



JILALAN

Monthly Circular of the
**BRISBANE CATHOLIC
BUSHWALKING CLUB Inc.**



Under the guidance of Our Lady Of The Way

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Please have all Jilalan articles to Louise Leonardi by the 1st of the month., otherwise they cannot be included. 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) Walk departures are usually from Red Hill Parish Hall, Musgrave Rd. Check "Jilalan" or phone the leader to determine the location.
- (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.
- (f) **Visitors who have done more than 3 walks must sign an Assumption of Risk form for insurance.**

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.

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS 2002

| DATE 2002 | EVENT | LEADER | CONTACT NUMBER | WALK TYPE |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| September | | | | |
| 16 | Meeting | Desley Pedrazzini | 3369 5530 | |
| 22 | Binna – O'Reillys – Traverse | Barbara Eastoe | 3355 3639 | D/W |
| 23 | Committee Meeting | | | |
| 25 | Coffee Night | Pat Mackie | 3398 7041 | Social |
| 29 | Muscat & Bailey Creeks | Matthew Palmer | 3279 4490 | D/W |
| October | | | | |
| 5-6 | Running Creek | Iain Renton | 33714672 | O/N |
| 13 | Mt Barney Creek Site Monitoring | John Carter | 32903621 | D/W |
| 19 | FMR Vertical Rescue | | | FMR |
| 20 | Ipswich Historical Train Trip | Patricia Mackie | 3398 7041 | Social |
| 21 | Meeting | Desley Pedrazzini | 3369 5530 | |
| 27 | Bell Bird Lookout and Caves Circuit | Margaret Cooper | 3285 3599 | D/W |
| 28 | Committee Meeting | | | |
| 30 | Coffee Night | Patricia Mackie | 3398 7041 | Social |
| November | | | | |
| 2 | Oxley Creek | Carolyn Ivanac | 3379 9486 | D/W |
| 10 | Brisbane Forest Park | Desley Pedrazzini | 3269 5530 | D/W |
| 17 | Coomera Circuit | Phil Murray | 3841 0254 | D/W |
| 18 | Meeting | Desley Pedrazzini | 3369 5530 | |
| 20 | Coffee Night | Pat Mackie | 3398 7041 | Soc |
| 23 | Elbow to Long Pocket (Brisbane River) | Justin Tobin | 3366 3842 | ½ D/W |
| 25 | Committee Meeting | | | |
| 27 | Coffee Night – Mt Cootha | Pat Mackie | 3398 7041 | Social |
| 29- 1 Dec | Byron Bay | Gabe Romaguera | 3856 3842 | B/C - Social |
| December | | | | |
| 6 | FMR Christmas Social | | | Social |
| 6-8 | O'Reilly's | | | B/C |
| 14 | BCBC Christmas Party | Pat Mackie | 3398 7041 | Social |
| 16 | Meeting | Desley Pedrazzini | 3369 5530 | |
| 23 | Committee Meeting | | | |
| 26 | Boxing Day Walk | | | |
| 31 | New Year Eve | Patricia Mackie | 3398 7041 | Social |

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 Gradients

The Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club uses the following Walk Grading system, which is referred to under each coming walk. If uncertain, please consult with the walk's leader.

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| 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 Bush. As Above + thick | 4-7 Medium. Reasonable fitness required. |
| Long 15-20 km per day | 8-10 As above & thick scrub, major rock | 8-10 Hard Strenuous, fit walkers required |
| EXtra Long Over 20 km per day | | |

Club Web Address:

www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/
email: briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au

The club's calendar can be seen at this site under the heading Event Calendar. (The web site can be located through the Yahoo search engine. Also, there are links from the Federation website.)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thanks to Sharon Thrupp for coming along to the August meeting to talk about Nepal.

ABOUT MEMBERS

Our prayers are with Sue and Phil Murray and family due to the loss of their son, Jason.

Birthday wishes to Matthew Palmer, Desley Pedrazzini, Russ Nelson, Maxine Brophy, Nathan Tobin and Trevor Kelly, Julie Hoey, Patricia Mackie. (It sure looks like October is a popular month for birthdays)

Michael and Maxine Brophy are currently enjoying a well deserved overseas holiday. Patricia Mackie is travelling around some of her old stomping grounds in North Queensland. Dennis and Julie Hoey have been exploring the South-West corner of Western Australia. Barbara Eastoe is about to head off on an extended holiday in South-East Asia. (Have a great time and we look forward to seeing the photographs).

TREASURERS REPORT

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| Balance 19/08/02 | \$1,521.33 |
| <u>Plus Receipts</u> | <u>\$ 157.00</u> |

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| | \$1,678.33 |
| <u>Less Payments</u> | <u>\$ 468.95</u> |
| <u>Balance 16/09/02</u> | <u>\$1,209.38</u> |

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| Term Deposit | \$1,570.36 |
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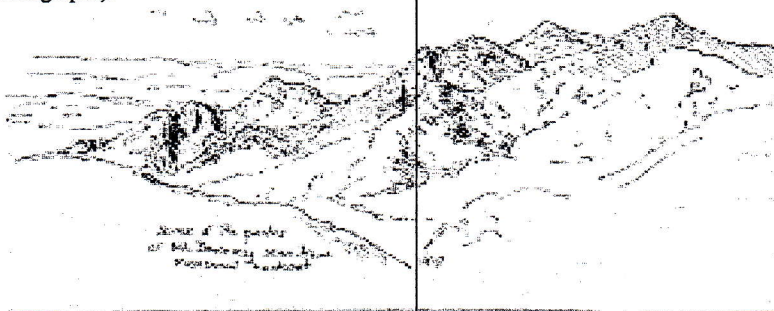
Terry.

OUTINGS NEWS

INFORMATION FOR VISITORS

All visitors who have participated in more than three walks and yet are to become a member must sign the 'Assumption of Risk Form'. This is to occur before commencing a walk. This is a requirement of the Insurance Scheme so that the visitor will be covered by the policy.

Sketch by Iain Renton



ADVANCE NOTICE

**Byron Bay
Christmas Celebration Weekend
Friday Nov 29th-Dec 1st
Social/Basecamp**

Leader: Gabriel Romaguera

Hi folks!! How long has it been since you did a beachwalk? Nodded off to the sound of waves? Explored quirky shops and markets? Made a choice of where to eat from dozens of venues, all within walking distance? Explored northern NSW? Caught a wave? Spent time away from the hustle and bustle of a crazy life? Relaxed a whole weekend with your BCBC chums?

If you can't remember how long, you deserve this weekend away. Mark it in your diary now - 29 November to December 1. This is our weekend away with the club for Christmas. As such, the emphasis is on rest, relaxation and good cheer. I will have more details for you in next month's Jilalan, but we hope to camp at Byron Bay or Broken Head beach camping areas.

Those who want a roof over their head can make their own arrangements. The plan will be to do some walks in the area for those who are energetic balanced out with some of the more laid back activities offered by the region. It should be a lot of fun, and a great breather before the Christmas wind-up begins. I am told that with the improvements to the highway, the trip to Byron is pretty quick these days which gives us more time to party.

Come one come all . Bring your family, your friends and your cat and your dog Those who are not coming will be required to present a note from their parents!!

Hope you can make it. Cheers Gabe

COMING WALKS

**Bell Bird Lookout and
Caves Circuit
Sunday 27th October
Daywalk**

**Leader: Margaret Cooper 3285 3599
 Or Mob: 0409 347 692**
Meet at: St Brigid's carpark Red Hill
Time: 7:00am
Cost: \$15:00
Grading: M 3 3
Emerg Off: Louise Leonardi 3287 1372

It should be cool in the rainforest at Binna Burra so we can get away from the spring heat. We will do two walks to make a ten kilometre circuit. First we'll follow the graded track to the Bell Bird Lookout where we look down the Numinbah Valley to view Egg Rock, the Numinbah prison farm and the Hinze Dam.

On the way we pass Bigfoot - a beautiful big White Mahogany tree several hundred years old. Instead of returning the same way, we will head down past the flying fox to the road to start the Caves 5km Walk.

Again the many rainforest features will be seen - strangling figs, large buttress trees, a burnt out hollow tree and many epiphytes. Both walks are quite interesting especially

with guided brochures for both walks. If there is time we can also try the senses trail, a 500m trail that can be done blindfolded - very enlightening.

I hope you can come with me on my first walk as a leader. We won't travel too fast so as to enjoy the surrounding scenery and listen to the birdlife. Last time I was impressed with the huge python I saw curled up in the sun on decomposing branches. Margaret

Oxley Creek
Saturday 2nd November
½ Daywalk

Leader: Carolyn Ivanac (3379 9486)
Meet at: St Brigid's
Time: 7:30am
Cost: \$3.00
Grading: S 1 2
Emerg Off: Carol Kelly (3269 4795)

A good walk for beginners - the actual length of the walk is about 6 kms. And probably will take around 2 ½ to 3 hours.

Leaving from Tennyson Memorial Avenue, making our way down Softstone Street which changes name to King Arthur Terrace. On your right are the Residenc of King Arthur Terrace. We will then walk along Simpson's Playground on Graceville Avenue and then cross over Pamphlett Bridge. Then along the Brisbane River to views of Indooroopilly Island. There we will have morning tea.

We will then return along Nadine Street, which runs along the river to Graceville Avenue. We will then walk through the suburb of Graceville until we reach Strickland Terrace and Long St. On left we will come to Oxley Ck. Park.

Then we will o to the end of Oxley Creek, come back up Strickland Tce, cross the park near St Josephs and then on to Graceville Ave. Then we will cross over Phamplet Bridge and back to Softstone Street.

Cheers, Carolyn Ivanac.

Brisbane Forest Park
Sunday 10th November
Daywalk

Leader: Desley Pedrazzini
 3369 5530
Meet at: St Brigid's carpark Red Hill
Time: 8:30am
Cost: \$3.00
Grading: Easy
Emerg Off: Carol Kelly (3269 4795)

I have stolen Barbara's idea of a day of some short easy walks around a central area, this time being Brisbane Forest Park.

The plan is to join up a few of the walks to make up the day with a lunch stop along the way and coffee at Walkabout Creek after the walks.

I will be doing the pre-outing before the October meeting so come along to find out the details or ring me after the meeting.

Desley

SAT

9/12

Coomera Creek Circuit
Sunday 17th November
Daywalk

Leader: Phil Murray (3841 0254)
Meet at: St Brigid's carpark Red Hill
Time: 6:45am
Cost: \$15.00
Grading: L 3 4
Emerg Off: Sue Murray (3841 0254)

Coomera Creek Circuit is one of the best rainforest walks in South East Queensland. The walk starts at Binna Burra and goes along the border track for a bout 2 km. We then turn right and head down to the top of the Coomera Gorge. The vegetation on this section is open eucalypt forest rather then rainforest and apparently it is due to the different bedrock here of the less fertile

Rhyolite rock whereas most of the rainforest is on the more fertile basalt rock.

At the top of the Gorge there are some great vantage points. I haven't had a

Sketch by Iain Renton

chance to do a pre-outing to check the new viewing platform so I can only presume we will have great views of Coomera Falls and Yarrabilong Falls. In my opinion these falls are the most spectacular in South East Qld and have been photographed extensively for the Wilderness Calendars by people like Robert Rankin and Steve Parish. The falls are over 150 m high. The cliff sides are covered in a carpet of ferns and lilies with a line of sparkling clear water shooting out from a crevice in the rainforest. Definitely worth a lengthy camera stop.

We then follow the track as it criss-crosses the Coomera creek. Hopefully we will get to see some of the blue and white Lamington spiny crayfish along this section of the creek. I plan to have lunch at Bahnamboola Falls, if it is not too wet. We then head up to the Border Track. Rather than heading back to Binna Burra we will make a quick detour to the McPherson Range escarpment and enjoy the views of Mt Warning and the Tweed Valley from Yargabullang Lookout. We then follow the Border Track back to Binna Burra and a quick refreshment break at the coffee shop. So come along and enjoy a classic Binna Burra bushwalk.

The distance is long but it is all on graded track, so it shouldn't be too hard but please note there are several creek crossings on slippery rocks. Just remember Paddy Pallin's famous words "**The only bushwalks I regretted were the ones I didn't go on**".

Phil Murray

COMING SOCIALS

Coffee Night Wednesday, 30th October

Where: Eve's on the River,
Mactaggarts Place
53 Vernon Terrace
Newstead

Time: 7:00pm for 7:30pm

Steven, at Eve's on the River has assured us that the **BAILEY & MINT CHEESECAKE** as well as the **CHOCOLATE BANANA PUDDING** are the most delicious on this side of the Garden of Eden.

If you haven't been to a social night out with the bushwalkers, out on your best fig leaf and be tempted.

For further information please contact Patricia on 3398 7041 (my answering machine is very friendly).

PAST SOCIALS

Black Friday Dinner 13th September



Although a little late due to a traffic accident, everyone arrived at the same time. After sharing in a few nibbles, Louise's homemade pumpkin soup and minestrone soup was served.

Main meal consisted of quiche, casseroles, meatloaf and a spinach and feta pie. The atmosphere was great and all spoke of what they were up to and of the times of previous dinners held by the club.

As the night went on desert of cheesecake and chocolate were served with tea and coffee.

Thankyou to Louise and Sam for offering their house for the night and to all those who were present on the night. Michele, Greg and Lucy Endicott, John and Thomas Carter, Jean Gowans, Terry Silk and Iain Renton.

Pat

PAST OUTINGS

Mt Cordeaux Daywalk 3 August 2002.

A walk is always made more enjoyable when you can share it with others. This walk was no exception. I enjoyed the company of Mary, Michael, Michelle, Robin, June, Mark, Laurie, Assunta, Anna, Carolyn and Paul.

On the walk we viewed the old gold mine site where the infamous 'gay lover murder' occurred in the 80's. We shared morning tea with a very large family group at the top of Mt Cordeaux itself. We spent a lazy lunch hour at Bare Rock with a group of Brisbane Bushwalkers. The views from here of the surrounding mountains never disappoint. Although there was some dust in the air we were still able to identify a large number of peaks.

Thanks to Mark and Michael who were willing drivers.

Geoffrey Egert

Binna Burra to O'Reilly's (or vice versa) Sunday 22 September

Twelve bushwalkers met at the early hour of 6.30am ready to take on this 21 km

walk. The first job was to split into two groups. Gabe was to lead the group starting at Binna Burra accompanied by Carolyn, Paul, Terry and two visitors Anne and Malcolm. The O'Reilly's group was led by Barbara with Desley, Dave, David and visitors Cheryl and Denise making up the group. After deciding to meet in the middle for lunch and to swap keys and at the coffee shop in Canungra after the walk (more about this later) we set off.

Although a little walk the walk was not difficult. It is always interesting because of the changes in vegetation along the track. In one section of the track there were views across to Mt Warning. The Antarctic Beeches are always spectacular but they were even more so because many of the orchids growing high in their branches were in flower.

Both groups met about 5 minutes walk from the halfway point, had lunch and (luckily) remembered to swap keys. Then we headed off again. Along the way Barbara's group met up with a group from Bushwalkers of Southern Queensland including Pat Lawton and Jonas who were completing the Coomera Circuit. We walked with them back to Binna Burra.

Everyone enjoyed the walk whether they had done it before or this was their first time. It was a fun walk with a great group of people. Organising this walk is a little trickier than most because of the swapover of vehicles but it was certainly worth the effort. Barbara

Perhaps members may be able to answer the following questions:

- How is it that, when both groups set off from the middle of the walk at the same time, Gabe's group arrived at the coffee shop at Canungra one and a half hours after Barbara's group? What were they up to?
- Which member gave up on her fellow walkers and joined the BOSQ group at the end of the walk? Hint: being a

Committee member she should know better.

- How did a scrub turkey get signed up as a BCBC member?
- Why did Gabe say his group had walked uphill all the way from Binna Burra to the mid point when Barbara's group know that they walked uphill most of the way back to Binna Burra from the same point?

Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs

Federation meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Baroona Special School, Milton from 7.30pm.

Federation web site address is:

<http://www.geocities.com/qfbwc/index.htm>

1. The email address is

qfbwc@yahoo.com.au

FEDERATION MOUNTAIN RESCUE

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

What If God Had Voice Mail?

Have you wonderd what it would be like if God installed voice mail? Imagine praying and hearing this: "Thank you for calling God's house. Please select one of the following options: * Press 1 for requests * Press 2 for thanksgiving * Press 3 for complaints * Press 4 for other enquiries" *

What if God used the familiar excuse: "I'm sorry all our angels are busy helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to us and you have been placed in a queue. So please stay on your knees."

Can you imagine getting these responses as you call God in prayer? * "If you wish to speak to Gabriel, press 1 * Michael, press 2

* For directory of other angels, press 3 * If you would like King David to sing a psalm while you are holding, press 4. * To find out if a loved one has been assigned to Heaven, press 5 or enter his or her name and date of birth, then press the hash key. If you get a negative response, try area code 666." (For those who don't know, this will connect you with hell.)

"For answers to nagging questions such as the resting place of Noah's Ark, the age of the earth, or about monkeys, please wait until you arrive here." You may get this response to a call, "Our computers show that you have already prayed once today. Please hang up and try again tomorrow so that others may have the chance to get through. The office of God's house is closed from 5.00 pm on Friday through to 9.00 am on Monday. If you need emergency assistance, please contact your Parish Priest. (of course the answering machine will be on, with the list of church service times you already know.)"

* A THOUGHT TO PONDER.....*

"The only way to discover the limits of the possible is to go beyond them to the impossible."

A note from the Editor.....

Please forward your magazine articles by the **1st of the month**. You may forward your articles to either:

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Beenleigh Qld 4207 **or**
e-mail address: leonardi@gil.com.au

"Your word, O Lord, will last for ever; it is eternal to heaven." Psalm 119:89

Yours in Christ Louise

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