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NOVEMBER 1998.



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Please have all articles to Majella (10/100 Leckie Rd, Kedron 4031) 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.

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 *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 Tee 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. 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.

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

19	Meeting			
23-25	Harry's Hut	Trevor Kelly	3269 4795	B/C
23-25	Cooloola Way	Patricia Kolarski	3341 7509	T/W
23-25	Cooloola Way	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	T/W
31- 1	Mt Warning	Chris Mc Caffery	3349 5730	O/W
Nov 7-8	Booloumba Creek	Matthew Palmer	3279 4490	T/W
7-8	Booloumba Creek	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	B/C
14	Progressive Dinner	Gabriel Romaguera	3369 7330	SOC
15	Coomera Crevice	Iain Renton	3395 7665	D/W
15	Metrogaine	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	S&T
16	Meeting			
22	Watson Ck Falls	Anne Tracey	3395 2559	D/W
28	Westray Graves	Chris Mc Caffrey	3349 5730	D/W
Dec 5	Christmas Social	Gabriel Romaguera	3369 7330	SOC
12-13	Daves Creek Cct	Liz Mc Caul <i>Majella</i>	3263 1331	D/W
20	Canoe Brisbane River			Canoe
21	Meeting			
26	Boxing Day Walk			D/W
27				
Jan 1-3	Border Ranges			T/W
1-3	Border Ranges			B/C
9/10	Box Forest Cct			D/W
16/17	Lower Portals			D/W
18	Meeting			
23-24	Warrie Cct	Patricia Kolarski	3341 7509	D/W
26	Stairway Falls			D/W

KEY - Walk 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	SOC

Key - Walk Gradients

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

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14
7:00PM**

**AT
PAT MACKIE'S PLACE
23 JEROME ST
COOPOOROO
(via Chatsworth Rd)**

See you all there!

**For further information
contact Gabe (3369 7330)**

REPORTS

President's Report

Firstly thanks to those members who came early to the outings meeting or provided walks or nominated as leaders in preparation of the 1999 calendar. This calendar will be discussed with members shortly. Leaders are still required for some coming walks.

At the October meeting a motion was passed, which supported Federation's request to change its membership fees. It will be based on a fee for each club member. The motion states that this fee should be no more than \$1. Our club supports the work of Federation, which seeks to promote and maintain the interests of bushwalkers. This requires sufficient funding to deal with government departments and other organisations. This matter will be discussed again at Federation's next meeting to gauge all clubs' support. Some background information is provided below.

John

Federation Report (extracts from newsletter)

Subscription to Federation - The current annual fee of \$20 per club is unrealistic and it has been suggested that clubs be charged an annual per

capita fee, per club member, at the time the insurance premium is collected. This is essential in order to provide a better way of financing QFBWC.

Motion: "that the abolishing of the current charge of \$20 per club annual subscription to QFBWC; and replacing it with an annual per capita fee per club member, be approved in principle" subject to consultation with clubs.

It was noted that the amount of the per capita fee is yet to be determined. It was suggested that with the amount for insurance being approx. \$3 per member, an amount of between 50 cents and \$1 fee per club member be added to that. Delegates to take these proposals back to clubs and seek feedback, in writing, from their clubs by November meeting. It was also suggested that delegates need to remind club members of the work through lobbying & representation of interests that Federation undertakes on behalf of all bushwalkers.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as per 21/9/98	1 075.31
+ Receipts	104.00
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- Payments	121.88
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Balance as per 21/9/98	1 057.43
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Term Deposit	1 453.94

Outing's News

Remember, if you are interested in leading a walk please contact Christine (07 5429 5494). Leaders are reminded to contact Christine re the costing of walks and the emergency officer for their particular walk.

Included in this magazine is a copy of the proposed calendar for 1999. Please consider leading a walk and let Christine know as soon as you can.

Leaders are urgently needed to lead walks for December and January walks. If you can help out please contact Christine!

COMING WALKS

Watson Creek Falls Sunday 22 November 1998 Day Walk

Leader: Ann Tracey (3395 2559)
Time: 7:00am
Meet at: Little Kings
O'Keefe St, Buranda
Grade: S43
Cost: \$12:00
Emerg Off: Christine Harrison
(07 5429 5494)

We will leave our vehicles at the White Swamp Border Gate via Boonah and walk along the border fence for a while before heading over the Sugarloaf (770m high) for great views of Wilson's Peak etc. We will then head down a ridge (over rocks hidden in the grass) to the Burnett Creek Sawmill site. Here we might flounder around for a while looking for Watson Creek, before heading upstream to the falls. There may be a bit of lantana and there might also be enough water in one little pool to splash in, so bring swimming gear.

The falls, while probably not abundantly flowing, are a spectacular three-stage drop at the foot of Mt Clunie. We will then clamber up a sometimes loose rocky slope and see the top of the falls, before a short trip back to the cars. The day will not be strenuous or fast and may well finish early enough for a round trip back via the cafe at Rathdowney.

Westray Graves Saturday 28 November, 1998 Day Walk

Leader: Chris Mc Caffrey
(3349 5730) after 7:30pm
Time: 7:00am (sharp)
Meet at: The Old Windmill,
Wickham Tce
Grade: M34
Cost: \$12:00
Emerg. Off: Dolans (3843 4116)

Westray Grave is situated in the Christmas Creek region of Lost World. Jim Westray was slightly injured and set out to find help. Although he had

little idea of where he was, where help might be found or where the branches of Christmas Creek led to. He decided to follow the creek downstream.

Unfortunately Jim Westray never made it to find help. He was found by Bernard O'Reilly sitting with his back against a big boulder where he had been bathing a smashed ankle in the creek beside him. His face had injuries and he was facing, gazing it seemed, down the gorge to where lay safety and civilisation. There was no need for a second look, the Englishman was dead.

The walk starts at the end of Christmas Creek Road. From here we will take the track, which is a little rough as it has a lot of use, which leads up the south branch of Christmas Creek. There are good swimming holes along the way and we will have lunch at one of them. From then on it's a short walk to Jim Westray's grave site which is situated in peaceful rainforest.

This is an interesting area to visit, so nominate to me at the meeting.

Daves Creek Cct Saturday 12 November, 1998 Day Walk

Leader: Liz McCaul (3263 1331)
Time: TBA
Meet at: TBA
Grade: S22
Cost: \$12.00
Emerg Off: Dolans (3843 4116)

Details available at the meeting.

SOCIALS

OUT OF AFRICA COFFEE NIGHT

Wednesday 25 November
7.30 PM
The Nile Cafe
360 Brunswick Street
Fortitude Valley

Come along for an unusual night out at the newly opened Nile Cafe in Fortitude Valley. The cafe is done out in cheap and cheerful African decor and

some of the interesting things on offer include hot African ginger beer, a range of teas including cinnamon, cardamom and fenugreek seed (used in Sudan to relieve upset stomachs), Salep (a sweet drink sprinkled with fruit, nuts and cinnamon) and the list goes on and on. Coffee and tea is only \$2 or less. We have an outdoor table booked. If you are worried about venturing into the Valley on your own, give me a ring, and I will arrange an escort. Don't miss out on an enjoyable evening!!

Movie Night

Tuesday 15 December

Please phone the answer machine (3393 5545) from the Sunday prior to the movie night. The movie, theatre and time will be given. Please hang up once you have heard the message.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

A Weekend At The Beach
Coolum Beach
Sunshine Coast
4 - 6 December

Come along for a relaxing weekend by the beach to escape the Christmas season pressures. Our main celebration will be in Tickle Park where we will congregate on the Saturday for a late afternoon barbecue/picnic, sandwiched in between a day of swimming, relaxing in the seabreeze, talking and mooching on Christmas goodies.

WE WILL MEET IN TICKLE PARK ON THE NORTHSIDE OF THE SURFCLUB AT 2:00PM SATURDAY, for a BBQ at around 4:00PM-ish. The park is high enough for nice views of the water. Please bring your food and drinks, a Christmas present to exchange (less than \$5 please), togs and sunscreen, shade and a chair. There are plenty of shops selling prepared food if you want to lash out.

For those who want to make a weekend of it, some of us will be heading up Friday night and camping at the Coolum Beach campground (next to Tickle Park). Charges are \$13 per site per night (one tent with up to 2 people per site - extra people per site pay \$4.50 each). They may be negotiable and let us have 2 small tents per site but can't guarantee it.

If we have enough interest, we could climb Mt Coolum on Saturday, and head off to Eumundi markets early Sunday morning.

If you are thinking of coming for our Christmas celebration on the Saturday or for the weekend, please let me know, especially if you are going to camp or need a lift.

PAST OUTINGS

Girraween Basecamp 9-11 October 1998 John Carter

This was the last of the fortieth anniversary activities and it turned out to be a great weekend. Strong winds and rain on the Friday night did not deter us, as Saturday morning dawned cloudy but fine. Sharing the crowded camp was BOSQ and a bird group. The birdlife and wildflowers were prolific (the Red Wattle Birds were quite keen on what people were eating).

One walk was offered on the Saturday, which was within the capabilities of most present. This was a circuit walk from Underground River via Mt Norman back to the camp. Nineteen set off from the carpark after the car shuffle to Dr Roberts Waterhole and Underground River. Bald Rock Creek had the best water flow we had seen for years and the water was thundering through the boulder strewn crack. From here we left the track and climbed the nearby ridge to Aztec Temple, where we explored the very large boulders adorned with rock orchids. The views were very crystal clear through the trees.

The ridge was followed south towards Billy Goat Hill stopping for morning tea on the way. At the southern end we dropped off to see a couple of man-made features - the round and square houses, which were built about thirty years ago. The round house is a two storey structure of local rock and concrete. From here we followed a road to the Mt Norman day use area for a late lunch. Much appreciated!

The track was followed over the heights of Mt Norman, offering superb views to Mt Barney/Main Range. One group headed straight for camp while half (including Laurie Kearney, his two sons and Maxine) climbed the peak via a sloping crack. By now a strong wind was blowing and it was quite cool. We stopped briefly at the Eye of the

Needle. We returned to camp at varying times. Thanks to Greg and Stephen a fire was started and maintained, which held the interest of most members. We huddled by the fire and chatted for some time. Thanks to Michelle for cooking pancakes which was most appreciated. It was quite a cool night, which Girraween is noted for. Sunday's walk was to the Pyramids, while a few walked down to the Junction. After the First Pyramid, seven (including Greg, Patricia & Justin) wandered over to the Second, which was a little more challenging. All groups were back for lunch. Members headed home at various times with some visiting a couple of wineries (ask Mary). Thanks to all who attended including the Kearney, Endicott & Tobin families, Cath & John, Denise Robertson, Pat, Jonas, Richard, Patricia, Liz Mc, Glennys, Mary, David, Eric, Iain, Maxine and Michael (also Cath & Brian Reid).

Mt Bartle Frere September 25th - 26th

Friday September 25th was D Day on Mt Bartle Frere, it was a case of now or never as we had waited three days for the weather to clear. The morning dawned misty and overcast, the sun kept trying to sneak through. Kerry drove us to the start of the walk the last three kilometres being very slippery. At the base there were a couple camped there who were studying insects. John June and myself met up with Paul and Alain, two locals who were also climbing the mountain. We started at 700 metres and the initial track was fairly wide and not too steep. It felt strange to have a through pack on again. After an hour and a half we stopped under some overhanging rocks to pull the leaches off us, this was to be a continual battle for the entire trip. We kept ascending the track which became less distinct but we stayed on a ridge surrounded by thick rainforest. At midday we broke out of the rainforest at our first view point on a rocky outcrop above the west peak. The low cloud did not hinder our views of the north peak and to the north west. An hour long stop was enjoyed as we recovered from our morning ascent. Watched swallows at play above our heads and a busy Eastern Spinebill drinking nectar from the flowering rainforest plants. A loud unusual squawk revealed itself to be a Golden Bowerbird, what a privilege it was to see it. Shortly after lunch we were on the ridge from between the North and South summits. We were

unable to locate the track that runs off to the north peak. Glad that we had a track at this point as the vegetation at the side was so thick it was like a wall. We broke out to an opening in which we could see the south peak of Bartle Frere. It was bathed in brilliant sunshine without a cloud around it, the first time we had seen the peak over last three days. I estimated 45 minutes to the summit so I really wanted to move along before it clouded in. As we headed towards the peak we dropped further and further, the saddle being much deeper than expected. In the saddle we stopped to fill our water bottles. We could hear the water roaring but we could not see it as it was 10 metres below us in the boulder strewn creek. A short but tricky rock hop later we found a small hole where the water surfaced. Onwards and upwards the track became steeper, at points we were hauling our bodies near vertical. Halfway up an opening in the canopy presented itself. To our disappointment it was raining heavily, still our final ascent had a sense of urgency about it as there was always a chance the weather may clear. At 2.52pm we stood on the highest point in Queensland. We were shrouded in a light mist. Dropping packs we headed towards a look out on the North East side where views may be possible, as I broke through the canopy it was as though some one drew the curtains as the mist enveloped around the view. John, June and myself waited on the rocks for an hour, every now and then we got excited as the weather improved but eventually we left without seeing the view. At least it wasn't raining. Back to the summit for the obligatory photos, a plaque there commemorates the first ascent by white man, explorer Christie Palmerston more than a century before. I have read about the adventures of some of the peak baggers who attempt the seven summits, the highest points on each continent. I think I will set my sights slightly lower and attempt to bag my own seven summits, the highest point in each Australian State. Bartle Frere has become my second after Mt Ossa in Tasmania. We had only a small drop of 300 metres to our camp for the night, but this proved to be the most technical part of the day as we meandered our way through a boulder field. The difficulty being we were on top of the boulder field which required us to jump from boulder to boulder. It would have been an excellent time to be reincarnated as a frog. Camp was finally reached at 5pm, we had fairly good views of the upper reaches of the Johnstone River & the tablelands, an extreme looking wilderness. The

old hut site seemed a pleasant camp with water close by and a grassy patch for the tent. As we ate our dinners the clouds lifted to such an extent that I mused about rising early, doing a spot of bird watching or dashing up to the summit to see the sun rise.

Some time after midnight the heavens opened and a good portion of the six and a half metres of rain Bartle Frere averages annually fell on us. June tried to sell off her coffin tent but John and I had been there and done that. After removing the fly from my own tent, the inner tent took 60 seconds to pack but in that time it was drenched. After climbing back onto the ridge no one felt like lingering as we grimly shuffled to the start of the 1400 metre drop to the car. The next two hours were a misery as we walked for five minutes then pulled leaches off for five minutes, walk for five, leaches for five and so on. After a while you would just give in and let the thirsty blood suckers have their fill. The descent was a blur as we stumbled our way down, I kept making the mistake of looking at the altitude on my watch to see how little we had dropped. There was a splendid symphony of birds close by but I could not be bothered to fish my binoculars out the pack. Thankfully the rocks on Bartle Frere do not become slippery when wet, unlike all of their South East Queensland compatriots. A smoko stop at the Broken Nose turn off allowed us to remove our leaches and appreciate the magnificent scenery but most of all appreciate the fact only two and a half hours of torture remained. Four creek crossings later the welcome view of a picnic table mad the trip seem worth while, a swim at Josephine falls and a slide down the natural rock waterslide did wonders to rejuvenate me. Best of all was seeing Kerry our chauffeur as this meant dry beds in the Cairns YHA.

Mt Minnages Sunday 18th October Pat Lawton

Our group of 10 met in Boonah where we found a large group of bushwalkers assembled outside the public toilets. Recognising the leader (Peter Hunt) I realised that they were from BBW and guess where they were heading - Minnages!!

We set off first and drove down the Burnett Creek Valley. We abandoned John's vehicle by the side of the road (as a car shuffle was needed) and then drove on about another 4km to leave the other cars in a clearing on the banks of Burnett

Creek. BBW passed us and drove on to the old saw mill site.

I choose to take a steeper side ridge rather than the more gradual ridge. When we reached the main ridge we stopped for a rest. BBW came along and passed us. After all the rain the grass was green and long and BBW's party did a good job making a good path to follow. However, when they stopped for a rest it was then time for us to take the lead and make a path for BBW.

Our stops along the way enabled all to get to know one another - Russell from Ipswich Catholic, Alan and Jennifer Timmins from BOSQ and Anne and Jack Josefski (friends of mine from the early sixties in BCBC) who came down from Noosa for the walk.

Morning tea was at 10:45 and this gave us time to identify the surrounding mountains. The day was fine and not too hot - rather pleasant walking weather. We entered the thick rainforest just before the top and then emerged once again into open country and lunch at 12:15. BBW arrived about 10 minutes later.

I think all were impressed with the views across to Mt Ballow, especially those who had recently done a through walk there but could not see a thing - the views were "mist" so I was told.

After a leisurely lunch we set off down a different ridge - steeper with lots of small rocks hiding in the grass. Every time I saw Barbara she seemed to be on her seat! BBW passed us once again and we lost them when they broke off the ridge earlier than I did.

We finally left the ridge and crossed a gully to bring us onto the ridge and back to John's vehicle. We were all back down by 3:15. John then drove the drivers back to collect the other cars. Just as we were setting off on our return BBW passed us walking back to their cars.

John and Barbara returned home via Beaudesert - the rest of us met at the Cheesy Grin before returning to Brisbane.

I enjoyed the walk and those who added to this included - Michael Whitlock, John and Anne Josefski, Desley Pedrassini, Barbara Caulley, John Brunot, Russell Bajer, Alan and Jennifer Timmins and myself.

Coolooloa Wilderness 23 - 25 October Christine Harrison

Five of us started at East Mullen at 6:30am Saturday. What a hot and muggy day walking

through the Wallum forest. However we managed a few restful spots along the way. Neebs water hole being our first, then several under the little shade until a very pleasant lunch spot on a hill top just before the Coolooloa Way which was just after the meeting of Patricia's group to exchange car keys.

On reaching our Wandii waterhole campsite early, we had a relaxing cool swim and a sit down in the middle of the waterhole to revive and soothe our sore feet and tootsies. Dinner was eaten rather quickly and by 7pm everyone disappeared into their tents to escape the pesky buzzing mosquitoes in their "millions". Plenty of nasty toads were lurking outside in the low bushes.

Sunday what a difference. With threatening rain and a much cooler day (yes, Matthew was on the trip), we left again at 6:30am. We had two half hour breaks, finishing at Harry's Hut just in time as the rain was getting heavier and I could imagine those swampy sections would be ankle deep in mud very soon.

The weekend gave our two bird enthusiasts, John and Matthew a busy time listening and recognising their feathered friends. Whilst Ann was our snake lady on Sunday after seeing one dead Bandy Bandy and one unknown which had sent Matthew back a pace or two when it was aiming to strike out at him.

Saturday during the first section to Neebs we saw Emu droppings. Next section to Coolooloa Way was horse droppings (interesting in a National Park). The last of the wildflowers showed only a Hyacinth Orchid, a few Vanilla Lillies, Daniella and Banksia flower heads. A walk to see full effect of the wildflowers in September would have been preferable, although the swims maybe absent due to cold waters.

Thank you John and Anne Josefski, Matthew and our guest Russell Baker from Ipswich Catholic Bushwalking Club. We made it back early too - what a bonus for Monday workers.

Himalayan Cafe 16 October 1998 Gabe Romaguera

We had a lovely evening at the Himalayan Cafe at New Farm. Although only 6 people could make it, it was a very relaxing way to ease into the weekend with friends. After my holiday away it was also a good chance to find out the news in the club. Majella took the opportunity to continue

with her wine tasting research but couldn't get past that first bottle of white although it was a good drop. She will need to work on it.... Practice makes perfect.

The food was excellent. Some of us tried goat's meat and found it very tasty. Everyone was too full for dessert!! Thanks to all who came: June, Liz, Pat Mackie, Michael and Majella.

Hope we see lots of members at the Christmas social in December.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

A thought for the month...

Son eat honey; it is good. And just as honey from the comb is sweet on your tongue, you may be sure that wisdom is good for the soul. Get wisdom and you have a bright future.

A note of thanks...

Thank you to all who contributed to this month's magazine. I am having a good deal more success with converting disks. If in doubt as to what to do ask Richard, he has it down to a fine art! Happy reading!

PROPOSED CALENDAR 1999

Jan 29-31	Broken Heads			b/c
	River Cruise	Bat Colony		Soc
	Chinatown Tour		3289 1919	Soc
Feb 6				
7	Lightening Falls	June Greenaway	3358 5295	d/w
13	Cougals	Richard Kolarski	3341 7509	d/w
14	Little Kings Movement			d/w
15	AGM meeting			
20	Kangaroo Point	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	FMR
21	Greens Falls			d/w
27-28				t/w
28				d/w
March 2	Cartography			FMR
6	Annual Mass & Dinner			Soc
7	Clean-up Australia	Tichi Tamba		d/w
13-14	Crows Nest Falls N.P.			b/c
14				d/w
15	Meeting			
20	Federation Bushdance			FMR
21	Lahey's Tabletop			d/w
27-28	Emu Creek	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	t/w
28	Emu Creek			b/c
April 2-5	Easter			b/c Easter l/w
5	Mt Clunie			d/w
10-11	Training Weekend			FMR
17	Trev's Annual Fishing	Trevor Kelly	3269 4795	Soc
18	Mt Maroon & Monitoring	Tevor Kelly	3259 4795	d/w
19	Meeting			
24-26	Goomburra State Forest			b/c Anzac l/w
24-26	Pt Pure			t/w Anzac l/w
May 1-3	Sundown National Park			b/c May l/w
1-3	Sundown National Park			t/w May l/w
8	Mt Fraser			d/w
9	Mother's Day			d/w
11	Trivia Night			FMR
15				
16	Snake Ridge to Mt Gipps			d/w
17	Meeting			
22-23	Richmonds to Collins			t/w
23	Mt Lindesay	Trevor Kelly	3259 4795	d/w
29				
30				
June 5				
6				
12-14	Fraser Island			t/w June l/w
12-14	Fraser Island	Trevor Kelly	3259 4795	b/c June l/w
19				
20	Paradise Ck/White Mt	Barry Ellerington	3886 3451	d/w

PROPOSED CALENDAR 1999

21	Meeting			
26	Rescue Leaders			FMR
	Ashgrove to Mt Cootha	Maxine Brophy	full moon	evening walk
JULY 16-18	LEADERSHIP &	MEDICAL		FMR
OCT 16	KANGAROO POINT			FMR
NOV 12	CLIMBING			FMR

THE QUEENSLAND FEDERATION OF BUSHWALKING CLUBS

INFORMATION SUMMARY INSURANCE POLICY WITH JARDINE SPORT 1998

The Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs now participates in insurance cover organized by the Victorian Federation. The brokers are Jardine Sport and the underwriters are SLE Worldwide Australia on behalf of Gerling Australia. Both public liability and sports injury cover are offered. The policies commenced on 30 June 1998 and will operate for 12 months.

The former brokers, ASIB necessitated the change, being unwilling to renew the insurance previously arranged by the NSW Confederation. It is thought that the reason for this was that the administrative costs were too high.

This information summary has been prepared without the benefit of legal advice, which has been sought but has not yet been forthcoming. Therefore, it is based on a lay interpretation of the policies together with additional information supplied by VicWalk. Although care has been taken, it could contain errors.

This summary does not include all of the features of the policies. Ones that are less likely to apply to clubs have been left out for brevity and to avoid "clouding the issue".

Public liability policy

Description of cover

This policy is in two sections, Broadform and Errors & Omissions. The latter is said to refer to situations where "instruction" is given, such as a leader telling a member how to abseil. The broadform policy covers members of insured clubs for all amounts they would be liable to pay as compensation for personal injury and property

* The limit of liability for any one occurrence is \$10 million for each of General and Products Liabilities, \$5 million for Errors and Omissions and \$20,000 for Property in Care, Custody and Control. Legal costs over and above these limits are also included.

* Personal injury includes physical or mental injury or disease including shock, fright, discrimination, libel or defamation, providing these were not expected or intended on the part of the insured.

* Persons rendering first aid are covered, unless they are paid professional paramedics.

* Landowners are included as interested parties for their rights and interests. There is a special endorsement for the Queensland DNR to be a co-insured party regarding state forests and timber reserves. No documents should be signed as a response to landowner demands without reference to the Brokers.

* In Australia and NZ, all members and their spouses are covered, as are prospective members/visitors when on walks.

* In other countries, only members who are residents of Australia or NZ are covered. In USA and Canada, only claims subject to Australian court jurisdiction are covered.

* Workers' compensation type cover is not included.

* Cross liability (member-to-member liability) is included.

* Damage suffered by property a club owns or rents is not included, except for temporary occupancy such as of a meeting room for a meeting.

* Damage caused by motor vehicles is not included, nor is damage caused by watercraft more than 8 m in length.

* Search and rescue activities are excluded. (However, participants in official FMR/QES callouts may be covered by State insurance.)

Obligations of the Insured

* The Brokers must be notified ASAP (see Administration section) of any change in circumstances likely to increase the risk of claims,

or any occurrence which might give rise to a claim.

* No admission of liability or payment must be made without the written consent of the Brokers.

Declared activities

* The declared activities for the purposes of the policy are:

Bushwalking	Bicycle touring
Canoeing	Canyoning
Cascading	Caving
Cross country and downhill skiing	
Mountaineering	Rafting(1)
Rock climbing	Swimming
Track clearing	Abseiling(1)
Recce trips	Leadership and navigation courses

(1) Abseiling and whitewater rafting are EXCLUDED from the Errors & Omissions section of the policy. Instructors in these activities must obtain individual authorization from the Brokers to be covered. Such persons will need to send details of their experience and intended instructional activities to the Secretary of the Queensland Federation for forwarding to the Brokers via the Insurance Convenor of VicWalk.

Personal injury policy

This policy is fairly similar to the cover provided by ASIB. There are 3 types of benefits payable:

- a capital sum;
- weekly benefits for temporary total disablement;
- partial reimbursement of medical expenses.

Description of cover

* Cover is provided for personal injury sustained on outings or during administrative or organized social activities. Cover is also provided when travelling to or from outings, but only to the extent of 20% of the capital sum otherwise payable.

* Injury does not include heatstroke, or injury attributable to any sickness or disease.

* Cover is void if alcohol, drugs, AIDS or sexually transmitted diseases are involved.

* There is an age limit of 80 years.

* Cover is worldwide.

* Visitors/prospective members are covered.

Amount of cover

* Capital sum. This is \$50,000; there is a total aggregate payout limit of \$1 million during the period of insurance. Benefits are payable as a percentage of the capital sum, ranging from 100% for such events as death/loss of an eye/loss of a limb to only a few % for permanent total loss of use of a joint of a finger or toe. Combination rules apply for multiple injuries.

* Weekly benefit.

For a wage earner:

80% of salary up to \$200/week for 52 weeks (waiting period 7 days);

For a non wage earner:

80% of the cost of home help up to \$150/week for 52 weeks (waiting period 7 days);

For full time students:

\$25/day towards cost of home tuition for 100 days.

* Medical benefits.

Up to 80% of medical expenses not claimable from Medibank, with a limit of \$2000 and an excess of \$50 per claim. Ambulance or air transport is included.

Obligations of the Insured

* As soon as possible after the injury is sustained, the claimant must obtain and follow proper medical advice.

* Written advice must be given within 30 days of an event which could give rise to a claim. The Brokers will then forward Proof of Claim forms.

Administrative arrangements

* The scheme is administered by the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs Inc. (VicWalk), 241 Swan Street, Richmond 3121.

* Enquiries are to be directed to the Queensland Federation which will pass them on to John Scholes, Insurance Convenor of VicWalk, if necessary.

* Brokers will not collect premiums from clubs direct. The Queensland Federation will collect premiums prior to 30 June each year, and at other times as required, and forward them to VicWalk for payment to Jardine Sport.

* An initial premium was payable to Jardines on 31-7-98 with an adjusting premium to allow for an increase in member numbers possibly payable on 30-6-99. A review of numbers will be made on 31-3-99. No increase in premium will be charged if the overall number of members increases by less than 5%.

* Any new club joining during the period of insurance will have to pay the full premium. Pro rata rates will not apply.

* The Queensland Federation will keep a record of which clubs have paid and how many members have been paid for. Currently, premiums work out at \$1.21 p/p for liability and \$1.86 p/p for injury.

* The Insurers require all members of participating clubs to be covered for liability, but participation in injury cover is optional. However, to avoid a huge administrative burden, the Queensland Federation requires clubs that participates in injury insurance to insure all their members. Premiums sent to cover individual members of non-participating clubs have been returned.

* If an event occurs which will or could give rise to a claim, the club concerned should notify Jardine Sport direct on 1800 679 096 as soon as possible, and in any case within 30 days. Jardines will indicate what written procedures are to be followed. The Queensland Federation must also be informed of what has happened.

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