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**BRISBANE CATHOLIC
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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

- (a) Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
- (b) Departure of walks is usually either from the Old Windmill on Wickham Tce 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 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 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

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	Daves Creek Cct	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	D/W
21	Meeting			
27	Mt Tamborine	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
Jan 1-3	Border Ranges	Gabriel Romaguera	3369 7330	B/C
9	Box Forest Cct	Liz Mc Caul	3263 1331	D/W
16/17	Lower Portals	Maxine Brophy		O/N
16/17	Upper Portals	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	O/N
18	Meeting			
23/24	Warrie Cct	Patricia Kolarski	3341 7509	D/W
26	Stairway Falls	June Greenaway		D/W
Jan 29-31	Broken Heads			B/C
Feb 6	Chinatown Walk	Gabriel Romaguera	3369 7330	
7	Lightening Falls	June Greenaway	3358 5295	D/W
13	Cougals	Richard Kolarski	3341 7509	D/W
14	Little Kings Movement	Gabriel Romaguera	3369 7330	SOC
15	AGM meeting			
20	Kangaroo Point	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	FMR
21	Greens Falls			D/W
27				D/W
27-28				B/C
March 2	Cartography			FMR
6	Annual Mass & Dinner	Trevor Kelly/Gabe Romaguera		SOC
7	Tichi Tamba (Clean-up Australia)	Maxine Brophy		D/W
12-14	Crows Nest Falls N.P.	Chris McCaffrey	3349 5730	B/C
15	Meeting			
20	Federation Bushdance			FMR
21	Lahey's Tabletop	Pat Lawton		D/W
27-28	Lizard Pt	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	T/W
28	Emu Creek			B/C
April 2-5	Easter			B/C Easter
5	Mt Clunie	John Brunott		D/W
10-11	Training Weekend			FMR
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			B/C May l/w
8	Mt Fraser	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	D/W
11	Trivia Night			FMR
15	Trev's Annual Fishing	Trevor Kelly	3269 4795	SOC
16	Snake Ridge to Mt Gipps			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 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 km per day	1-3 Graded or open terrain. No scrub.	1-3 Easy. Suitable for beginners
Medium 10-15 km per day	4-7 Bush Minor scrub, rainforest, rock, creek, rock hopping, scrambling	4-7 Medium. Reasonable fitness required
Long 15-20 km per day	8-10 Bush As Above + thick scrub, major rock scrambling using hands, technical	8-10 Hard. Strenuous, fit walkers only
EXtra Long Over 20 km per day		

Merry Christmas!!

For our Christmas meeting remember to wear your favourite Christmas outfit (red and white)

To help celebrate Christmas bring along a plate for supper.

And for those who want a bit more Christmas cheer, we will be going down the road to the local cafe *Betty Blue and the Lemon Tart* to celebrate further into the night.

REPORTS

President's Report

The 1999 walk's calendar to June was discussed and passed by members at the last meeting. It was displayed in last month's Jilalan. Leaders are still required for a number of walks. Nominate early or you may miss out. Thanks to Christine for developing the calendar. Also at the last meeting, Patricia Kolarski and Ann Tracey nominated to become the club's Federation Representatives. Thanks to Chris McCaffrey for donating two books to the last raffle. Federation in conjunction with Queensland Parks & Wildlife Service is undertaking monitoring of selected camp sites along the Scenic Rim. The aim is to determine if popular sites are becoming degraded or are coping with regular use over time. Recently a training day was held at Lamington for bushwalkers. Trevor went along for our club. Another training day will be organised in April. Our club will monitor two sites, which are at Mt Maroon (summit) and the Gorge campsite on Barney Creek. Monitoring will occur twice per year beginning in autumn and will be accommodated in the calendar. I would like to wish all members a happy and holy Christmas and hope to see you on the track in 1999.

John

Treasurer's Report

Balance as per 19/10/98	1 075.43
+ Receipts	515.70
	1 573.13
- Payments	512.34
	1 060.79
Balance as per 16/11/98	1 060.79
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 official calendar for 1999. Please consider leading a walk and let Christine know as soon as you can.

COMING WALKS

Mt Tamborine
Sunday 27 December 1998
Daywalk

Leader: John Carter
Time: 7.30am
Meet at: The Old Windmill Wickham Tce
Grade: M23
Cost: \$10
Emerg Off: Dolans (3843 4116)

This walk provides a golden opportunity for members to escape Christmas celebrations and Brisbane's heat by heading to the rainforests of Tamborine to do some good walking. Mt Tamborine is a short drive south of Brisbane and on the plateau are a number of national parks including Queensland's first, Witches Falls (in 1908).

We will be undertaking graded track walks of varying length. We will visit parks at Cedar Creek, The Knoll, Witches Falls and Palm Grove. There

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Lunch and a swim for some of us in the pool. Before heading back taking longer than the usual, rockhopping was out and wading was in. Back to the track via the hut and to the cars at 6:20 in fading light another unbelievable day. Another ridge discovered. Thanks to those who came with me. Michael, Trevor and Stephen. May Barney continue to call.

**Araucaria Circuit
Sunday 4 October 1998
Chris McCaffrey**

We left Brisbane at about 7:10am and made our way to Binna Burra. On arrival a few people had a quick goodies stop at the coffee shop before the walk started. We left the picnic grounds about 9:15 and had a quick stop at the National Park's information board where I pointed out to the group where we were going. We followed the Boarder Track for most of the way and had a quick stop at Joalah Lookout where I pointed out Araucaria Lookout and Mat Hobwee Peak on the far right. We continued along the Border Track until we came to the junction of Araucaria and Mt Hobwee and the Boarder Track. Here we had morning tea. Some members of the club were lucky to be blessed by St Patricia while having their morning tea.

We continued on following the Mt Hobwee Track, walking through rainforest and also passing the Moss Garden and Stream Lilies. We had a stop at the Orchid Bower Lookout where several species of orchids grow. These include the large King Orchid and the smaller pink and purple Rock Orchid. We were lucky because the large King Orchids were in flower.

We continued to follow the track making our way to Araucaria Lookout for lunch. Robyn and Bernard decided to have lunch at the bottom of Araucaria Lookout, while the rest of the group continued on. We had great views on top, including Mt Warning and the Tweed Valley, Mt Hobwee, Numinbah Valley, Springbrook and Joalah Lookout. Everyone enjoyed lunch, some people even having an afternoon rest. We were lucky, also growing on Araucaria Lookout were some small pink and purple Rock Orchids that were also in flower.

We all made good time back to Binna Burra, following the Araucaria and Mt Hobwee tracks. Most people got back by 3:15pm. We stopped

for a coffee at the kiosk before heading back to Brisbane.

Thank you to all who came on the walk it was a great day. Those who came were Eric Steeden, Bernard Ivers, Robyn Ryan, Ray Rowe, Elizabeth Richards, Bernadette Dolan, Richard and Patricia Kolarski, Jean Goware, Jonas Bernotas, Margaret Lawton, Pat Lawton and Russell Baker from Ipswich Catholic Bushwalking club. Thank you to the drivers Pat and Elizabeth for your help.

**Cooloola Wilderness
South to North
23-25 October 1998
Patricia Kolarski**

After spending the night at Harry's Hut, four of us set out just after 7am for a pleasant walk along the Noosa River before heading inland to Wandi Waterhole for morning tea. There were some wildflowers close to the river but not many around elsewhere.

June almost had a swim at Wandi but changed her mind. We met the southbound group just before lunch. They had tales to tell of a swamp we still had to cross. It ended up not being as bad as expected but the leader, at least, had one muddy, smelly boot.

Unfortunately, Neebs, our overnight stop, wasn't anywhere near as inviting as Wandi, so none of us were tempted to have a dip after our 23km walk. After a pleasant dinner in the twilight the mosquitoes drove us to bed early.

The Sunday part of the trip was quite pleasant (only eight and a bit kms) and we saw a few fringed lilies and Christmas bells along the way, and the emu droppings that so fascinated the other group. There had been a light shower of rain early in the morning but we stayed dry until reaching the car. We had just finished a lazy morning tea break when it really started to pour.

Thank you to June, Michael and Richard for an enjoyable weekend. Also thanks to Richard for driving.

**Mt Warning
October 31 - November 1
Chris McCaffrey**

We left Brisbane about 1:15pm on Saturday afternoon and made our way to Murwillumbah. On

arrival we all decided to have a cup of coffee, but unfortunately there were not too many places open. Finally we decided to try Coles supermarket which was the only place still open on a Saturday afternoon and yes it did have a coffee shop!

Finally we were on the road again heading to Mt Warning Caravan Park where we were camping for the night.

On arrival at the caravan park we were greeted by Sam and Louise who had arrived earlier in the day and had set up camp for the night. It wasn't long before we were all setting up tents for the night. We then had to drive back to Murwillumbah to attend 6:00pm mass. After mass we had dinner at the Australian Bistro in town. Everyone enjoyed their meal. We finally headed back to the caravan park at about 9:20pm. We all stayed up talking till about 10:45 before retiring to bed.

The next morning most people were up by 7 o'clock and we decided to pack up the tents and have breakfast. After breakfast we had a short drive to the Breakfast Creek picnic area to start the walk. Before we started the walk I gave the walkers a small survival bag containing useful items just in case any of them were to get lost on the walk.

We started walking at about 9:15am and walked through an interesting palm grove at the base of Mt Warning. We also passed some interesting trees along the way including, Blue Gum, Rosewood Flame Tree, Red Apple, Red Cedar and Coachwood, the timber of which was used in the manufacture of rifle butts and the Mosquito Fighter during the Second World War. We made good time but unfortunately the weather was not so good. All we could see was white cloud. The forest started to open up as we got higher. The vegetation included ferns, mosses, tea trees and Blue Mountain Ash. Just before the final ascent we all put on rain coats and jumper as it was raining and also very cold.

Everyone made it to the summit and we decided to have morning tea. We couldn't see anything since Mt Warning was in cloud, but we read the information plaques on each viewing platform. Mt Warning has another name and it lived up to it that day. Its other name is Wollumbin meaning "The Cloud Catcher". We all made good time coming down and were back at the carpark by 2:00pm. We had a short drive back to the caravan park to drop Louise off and say goodbye to Louise and Sam who were staying an extra night.

We were on the road again by 2:40pm heading to Tweed Heads where we had lunch before

returning to Brisbane.

Thank you to those who came on the weekend, we all had a great time. My walkers were Majella, Louise, Patricia M, Michael and Gabriel. Thank you Gabriel for being tail end and thank you to Sam and Patricia for driving. Sorry to June and Elizabeth who could not make it. Mt Warning awaits.

**Booloumba Creek Base Camp
November 6 -8
Majella Robertson**

We set off from Brisbane separately and all managed to arrive at the camping grounds by 10pm-ish Friday night. It was an early start on Saturday morning, setting off for Mt Allan by 7am. The climb up Mt Allan is not long nor arduous by comparison to some walks many have done, but it was certainly steep and very hot.

On arriving at the top we were able to enjoy views of the surrounds and a pleasant break for morning tea. We headed back down to the camping grounds and spent the next few hours sitting around talking, eating and enjoying the quiet and each others company. Towards the middle of the afternoon we decided to go for a swim. The water was VERY cold and some of us didn't venture in for very long.

Just before sunset we set off to the old gold mine to see the bat colonies heading out for the evening. This was an interesting experience and something a little out of the ordinary.

We shared dinner and some supper talk before heading off to bed for the night. Next morning Greg and Stephen left before breakfast and the rest of us, after packing up set off on our way to Charlie Moreland Park. On the way we stopped and walked down to the Falls and The Breadknife. No-one ventured in for a swim and we returned to the cars for morning tea.

On reaching Charlie Moreland Park we swam and lunched and lazed around for a bit before heading off home.

A pleasant, relaxing weekend was had and I would like to thank those who came along and enjoyed it with me. Thank you Elizabeth, Gabe, Michael, Patricia, Richard, Greg and Stephen.

Progressive Dinner 14 November 1998 Gabe Romaguera

How does this sound? You are seated outdoors in an intimate setting on a cool balmy night. You have the pleasure of the company of 23 friends and their children. There are ladies dressed in their finery, horses strutting nearby, bookies (official and offcourse) to take your bets (and perhaps not repay any winnings), gentlemen punters, stablehands, the works. It is a day at the races at the Coorparoo racetrack. The course a little small by common standards but it does the trick.

And then the caterers arrived. Nibbles include home made sausage rolls, cheese roll, hummus, eggplant dip, taramasalata and tzadziki with pita rolls. Its time for the entree - Pumpkin soup, Spanish quarter of an hour soup, and a late but tasty arrival of Potato and Leek Soup partnered by herb bread!! Take a break because the main course is BIG!!! Just think of Quiche, Beef and Black Bean Sauce, breadrolls, Moussaka, Ravioli, Coleslaw, Green Salad, Savoury Pork Casserole, Apricot Chicken, Coleslaw, Roast Chicken and probably other things I forget. Now its time for the stomach pumps to make more room because there's still dessert!! Choose from Apple Crumble, Passionfruit Slice, Cakes, Strawberry Dessert, Ice Cream, Apple Pie and King Island Cream!!!! All washed down with coffee or tea!!

It was a marvellous night capped off by a showing of the video of the 1997 Red Faces, most people not leaving till late. Thank-you to everyone who came and contributed. I think we had something like 21 cooks for the night. It is a lot of work for all involved but the result was worth it. Thanks for your effort and thanks to all who came - Pat Mackie, Majella, Kerry and Matthew, Michael, John, Majella and Steven, Louise and Russell, June, Justin, Sue and Mary, Maxine, John, Ian, Liz McC and Liz Richards, Chris, Pat and Jonas, Greg, Michelle, Steven and Lucy, and Mary.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO PAT MACKIE FOR THE USE OF YOUR HOME. HOPE IT SCRUBBED UP WELL AFTER THE PARTY GOERS LEFT!!

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There was some cutlery left from the big night. I still have it. Please come and reclaim it. I hate the

thought of walkers eating their dinner at home with their fingers.

Christmas Weekend 5 December 1998 Gabe Romaguera

Our Christmas party was held at Coolum this year. We had a good turnout for our Saturday afternoon barbecue. Most people came just for the day and a few had units up the coast at the time. The campers were a minority of 6 but everyone enjoyed the way they spent the weekend.

Some of the campers arrived Friday evening. Our campsite looked over the ocean. Thanks to a full moon, a clear sky, and a glass of wine, we had a wonderful wind down to the week watching the moon surrounded by a sea of stars, illuminate the ocean for miles. Beats having 4 walls around you! After a swim and walk on the beach in the morning, we headed out to the Eumundi markets which have grown incredibly and threatens to engulf the town. There was lots to look at but few purchases were made although I heard a rumour that one walker bought a stone Rottweiler and made his partner carry it back to the car!! We had a tremendous storm come down around 1pm after a hot sweltering day. It was a relief to the weather but we wondered if the others would turn up for the barbecue. We hijacked an undercover picnic table and the festivities started. Slowly more and more bushwalkers turned up to Tickle Park. Some of us went for another swim. The water temperature was excellent though there were a few rips. We all had our tea whether it was a barbecue or fish and chips bought over the road. Carol and Sooty came dressed in the Christmas spirit in case we forgot why we were there. Food was shared. It was a convivial gathering until the heavens broke and we had our second storm for the day. Presents were given out by a wet but jovial Santa. We all huddled together under cover - it was dark at this stage and the park lights went out for a short while also! Eventually the storms cleared, and most people decided to pack up with some people taking up the Tobins offer of a hot cup of tea in their warm unit with a friendly chat.

It capped off a great day. The campers stayed on till Sunday. Some wanted to try walking Mt Coolum after their morning swim but this was canned at the last minute as some vandals had

been smashing windows of parked cars there to steal valuables.

Many thanks to everyone who came, shared, and enjoyed themselves despite the conditions!! - Terry, Lance, Karen and Jeff, Elizabeth, the Tobin family, the Endicott family, the Dolan family, June, Liz Little, Michael, Carol and Trevor.

May I take this opportunity of wishing everyone a safe, happy, and holy Christmas spent with those they care for, and thanks for your support during the year.

North Queensland Trip September 18 - October 3 June Greenaway

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18

4pm left for NQ, met up with Kerry and Matthew at Gympie. Slept under the stars at Fred Haig Dam, Gin Gin.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19

Awake to a beautiful chorus of birds. Packed up and drove to Eungella behind Mackay, 1116 kms since leaving Brisbane. About 20 or 30 kms before Miriamvale, we were all surprised to see a guy walking North carrying a big cross with the help of a small cart with wheels on and his gear in it. At Eungella we camped beside a pool at Fern Flats where we saw platypii and turtles.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20

Found a lovely grey frog attached to my tent. Walked Crediton Creek to Broken River - 7.5 kms (John's write up). Saw beautiful Azure Kingfisher, platypii, turtles, an eel and lovely coloured birds. Rained heavily as we finished our walk and continued off and on throughout the day and night.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21

Met up with Patricia and Richard, we were to have done a 2 day throughwalk, but wet weather and no views got the better of us. So we did an alternative walk - Finch Hatton Gorge walk, which had some nice falls (Richard's write up).

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 22

Decided to depart WET Eungella for Malanda, and hopefully do Mt Bartle Frere earlier than planned. Firstly we headed off in the direction of Eungella Dam, the plan was to drive through some back roads, but the locals told us since the floods the roads were BAD. Driving away from Eungella it was fine and sunny, back to Eungella,

overcast and wet, then away from it fine until 1/2 hour before Malanda, and down came the rain - drove all day 980 kms. Camped at Malanda Caravan and Camping Ground.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23

Did the tourist circuit, very interesting area, lots to see. Historical town of Yungaburra, Curtain fig tree, Cathedral fig with scenic nature walks to both. Drove to Gillies Lookout where the road got muddier and muddier, resulting in John's car getting bogged. The only way it moved was with Kerry's and my weight in the back - what sort of a message is that sending us? The views out to Bellender Ker Range were great, but a lot of cloud haze around these mountains, especially Mt Bartle Frere. Saw lots of wildlife again - Grey Headed Robin, Spotted Cat Bird, Red Browed Finch, heaps of Brolgas on the cut cane fields, black snake on the road, boy did he wriggle away quickly. Matthew's expertise on birds was very welcome. Mobo Crater for lunch, 2 chimneys, Eurombo Lake, and Tinaroo Dam spillway. Lake Barrine an explosion crater filled with crystal clear water, surrounded by tropical rainforest with many species of flora and fauna. John and I walked the 6 kms around the Lake and left Kerry and Matt to enjoy their wedding anniversary around the gardens, cafe and birdwatching. The walk was interesting with 2 big Bull Kauri trees, Musky Kangaroo Rats, unknown blossoms, fruits, pods and seeds on the ground and even big umbrella trees growing on the lake. The Cassowary lives here, we saw a couple. Then to another crater lake, Lake Eacham and back to Malanda for a barbecue tea cooked by John and to celebrate Matthew and Kerry's anniversary.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24

Wet again - too wet for Mt Bartle Frere, so wandered off to Malanda Falls and a circuit track of marked trees including Tulip Oaks and Brown Walnut. A nice pool with about 15 little turtles in. Crept through the forest to see a Tooth Billed Bowerbird - vigorous and loud song with different calls and attracts the female to the bower with green leaves. (My write up for this day). Visited Malanda Environment Centre, info on how the area was formed from volcanic eruptions, very interesting and well set out. On to Bromfield Swamp, saw Buff Banded Rail, Swamp was a bit too far away from lookout, we all had ideas on what could be done to the area, similar to Boondall Wetlands. Drove on the highest road and through highest town in Qld 1143 m, on the way to Ravenshoe. Visited Mt Hypipamee Crater and Dinner Falls, saw another bird found in NQ -

Banded Honeyeater. Millstream Falls for lunch - widest falls in Australia, very spectacular, very hot and no rain, what a change. On to Pepina Falls, Souita Falls, Millaa Millaa for an ice cream and a browse around a huge junk shop, and "Tobins Supermarket" was across the road. At Millaa Millaa Falls John braved the cold water for a swim, on to Ellinjaa Falls and Zillie Falls, big falls day, but scenery was great with mountain ranges, canefields, lots of different birds including Speckled Warblers, Chestnut Breasted Manikins and also a fair bit of walking. Back to camp for another BBQ tea.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25

Rose early, would this be the day for Mt Bartle Frere. We'd packed 3 times already for a throughwalk - it was on!! Kerry drove us out to Lamens Hill for the start of the walk, talked to some people who were packing their wet muddy gear and who'd done the walk the day before, they were pretty fed up with the rain and leeches, their departing words were "enjoy your 2 days of torture". (Matt's write up). Met up with a couple of nice guys from Cairns who we were to see plenty of, in the next 2 days.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26

The rain started at daybreak, it was grey and bleak, and when we started walking we were constantly picking up hundreds of leeches-never seen so many. No views, plenty of rain and leeches and track very eroded. I was glad to get off the highest mountain in Qld. Kerry met us at Josephine Falls which we visited, we cleaned up, ate and drove back to Malanda, then on to Cairns along the scenic Gillies Highway - very twisty road, great views. Stayed at YHA, McLeod St, nice dry bed, caught up on washing and drying out wet gear. Went out for the best Fish and Chips in town.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27

Today we caught the Skyrail to Kuranda - we were all impressed. It goes for 7.5 km and takes 30-40 minutes. Above the treetops of World Heritage tropical rainforest and looking back to the ocean, there are two stations along the way, where we got out and walked along the boardwalks. Done the touristy stuff at Kuranda, then caught the train back. The Kuranda Station is magnificent with Ferns, tropical plants, and still as it was in the early 1900's. The train trip was great, stopping to get photos of the Barron Falls. In Cairns John and I raced to the pub to watch the 2nd half of the footy. Topped off a great day to see Brisbane Broncos coming out the winners.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28

John and Matt went white water rafting. I hired a bike and rode the Esplanade down to Flecker Botannical GArdens and Centenary Lakes and enjoyed it. Kerry and I then visited the Royal Flying Doctor Service, where they had a video, aircraft display, photo display dating back to early 1900s etc - it was really good, they do the most excellent work. We lunched in a tropical setting next to the beach, did the Art Gallery - 3 exhibitions on there and back to YHA. John and Matt were full of their white water trip which they thoroughly enjoyed.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 29

Trip out to the reef, stopped at 2 different reefs for snorkelling and diving. There is an extra sense of security on board now, with crew constantly checking everyone off their lists. The weather was kind to us for seeing the beautiful coral and fish. It was a great day out with live music on board on the return trip to Cairns.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30

Left YHA for Daintree. Stopped at Mossman Gorge, walked the 2.5 km circuit track, very nice area. On and across the Daintree River, checked out Daintree Village, then a cruise on the Daintree river. Our Captain come guide was a Pom - very informative, helpful and funny. Apart from us the rest of the tourists were older Americans. We saw lots: Azure Kingfisher, snake, different trees and nests, but only one baby croc. Apparently crocs come out in the sun which there wasn't much of - we all enjoyed the trip. Drove to Lyne-Haven where we camped, no electricity up this way, they rely on generators. The camping ground and area would have been really nice at one time, but sadly it has been let go. They had a kangaroo enclosure and bird aviaries, most tropical birds apparently had been or were sick and injured, some lovely birds but in dark cages and not cared for, we all felt so sorry for them. Went for a drive to Cow Bay, 6kms away, the beach was cold and windblown so we didn't hang around. The camping ground had a sheltered area with a light and a huge table, so we spread out and had tea. Met a nice German couple who love Australia as do all the overseas tourists we talked to.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 1

Today we drove to Cape Tribulation, where we walked several boardwalks. National Parks have put some nice walks in this area and we saw Rangers using those leaf blower thingies to blow the dirt and leaves off the tracks and boardwalks ready for visitors. Matt wanted to test out his 4wd skills, so we drove up the Bloomfield Track as far

as Wujul Wujul and visited the picturesque Bloomfield Falls. They actually had electricity in this area. Matt did well driving through some of the crossings and climbing the Donovan and Cowie Ranges along the Bloomfield Track with spectacular rainforest and ocean views on the way. Stopped for lunch by the creek, back to camp, where it decided to turn wet again!!

FRIDAY OCTOBER 2

John and I packed up and left Kerry and Matthew enjoy another week of touring and sightseeing and we headed off at 7 am. Long drive to Mackay over 900 kms, plenty to see on the way, the canefields go on forever, stayed at YHA Mackay.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3

Election day and the last leg of our journey, left at 6.30 am and back to Brisbane arriving at 6.30 pm. We actually saw the guy with the cross outside of Ayr still heading North. Does anyone know where he's headed? Many thanks to John for his excellent driving and company. It was so good to see Brisbane getting closer, although the roads became very busy after being so deserted before. In spite of the wet weather, we covered a great distance, saw lots, and enjoyed one another's company and had some good walking.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Family Bushwalkers Club...

The Family Bushwalkers Club has been operating for the last 36 years and is presently seeking new members. They are one of the few, if not the only club, that caters exclusively for complete families. For further information contact Alan Becker (Membership Officer)

A symposium on frogs ...

The Queensland Frog Society and the Queensland Museum are holding a joint symposium on frogs at the Queensland Museum on the weekend of the 13 and 14 February 1999. If interested see Justin for a look at the flyer or call Rick Natrass (3288 4100)

New Books ...

Lonely Planet have released two new books - the ninth edition of "New Zealand" and "Tramping in New Zealand". Both are now available.

A bit of trivia for you....

New Zealand has the longest place name in the world:

"Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotamateaturipukakapikimaungahoronukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu. (It translates as 'the place where Tamatea, the man with the big knees, who slid, climbed, and swallowed mountains, known as land eater, played his flute to his loved one')

For Sale...

Trangia (Swedish) storm cooker no.25 consisting of very lightweight quality aluminium fry pan, 2 saucepans, windshield, kettle and burner plus a 1 litre spirit bottle. All very light, hardly used and in pristine condition. New price around \$170 my price \$125.

Contact: Charles Didlick (3300 5876 HM)
(3358 5627 WK)

A note of thanks...

Thank you to all who contributed to this month's magazine. Happy reading and a very happy and holy Christmas.

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS 1998 -1999

	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	Daves Creek Cct	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	D/W	
	21	Meeting				
	27	Mt Tamborine	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W	
Jan	1-3	Border Ranges	Gabriel Romaguera	3369 7330	B/C	
	9	Box Forest Cct	Liz Mc Caul	3263 1331	D/W	
	16/17	Lower Portals	Maxine Brophy		O/N	
	16/17	Upper Portals	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	O/N	
	18	Meeting				
	23/24	Warrie Cct	Patricia Kolarski	3341 7509	D/W	
	26	Stairway Falls	June Greenaway		D/W	
Jan	29-31	Broken Heads			B/C	
Feb	6	Chinatown Walk	Gabriel Romaguera	3369 7330		
	7	Lightening Falls	June Greenaway	3358 5295	D/W	
	13	Cougals	Richard Kolarski	3341 7509	D/W	
	14	Little Kings Movement	Gabriel Romaguera	3369 7330	SOC	
	15	AGM meeting				
	20	Kangaroo Point	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	FMR	
	21	Greens Falls			D/W	
	27				D/W	
	27-28				B/C	
March	2	Cartography			FMR	
	6	Annual Mass & Dinner	Trevor Kelly/Gabe Romaguera		SOC	
	7	Tichi Tamba (Clean-up Australia)	Maxine Brophy		D/W	
	12-14	Crows Nest Falls N.P.	Chris McCaffrey	3349 5730	B/C	
	15	Meeting				
	20	Federation Bushdance			FMR	
	21	Lahey's Tabletop	Pat Lawton		D/W	
	27-28	Lizard Pt	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	T/W	
	28	Emu Creek			B/C	
April	2-5	Easter			B/C	Easter
	5	Mt Clunie	John Brunott		D/W	
	10-11	Training Weekend			FMR	
	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			B/C	May l/w
	8	Mt Fraser	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	D/W	
	11	Trivia Night			FMR	
	15	Trev's Annual Fishing	Trevor Kelly	3269 4795	SOC	
	16	Snake Ridge to Mt Gipps			D/W	
	17	Meeting				
	22-23	Richmond to Collins	Christine Harrison	07 5429 5494	T/W	
	23	Mt Lindesay	Trevor Kelly	3259 4795	D/W	
	30					
June	6					
	11-14	Fraser Island	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	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	
	21	Meeting				
	26	Rescue Leaders			FMR	
		Ashgrove to Mt Cootha	Maxine Brophy		EVENING WALK	

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