined us from Ipswich Catholic and after quick introductions we set off at about ten past nine. Weather fine, track fast.

We climbed the locked gate and followed the meandering vehicle track to the next locked gate which was National Park. Continuing along the track up past the mango trees at Skull Camp, then left at Skull Camp and followed the track some more to a point where we said goodbye to the track and began the climb to the top. The terrain was a bit scrubby down low with some sections burnt out recently and no real defined ridge. We continued in a general northerly direction until we reached a burnt out knoll where we could clearly see Mt Maroon and the ridge escarpment we were to climb.

We stopped and had morning tea where we could see the peaks of Barney, Lindsay and Earnest from a rocky outcrop. After a welcome break we set off again with John setting a cracking pace in front. We continued on until we came to a cliff edge and steep gorge where we contoured around to the left and then continued on up the escarpment. The weather was fine, dry and mostly sunny with cloudy periods and there was definitely no fog, smog, mist, frost, precipitation (Matthew decided not to come on the walk!), drizzle, hail or snow.

The wildflowers and wattles were past their use-by-date in the lower sections of the ridge, however as we neared the top the vegetation changed and Mt Maroon didn't let us down and the wildflowers returned.

We reached the top a couple of minutes after midday. We had lunch and a welcome break and enjoyed the views. Terry and myself went over to the campsites, marvelling at the abundance of wildflowers along the way. We took some photos of the campsite for the campsite monitoring.

We joined up with the rest of the crew at about 1:30pm at the point where we descended down in to the gorge just west of the peak of Mt

Maroon. The going was easier down the gorge following a defined track and enjoying Maroon's hidden paradise.

The upper sections were relatively dry, however as we progressed lower we found water was still trickling down the gorge. John was still setting a cracking pace and after regrouping a couple of times we eventually found him again, snoozing where the gorge opened up into a spectacular rock slab. I made a comment to nobody in particular in which I wandered whether I would still be walking when I'm 55, a reply came back reminding me if we didn't have a break soon, I may not reach 55!

We travelled down the rock slab some more to where we had a good view of Mt May. We stopped, regrouped and had a decent break.

We continued down nature's own magic showcase into Paddy Plain Campsite veered left following the track roughly following Paddy's Creek for a short while. We then left the main track, veered off again to the left to see Maroon Falls.

After a short break enjoying the beauty and spectacular drop of Maroon Falls, we pressed on, the time being about 3:30pm. We contoured back and found the main track and continued down and picked up the vehicle track which ended up at Barney Creek and followed the creek for a while, then crossed into open paddock and eventually back to the cars by 4:50pm.

Thanks to Terry and Iain for driving and to Russell Baker for keeping an eye on the tail and everybody who came along and enjoyed the walk with me. A memorable walk with great company!

Mt Beau Brummel
26 September 1999

A warm spring day greeted the thirteen of us, as we headed west to Ipswich and Rosewood. It was a good roll up considering it was grand final day. We passed through Grandchester to Mt Mort. We followed a dirt road onto the eastern ridge of Mt Beau Brummel.

It was a direct route to the summit. Though it was early morning, it was warm and humid and we climbed gradually. Desley decided to have a

long break on the ridge. The last section involved a steep scramble to the eastern peak. A number of giant spear lilies and native thyme, which are only found along the Scenic Rim were in flower. While enjoying our smoko, two trail bikes arrived on the scene, but they did not stay long.

We then headed over to the western peak. A couple of eastern grey kangaroos were spotted bounding along the ridge. From this peak, the upper reaches of the Laidley Valley were spread out like a tapestry before us. Also a major fire was burning on the Mt Mistake Plateau near Mt Lowe. We returned to the east peak for lunch and enjoyed a refreshing breeze. Our trip down the ridge was uneventful. On our return trip, we stopped briefly at Grandchester to visit the historic railway station. Did you know that the first railway line was laid between Ipswich and Grandchester in 1865? We had a break at Rosewood on our way home.

I would like to thank Paul L., Louise, Desley, Bev, Christine, Dayle, Russell, Anthony, Paul, Michael, June and Libby for attending. It was Anthony's and Paul's first walk with club. Thanks also to Bev and Dayle for driving.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Federation News...

Federation is examining how to obtain external funding for its work. There was discussion as to whether Federation should be incorporated.

A sub-committee was formed to examine whether Federation should re-consider joining the Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation. Ann Tracey and John Carter are the club's delegates to Federation.

There is a petition to the Australian Government regarding Killarney Glen. It will be available at the next meeting.

News from Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service...

QPWS is appreciative of the work of bushwalkers with respect to campsite monitoring.

Ocean View track at Burleigh Heads National Park is open to the public. It may be closed after wet weather. At Natural Bridge work has been completed, which included weed removal, two new bridges and interpretive signs.

Walking Track Development is occurring at Mt Cordeaux, Ships Stern, Lamington Border track. Erosion work at the Upper Portals has been completed. The new bush campsite (for 18 people) for the Lower Portals has been completed. There is no toilet.

The Green Mountains car park is being upgraded to increase public safety and parking.

The Mt Cougal day use area is being redeveloped.

There will be consultation with interested persons about future management of the Stinson site and Lizard Point later in the year. Solutions will be explored to help repair these degraded sites. If anyone is interested contact Vanessa Barat on 5535 3855.

Thanks were extended to all those who helped remove the fence from Mt Superbus.

Due to the number of search and rescues, bushwalkers were reminded to plan sufficiently prior to a walk. Visitors to parks should be self-reliant.

Reflection...

St Teresa's Prayer

Christ has no body now but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes
With which he looks
With compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet
With which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands
With which he blesses all the world.

With thanks...

I would like to thank the many people who showed their concern and sent their prayers to Sam's father in the last six months of his life. He passed away in September but at least he now rests peacefully with God.

I would again like to thank all the club members for their cards and prayers of sympathy that have been sent to Sam and his family. May peace be with you all.

Louise

Time for a laugh...

Bear Alert

In the light of the rising frequency of human/grizzly bear encounters, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has issued the following advice to hikers, hunters and fishermen in the field.

'It is strongly advised that outdoorsmen wear noisy little bells on their clothing so as not to startle grizzly bears that aren't expecting outdoorsmen to be walking in their habitat. It is also strongly advised that outdoorsmen carry non-lethal sprays in case of an encounter with a grizzly. Outdoorsmen should be able to recognise the difference between black and grizzly bear faeces.'

'Black bear droppings are smaller and contain lots of berries and often squirrel fur. Grizzly bear droppings are larger, have little bells in them and smell like pepper.

Church Bulletins

Believe it or not, the following announcements actually appeared in various Church bulletins:

- Don't let worry kill you ... let the Church help.
- Thursday night – Potluck supper. Prayer and

medication to follow.

- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our Church and community.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev and Mrs Julius Belzer.

A note from the Editor...

Thank you to all whom contributed to this month's magazine. Your disks and e-mail make life much easier so please keep them coming.

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