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# JILALAN

MONTHLY CIRCULAR OF THE BRISBANE  
CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB INC.  
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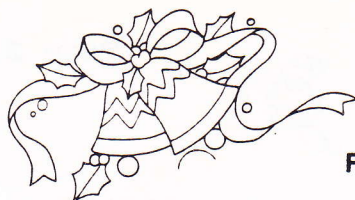
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GENERAL MEETINGS

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

**VISITORS are always welcome.**

OUTINGS

- (a) Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
- (b) Departure of walks is usually either from the rear of the Cathedral in Charlotte Street or at Sullivan & Nicolaides (134 Whitmore Street, Taringa - enter via the upper driveway and drive down to the upper level of the carpark). Check Jilalan or phone the leader to be certain.
- (c) The Club will usually organise transport for each outing, but you must nominate in advance to the leader. Contacting to someone else may lead to your nomination becoming "lost". Nominations should preferably be made by the Monday prior to the activity (Wednesday at the latest) so that transport etc can be arranged. Note that nominations for some walks may close well in advance of this. Late nominations may not be accepted.
- (d) Walkers are responsible for their transport to and from the departure point.
- (e) Walks are rarely cancelled - if they are, all nominees will be notified. Should you change your mind and decide not to come to a club event, please notify the leader as soon as possible.

EMERGENCY OFFICER

If, within the hour prior to an outing's departure, you can't make it or you are running late, phone the number shown in the Jilalan for the Emergency Officer for that outing. If you have not returned from an outing by 9.00 pm, your family may ring the Emergency Officer - but please don't panic.

EQUIPMENT HIRE

The Club has some tents and through-walk packs to hire to visitors and newer members. Borrowers are responsible for collecting and returning equipment, as well as making good any loss or damage over and above normal wear and tear. Hire rates - Packs \$10/weekend, Tents \$5.00 - Deposit of \$20 required.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

The Association requires that certain minimal basic equipment should be carried by all walkers on all trips. This should comprise the following - a first aid kit, a torch, a parka/raincoat, hat, shirt, 15+ (or suitable value) sun screen and at least 2 litres of water. Leaders may require that walkers carry other equipment. Advice of this will be given in Jilalan and/or by the leader.

WARNING

All persons, adult or child, member or visitor, undertake all activities of the Club at their own risk. The Club is not in a position to even state that all care will be taken.

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KEY

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



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## CALENDAR



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Type</u>
NOV 6	South Kobbie Creek	Cliff Harrison	378 0264	D/W
12-13	Club Hut	Paul McDonald	205 1984	Soc
19	Rock Sports	Joe Finn	848 4642	Soc
20	Dine-in at Diana's	Cliff Harrison	378 0264	D/W
21	MEETING			
27	Stradbroke Is	Bill Butler	351 1588	T/W
27	Stradbroke Is	Paul McDonald	205 1984	B/C
DEC 4	Pine River	Justin Tobin	366 3193	D/W
11	Christmas Party-Lodge	Bernard Ivers	865 1032	Soc
17-18	O'Reillys	Justin Tobin	366 3193	B/C
19	MEETING			
JAN 8	Illinbah Circuit	Chris McCaffrey	349 5730	D/W
13-15	Goomburra	Nathan Tobin	202 2690	B/C
17	MEETING			
22	Northbrook Gorge	Kerry Mulligan	870 8564	D/W
26	Mt Cougal	Justin Tobin	366 3193	D/W
FEB 5	Echo Point - Beginners	Paul McDonald	205 1984	T/W
11	FMR Beginners Day K.P.	Cliff Harrison	378 0264	S/T
12	Obi-Obi	Phil Murray	841 0254	D/W
19	Ballanjui Falls	Susan Tobin	366 3193	D/W
20	MEETING - AGM			
26	Little Kings Movement			D/W
Mar 4	Warrie Circuit			
5	Metrogaine - Brisbane	Christine Harrison	378 0264	S/T
12	Annual Mass & Dinner			Soc
19	Ballow Range	John Brunnett	209 9598	T/W
20	MEETING			
26	Club Hut	Paul McDonald	205 1984	B/C
Apr 2	Mt Zahel	Nathan Tobin	202 2690	D/W
8-9	Basic Skills Days			FMR
13-17	New England N.P.	Ed & Ed	374 2198	B/C
22	Mt Tabletop	Susan Tobin	366 3193	D/W
23	Mt Lindesay	Pat Lawton	366 1956	D/W
24	MEETING			
25	Mt Cootha Traverse			D/W
30	Toowoona			D/W
May 5-7	Guy Fawkes	Paul McDonald	205 1984	B/C
5-7	Guy Fawkes	Justin Tobin	366 3193	T/W
13	Mt Alexander	Joe Finn	848 4642	D/W
14	Mother's Day			Soc
19-21	Swan Creek	Kerry Mulligan	870 8564	B/C
19-21	Cedar Mt-Spicers Ret.	Barry Ellerington	886 3451	T/W
27-28	Training Weekend			FMR





Jun	3-4	Lizard via Bell	Justin Tobin	366 3193	O/N
	4	Knapps Peak			D/W
	9-12	Emu Creek	Ian Renton		B/C
	9-12	Emu Creek	Bill Butler	351 1588	T/W
	17	Rogaining-Stanthorpe	Christine Harrison	378 0264	
	18	Kinnanes Falls	Ian Renton		D/W
	19	MEETING			
	23-25	Mt Barney - Peasants			B/C
	23-25	Mt Barney - Mezzanine	Justin Tobin	366 3193	B/C
Jul	1-2	Acacia Plateau	Ed Thistlewaite	374 2198	T/W
	8	Rescue Leaders Advanced			FMR
	9	Minnages	Pat Lawton	366 1956	D/W
	15-16	Mt Mitchell Circuit	Christine Harrison	378 0264	O/N
	15-16	Mt Mitchell-Spicers	Justin Tobin	366 3193	O/N
	17	MEETING			
	21-23	Edwards Gap-Mt Castle			T/W
	30	Woongoolba Valley			D/W
	30	Bushrangers Cave	Kerry Mulligan	870 8564	D/W
Aug	5-6	First Aid Weekend Course			FMR
	12	Bike Ride - Barry's BBQ	Barry Ellerington	886 3451	Soc
	16	Annual Mass - Peasant			O/N
	16	Annual Mass - Midget			O/N
	16	Annual Mass - Logan			O/N
	18-20	Mt Michael-Laidley Valley	Matthew Palmer	366 5660	T/W
	21	MEETING			
	25-27	Boonah Gate-Mt Lindesay	Joe Finn	848 4642	T/W
Sep	2	Progressive Dinner			Soc
	3	Father's Day			
	8-10	Pilgrimage-Goomburra YHA			B/C
	15-17	Ernest Traverse	John Brunnott	209 9598	D/W
	18	MEETING			
	22-24	Girraween N.P.	Barry Ellerington	886 3451	B/C
	22-24	Girraween N.P.			T/W
	26	(Wed.) Night at Climbing Gym			FMR
Oct	1	Burnett Creek	Matthew Palmer	366 5660	D/W
	7-8	Rogaining -Qld Championships			S/T
	14-15	Training Weekend-Adventure			FMR
	16	MEETING			
Nov	4	O'Reilly's Dinner			Soc
	5	O'Reilly's Walk			D/W
	11	Remembrance Day Walk			D/W
	18	Beginner's Day			FMR
	20	MEETING			



#### SUGGESTED EXTENDED WALKS TO COME

1995 Sept	Oxley Wild Rivers
July/Aug	Skiing - Snowy Mts
1996 Feb	South New Zealand
July	Mt Bowen Circuit, Hinchinbrook Is.
Sept	Blue Mts & Canyoning





## COMING EVENTS

ILLINBAH CIRCUIT (DAY WALK)

**Leader** : Chris McCaffrey (Ph: 349 5730)  
**Date** : 8 January 1995  
**Meeting Time** : 7.00 am SHARP  
**Meeting Place** : Charlotte St (behind Cathedral)  
**Grade** : Easy/Medium  
**Emergency Officer** : Anthony Dolan (Ph: 899 1785)  
**Cost** : \$12.00

Illinbah Circuit is a graded track walk of approximately 17 kms. It is situated in the Binna Burra National Park.

The walk starts just a short distance down the road from the Park Information Centre. It follows the Coomera River, winding back and forth along the banks. This means that there will be a number of water crossings. It might be advisable to wear old but serviceable sand shoes. Otherwise, your good bushwalking boots might finish up a little the worse for wear.

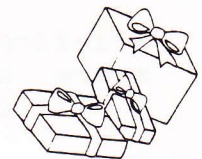
The track goes through interesting areas of rainforest and other vegetation and hopefully the recent rain will have freshened this up. There should be a wide variety of bird life along the way.

There will be an opportunity for swimming in the Gnongoorool Pool to cool off before we make our way back to the cars for the return journey home.

So, nominate to me at the meeting.

Chris.

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GOOMBURRA (BASE CAMP)

**Leader** : Nathan Tobin (Ph: 202 2690)  
**Date** : 13-15 January 1995  
**Meeting Time** : 6.45 pm, Friday 13th  
**Meeting Place** : Sullivan & Nicolaides  
**Grade** : Medium  
**Emergency Officer** : Anthony Dolan (Ph: 899 1785)  
**Cost** : \$15.00

Goomburra State Forest is nestled in between the Mistake Range and the Main Range, west of Cunningham's Gap. It will provide the base for a variety of walks on Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday's walk will probably be Dalrymple Creek and, on Sunday, a visit to Sylvester Lookout, The Hole in the Wall and maybe a bit further to Mt Castle. It is a very beautiful area and well worth visiting.

More information available when you nominate by phone on 202 2690. Access into Goomburra is a dirt road with a few creek crossings.

Nathan.





## PAST OUTINGS

### DINE IN AT DIANA'S (21 October)

This trip was made a success by the nine club members who attended.

The current dry conditions that have made so much of our walking area fragile, have been kind to this region inasmuch as there was still plenty of water in the creek/gorge with the vegetation lush and green. However, campfires are still banned.

The hour and one half drive delivered members to an area of tranquility and quiet. People just sat and talked, ate, boiled the billy, swam, listened and caught up with themselves.

Perhaps this is a type of social we occasionally need these days. A day walk or picnic walk with a difference.

Merry Christmas BCBC.

Cliff and Christine Harrison.

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### TYPIST NEEDED

Due to increased work and family commitments, Kristine is no longer able to type the magazine. After two years of having such a good and reliable typist as Kristine, the Editor seeks a new one.

Kristine has the format on disc and Paul is willing to lend his spare computer. So if you can type and want to get involved a little bit more in the Club, please phone Justin on 366 3193.

The biggest job with the magazine is the typing and, over the past two years, Kristine has done that job very well and taken the worry away from the Editor. Thanks Kristine.

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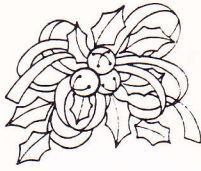
IT HAS BEEN MY PLEASURE TO HELP OUT .... I HAVE REALLY ENJOYED MY ASSOCIATION WITH BCBC. JUSTIN IS ONE OF THE EASIEST EDITORS I HAVE WORKED WITH - EVEN THOUGH HIS WRITING NEEDS A BIT OF IMAGINE SOMETIMES! QUITE A CHALLENGE! MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE AND ALL THE BEST FOR 1995.

KRISTINE DREWERY.

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## NORTH STRADBROKE ISLAND - THROUGHWALK (26 - 27 NOVEMBER)

"AN EASY WALK ACROSS NORTH STRADBROKE ISLAND" Sounds simple - Well I must admit I was a shade nervous before the start of this trip. Had heat wave conditions descended upon us, the walk classification would have jumped from easy to difficult. But lucky we were, as we were blessed with slightly cooler than normal weather and fine mild breezes for most of the weekend.

Eight eager souls boarded the luxury high speed ferry for the twenty five minute run to Dunwich where we arrived at about 8:30 am. The walk then headed northwards five kilometres towards Myora Springs. Joe was not really happy with the three kilometre road bash along this section, but we assured him it was strictly to tone up his muscles before we attempted the steep sandy climb up Capembah Hill. Views from the top were excellent - The Rainbow Channel, Peel Island, and the Fish Habitat were in the picture postcard class. We followed the ridge south east until we dropped off to make contact with the northern shore of Brown Lake (a freshwater perched lake). Swims and morning tea were taken before we headed east to rejoin wild flower ridge. Sadly the onset of Summer had dispensed with the remaining array of wild flowers we had noted on the Mid-October Pre-Outing.

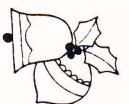
Jim wished he had brought his long lens camera as the full length of Moreton Island was visible from the ridge. It was 11:30 am and the next two kilometres to Mt. Hardgrave through soft white sand was proving extremely tough. We struggled in to Mt. Hardgrave at 12:30 pm like the long lost foreign legion brigade. The blue Pacific Ocean across the horizon was a welcome sight but the Civil Aviation radar tower on this peak did not provide much shade, so we quickly attended to some foot repairs. Band-aids were quickly handed around, Lawrie and Patricia being candidates for the small blister brigade. We were able to avoid a bitumen road trek to the Blue Lake turn off when we discovered an unmarked and little used forest trail. Tortoise Lagoon was suffering from the recent lack of rain so we pressed on towards Blue Lake which we reached at 2:30 pm.

John Brunott was the first swimmer in the water. Incredible is the speed with which he is able to transform from walker to swimmer! Indeed he appeared to be emulating one aquatic old fellow in the club who was not able to make this trip. Others in the group appeared frantic - some were eating - some were swimming before I had unzipped my pack - they were either very hungry or very in need of a swim - I was never to know?

After lunch we continued south east from Blue Lake through attractive low forest country until we made contact with the 18 Mile Swamp. Some giant Banksias were still in flower beside the swamp as we trekked northwards to link up with the causeway at 5 pm. Crossing over to the re-forested beach dunes we soon found an attractive campsite under a cluster of She-oak trees. After assembling her tent Patricia was the first to locate Paul McDonald's four wheel drive which had come down from Point Lookout along the beach with our re-supply of our fresh water. A 45 minute 'talkfest' was called for before Paul and his basecampers were farewelled away up the beach.

Later after tea and a pleasant beach stroll we arrived back at the campsite at about 8:30 pm. Bill's hopes for a harmonious walk in time with nature ended abruptly. Paul Lionnet gave out a warning in the torch lit darkness "We've all walked across the top of a Red Belly Black Snake!" Only 5 metres from our campsite the one metre long shiny black serpent was indeed slithering about the sandhills on his nocturnal engagements. Only 10 minutes later, after we felt we had ushered him away to a different sandune, Bernard advised us in a rather urgent tone that our unwelcome guest was entering the vestibule of the A Frame tent to be occupied by himself, Paul and Lawrie that night. Another posse was formed armed with torches and cups of water to usher him away a second time, however he returned about 20 minutes later to re-enter the tent vestibule for the third time. Fortunately the tent had a sewn floor and was screened. The boys were able to re-enter the tent from the other end, and so bravely all four went to bed together, separated only by a fly screen. It was indeed "harmony with nature" and our black and red guest had set the rules for the night.

Sunday 7:30 am Patricia and John were packed and ready, anxious to attack the "Big Beach Bash" and Point Lookout 13 kilometres to the north. They were flagged away early, the rest of us following at 7:50 am. John was already surfing between the flags when the rest of the party rolled in at 10:30 am. We found the beach four wheel drive







traffic much better behaved at Stradbroke, in contrast to the frantic speed of vehicles on the Fraser Island Beach. It was felt we needed a reward after that stint, so it was onwards up the hill to the Kiosk and a 30 minute party of drinks and icecreams. No need to tell you who we found at the kiosk - Yes, the Basecampers. They were well behaved so we did speak to them.

After the break we tackled the pretty walk around the South and North Gorge cliff tops. The rock caves, pounding surf, and narrow inlets are really something to see. We chose a magic spot to have lunch under trees on the cliff top with many groups of 12 to 20 porpoises riding the Pacific Ocean rollers just 30 metres below us. After lunch we scrambled down from the heights to Frenchmans Beach and around the numerous rocky headlands. With Adder Rocks in sight along Home Beach we terminated the walk and cut through the paper bark forest to catch the bus back to Dunwich. The ferry got us back to Cleveland at about 3 pm.

Thank you to those who came with me on the walk - Patricia Broughton, Paul Lionnet, Lawrie M'Inally, Bernard Topp, Joe Finn, Jim O'Meara and John Brunott - I'm sure you all enjoyed the trip as much as I did. Also congratulations to the two first time throughwalkers Patricia and Bernard who came through with flying colours. Thanks also to Paul McDonald for delivering fresh water supplies to our hot campsite on Saturday night, and a word of appreciation for Jim who helped with the pre-outing.

Bill Butler

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#### OUTINGS NOTE

The Outings Planning Meeting held on 30 November was attended by a few people and the proposed calendar for 1995 is in this month's magazine for perusal and discussion.

If there is anything you wish to discuss or a walk you want to lead, please feel free to phone me on 378 0264. Thanks to all those who came on the 30th.

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Ask Nathan B. who's top of the tree at Trinity?

Where's Mt Computer? Ask Bill!

Not only does Matthew write letters to the Jilalan, he also sends them to the Courier Mail.

Congratulations to the new throughwalkers: Sara Elizabeth McCarron and Nicholas Dolan born 16-11-94.

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### BOONOO BOONOO / BALD ROCK BASE CAMP

So you've always wanted to lead a walk, but have been unable to envisage it on a blow by blow basis. Never fear I have recorded the weekends events in chronological order so you can get a real feel to the action.

7:35pm Friday. Ten walkers departed Sullivan and Nicolaides bound for Bald Rock National Park. One couple's gear required a major overhaul and severe rationing after finding out at the eleventh hour they were taking passengers. The drive down was drama free until -

11:30pm We had just reached NSW, a stick had a fight with the wall of my left rear tyre and won. We changed the tyre in a record time. (That is two punctures for me in two trips).

11:45pm On our way again.

11:50pm I said, "Hey Trev, did you tighten the wheel nuts?"  
Trevor replied, "No Matthew I didn't tighten the wheel nuts."  
"Did anyone tighten the wheel nuts."  
"No!" was the unanimous reply.  
"Oh! I wonder what that funny noise is then."  
So we unpacked the car again to get out the spanner.

12.30am Saturday. Bald Rock all to ourselves and a restful nights sleep expected.

3:00am Severe downpour.

3:05am Abandon tent to car due to river in tent.

6:45am Wake up, look at sky, go back to sleep.

7:35am Wake up again, look at sky, groan, get up due to leadership responsibilities, don raincoat. Listen to the troops comments such as; "We're not really going anywhere today are we?", "Not even ducks would venture out in weather like this."

9:10am Depart Bald Rock camping ground for South Bald Rock with all the troops in tow. How did I persuade them you ask? Was it my Irresistible charm? Was it my sophisticated wit? Was it my heart wrenching grovelling? Or was it the fact that I mentioned I was personally acquainted with Ivan Milat.

11:50am Arrive South Bald Rock, we passed through mainly burnt out forests and rock slabs, one that looks significantly like a 500 metre long crocodile. The fire had create a unique atmosphere combine with the rain to walk in. All the under growth was gone, the leaves on the the trees had turned orange and were carpeting the forest floor.

11:55 am Visited the rainforest and the rarely seen South Bald Rock Falls.

12:10 pm Ascended South Bald Rock after sending out the search and rescue for Cathy and Audrey. Views were limited due to the conditions but we could see as far away as the pyramids. A quick lunch and then the more adventurous amongst us explored the underground caverns. Many days could be spent here but time was not on our side so it was back to base passing the now dry South Bald Rock Falls.

3:05pm Ascended Bald Rock and saw two feral pigs, rummaged through the pack for the 202 but must have left it back at camp. Read the log book on top and found the names of quite a few walkers from our club and others.

4:40pm Return to camp. Extra brownie points to Trevor who went up and down Bald Rock Twice.

6:00pm Held the nightly competition, dusted off the flares and platform shoes to find out who was the biggest dag. Patricia and Carolyn gave the rest of us a run for our money but the end result was a ten way tie.







- 7:30pm We all dive for cover as another storm hits.
- 5:40am Sunday, wake up, clear skies, groan, go back to sleep.
- 6:45am Pull the plug on the air bed, no option but to get up. Everyone started looking for the hour we lost last night but to no avail, at last report it was seen heading for the rabbit fence. I guess we Queenslanders will never get the hang of daylight saving.
- 8:10am Depart for Boonoo Boonoo Falls after getting all the gear in the Thistlethwaite's car with the shoe horn. Some enjoy a swim at the waterhole while other sit around and relax. Louise goes fishing and catches a Swiss Army Knife. Record the number plate of a car that has dogs in the National Park to report it to the ranger.
- 11:00am Undercliffe Falls and lunch. Menu; bread rolls with flies, fly flavoured coffee, corn chips in fly dip.
- 1:30pm Browns Falls. The strenuous day has got to Trevor so he guards the cars while the rest of us go for a walk.
- 2:15pm Queen Mary Falls. Trev has now got his second wind, races ahead of the group to the lookout, but his brakes fail and he plunges to a certain death on to the path 100 metres below. Ed our chief medic races down and chalks out the corpse. Just as the phoenix arises from the ashes Trev reappears at the top, not a scratch on him. If you don't believe this story then ask Therese for the photos.
- 3:45pm Teviot Falls. No sign of the sunglasses. The main range beckons to me in a soft, sweet, seductive voice, I start drifting off to Lizard Point. Bang. Reality hits and hits hard, another time perhaps. Oh well, back home to earn some more money for my next walk.

I'd like to thank my hardy companions for accompanying me on our sojourn, I'll sign off now with a slice of poetry.

The leader told the walkers that they oughtta  
Bring at least Ten litres of water  
Bring it in a vessel he told the crowd  
Not knowing it would arrive from a cloud

Matthew

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CONGRATULATIONS MATTHEW .....

## Taringa Apprentice Takes Out Top Award

**Taringa fourth year Apprentice Matthew Palmer has been named SEQEB's Apprentice of the Year.**

Matthew will receive a plaque and a gift to the value of \$300 from the General Manager at the Metro North staff luncheon to be held in December. The prize also includes a three day trip to Sydney in November where he will visit Sydney Electricity. In return, SEQEB will play host to Sydney Electricity's apprentice of the year.

"I felt the two outstanding factors which helped me to win the award were my speech and log books," Matthew said.

Matthew applied to SEQEB for the apprenticeship at age 19 while studying part-time for a Diploma in Business Management at Ithaca TAFE College.

"I made the change to the electricity industry knowing that the qualifications I gained would advance my career chances."

Matthew will complete his apprenticeship in January and his Diploma in Business Management next year.

"I hope to combine both business and electrical skills in the industry, particularly in the design and substation areas where I really enjoyed working during my apprenticeship," Matthew said.

Matthew is currently working in the Control Centre Network Automation Workshop and has been applying for positions within SEQEB as they become available.

In his spare time Matthew indulges his passion for bushwalking and plays cricket for 'Nundah United' in a local competition.

The other four finalists for the award were Phillip Hawes (Caboolture), David Connell (Cleveland), Jason Maloney (Raceview) and Derek Parsons (Labrador). The finalists were assessed on work attendance, TAFE college reports, log books, interview presentation and industry knowledge. Each finalist gave a five minute address on the topic 'My Apprenticeship With SEQEB' to the selection panel.

Rocklea Work Experience Programs Co-ordinator John Fanning congratulated all candidates for their very high standard which reflected credit upon themselves and their local organisations.

Each regional finalist received a certificate recording their participation in the scheme.



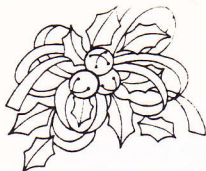
*1994 Apprentice of the Year Matthew Palmer hopes to combine his business and electrical skills in the electricity industry.*

From SEQEB "Connections".

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THE PINE RIVERS RAMBLE and TINCHI TAMBA TODDLE (3 December)

After rain for two days and Saturday being mild and overcast, the 6.00 am start to beat the heat seemed early and unnecessary. The day began from Pat's and a taxi into Roma Street Station to meet up with Helen, Louise, Russell and Karen ("More Saturday Daywalks Please") Bradford on her first Club walk.

All aboard and Petrie-bound. At Eagle Junction a sharp eye was on the lookout for Tony "Eighty-Six" Young, but no sign of him. Was his disguise too good? Had he forgotten the password or had Control seconded him for Weekend Duties? With Lorraine hopping on at Northgate, the seven walkers were all together.

From Petrie Station, up the road, across the railway line, through the fence and the walk was under way. Following the dirt road beside Yebri Creek, paperbarks growing amongst the pine trees, past the water treatment plant, four or five different bird varieties finding a home on the last pond. The North Pine River joining us as we walked into John Oxley Reserve. The Pine Shire has built a board walk and picnic area here, so a good place for a stop on the bend overlooking the river. To journey on, it was this section as we were finding our way through the mangroves, where the walk really went to pot! Karen was quite impressed such an exotic species could survive in the mangroves. Onwards to the highway -- pretty crook when the only hazard for the day is a man-made one! And, believe me, crossing the Bruce Highway at 9.30 in the morning is a "take your life in your hands" situation. But the "meter readers' shuffle" was put to good use and I was across to find the other six were still on the wrong side! A patient fifteen minutes later and we were a team again.

What a difference a bit of rain and high tide makes. The mangroves were awash. Despite leading the way forward-ho and into the water, a few sceptical looks and a lonely feeling again, we decided to traverse around the mangroves. Amazing! And people wonder why we keep fighting to save wilderness. This is where Ariadne wanted to build his housing development. The Pine Rivers Wetlands is now called Tinchi Tamba, aboriginal for Mangrove Ibis, the black mangrove.

High tide was still coming in and Pat commented that if the leader had kept going straight ahead, she would be well under the water. More birds, and Karen pointed out the native violets - not in flower unfortunately. On to the road and into Deep Water Bend for smoko. Ice-cream, drinks, tea and Lorraine's fruit mince tarts, which, on the bush walking food scale, rated very highly - especially with Louise.

The first drops of rain here, coming and going for the rest of the day, the overcast conditions giving an eerie feeling to the Wetlands. The next section was to Bald Hills Creek. Tea trees, mangroves and the wind howling through the casuarinas - believe me, it was fantastic. At Bald Hills Creek, the current was really ripping. I did test it out and was willing to risk a crossing, but Pat and the troops thought today was not the day for a pre-outing for the Club's first trip to Sribie and Moreton by li-los! We followed Bald Hills Creek to its source, such a large creek drains out of the tea tree swamp, amazing!



Through the reeds and at the road again. Yes, another mad dash across it - not needed as I found later! Following the back streets and bikeway along the Third Lagoon another large tea tree area. I'm sure this is the Deagon Wetlands saved from a shopping centre fate. A quick lunch and mad dash to Deagon Rail to catch the 2.35 (running late) - no time to change so a wet and bedraggled bunch were homeward bound after a different and very enjoyable walk.

To borrow an old Sydney slogan ... A few miles from Brisbane, a thousand miles from care, an amazing wetlands area and accessible via public transport. A monument to wilderness is worth saving no matter how small. Thanks to Helen, Louise, Russell, Pat, Lorraine, and Karen, and Nathan on the pre-outing, for joining me in the Tinchi Tamba Toddle.

Justin.

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### PUZZLE ... A PERSONAL CHALLENGE

Something to do over the Christmas break. First correct entry wins a double movie pass (especially as the Editor doesn't know two of the answers!). Answers next month.

This test does not measure your intelligence, your fluency with words and certainly not your mathematical ability. It will, however, give you some gauge of your mental flexibility and creativity.

EXAMPLE: 16 = O in a P

ANSWER: Ounces in a Pound

1. 26 = L of the A
2. 7 = W of the A W
3. 1001 = A N
4. 12 = S of the Z
5. 54 = C in a D (with *the* J)
6. 9 = P in the S S
7. 88 = P K
8. 13 = S of the A F
9. 32 = D F at which W F
10. 18 = H on a G C
11. 90 = D in a R A
12. 200 = D for P G in M
13. 3 = B M (S H T R)

14. 4 = Q in a G
15. 24 = H in a D
16. 57 = H V
17. 11 = P on a F T
18. 1000 = W that a P is W
19. 29 = D in F in a L Y
20. 64 = S on a C-B
21. 40 = D and N of the G F
22. 1 = P in a P T
23. 100 = C in a D
24. 5 = S on a P
25. 60 = S in a M
26. 8 = S and T of A

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## SOCIALS

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

All members and friends are invited to a great New Year's Eve Party to be held at Paul McDonald's home, 17 Gloucester Crescent, Bray Park.

BYO meat, drinks, etc. BBQ provided.

The party gets underway at 2.00 pm - don't forget to bring your swimming gear.

Further information - phone Paul on 205 1984.

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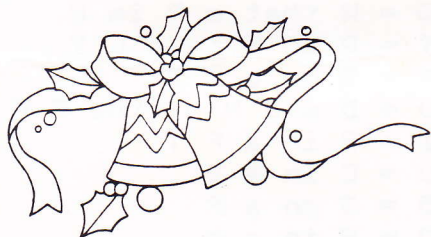
### BOAT TRIP - 18 MARCH 1995

The members of the Brisbane Catholic Social Club have invited all Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club members to join them for a boat trip on the Brisbane River on the "Islander".

The trip is for three hours plus, and there will be live entertainment with music from the 60's to 80's.

The cost is \$27.00.

For further information contact Bernard on 865 1032.



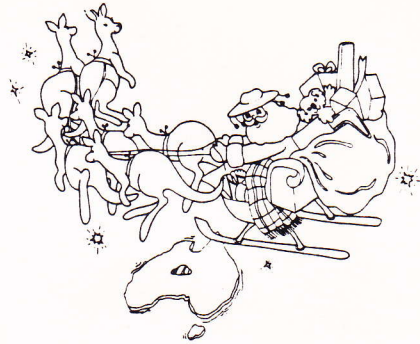
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*The Editor wishes all readers of the Jilalan a most Happy and Holy Christmas. Have a joyful Christmas with your families. The Club's thoughts and good wishes are with you. Join us in 1995 for another great year of friendship and walking.*

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**Reflections .....****CHRISTMAS IS FOR EVERYONE**

Christmas is for everyone for Christmas is for sharing - the joys, the blessings and the burdens. Christmas is for caring - putting into practice what the Saviour came to prove: that life is good when hearts are moved by kindness and by love.

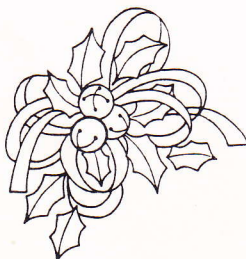
Christmas is for everyone for Christmas is for spreading - happy news from Bethlehem, the light of heaven shedding - on the vicious and the vile, the evil and the wrong. Christmas bids us stand and listen to the angel's song.

Christmas is for everyone; for every race and nation - bringing hope and happiness, redemption and salvation. Not for Christmas only but for all the world to see - God appearing in the vesture of humanity.

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**MAKE OUR CHRISTMAS MEETING ON 19 DECEMBER REALLY FESTIVE .....**

**WEAR SOMETHING RED & WHITE**



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