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**JILALAN**

Articles for "Jilalan" should be posted to Cecilia Doherty 17 Gloucester Crescent, Bray Park 4500 (this address after 19/12/97). 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 7.0 but can convert from most programs. Please submit a hard copy of the article for backup should your disk fail.

**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 Little King's Centre, 33 O'Keefe Street, Buranda. Contact the President for details. 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. 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**

	23	Shipstern/Ballenjui Falls	Mary Nolan	3355 6851	D/W
	30	Mt Tibrogargan Anniversary	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
DEC	5-7	Christmas Party	Elizabeth Richards	3393 5545	SOC
	14	Summer Creek/Jimna SF			D/W
	15	<b>General Meeting</b>			
	21	Pinnacle and Meeting of the Waters			D/W
JAN	1-4	Goomburra Velley	Matthew Palmer	3279 4490	B/C
	10	Boghaban Falls	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	D/W
	17-18	Social			
	24-26	Bunya Mountains <i>ONE ELDICOTT</i>			B/C
	25	Springbrook	Liz Little	3356 4874	D/W
FEB	1	Boyd's Butte	Richard Kolarski	3341 7509	D/W
	8	Mass & Picnic - 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
	15	Little Kings	Gabriel Romaguera		D/W
	14	Illinbah CCT <i>N. TOBIN</i>			D/W
	16	AGM			
	21	Kangaroo Point			FMR
MAR	1	Mt David <i>22/2 DAVES CREW</i>			D/W
	3	Tropo-topo	Ken Fraser		FMR
	7-8	Kobble Creek			T/W
	14-15	O'Reilly's - 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	John Carter	3290 3621	B/C
	21	Federation Bushdance			Soc
	22	Northbrook Gorge	Gabriel Romageura		D/W
	29	Mt Walker	Matthew Palmer	3279 4490	D/W
APR	4-5	Training Weekend			FMR
	10-13	Sheepstation Creek - Easter			B/C
	13	Mt Samson	Pat Lawton		D/W
	18-19				SOC
	25-26	Barney Gorge/Club Hut	Iain Renton	3395 7665	O/N
	25-26				D/W
MAY	2-4	Moreton Island - Labour Weekend	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	T/W
		Moreton Island			B/C
	5	Medical Lecture	BCBC		FMR
	10	Knapps Peak	Trevor Kelly		D/W
	15-17	Mothar/Pomona Mtns	Ed Thistlethwaite	3374 2198	B/C
	24	Mt Ngungun & traintrip - 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
	30-31				SOC
JUNE	6-8	Mt Walsh N.P.	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	B/C
	8				D/W
	14	Woongooba Gorge			D/W
	14	Bushranger's Cave	Russ Nelson		D/W
	20-21	Tooloom Falls			B/C
	27	Adventure Gain			FMR
	27-28	Social			SOC
JUL	3-4	Minto Crags Base Camp and Abseil	Barry Ellerington		B/C
	11				SOC
	12	Cunningham's Gap - 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
	18-19	1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Barney Lodge			FMR
	25-26	Mt Greville			D/W

**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 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 As Above</u> + thick scrub, major rock scrambling using hands, technical	8-10 <u>Hard</u> . Strenuous, fit walkers only
EXtra Over 20 klm per day		
Long		

**President's Prattle****General Meeting Quorum**

Rule 23 of the Association deals with the matter of how many members must be present at a General Meeting for any business to proceed. It states:

At any General Meeting, the number of members required to constitute a quorum shall be double the number of members presently on the Management Committee plus one.

No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. For the purposes of this rule "member" includes a person attending as a proxy or as representing a corporation which is a member.

If within three-quarters of an hour from the time appointed for the commencement of a General Meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members of the Management Committee or the Association, shall lapse.

At present there are eight members on the Management Committee, so a quorum would be 17 members.

See you at the next General Meeting!

**COMING WALKS**

Sunday December 21 1997  
Pinnacle & Meeting of the Waters  
Majella Robertson  
3359-8311  
(see November 1997 issue)

**Goomburra Base Camp  
January 1 to January 4 1998**

**Leader:** Matthew Palmer  
**Phone:** 3279 4490(h) 3407 5105(w)  
**Date:** Thursday January 1 to Sunday January 4  
**Time:** 7.30am.  
**Meeting at:** 289 Horizon Drive Westlake  
**Emerg Off:** Dolans, 3843 4116  
**Grade:** Variable  
**Cost:** \$20

Why not kick off 1998 with a relaxing base camp at Goomburra. Goomburra is a state forest camping area situated about three hours drive from Brisbane nestled in behind the Ramparts. We will be doing four day walks of different degree of difficulty. Thursday we will probably do the cascades circuit, Friday we will head over to Blackfellow falls, Saturday's trip is from Silvestor's lookout to Mt Castle and back and Sunday will be an easy day walk before packing up and going home. I will be also conducting some birdwatching walks where I will show you how to identify different birds. You will need to bring a pair of binoculars and a field guide for birds. If you don't have a field guide there are some in the BCC libraries, some suitable texts are:

Slaters Field Guide to Australian Birds  
The Readers Digest complete book of Australian Birds  
Field Guide to birds of Australia by Simpson and Day  
Field Guide to birds of Australia by Graeme Pizzey

Don't forget that Friday the 2nd is a working day so you have to have a sickie. If you can't come for four days don't worry come for one two or three.

**Saturday 10 January 1998  
Bohgan Falls  
Day Walk**

**Leader:** Justin Tobin  
**Time:** 6:00 am  
**Meet:** Little Kings Carl St Buranda  
**Grade:** L 4 4  
**Cost:** \$12.00  
**Emerg Off:** Susan Tobin Ph 38800391

Bohgan Falls on Nixon Creek at the bottom of Binna Burra is a pleasant place to spend a Summers day. From the Binna Burra Rd we follow the fire break down to Nixon Creek and then rock hop up the creek to the Falls and lunch above the Falls at the cascades. Here we will have a swim and enjoy this beautiful pool and cascades amongst the Box trees. After lunch we continue up the creek to join the Shipstern Track and on to the Lower BellBird Track and then onto the cars to finish another Summer day walk in Lamington. Come and enjoy the walk with me.

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**VICE PRESIDENT'S  
CORNER****For a moment of quiet contemplation**

And you Bethlehem Ephrata, are a little one among the thousands of Juda; out of you shall he come forth unto me that is to be the ruler of Israel: and his going forth is from the beginning, from the days of eternity.

Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel. He shall eat butter and honey, that may know to refuse the evil, and to choose the good.

(Nativity foretold in O.T. Micheas, Isaiah)

**SOCIALS**

*Maxine Brophy and Elizabeth  
Richards*

**Social Calendar - January 1998**



Contact Elizabeth Richards and Maxine Brophy directly 3393-5545

**PAST WALKS**

**Love Creek  
Sunday 9 November 1997  
By Christine Harrison**

The day looked threatening just like January, never mind we will say a prayer or two and go walking. Having met at the Samford bakery and a short drive to the start, we began at 9 a.m. up Cedar Creek. The rocks were a little slippery and were very green, wet and dangerous all the way up to Love Creek Falls which were absolutely beautiful with plenty of water cascading into the ravine below. Here we had morning tea and climbed up the side of the waterfall to the top where Richard decided to return and let us ten continue the circuit.

UP the ridge, traverse, down a ridge to Cedar Creek in time for lunch. Mind you only half an hour was allowed as I wanted plenty of time for caution. The sun came out and Cedar Creek was fast drying and easier to travel rock hopping and scrambling down than I expected. Only had to abseil once (congratulations to Janet and Iain on their 1<sup>st</sup> abseil without a harness).

Back to the swimming holes by 4 p.m. which by now was crowded with teenagers enjoying themselves on the rope swing, jumping from extremely dangerous cliff heights and unfortunately littering the area with beer, coke and other packages behind, under and on rocks. Some even broken. Great for all those



barefooted persons. We collected over 2 plastic bags full on our way out. A shame to end the magic of our enjoyable day.

Thank you Barry and Janet, Patricia and Richard, Iain, June, Trevor (given leave for the day, Suzanne Williams, Suzanne and my husband Cliff for all your courage and positive attitude "the sun will shine, no rain today".

### THANKS .....

I'd like to express grateful thanks to Christine and John Brunott for their prompt action in helping me on Tibrogargan and continuing care and concern. To all the walkers who offered help, expressed concern and caring, many thanks. The dislodging of the rock that size was extremely careless, the walker should be more careful and start considering fellow walkers. I am truly lucky to be here going by the size of the rock, and have many flashbacks of seeing it bouncing and gathering speed towards me. Thankfully someone was watching over me - is it an OMEN?

June

### O'Reilly's to Binna Burra Day Walk

**Saturday 15 November 1997**  
by June Greenaway

After several very hot days and rain predicted for Saturday afternoon, it was a surprise when the rain started at 5.30 a.m. Saturday. Several walkers met at my place where the mini buses were parked. Gabe arrived - he had a slight loss of memory and had to do a double take - where was that missing passenger? Chris headed off into town to pick up his crew - we waited for a few stragglers and headed for Beenleigh to pick up the rest of our walkers. Met Chris at Canungra - we swapped some walkers and everyone put dry gear into the opposite buses. It rained on and off all the way to O'Reilly's, however after Canungra it became very foggy and developed into thick fog driving up the

Mountain. Elizabeth had been affectionately harassed about her driving and directions, but the mini bus became very quiet as all eyes were watching the foggy road ahead. At O'Reilly's it was bucketing down, what to do, ideas were coming thick and fast, retire to coffee shop, wait, send me as a runner to turn the other walkers back, huh, ring them, cancel out, all to no avail. We took the plunge, and donned wet weather gear and started at 9 a.m. walking the Border track for Binna Burra 22 kms away. It was very muddy and sloshy, luck was with us and the rain eased off pretty quick, unfortunately the views were a complete white out, but the rainforest itself was just beautiful. The mist through the trees, green moss, water dripping through the trees and seeing all those wonderful huge Antarctic beeches up to 5000 years old. Every time we came to a sign post, a big interest was taken in how far we'd walked and how much further to go. Our first step was at Wanungara Lookout, no views and quick morning tea - it turned quite cold here and the leeches were very active - thank goodness for insect repellent. Just before the half way point we passed 17 walkers from the Anglican Church, then we met our other group, we swapped bus keys, had a quick chat and warned them of lots of mud to come. The half way marker is still an old post in miles 7 each way - we gave Mt Merino Lookout a miss no views there. At Biby Lookout a big surprise - we actually had views and a patch of clear blue sky and a few rays of sun, so a quick decision to have lunch here all 10 of us managed to squash on a table top size space, very friendly. The rest of the walk was pleasant with some views. On the pre-outing a scrub turkey had befriended us at Joolah Lookout, and amazingly we saw the same turkey - identified by one feather growing upwards, we saw it some way from the lookout and it ran all the way back to the lookout with us, hopeful of a feed, did it recognise Gabe and I, we recognised it. This was the last lookout before Binna Burra 4.5 kms away - we arrived back at 3.35 p.m. but we'd lost Liz, where was she - she soon turned up and had a ruptured blister - but survived. IN spite of the hundreds of leeches, not too many got bites. Into dry clothing, some moe food and drink and we were off down the Mountain to Canungra. Would the others be there waiting for us - no so we had a welcome break at Yahooz Cafe - no discounts now. Chris and his team arrived 40 mins later, after more

food and drink and swapping walkers again we were on our way home, arriving at 7.30 p.m. We were lucky to fill up with fuel in the valley before roads were being blocked off - not sure why. In spite of many complaints by walkers, they did admit it was an enjoyable walk and day, and it was nice to have the minibuses and all be together. Thanks to everyone who came Louise, Patricia and Richard, Chris Romaguera -did he enjoy it instead of schoolies, good to see Perine, Ray and Joe back amongst the walkers, thank you to Elizabeth for the great driving skills, Gabe for the preouting and many thanks to Chris Mc for picking up and dropping off the buses.

June.

### BYRON CREEK DAY WALKER A DAY TO REMEMBER

All the troops turned up on this fine day, though it had rained during the week prior. The ten of us started walking along the forestry roads and down to the little creek. This time I found it, unlike on the two preoutings.

Our creek started out pretty - small with pools, slabs and lovely vegetation. An hour down stream, we came to the waterfall (a big surprise to us all). My team managed to get around this obstacle.

Surprisingly, the nature of the creek changed from here, turning into a wide deep rocky course with rocks and boulders. It had stayed hidden out of the sun during winter and was moss covered. More often than not, we had to exit the creek and go bush. Phil Murray pushed ahead to find the way and Dale played tail end.

Some of the party were amazed (to say the least) that this easy trip was turning into an adventure. Our newer people were tested and some of the not so new. The people did not complain though, not to me anyway. We helped each other over the gullies, slopes and fallen trees.

Lunch was at the junction with Byron Creek. The party moved up the creek, through the gorge area and under the large overhang. For the experienced this was a fun part as we were

scrambling up, over, under, between and through the large boulders. The nature of the terrain had changed again. The exit was up a steep grassy slope, along the timber trails and back to the picnic area.

I thank all those who walked, and did a hard one at that, when not expecting it. Apologies to those who got more than they expected. All of you did extremely well.

Thank you  
Greg

### COLONIAL BALL PAST SOCIAL

The practices for the ball are almost as good as the ball itself. About half of our 20 party goes attended practices, and got some idea of the steps. This preparation showed on the night. Our party turned up well scrubbed, especially for bushwalkers. Everybody was very formal looking - no riff raff. We chased around and got our partners for the night.

The band started up - the leaders gathered and the grand march started. This was the beginning of a great night. We danced, pranced and talked for the next 5 hours. We went into circles, sets of 8, parallel lines, and couples facing couples. The knowledge of the steps made it good for us and those we danced with.

Just after midnight, we departed and made our way to the "3 monkies" at West End for coffee and stayed till closing. Thanks for coming.  
Greg.

**You can tell its going to be a rotten day when:**

1. **Your pet rock snaps at you;**
2. **You put both contact lenses in the same eye;**
3. **Your income tax cheque bounces;**
4. **You walk to work and find your dress is stuck in the back of your pantyhose.**



## Buying a computer? Here's a list of the terms used by computer salespersons to help you understand what they're really saying.

NEW - Different colour from previous design  
 ALL NEW - Parts not interchangeable with previous design  
 EXCLUSIVE - Imported product  
 UNMATCHED - Almost as good as the competition  
 DESIGNED SIMPLICITY - Manufacturer's cost cut to the bone  
 FOOLPROOF OPERATION - No provision for adjustment  
 ADVANCED DESIGN - The advertising agency doesn't understand it  
 IT'S HERE AT LAST - Rush job, nobody knew it was coming  
 FIELD TESTED - Manufacturer lacks test equipment  
 HIGH ACCURACY - Unit on which all the parts fit  
 DIRECT SALES ONLY - Factory had a big argument with the distributor  
 YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT - We finally got one that works  
 REVOLUTIONARY - It's different from our competitors  
 BREAKTHROUGH - We finally figured out a way to sell it  
 FUTURISTIC - No other reason why it looks the way it does  
 DISTINCTIVE - A different shape and colour from the others  
 MAINTENANCE-FREE - Impossible to fix  
 RE-DESIGNED - Previous faults corrected, we hope  
 HAND-CRAFTED - Assembly machines operated without gloves on  
 PERFORMANCE PROVEN - Will operate through the warranty period  
 MEETS ALL STANDARDS - Ours, not yours  
 ALL SOLID STATE - Heavy as hell!  
 BROADCAST QUALITY - Gives a picture and produces noise  
 HIGH RELIABILITY - We made it work long enough to ship it  
 BUS COMPATIBLE - When completed, will be shipped by Pioneer  
 NEW GENERATION - Old design failed, maybe this one will work  
 MILITARY-SPEC COMPONENTS - We got a

good deal at a government auction  
 CUSTOMER SERVICE ACROSS THE NATION - You can return it from most airports.  
 UNPRECEDENTED PERFORMANCE - Nothing we ever had before worked like this  
 BUILT TO PRECISION TOLERANCE - We finally got it to fit together  
 SATISFACTION GUARANTEED - Manufacturer's, upon cashing the cheque  
 MICROPROCESSOR CONTROLLED - Does things we can't explain  
 LATEST AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY - One of our techs was laid off by QANTAS

## Contributed by Richard Kolarski

### LOOKING AFTER YOUR GORETEX JACKET

(thanks to Victorian Catholic Bushwalking Club)

How dry were you last winter? Did you feel a little bit too wet on the inside? Perhaps your Goretex jacket needs some attention? Goretex isn't the everlasting panacea that you thought it was, when you gave your hip pocket nerve a large irritation. Goretex should be washed and yes, ironed. Don't put your jacket away dirty as in ground dirt, even if its honestly earned sweat can lessen the waterproofing properties of Goretex. A jacket should be washed in the washing machine at a warm temperature on a gentle cycle using powdered detergent. Don't use liquid detergent as it gets too far into the micro pores, blocking them, making the jacket less breathable. Certainly don't use bleach or fabric softener and rinse thoroughly as left over detergent will absorb water. Occasional dry cleaning is in fact recommended. Next thing in looking after your jacket is to restore the water beading properties of the outside layer, by either drying the jacket in a tumble dryer on a warm setting or ironing it. Don't think ironing is just for looks, as heat resets the treatment that makes the water bead off the outer fabric. This water repellent surface treatment helps keep you more comfortable as when the outer fabric becomes wet it cools which can cause condensation of perspiration vapours making you feel wet and clammy. Goretex can also do with a spray of water repellent every now and then. Nikwax TX-Direct or 3M Scotchguard can be applied. Next stop is to go on a bushwalk in lousy weather and see if it all worked.

## Letter From Willie Hayes 19/11/97

Dear Richard,  
 Thank you very much for forwarding the schedule of the planned celebrations of the 40th anniversary of the Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club. I deeply appreciate this. Regrettably I'm much too distanced geographically to be able to partake in any of the events, which present very pleasant prospects, many of which stir old memories for me.  
 I get great satisfaction from the impression that the Club appears to be as vigorous as ever. Besides great memories often indulged in, I have some unique mementos of my involvement with the genesis of the Club. Notable are the album of colour photographs presented to me on 23 March 1961, shortly before I left Australia, and the Onkaparinga rug (still in splendid condition) also presented as a parting gift, as I set off to the cooler climes of Ireland. Another treasured keepsake is the album of B and W photos recording the erection, opening and blessing of the Club Hut on the slopes of Mount Barney in the 1965-67 period.  
 I cannot recall those early events of the Club's evolution without bringing to mind my old bushwalking companion, Raoul Mellish, who whetted my appetite for bushwalking, and with whom I shared some wonderful walks even before we started the club. It was he who first came up with the idea of starting a club, and I can vividly recall the evening we sat down together in his house in Yeronga after one such outing to prepare a short script for the Catholic Leader, proposing the founding of a bushwalking club and inviting any interested people to an initial meeting. I trust Raoul will be in a position to participate in some of the 40th anniversary events, and I send my special regards to him.  
 Another great character of the Club's early days, and who could also be regarded as a founding member, is regrettably no longer with us. This is the late Fr John Power. Shortly before I left Australia in 1961, he and I climbed Mount Barney. For me it was a symbolic farewell to Australia as well as a splendid rounding off of my bushwalking, at least at that period of my life. The small plaque that John attached to the Mass Rock after the first Mass on Mount Barney was still fresh and gleaming when we paid our respects to the spot on that day. Just as we reached the lower foothills we got caught by a

really bad thunderstorm. We got thoroughly soaked pushing our old car after it got bogged down, and we resorted to a pub on the way home, (was it Jimboomba?) for a couple of stiff brandys, to offset any ill effects of our cold and wet condition. It is now a deep consolation to me that a few years before John's death our paths crossed again, and we enjoyed together the soft, green hills of Ireland.

I send my regards to those Club members who remember me and with whom I shared many a great walk. I also send my best wishes for the success and enjoyment of all the commemorative events that are coming up, and for the continuing vitality of the Club. It is hard to realise that so much time has passed since the Club was founded, but thank God I can still take on any of our Irish mountains and have lost none of my zest for the Great Outdoors.

I will be very happy to meet any of the club members who make it to Ireland, and to show them some of our wonderful mountain landscapes. Thanking you again for your very kind and thoughtful letter and invitations,  
 yours sincerely,  
 Willie Hayes



Just a bit of a rock scramble!