



JILALAN

Monthly Circular of the
**BRISBANE CATHOLIC
BUSHWALKING CLUB Inc**



Under the guidance of Our Lady Of The Way

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For specific enquiries, contact the committee member (from above) concerned. For outings or socials, contact the leader shown in the calendar or article. Visitors – for general enquiries contact Susan Tobin 3366 3193.

Please have all Jilalan articles to Louise Leonardi by the 1st of the month., otherwise they cannot be included. 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. Alternatively, you can e-mail your articles to:

leonardi@gil.com.au

GENERAL MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, at 7:30pm. 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) Walk departures are usually from Red Hill Parish Hall, Musgrave Rd. Check "Jilalan" or phone the leader to determine the location.
- (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 own 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.
- (f) **Visitors who have done more than 3 walks must sign an Assumption of Risk form for insurance.**

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 9:00pm 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 \$20:00 required.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

The Association requires that all walkers on all trips should carry certain minimal basic equipment. This should comprise the following – a first aid kit, a torch, a parka/raincoat, hat, shirt 30+ sunscreen 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 attend a meeting of the Management Committee, 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 2002

DATE 2002	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
November				
18	Meeting	Desley Pedrazzini	3269 5530	
23	Elbow to Long Pocket (Brisbane River)	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	½ D/W
27	Coffee Night	Patricia Mackie	3398 7041	Social
29 – 1	Byron Bay	Gabe Romaguera	3856 3842	B/C
December				
6	FMR Christmas Social			
7	Coomera Circuit	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
14	Christmas Party	Patricia Mackie	3398 7041	Social
16	Meeting			
26	Mt D'Aguilar	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	D/W
31	New Years Eve	Patricia Mackie	3398 7041	Social
January 2003				
6	Committee Meeting			
11	Beach B-B-Q			
19	Northbrook Gorge	Anthony Dolan	3342 0386	D/W
20	Meeting			
25-27	Mapleton	Kerry Mulligan	3876 8125	B/C
27	Committee Meeting			
29	Coffee Night			
February				
1	Tooolona Circuit	Carolyn Ivanac	33799486	D/W
9	Little King's Collection	Gabriel Romaguera	3856 3842	D/W
14-15	Coomera Crevice	Iain Renton	33714672	O/N
17	Meeting - AGM			
24	Committee Meeting			
26	Coffee Night			Social
March				
8-9	Gloworm Caves / Springbrook	Gabe Romaguera	3856 3842	B/C
17	Meeting			
23	Boondal Wetlands			D/W
26	Coffee Night			Social
29-30	Condamine / Queen Mary Falls			B/C
April				
5	Illinbah Circuit	Maxine Brophy		D/w
12	Lepidozama Trail (Brisbane Forest Park)	John Carter		D/W
18-21	Washpool/Gibraltar Range	Gabe Romaguera	3856 3842	B/C
21	Meeting			
25	Anzac Day Dawn Service			
25-27				B/C
30	Coffee Night			
May				
2-5				B/C
11	Toowong/Sherwood Cross River Walk	Maxine Brophy		D/W
17-18	Border Walk			T/W
19	Meeting			
24	Annual Mass & Dinner			Social
25	Mt Ngunnigun Train Trip	John Carter		D/W
28	Coffee Night			Social
31	Mt. Greville			D/W

June			
7-9	Emu Creek	Iain Renton	B/c
16	Meeting		
21	Mt. Mitchell	Carolyn Ivanac	D/W
25	Coffee Night		Social
28-29	Savages Ridge	Iain Renton	O/N
July			
6	Mt Zahel		D/W
12-13	Girraween		B/C
21	Meeting		
26-27	Barrabol Ridge	Iain Renton	T/W
	Coffee Night		Social
	Historic Shepherd's Walk		D/W
August			
12	Barney Mass		
18	Meeting		
27	Coffee Night		Social
31	Father Ed Memorial Walk	Maxine Brophy	D/W

KEY – Walk Types

D/W	Day Walk	½ 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 Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club uses the following Walk Grading system, which is referred to under each coming walk. If uncertain, please consult with the walk's leader.

1. Distance	2. Terrain	3. Fitness
Short Under 10km per day	1-3 <u>Graded or open terrain.</u> No scrub	1-3 <u>Easy.</u> Suitable for beginners
Medium 10-15 km 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 km per day	<u>Bush.</u> As Above+ thick scrub, major rock scrambling using hands, technical	8-10 <u>Hard</u> Strenuous, fit walkers required.
EXtra Long Over 20 km per day		

Club Web Address:

www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/

email: briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au

The club's calendar can be seen at this site under the heading Event Calendar. (The web site can be located through the Yahoo search engine. Also, there are links from the Federation website.)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Please bring a plate of food to share for supper after the Christmas meeting on December 16.

For those who saw and wondered about the "No Parking – Private Property" signs at St Brigid's car park – it is alright for us to park there during walks and meetings.

Desley

ABOUT MEMBERS

Birthday wishes to Bev Gaffney, Louise Leonardi, Carolyn Ivanac, and Gabriel Romaguera

Jean Gowans has recently returned from a relaxing holiday on Norfolk Island.

Don and Robyn have just had a brief holiday up the coast. **Michael and Mary Nolan** are about to head up the coast for a two week holiday.

The **Tobins** are also about to head off to Tasmania for their holidays. The **Brophies** are now back from their trip with many tales to tell. **Barbara Eastoe** is also back from Thailand.

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance 21/10/02	\$1,052.38
<u>Plus Receipts</u>	\$ 159.00

	\$1,211.38
<u>Less Payments</u>	\$ 263.30
<u>Balance 18/11/02</u>	\$ 948.08

Term Deposit	\$1,605.60
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Terry.

OUTINGS NEWS

INFORMATION FOR VISITORS

All visitors who have participated in more than three walks and yet are to become a member must sign the 'Assumption of Risk Form'. This is to occur before commencing a walk. This is a requirement of the Insurance Scheme so that the visitor will be covered by the policy.

COMING WALKS

Mt D'Aguilar
Thursday 26th December
Daywalk

Leader:	Greg Endicott (3351 4092)
Meet at:	St Brigid's Car Park, Musgrave Tce, Red Hill.
Time:	8:30am
Cost:	\$5.00
Grading:	S 4 3
Emerg Off:	Louise Leonardi (3287 1372)

For those just a bit frazzled after the mad Christmas rush, here's just the thing. A relaxing walk in an idyllic and peaceful spot away from the Boxing Day crowds. Although this is an off-track walk, it is an easy walk with plenty of time to do it. There might be a small amount of undergrowth but we should be able to avoid most of it. This is a cool, shaded rainforest walk on the top of a mountain.

We'll be starting from the carpark at Tenison Woods Mountain, walking over the first peak and then down into the saddle between the peaks. In the saddle there is a small creek and large palm groves, so it is a beautiful spot for a long and relaxed lunch. (There will probably be quite a few left-over Christmas goodies being handed around.)

This walk also has the vantage of being close to Brisbane and away from busy major roads. Come join me on Boxing Day. Greg.

Northbrook Gorge
Sunday 19th January 2003
Daywalk

Leader: Anthony Dolan 3342 0386
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Tce, Red Hill.
Time: 7:00am
Cost: \$10:00
Grading: S 4 4
Emerg Off: Louise Leonardi
(3287 1372)

Northbrook Gorge is located in the Brisbane Forest Park west of Brisbane. The walk is off track and you get to go for a swim.

Part one of the walk involves a downhill cross country trek through forest to the creek. Once the creek is reached we simply follow the creek until we get to a

bridge where our cars will be waiting. If it is a hot day don't worry! The easiest way to negotiate parts of the creek is through the water

We will have to walk through a couple of sections of the creek so bring a large plastic bag to put your pack in while we negotiate our way. (Don't forget to bring your togs!).

If we have the right amount of rain between now and 19 January this will be a pleasant and rewarding way to have a look at a less-travelled part of the park.

Hope you can join me. Anthony Dolan

COMING SOCIALS

New Years Eve Party Tuesday 31st December

Meet at: Palmer/Mulligan house
6 Emerson Street
Toowong
Phone: Pat Mackie (3398 7041)
or
Kerry Mulligan 3876 8125

Time:

To celebrate the last day of 2002 join us for the night. Pat

January 11th Beach B.B.Q

Where: Wellington Point

Come and join me for the first social of 2003. We are going to walk across to King Island for Morning Tea. Low tide is at 0830 giving us plenty of time to walk over to the island. After having morning tea we

will then walk back to the mainland for a beach BBQ.

I drove down through a beautiful avenue of Poinciana trees, under a clear blue sky with glimpses of blue sea. On return we will pass many quaint craft shops which we may stop and have a brouse on the way. This is a great way to spend a Saturday.

Please phone me for more further details of these events. Love to hear from you. Pat



Coffee Night

Wednesday, 29th January, 2003

This coffee night is a fundraiser for St Vincent de Paul so please come along and give your support for this cause.



Where: Pat Mackie's house

23 Jerome Street

Coorparoo

Ph: 3398 7041

Time: 7:00pm for 7:30pm

For further information please contact me on 3398 7041 (my answering machine is friendly). Pat

There will be no coffee night for December.

PAST SOCIALS

Coffee Night

What a great roll-up for the Mt. Cootha get together. Our city had put on her best dress for our benefit. Much talk and laughter from all who attended.

See you at the next one at "Tricia's Tea and Coffee House" Pat

PAST OUTINGS

Mt Barney Mass

14th August 2002

We departed Red Hill at 5am with 3 new walkers ready to tackle the great mountain. Phill Hammond from the Courier Mail "Outdoors" was here to enjoy the day and take a few notes for future articles on bushwalking, in particular this special yearly pilgrimage to our alter on Mt Barney. The pleasure of dawn breaking along the Boonah horizon makes the early start all worthwhile.

We reached Yellow Pinch at 7am with Mary and Justin greeting us after a night at Larkins. A quick cuppa and boots laced with nine starting the road walk to warm up for the upward climb. Pat, Laurie and Larry caught us up at the track. Always a beautiful sight, walking in with the morning colours hitting Barney bringing all her contours and ridges to light. Looking up with wonder at this majestic mountain thinking of the hard work to reach the peak.

There were signs of the dry winter as we ascended with dry vegetation all around and the surprise of a palm grove hidden in a rather lush green gorge before we

reached the "slab". We scrambled up the slab safely and had a welcome stop for morning tea on a knoll overlooking Mt Lindsay.

Food, drinks and good jokes from Pat topped up spirits for the journey ahead. Burnt out areas all around gave us clear views out over Mt Edwards to the Border peaks. Lunch in the saddle along with a quick rest before climbing up to our altar in the rocks. Pat knew exactly where to head. Having no priest with us today we shared readings and prayers beside this very special sacred sight remembering past members who had stood here on many occasions to pray.

A further climb to East Peak for a photo session on the summit for Phil while a few of us boiled the billy for the returning party. We then started back down at 2.45pm. Mary's dad was happy to have got his little girl on Barney at last. We were back on the road for the walk to the cars as the daylight faded and the moon came up over Barney. A thankful prayer for our safety as we bid farewell to the great mountain after a wonderful day.

Tired and sore bodies heading for Brisbane were grateful thanks to Pat and Justin for their leadership and to the many new visitors a great effort. Terry, John, Paul, Phil, Ha, Cheryl, David, Mary & Justin Tobin, Laurie, Larry and Pat Lawton.

Cheers Maxine

Fr Ed's Memorial Walk Daves Creek Circuit Saturday 1st September

Two cars departed Red Hill for the journey down the motorway to Nerang and up the picturesque mountain road through Beechmont to Binna Burra. We were on the track by 9.30am taking the recently

opened western route around to meet the Boarder track. Recent rain had cleared the air and the path was fairly dry under the canopy.

Coomera Circuit was open again as we passed, good news after a few years restoring much damage from landslides. Morning tea was had near the junction to Daves Creek. We listened to a nearby stream bubbling over rocks to the falls and admired with wonder the huge old rainforest trees all around. We were soon leaving the rainforest to pass through open eucalypt and grassy areas.

Further on the huge Antarctic Beech trunks lay across the forest floor where they had fallen many years ago. Out into the open heath vegetation we made our way around to the front of the circuit overlooking the Numinbah Valley. There were clear views from Springbrook plateau down over the narrow gap to Tweed Heads. Wild flowers of many varieties sprinkled along the exposed southern side of the track.

We enjoyed lunch on a quiet rocky outcrop overlooking the valley far below with Flame trees starting to show their colours. We shared stories and memories of Father Ed and offered our prayers in this beautiful place that he have walked many times. A climb up onto Surprise rock on our return journey gave great views over to the Gold Coast.

Welcome coffees and afternoon tea back at Binna Burra before our journey back to Brisbane. Many thanks to those who shared the day making it so enjoyable. Cheers Maxine.

Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs

Federation meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Baroona Special School, Milton from 7.30pm.

Federation web site address is:

<http://www.geocities.com/qfbwc/index.htm>

1. The email address is

qfbwc@yahoo.com.au

FEDERATION MOUNTAIN RESCUE

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

M.B.S

Ω A THOUGHT TO PONDER.....Ω

"The happiness of life is made up of minute fractions – the little soon forgotten charities of a kiss or smile, a kind look, a heartfelt compliment, and the countless infinitesimals of pleasurable and genial feelings."

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

I Am Thankful....

For the teenager who is not doing dishes but is watching T.V. Because that means he is at home and not out on the streets.

For the mess to clean after a party because it means that I have been surrounded by friends.

For the clothes that fit a little to snug: because it means I have had enough to eat.

For my shadow that watches me at work: because it means I am out in the sunshine.

For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning and gutters that need fixing: Because it means I have a home.

For all the complaints I hear about the government: because it means that we have freedom of speech.

For the parking spot I find at the far end of the carpark: Because it means I am capable of walking and that I have been blessed with transportation.

For my huge heating bill: Because it means I am warm.

For the lady behind me in church that sings off key: Because it means that I can hear.

For the pile of laundry and ironing: Because it means I have clothes to wear.

For weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day: Because it means I have been capable of working hard.

And finally

For too many E-mails: Because it means that I have friends who are thinking of me.

A note from the Editor.....

Please forward your magazine articles by the **1st of the month**. You may forward your articles to either:

25 Harburg Drive
Beenleigh Qld 4207 **or**
e-mail address: leonardi@gil.com.au

Wishing you all the very best for a safe and enjoyable Christmas with your family and friends. All the best for a happy and peaceful New Year.

God Bless

Louise



"Today in the town of David, a child has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

Yours in Christ Louise

The Windows of Gold

Have you heard the legend about the boy who searched for the windows of gold? Each morning when he looked over the valley where he lived, as the sun was rising, he saw these beautiful windows of gold. He yearned to go down to the valley below, but he lived on a mountain that was covered in snow. He knew it would be a difficult trek, but he did so want to make that journey.

He planned by day and dreamed by night about how he could reach that shining light. One golden morning when dawn broke through and the valley sparkled with diamonds of dew, he decided this was the day he would go and find those windows of gold. He started to climb down the mountainside with the windows of gold as his guide. He travelled all day and was so

weary, his feet were bleeding and his clothes torn when he entered the peaceful valley town just as the golden sun was going down.

He was tired and cold and lonely and he asked the kind folk to please show him the windows of gold. They told him to look and behold high on the mountain where he came from he saw the windows of gold. Now the kingdom of God with it's great shining lights is like those golden windows that shone so bright. Not in a far distant place but as close to you as a silent prayer.

Your search for God will end when you look for Him in yourself, because you will find Him within your own heart. He is always ready to be our guide and strength, all we have to do is ask Him to come into our hearts.

Prayer: Dear Lord, help us to live our lives each day as if we are living within those windows of gold, so that we can show our love for you as if it was a great shining light. Let us try to live each day, as we would if you were visible to us and walking by our side. We know that we only have to ask for your help, Lord, for the strength we need to turn away from wrong-doing, even in those small everyday things that can cause us and those around us pain and sorrow.

Help us, Lord as we seek to serve and follow our Christ.

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