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JILALAN

Articles for "Jilalan" should be posted to Cecilia Doherty 2/32 Stanley Terrace, East Brisbane. **Please note there are different deadlines for submitting articles on paper and on disk as shown in the monthly calendar.** The Editor is currently using MS WORD 6.0 but can convert from most programs. Please submit a hard copy of the article just in case there are problems with your disk.

GENERAL MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, at 7.30 p.m. (although they usually start about 15 minutes later). The location is the basement of the Catholic Centre (near St Stephen's Cathedral) with entry via Charlotte Street. The door is usually staffed up to about 8.00 p.m. If you arrive after this time, please ring the bell **once** and wait. Parking is NOT available on site and free parking can be difficult to find nearby. Parking is available close by at \$4.00. **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 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.
- 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 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 outings' 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 p.m. 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.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

All members are most welcome to observe the next meeting of the Management Committee. The dates of the Committee meetings have also been listed in Jilalan. You are very welcome to attend the meeting 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. The dates of future Committee meetings have also been listed in Jilalan.

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

NOV	1-3	Con's Plain & Prow	Con Vink	3814 3545	B/C
	3	Illinbah Cct	Gabriel Romaguera	3369 7330	D/W
	9	Intermediate Training - Burnett Creek	Bill Butler	3351 1588	FMR
	9-10	Butler's Ridge - Bushranger's Cave	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	T/W
	10	Bushranger's Cave - Wagawn	Russell Code	3245 4803	T/W
	16	BBQ	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	SOC
	17	Boondall Wetlands	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
	18	Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN
	24	Diana's Bath	Cecilia Doherty	3392 0290	D/W
	22-25	Kaputar (requires day off)	Con Vink	3814 3545	B/C
	25	Jilalan Deadline (Paper Articles)			JIL
	29-1	Black Canyon - Lost World	Ann Tracey	3395 2559	T/W
	30	Dave's Creek	Cathy Thistlethwaite/ Pam Walters	3374 2198	D/W
DEC	1	Lost World	Jon Brunott	3209 9598	D/W
	2	Management Committee Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN
	4	Jilalan Deadline (Computer Disk Articles)			JIL
	6-8	Christmas Party	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	SOC
	14	Currumbin Creek/Cougals	Sue Tobin	3366 3193	D/W
	16	Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN
	22	Christmas Creek	Kerry Mulligan	3279 4490	D/W
	23	Jilalan Deadline (Paper Articles)			JIL
	26	Boxing Day - Kondalilla Fls- Mapleton Fls	Liz Little	3356 4874	D/W
	28	Mt Tamborine	Denise Robertson	3266 2521	D/W
	31	New Year's Eve Party & Auction	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	SOC
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JAN	5	Obi-Obi Li-Lo			D/W
	12	Northbrook Gorge			D/W
	18-19	Retreat at Club Hut	Con Vink	3814 3545	
	20	Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN
	24-26	Mon Repos (Requires day off)			B/C
FEB	1-2	Noosa River Canoe Trip			B/C
	8-9	Social			SOC
	14-16	Connondales			T/W
	14-16	Connondales			B/C
	17	Annual General Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN
	23	Blue Pool	Chris Mc Caffrey	3349 5730	D/W
MAR	1-2	Mt Mitchell - Governor's Chair			O/N
	7-9	Club Hut Working Bee			B/C
	15-16	Club Hut Anniv			

KEY - Types

D/W	Day Walk	1/2 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 trialing the following Walk Grading system currently used by the Brisbane Bushwalking Club.

1. Distance	Short	Under 10 klm per day
	Medium	10-15 klm per day
	Long	15-20 klm per day
	EXtra Long	Over 20 klm 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	<u>Bush</u> As Above + thick scrub, major rock scrambling using hands, technical
3. Fitness	1-3	<u>Easy.</u> Suitable for beginners
	4-7	<u>Medium.</u> Reasonable fitness required.
	8-10	<u>Hard.</u> Strenuous, fit walkers only

COMING WALKS

Sunday 24 November 1996

DIANA'S BATH

(Day Walk)

Leader: Cecilia Doherty (PH 3392-0290)
Meeting Time: 7.00 a.m.
Meeting Place: Behind Cathedral, Charlotte Street
Cost: \$12.00
Emergency Off: Bernadette Dolan (PH: 3899 1785)
Grade: 1 3 1

Diana's Bath is a large inviting swimming hole very near to Somerset Dam in the Shire of Esk. As the walk itself to Diana's Bath is very short, we plan to visit the Fernvale Country Markets on the way, for a short stop before heading past the Splyard Creek ~~Dam~~ to the Mt Byron Road turnoff. There will be two easy creek crossings before we commence our track walk, where, keeping the creek on our right, we'll wind our way around until we drop down to the waterhole. The waterhole offers shade and plenty of serenity. Its a good place to bring a lilo and just relax for a few hours. With a bit of luck, there will be some takers for the tarzan rope which swings out into the pool. The beauty of such a short walk is that you can bring all those goodies for lunch you wouldn't normally want to carry. After lunch at the Bath, there will be plenty of time to drive to Somerset Dam, call in at Esk for a coffee or relax with a cold drink at the scenic Wivenhoe Dam before continuing on to Brisbane. Do nominate for this easy and fun summertime walk/swim and remember to bring your togs, some sunscreen, plenty of drinking water and lots of laughter. Hope you'll join me.

Fri 29 Nov -Sun 1 Dec 1996

BLACK CANYON

(Throughwalk)

Leader: Ann Tracey (PH: 3395 2559)
Meeting Time: 6 p.m. Friday at the latest
Place: To be advised to nominees
Cost: \$18 (including \$6 camp fees)
Emergency Off: Bernadette Dolan 3899 1785.
Grade: 6 6 M

We shall leave the O'Reilly's car park as soon after 8 p.m. Friday as possible. A good torch with spare bulb and spare batteries will be required for the 8.5 km graded track walk to Echo Point, our campsite for the night. On Saturday, we will go up Mt Worendo and then leave the border to descend to the Lost World saddle. Saturday night's camp site will be on the Albert River Left Branch. The return journey on Sunday is a steep climb near Shooting Creek on to the graded track about 6.5 km from the cars.

The weekend's programme could include a climb up the ridge on to Lost World itself, or some exploration of the Canyon, even rockhopping to the Falls if time and fitness permit. Walkers should carry water to last until late Saturday afternoon; swim wear and a garbage bag for the pack are probably necessary to negotiate the short Red Rock Cutting; it may be possible that we find some scunge, so gaiters could be handy. More details may be obtained from the leader after the pre-outing on 16th/17th November.

The scenery around Red Rock Falls and the start of the Canyon is very attractive and it is interesting to be looking back up this creek instead of down it from the Lightning Falls Circuit track. Guest navigator will be Paul Tracey who last did this walk with the club some 25 years ago. No doubt we will share some tales of past club adventures.

Saturday 30 November 1996

DAVE'S CREEK CIRCUIT

(Day Walk)

Leaders: Cathy Thistlethwaite (Ph:3374 2198)
 and Pam Walters (Ph: 015 739 506)
Meeting Time: 7.a.m. Saturday
Meeting Place: Sullivan & Nicolaides parking area
 Whitmore St Taringa
Cost: \$12
Emergency Off: Bernadette Dolan (PH: 3899 1785)
Grade: M 3 3

This walk passes through a wide variety of vegetation types. Dave's Creek country itself, home to the rare eastern bristle bird, is a visually and botanically fascinating patch of mallee heath which looks strangely out of place in a park dominated by towering rainforest and eucalypt trees. An interesting geological formation is Surprise Rock, a trachyte dyke, which through erosion of the surrounding area, now stands out above the surrounding landscape. Numinbah Lookout provides views of the valley and river below. If time permits we may stop at the Danish Tea House at Beechmont and enjoy some of Helga's cuisine - they also serve Irish Coffee! hic!!!!



**Saturday 14 December 1996
COUGAL NATIONAL
PARK/CURRUMBIN CREEK
(Day Walk)**

Leader : Susan Tobin (PH: 3366 3193)
Time : 7.00 a.m.
Meeting Place : Behind Cathedral, Charlotte St, City
Cost : \$12.00
Emergency Off: : Bernadette Dolan (TEL 3899 1785)
Grade : S 4 3 (if you want to go we'll get you there)

Flowing down from the Cougals in the Gold Coast hinterland is the beautiful Currumbin Creek: a rainforest creek of rock pools, cascades and cool running water.. A great place to spend the start of the school holidays especially for a stressed out teacher!! The walk starts at the head of the Currumbin Valley and follows the graded track past the man-made viewing platforms overlooking the cascades and falls to the old sawmill site. From here, we follow the creek up stream where there are cool, refreshing pools, small falls and interesting gorges, to the larger falls where our journey ends. Then its lunch and a swim before heading back the same way. There should be plenty of time to relax, swim in a few of the pools, laugh, talk, tell jokes and enjoy each other's company. Come and spend a hot summer's day in a cool rainforest creek.

SOCIALS

Majella Robertson

COFFEE NIGHT

Come and join us this month for a very special coffee night and help Jonas celebrate a birthday milestone!

Day: Wednesday, November 27th
Time: 7:30pm
For further details contact Majella (PH: 3359 8311)

*MT Coaster
6pm BBQ*

CHRISTMAS PARTY



HO HO HO Merry Christmas!! Yes folks its that time of year again!! Already!! And plans have been made to celebrate in style. So clear your diaries and mark SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th aside to come and celebrate Christmas with us.

This year we are getting together at **Maiala Picnic Area, Mt Glorious**. For those who wish to, we will be meeting at the service station on the corner of Settlement Road and Waterworks Road, The Gap at 4pm for a 4:15pm departure. If you can't meet us there come straight up to the top park area of Maiala Picnic Area at Mt Glorious any time after 4:30pm. If you are working, or have some other commitment and can't make it until later in the day or evening, still come we will be there till late!!

We will meet for a BBQ (BYO), boil the billy, toast some marshmallows, and party on afterwards (bring a plate of sweets/desserts to share). Santa will be coming to visit so bring a gift up to \$5 in value to place under the Christmas tree.

Come and join us, the more the merrier, and celebrate Christmas in style with some good friends.

PLACE: Service Station (Cnr Waterworks Rd and Settlement Rd, The Gap)
or at the Top park of Maiala Picnic Area at Mt Glorious

TIME: 4pm for a 4:15pm departure if meeting at The Gap
or any time after 4:30pm at the Maiala Picnic Area

COST: BYO BBQ, sweets/dessert to share, and a \$5 gift to go under the tree

CONTACT: Majella Robertson (PH: 3359 8311)



Membership Officer's Report

It was a great pleasure to welcome Visitors Mike Farley and Paul McPhee to the last meeting. Congratulations and welcome to new members Barbara Caulley, Andrea Close and Susanne Williams. Hope to see you again soon.

REACHING FORTH - FORTY YEARS

by Justin Tobin

BCBC is nearly forty. To all those involved in the Club over those years, it must mean different things: there must be different memories, different reasons for going, besides the common thread of Catholicism and bushwalking. The thread that binds us all is friendship - a feeling people want you to be a part of BCBC: making us all feel at home, to share part of ourselves - and when "your Club" becomes "our Club" we continue to grow. Many people have passed throughout its doors over the years, some staying only a short time, while others have stayed longer. A few are still here. All have left something behind to take BCBC forward. Just as we must have a beginning from the beginning, we must have members to continue the vision. Without the past there is no present and without the present there is no future.

This is "the beginning" from the 1st Annual Report. May the Club always be a part of someone's life.

THE GENESIS OF THE CLUB

by Col. McLellan

(taken from the 1st Annual Report)

When Father William Hayes was assigned to the Parish of Yeronga from the mountain studded Parish of Beaudesert, he took with him the deeply rooted love of the outdoors that had first been ingrained in him by the lush, green fields of his native Ireland. Happily, he discovered an equal enthusiast in his new Parish and one day was discussing the striking appeal of a high mountain peak named Mt. Barney with him. This mountain was situated in the Rathdowney district and the two of them decided that, whenever parish duties would allow, they would endeavour to visit some of these places, and that began the association of Fathers Hayes and Raoul Mellish, the actual founders of the Club.

Raoul was already an experienced bushwalker with a special attachment for the Glass Houses. Early in September 1957, the two organised a visit to the Glass House district and ascended Mt Beerwah of that group. After the climb, tea was taken by the banks of a large pool on the north western side of Mt Tibrogargan. As the shadows lengthened and the normal friendly sounds of the bush slowly died away with the advent of evening, they thought with satisfaction of the achievements of the day. With pipes lit, and filled with the peace that comes from watching the embers of the campfire slowly ebbing and dying, they thought how relatively few people were aware of the satisfaction to be obtained from bushwalking and of the many more who had never been given the opportunity of participating in organised trips.

Inspiration came soon after. Why not form a Club, a Catholic Club to cater for both the spiritual and material needs of bushwalkers? It was true that bushwalking clubs existed already but normally these clubs attracted people who were already enthusiasts of the open air way of life. A Catholic Club would tap a reservoir of young people who would only realise the benefits of such a Club after they were already in it.

Father Hayes wrote away to Father Coughlin, Chaplain of the Sydney Catholic Bushwalkers, and obtained a copy of that Club's constitution. Armed with this document and their own infectious enthusiasm, Father Hayes and Raoul Mellish called on Archbishop Duhig and after explaining the proposed details to him, received permission and encouragement from His Grace to set about organising the Club.

On the last Sunday in October 1957, a short notice in the Catholic Leader invited intending members or interested people to contact Father Hayes. The first reply came from Bernie Maume who explained that his brother Vince would also be a member when he returned from holidays. The first girl to enquire was Margaret Gimson and it is pleasing to record that these three have been amongst our most active members. Another notice was inserted in the Leader announcing that the first Club outing would take place on Sunday, the 1st December and the venue, appropriately enough, was to be the pool near Tibrogargan, the self same pool that was associated with the original idea for the formation of the Club. The trip was attended by the following:-

Rita Byrne	Dolour Fenelan	Bernie Maume	Col. McLellan
Maureen & Margaret Wheeler	Margaret Gilroy	Bernard O'Shea	John Copley
Mary Costigan	Pat Goodwin	Brendan McCarthy	Chris Bisshop
Joan Waters	Lorraine O'Brien	Adrian Draney	Rosemary & Alison O'Brien
Bernice & Brenda Caffery	Margaret Gimson	Vince Arthur	Raoul Mellish
Marion Marley	Neal Reville	John Power	Father W. Hayes

The day was extremely hot and hazy but successful nevertheless and the Club could be said to have been established on this date.

On the administrative side, the Club was fortunate in securing office bearers with a happy blend of experience and keenness, and the first meeting was held at St James Christian Brothers College on Thursday January 16, 1958, and attended by fifty people. A provisional committee to act until the first annual meeting in April, was elected and all the initial detailed work, such as drawing up a proposed constitution, arranging trips, securing finance and the many other activities associated with the launching of a new Club, were attended to by this committee. The committee was as under:

President/Chaplain	Father W Hayes
Outings Secretary	Raoul Mellish
General Secretary	Rosemary O'Brien
Treasurer	Col. McLellan
Outings Recorder	John Power
Committee	Pat. Goodwin, Neal Reville, Vince Arthur & Vince Maume.

PAST WALKS

LIZARD POINT, BANGALORE, BELL THROUGH WALK

9-11 August 1996

Leader: Justin Tobin

The best way to prepare for a throughwalk is not going to the gym or doing plenty of training but having a counter meal at the Duggandan beforehand. The drive to the walk took an unusual route due to a landslide on the Head Rd. We had to drive via White Swamp into NSW then back into QLD. At least this meant for a quiet night's sleep.

Saturday morning dawned beautifully clear but freezing - there was frost on the ground near where we camped. We took the middle ridge up to the Roberts - Superbus saddle. In a supreme statement of confidence that the weather will be warm and navigation no problem, the leader decides to abandon map and jumper. A quick photo stop on Roberts and then on to Lizard Point for morning smoko where the famous Mars Bar slice was eagerly consumed. For those of you who don't know, Lizard Point is one of the best viewpoints you will have in South East Queensland with 270 degree views from Beau Brummel to Mt Warning and everything in between. It has numerous plant species that I have not seen anywhere else. From Lizard Point it looks questionable where you would drop off onto Lizard ridge. JC took us to a point where we manoeuvred around some cliffs and had a couple of short drops before contouring around on to Lizard Ridge proper.

Justin and myself decided to take the short cut to our campsite but wisely decided to turn back after the ridge became a slopy cliff face (an adventure for another time). We passed a couple of spectacular razor backs, one which contained a den of four baby dingoes that we were able to approach within about a metre. A spur off Lizard Ridge dropped us into the north branch of Reynolds Creek, another ridge traverse and into the south branch before a half hour walk to the top of the gorge for our night's camp. This was probably the hardest days throughwalking that I have done in a few years: we had dropped a thousand metres from the top of Roberts that day. Everyone slept well that night.

The next day started with a nice early morning stroll to the top of Bangalore to loosen up any stiff muscles. There were fabulous views from the Bangalore rock slabs. A few hardy walkers climbed to the true summit of Bangalore before we descended the roller coaster ridge to the Bell-Bangalore saddle. We were now on the notorious Bell Bangalore Ridge - were we the first white men to tread on this part of the world? Looking at our path to come it appeared imposing to say the least, something like standing underneath a Tsunami just before it breaks. A few deep breaths and Hail Mary's later we were over the worst of the ridge and we collapsed on top of Bell where the Eucalypts meet the Rainforest for a well earned lunch break. After lunch we walked off our compasses as we

navigated through the rainforest passing some beautiful creeks on the way. On to the old forestry road and then back off it again as it was too overgrown for any forward progress. Back to the cars before dark to finish an unforgettable walk, quite possibly it may go down in the all time classics, only time will tell.

It was a great experience walking with some of the longer serving members and thanks to my companions on the week end John C, John Bigg, Ken McC, Mark D, Mike W and Justin.
Matthew

Reimbursement Rates

The Treasurer reimburses expenses to persons who volunteer to provide transport for Association activities according to the following formula:-

Reimbursement Rate per KM = $P \times C$
(rounded up or down to the nearest cent)

Where:-

P = Price in cents per litre for petrol

C = Constant dependant on engine capacity of vehicle

Capacity (l)	Constant
0.0 - 1.3	0.1092
1.5 - 1.8	0.1306
1.9 - 3.0	0.1800
3.1 - 3.9	0.1950
4.0 -	0.2250

Attention all leaders

Please ensure that you forward the nomination form together with all monies and the names of the drivers to the Treasurer immediately after each outing. This ensures that all drivers are reimbursed promptly. Your cooperation in maintaining this system is appreciated.

Please note that all reimbursement is done by the Treasurer. It is NOT to be done by Leaders, as this is an audit requirement.

Club Members -

Would you like to drive for the Club?

If you have a reliable car and would like to help out with transport at your next walk, all you need to do is indicate on the nomination form that you are willing to drive. If you are driving, there is no charge for the day and you are entitled to be reimbursed as shown above.

Arranging your own Transport?

You are still required to pay \$3 for the walk to cover administrative costs, plus any other applicable fees e.g. camping fees.

REYNOLDS GORGE - MT EDWARDS

Sunday 22 September 1996

by Iain Renton

Six of us set out on a fine, sunny morning. A brisk south-westerly had been laid on so it wouldn't get too hot. We regrouped at a picnic ground at Aratula where Pat Lawton provided us all with a cuppa and bickies (she'd brought along two thermos flasks and a good supply of cups). Then we proceeded to our starting point next to Reynolds Creek. After a short, shady stroll along the creek, it was off with the shoes and across the creek, wading knee-deep through chilly water. After drying feet and replacing footwear, we continued past broad swimming holes framed by lush vegetation (even a huge fig tree leaning far out over the water). In between were rapids with their sounds of water wrapping around rocks.



Then the trees stopped and we were out in the open. In front was a long bare slab of rock dangling into the water - this continued for about half a kilometre along this side of the creek. In some places tackling this meant just a careful stroll, other bits required a bit of balance, and in a couple of spots, you needed to look for hand holds and foot holds. Nowhere were you more than a few feet of gentle sliding above the water, so it wasn't at all scary. The newest walkers all fairly waltzed over it (no sweat, so much for my worries on the pre-outing!). Some of us more experienced walkers seemed to get hands and feet a bit tangled at times and Suzanne Williams (on her first walk with the club) always seemed to be there to give somebody a hand. When you weren't watching your feet you got good views of the broad expanse of the gorge.



At the end of the slab we stopped for smoko under a beautiful tree next to rushing water. Then we walked to the dam, clambered up the rock spillway and stopped in the park to look at monuments and admire the view across Lake Moogerah to Mt Greville and The Main Range. And ... we had a bit more to eat!

Then we re-crossed the creek via the top of the dam and began to climb Mt Edwards (original aboriginal name - Moogerah - place of storms.). Pat discovered that she'd walked with the parents of another first-time walker, Brendan Clancy, and remembered when he was knee high to a grasshopper. At the gorge lookout we got good views of the way we'd come and the steep slopes of Little Mount Edwards with the rock slab at their base. Then it was a bit of a slog to the top. One new walker was stiff for days afterwards and Liz made it all the way up in spite of much muttering about not going any further. The view at the top was worth it. The air was crisp and clear, washed by

recent rain and blown clean by the wind. So colours were brighter and distant peaks and ranges sharply defined. We settled down for a prolonged lunch with a good view and a gentle breeze (lacking on the walk uphill). Two billies were boiling so everybody got another cuppa. No sooner had we started down than we met up with Jonas coming uphill. He'd been rockclimbing at Mt French that morning. So we went back to our lunch spot and put the billy on again.

On the way down we came across a large goanna sprawled across the track like a boom gate. It was in no hurry to move so we got good look at it. (they're quite colourful creatures). Eventually it ambled off to one side.

The gorge was in afternoon shadow on the way back. One sad thing is that much of the floor of the gorge is being smothered by an invasive weed, the vine called "cat's claw". Several she-oaks have died and many more are headed that way. Just before the creek crossing, we found a rather bedraggled kookaburra sitting on the ground. It wasn't moving very far and didn't take too kindly if you came too close. Pat dropped a hat over it so she could pick it up. It obviously wasn't very well but was docile enough and not worried about being handled or stroked. Pat crossed the creek cradling the kookaburra with a hat over it so it couldn't see. On getting home she found somebody who looked after injured birds. He reckoned it probably had food poisoning from something left by campers. Unfortunately, it died later that night.

It was good to see Mike Sherman back walking with the club after a break of a year or two. Thanks to everybody who came and made it such a great day and particularly to Pat for looking after the bird and to Liz Richards for driving. Cheers Iain.



GIRRAWEE BASECAMP

20-22 September

by Paul McDonald

The trip to Girraween was marred by rain, but fortunately, none was to be seen upon our arrival. Next morning we departed early for the Underground River Carpark. Wildflowers were in abundance, and the creek was flowing at its best in my memory. After a brief exploration of the Underground River, it was off to the Aztec Temple. Except that our numbers had mysteriously grown - a group of the Capricornia Bushwalkers had decided to tag along!

As usual, the views did not disappoint, and the two parties split, Barry's group (with Capricornia) to walk across the terrain to the Round House, with the rest of us to return to the cars, and drive around to the Mount Norman Day Use Area.

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The Capricornia group left here, to return to their cars, while our combined group continued to Mt Norman. Rain threatened, but the light drizzle did not dampen our spirits. Some of the party ascended Mt Norman, while others explored the Wombat Hole. From a vantage point near the Hole, we could see the others on top, when suddenly they appeared to race away at a swift pace (later we found out that it had started to hail!).

Barry and company returned to camp via the Mt Norman track, while others returned to their cars at the Day Use Area. Imagine our surprise when on our drive back, we were visited by the same hail the others had encountered!

Time for dinner, and the BBQ was lit (after much concern with the wet wood). The night was cold, but the friendships were warm, and some conversations continued into the wee hours.

Next day, the parties again separated, with one group exploring Split Rock, while others walked the first pyramid. Back to pack up, for an early return to Brisbane.

Thanks to all who came, especially the drivers.

Paul

MT D'AGUILAR DAY WALK **Saturday 28 September 1996** **by Jim O'Meara**

Ten vibrant bushwalkers turned up at Ferny Grove for this walk. We used three cars to transport us to Mt. Glorious for a quick toilet stop and then off to Tenison Woods Mountain and the start of our walk.

Within 45 minutes we left the track near the summit of West D'Aguilar and dropped down the ridge to the Piper Comanche where we enjoyed a long morning tea break. After this we ascended the ridge and contoured around to the west looking for the point to drop into no name creek. On the second attempt to find the drop off point we descended to the creek and walked along it to a rocky clearing where we had lunch.

With full bellies and high spirits we explored the creek and then set about the long trek up the slopes of West D'Aguilar and then returned to the cars. From here we went back to Mt. Glorious where we had a big B.B.Q. before returning to Ferny Grove.

Everyone had a great day and as leader I can only say that the only person to give me any hassle was me. I would like to thank Glennys, Iain, Jacqui, Liz, Louise, Maxine, Rusty and Susanne for helping to make the walk so enjoyable, and also thanks to the drivers Rusty and Maxine.

Jim

MT WARNING NIGHT WALK **Saturday 26 Oct - Sunday 27 Oct 1996** **by Ed Thistlethwaite**

This walk left Brisbane at "approximately 10.30 p.m. sharp" on Saturday 26 October. Two car loads re-assembled at the Mobil roadhouse at Dreamworld for a late coffee at 11.30 p.m. After a further uneventful drive we arrived at the carpark below Mt Warning and commenced the climb at 1.30 a.m. Eleven zig zags brought us to the chain used as an aid for the last 200 metres of the climb. In the early morning gloom of 3.30 a.m., another group commenced the part of the climb behind us. They had a variety of illumination - one guy carried a gas lantern in one hand while he hauled himself up by the chain with the other hand. We arrived at the top to find a platform strewn with bodies awaiting the dawn in a variety of narcoleptic states. The dawn was not as spectacular as it could have been, due to a bank on the horizon out to sea. This cloud bank lifted in synchrony with the sun to allow a golden reflection of the sun from the Pacific Ocean to be seen from our vantage point. On moving around the dais, we saw a large full moon about to set behind the Border Ranges. At this stage, we produced several breakfast ingredients and two gas burners and soon sausages, tomatoes, cheese, onions, muffins, bread rolls, croissants etc. and of course, cups of tea were prepared. At this stage, I thought Jim O'Meara was going to set up a shop and sell breakfast to the less prepared. We had good views of the caldera profile before a thick mist from the west caused obliteration of the Brummies.

Thanks to Glennys, Liz, Bill, Geoff, Don and Jim.

COOMERA CIRCUIT DAY WALK **Sunday 20th October** **by Chris McCaffrey**

Leaving Brisbane at about 7:15 am, seventeen bushwalkers made their way to Binna Burra. The weather was perfect with sun and clear blue skies - great weather for bushwalking. The introductions were made all round and we got ready for the walk. We started walking at about 9:15am and we went first to the NPWS information stand. Here I was able to point out various interesting features that we would see on the walk.

We followed the Border Track at the start till we reached the junction of this and the Coomera Circuit Track walk. At this point I told the group about the different changes in the vegetation that we would encounter as we made our way to the Coomera Falls. We were fortunate to have Geoff up the front of the group as he was able to point out interesting things in the rainforest. This included the early morning sound of frogs in a small pool and also the Blue Lamington Spiny Crayfish that was out for a morning walk until he saw seventeen bushwalkers coming his way.

We made our way to the Coomera Falls, unfortunately the lookout had been closed by NPWS but we were still able to view the falls. These were the Coomera Falls and the Yarrabilong Falls. Both of these falls drop into the Coomera Gorge.

We then made our way through the Coomera Crevice where again I pointed out different waterfalls that we would see as we made our way through the crevice. I decided to have morning tea at the first creek crossing. Jim was the only one in the group to go for an early swim. At this point Pat, Jonas and Margaret caught up and joined the walk. We continued on the track passing many interesting waterfalls. These included Nahnangboola and Bahnamboola Falls. The track then crossed Burrajum Creek, a tributary of the Coomera River, and passed the Gagoonja Falls.

We had lunch near some cascades where we were again lucky enough to see two Blue Lamington Spiny Crayfish swimming in a large pool just below our lunch spot. Russell Jones was the only brave one to go for a swim before having lunch. Everyone enjoyed the good company and the interesting surroundings. We were just about to start walking after lunch when Jonas spotted a few of the Blue Lamington Spiny Crayfish and also a Red and White Crayfish that usually lives on the other side of the McPherson Range, swimming in one of the small pools just near the cascades.

We continued on the Coomera Circuit Track passing a few more waterfalls and creeks till finally we left that track and rejoined the Border Track. We made good time on the Border Track having a stop at Joalah Lookout before making our way back to Binna Burra.

After the walk we all drove to the Summit at Beechmont to have afternoon tea. Everyone enjoyed the company and the views and most people enjoyed the afternoon tea which included Swedish and Danish pastries. Then we all returned to Brisbane.

Thank you to all who came on the walk. It was a very enjoyable day made possible by the following people: Ian Renton, Robyn Herries, Glennys Gordon, Liz McCaul, Pat Vaughan, Bernard Ivers, Jim (Energiser Man) O'Meara, Andrea Close, Geoff, Wright, Majella Robertson, Suzanne Williams, Cecilia Doherty, Tracy Batty, Pat Lawton, Jonas Bernotas, Margaret Lawton, Russell and Louise Jones, Ed Thistlewaite, Patricia Rynja. Also thank you to the drivers and to our visitor Tracy for driving. Hope you enjoyed the walk.

Chris McCaffrey.



ILLINBAH CIRCUIT DAY WALK

3 November 1996

by Gabriel Romaguera

It was a perfect day for bushwalking. A little overcast, not hot. It had rained the night before so it was an excellent time to enjoy the rainforest - cool, damp, musty yet inviting to an eager herd of 18 walkers from Brisbane. Unknowingly I had broken the rules - no morning goodies stop at Canungra!!!! Rather than drive up to the Binna Burra information centre we had decided to access the circuit from below by driving into the valley through gorgeous rural scenery, which saved the drive up to the top of the circuit. After parking the cars near an old dairy I got out of the car to realise a rebellion was taking place!! Some good samaritan had brought several thermos of hot water to make up cups of tea and coffee for those in dire need of refreshments and it was obvious that no-one was walking until they had their cuppa!! It was a beautiful start to the day to share around goodies in a picturesque spot instead of some greasy diner.

I had done the pre-outing capably assisted by Liz Richards and Terry (thanks for your help folks!) by starting at the highest point of the circuit so on the day of the walk Pat showed me another route across several paddocks and creeks to a track leading to the northernmost point of the circuit which was at the level of the river, thereby avoiding the uphill slog at the end of the day. It really didn't feel like a Binna Burra walk going across paddocks dodging friendly horses and admiring a thriving vege patch. The farm was surrounded by towering ridges and rock faces - worth the drive on its own.

Once we found the edge of the National Park we followed the track to the Illinbah junction and then followed the circuit in an anticlockwise direction. This allowed us to have beautiful stops for morning tea and lunch before a 3 km climb to the top point of the circuit, followed by an 8 km track winding down in the arvo back to the junction. All up there were 18 river crossings for the day and we were lucky that we could do them without getting wet due to the dry weather. It is a relatively secluded unused track passing through groves of piccabeen palms and brush box trees and past huge red cedars. The track meanders across the river and every river crossing was breathtaking - to stop in a clearing in the forest and look up at the towering forest canopy on either side of you just heaving with greenery and life. The river itself although low was strewn with boulders and rocks and often had huge eucalypts growing out of it loaded down with staghorns and epiphytes.

We pushed on at a great pace. The scenery was so absorbing that I missed Jonas surprise attack on the girls - not even noticing their screaming. I was disappointed as I had heard so much about these shenanigans but Jonas calmed down after this as well as the girls thanks to the exquisite environs. Some of us were lucky to see a Cunningham skink (biggest skink there is), cockatoos, and rufous wagtails were happily dancing throughout the forest, unafraid of this rowdy mob behind them.

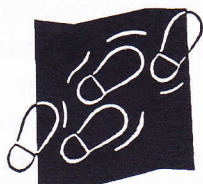
Unfortunately the group did not get to see the koala, wallaby and goanna we had seen on the preouting - mind you what would come out with the noise we made!!

Pat (Lawton) started to misbehave early in the day - I think she was disappointed as the walk seemed unchallenging compared to the last time she had done it. Back then the river level was raging at chest height and they had had to form human chains to get across that river which now resembled a tired creek. To relieve her boredom she perked the whole group up no end by tossing leaches, ticks and boulders at other group members. However, even she balked at throwing the brown, black and 3 carpet snakes spotted during the day. Although she will bend over and whisper hello to snakes she draws the line at throwing these nasties at fellow walkers (thank goodness!!). Needless to say that when the crew stopped at ANOTHER beautiful waterhole for a break, Pat was sent to one side of the pool while we cowered on the other side, fearful of what nasty projectiles she might soon send over to us!!! It was all in good fun.

The lunch stop at Gwongoorool Swimming Pool was marvellous. We spent nearly an hour there admiring the serenity of the pool fed by a small cascade rushing around huge boulders. Maxine had carted in a scrummy Banana Cake with icing she had baked to share with us!! On top of good food and scenery we had the excitement of Justin's "Water Dance With Death"!!! (coming to a cinema soon). The grand daddy of all eels was not impressed when Justin dared dive into the waterhole. As we all hummed the theme music to Jaws this monster which must have been around 4 feet long and as thick as Justin's arm came racing over to run its lips over Justin sensing the best spot to bite into. Next minute it disappeared under Justin while he paddled madly to get out. We feared the worst, but he somehow he escaped the clutches of the Super Eel unscathed, to do battle some other time (maybe with a speargun!!!)

After lunch the scenery changed dramatically to more open eucalypt forest, or along some narrow tracks next to towering cliff faces - quite dramatic in places. The track wound down back down to the junction where the side track led out to the cars. It was a long walk - 21 to 22 km and the newer walkers like Robyn and Pat Vaughan didn't even think of complaining. Desley pulled some muscles, and Bernadette who wasn't feeling well in any case, sadly witnessed one of her old faithful walking boots die so ended up hobbling with her one good boot most of the day - not a whine from these girls either!!!. The whole day flowed smoothly and I think everyone had a fantastic day. Thanks to everyone for contributing to the fun and a special thanks for my chauffeurs - Maxine, Matthew, and the Majella/Christopher team.

Gabriel



MT GLORIOUS - LAKE MANCHESTER THROUGHWALK

12-14 July 1996

by Justin Tobin

An interesting throughwalk close to home in Brisbane Forest park. A 7am start from home saw us at Jolly's Lookout at 8am. A quick look over the Samford Valley before we were on the track and then the road travelling at a leisurely pace looking for a suitable spot to drop into Cabbage Tree Creek. (This was a pre-outing).

The drop-off was reached after a lolly stop and a briefing "No matter where we are a four o'clock we're setting up camp" with vision of earlier trips and ridges on Mt Glorious. Surprise, surprise, no scunge, just a gentle drop into a beautiful, running creek, rock pools, cascades and small waterfalls.

"Where are we?" someone muttered.

"Don't know." was the reply, "But its flowing downhill, so we'll go with the flow."

And that we did.

It was what a creek should be, rocks, water, cascades, a place to boil the billy and and have a relaxing lunch soothed by its gentle song. Continuing on, the sides were getting steeper and a look of concern developed on Joerg's face when he saw the steep sides and the day getting later.

"Are we camping in a meadow?" he voiced as his picture of camping in Germany and camping here were changing rapidly.

The day was getting later and the creek changed from pure running water to a stagnant green sludge. Looks of concern were growing as we weren't carrying water for camp.

The leader decided to look after the tail and sent J.B. on ahead to find a suitable camp spot. Half an hour later and around the bend the creek is running again. A beautiful pool and J.B. with his report of a meadow just up off the road and there it was a clear flat meadow you could fit an army on. It was later that night when we found out why it was so clear! Camp was set up right on 4pm.

"Where do you want the fire?"

We won't mention the name of the person who replied, "Far enough away so I don't get any embers burning a hole in my tent." We aim to please.

An enjoyable tea, talking beside a fire, stories were told, past walks remembered before heading to bed. Comfortable in our sleeping bags, slowly nodding off when overhead the sound of helicopters drifted in on the breeze.

"No need to worry about 4WD's John"

I think we were in the middle of an SAS training heli-pad.

Lower and lower they came when suddenly they swung to the left and away. One can only imagine their surprise

was greater than ours when the lead helicopter reading the infra red scanner calls into the mic "Abort landing! Abort landing! Civilians on the pad" We live to walk another day although we are probably on an intelligence file somewhere!

The next morning over breakfast we all agreed we heard helicopters and it wasn't one of Ed's hallucinations. Sunday it was back into the creek and it wasn't long before lantana started to line its banks but it wasn't too bad and we soon reached the Light Road and the causeway - smoko where the creek flows into the dam, before heading up the hill along the road, around the lake, past the dam wall and lunch at the upper picnic areas before heading down to wait for our 2pm pick up.

An interesting walk on our back doorstep and worth exploring some more.

Thanks to Cathy and Susan for dropping us off and picking us up and John B, Anne, Ed, Con, Joe, June and Joerg for sharing the walk with me.

Justin.

PAST SOCIALS

**** Birthday Thanks ****

A very big thank you to all who joined us at the "Jazzy Cat" on Friday 18th October making the occasion such a special one for me. It certainly was a wonderful birthday in many ways, and will remain long remembered. Thanks also to Majella for her time and thoughtfulness in organising a great evening together.

MAXINE BROPHY

Easter 1997 Update

There have been several suggestions on where the Club should spend Easter 1997. Current contenders are Auburn River (near Monto), Mt Walsh (Biggenden), John Larkins near Mt Barney, Swan Creek (Lemontree), Mt Moffatt, Blackdown Tablelands (near Blackwater), Cania Gorge (on the way to Carnarvon) and Salvatore Rosa. Fr. Ed Nally will be attending. Please give further ideas to Ed Thistlethwaite as soon as possible.

BANANA COCONUT CAKE WITH COCONUT HONEY TOPPING (Scrumptious !!!) Thanks to Louise Jones

Ingredients

3/4 cup of coconut, 90 g butter, 1/2 cup caster sugar, 2 eggs, 3/4 cup self raising flour, 1/4 cup plain flour, 1 tsp bicarb soda, 1/4 cup milk, 1 cup mashed banana

Method

Grease a 15 cm x 25 cm loaf pan and line base with greaseproof paper. Toast coconut on oven tray in moderate oven for 5 minutes. Cool. Cream butter and sugar in a small bowl with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs one at a time and beat until combined. Stir in half the combined sifted dry ingredients and toasted coconut with half the combined milk and banana, then stir in remaining dry ingredients and banana mixture. Stir until smooth. Pour into prepared pan. Bake in moderately slow 180c oven for 30 min. Spread evenly with topping and bake for a further 30 mins. Stand for 5 mins before turning on to wire rack to cool. For Coconut Honey Topping, place butter and honey in a saucepan, heat until butter is melted, add coconut and stir for 5 mins or until lightly brown. YUM

PHOTOCOPIER FOR SALE

The Committee proposes to sell a small desk top photocopier recently donated by the former Brisbane Catholic Social Club. If you are interested in purchasing a photocopier, please contact Paul McDonald. PH 3205-1984 for full details.

MBS

We bid a fond farewell to a "billy" that has brewed up many a welcome cuppa over the years. Long may he be remembered.

Who were the members of the group seen auditioning for "Riverdance" across the Coomera Creek, after a long day's walk - energy untold!

Who was that young lady on a pre outing with her hubby who commented "This was a graded track walk, at the moment its medium and shortly it will be turning into one of yours".

Farewell also to Michael Melon, the Club's roundest (and smallest) member (but did Jim collect his fees after exceeding the three walks?). He made it past his first birthday, but has become somewhat soft (well rotten actually) after so many trips. Greg promises a seed distribution/offspring sometime next year.

BARNEY REVISITED (VIA LOGAN'S)

(A Novice's Story)

An invitation to climb Mt Barney with those who had walked her paths many times! I stood in awe - I had longed to climb Barney for ages and now the challenge was before me. Panic - frenzied planning set in with longer walks morning and night (the family dog couldn't believe her luck!) But alas - all that preparation to no avail as a bout of the dreaded winter virus appeared the week before. Huge doses of vitamin C were consumed!

Friday came at last, a clear beautiful day while the weather warned of late storms Saturday. We departed for Yellowpinch stopping outside Boonah at the Dugan Pub for a delicious meal - yours truly managing a large meal (I'll need this for tomorrow I told myself - more energy!)

Sleep was light as I lay in nervous anticipation of the day ahead and tried to stifle that annoying cough. At last the sound of the "billy" roused us all for breakfast and we were soon heading along the road just after 5 a.m.

As we walked along the road skirting Barney I looked up at the peak we were to follow covered in light cloud and looking beautiful in the early morning light. Across the fields we walked with the sounds of the birdlife heralding the new day. A little haze around the hills and the storm bird clear in the distance telling us of the impending weather change.

As the fields merged into forest the pace was on - this was no early morning stroll, we had a long day ahead as I scuttled in behind the "steam train" ahead, feeling my legs warming up. Suddenly I was flat on my face after tripping on a stick. I scrambled up assuring all that I was fine, feeling so foolish. Not a good start to a long day - and as I wondered how I could have tripped I heard from behind - "Don't worry Max, it was just Barney making you bow to her before the climb!!!" Phew - at least that explained it!

Forest soon gave way to rocks as the climbing was underway - it was so good gaining height so quickly as views began to unfold all around us, so beautiful in the morning colours and the sounds of the storm bird still calling her song as we progressed.

Spirits were high as we stopped for a snack and drink. We were going well and it was still cool: stage two was now behind us with two to go. By now the views were awesome as I peered out between the rocky outcrops down into the valleys spread out below. Back on track we climbed and chattered - wondering in awe at Captain Logan's brave climb all those years ago. The grade was becoming steeper and vegetation fast thinning as we drew closer to the top. Many varied species of wildflower grew out of the rock face along the way, proudly displaying their vibrant colours and dressing Barney up to look so pretty.

My eyes were glued to my "lifeline" in front as we climbed. Mt Lindsay was so clear and out there is oblivion! A few technical spots were reached as Geoff Wright's report echoed in my mind. The significance of the words "Our Lady of the Way" heard a little earlier from "tail end charlie" came back to me, but I felt secure in the care of such experienced companions.

The top seemed almost within reach as the last section was overcome. Tired legs longing for a break! Elation overcame tiredness very quickly as we reached the end of our climb. The views were just so amazing. The billy was soon boiling (a special journey of farewell for this old battered billy) mugs filled and a soothing drink reviving the tired body: words seem inadequate to describe the moment and a silent prayer of thanks was made.

On the peak, they sat gazing out - the novice of the group transfixed by the sight, morning tea eaten, aching limbs easing fast and empty water and sports drink bottles spilling from her pack ... yes Barney had been kind today. She had allowed time to conquer her majestic beauty, with a lot of help from friends.

After lunch (a crowded spot) at Rum Jungle the homeward descent began down the "elevator track" - well I guess it was appropriate after the way we had come. Barney Creek awaited us at the bottom - the chilly waters washing away the day's walk and reviving tired feet for the road back, as the storm followed us closely.

An amazing day that will be long remembered and a very big thank you to my friends for their kind help and patience in getting a "novice" to the top.

Maxine

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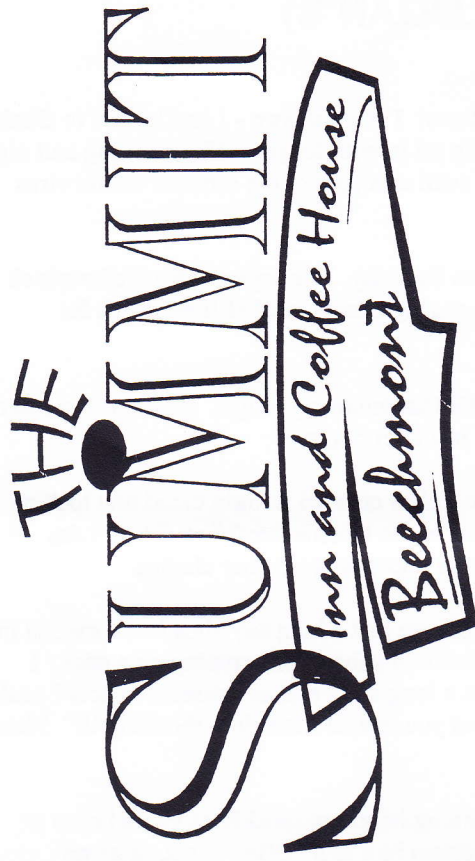


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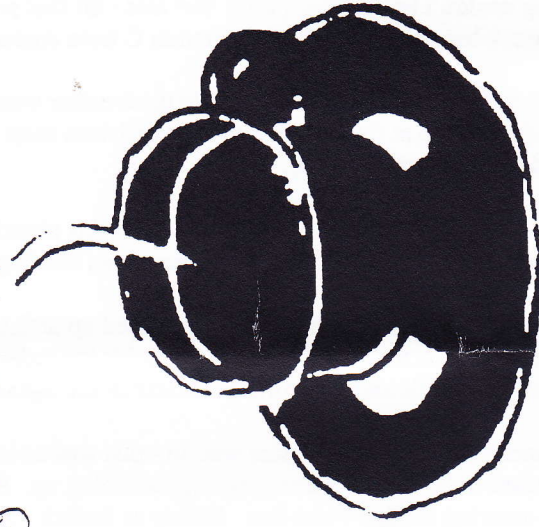
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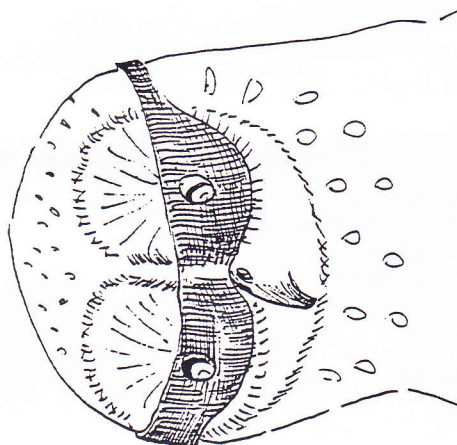
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(Thanks to Geoff Wright)

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