



JILALAN

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**BRISBANE CATHOLIC
BUSHWALKING CLUB Inc.**



Under the guidance of Our Lady Of The Way

CHRISTMAS 2003

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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:

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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 2003

DATE 2003	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
November				
17	Meeting	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	
21-23	Lake Freshwater/Double Island Point	Richard Johns	3353 2822	B/C
26	Coffee Night	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social
29	Christmas Party	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	O/N
December				
6	Fountain Falls	Matthew Palmer	3876 8125	D/W
10	Christmas Carols	Pat Mackie	3398 7041	Social
14	Ballanjui Falls	Iain Renton	3371 4672	D/W
15	Meeting	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	
26	Boxing Day – Joyners Ridge	Iain Renton	3371 4672	D/W
31	New Years Eve Party	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social
2004				
January				
4	Obi Obi Gorge	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
10	Mt Cordeaux Night Walk	Terry Silk	3355 9765	Night Walk
17	Social – Card Night	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social
18	Obi Obi Gorge Li-Lo	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
19	Meeting	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	
24 – 26	Australia Day – Canoe – Noosa River	Gabe Romaguera	3856 3842	B/C
25	Purlingbrook Falls	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	D/W
28	Coffee Night	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social
31	Mt Warning	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	D/W
February				
8	Northbrook Gorge			D/W
14	Little Kings Collection	Gabe Romaguera	3856 3842	
16	AGM Meeting	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	
22	Warrie Circuit	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
25	Coffee Night	Carolyn Ivanac		Social
28	Tooloona Circuit	Desley Pedrazzini	3369 5530	D/W
March				
5-7	Club Hut			B/C
6	Toms Tum			O/N
14	Booloomba Creek			D/W
15	Meeting			
20 – 21	Retreat			
27 – 28	Stinson Wreck – Point Lookout			O/N
April				
4	West Canungra	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
	Easter Weekend			
31 – May 3	Labour Day Weekend - Yuraygir National Park (Northern New South Wales)			B/C and T/W
May				

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.

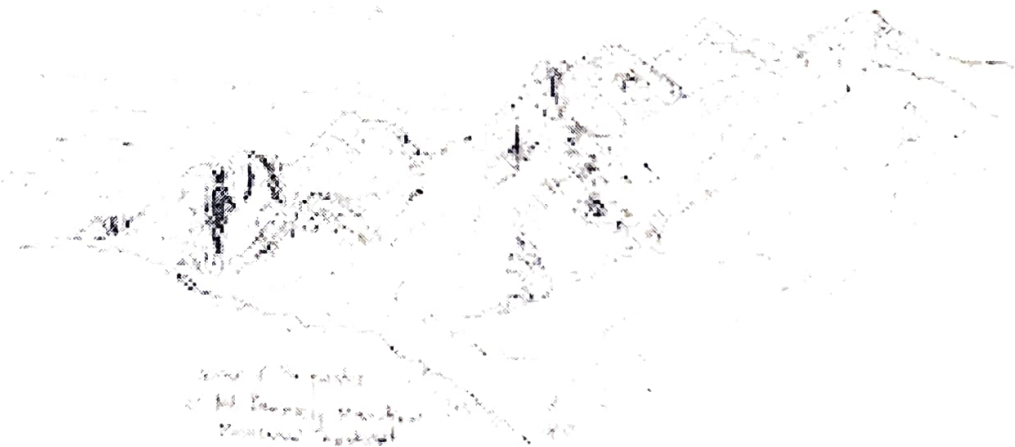
1. Distance		2. Terrain		3. Fitness	
Short	Under 10km per day	1-3	<u>Graded</u> or open terrain. No scrub	1-3	<u>Easy</u> . Suitable for beginners
Medium	10-15 km per day	4-7	<u>Bush</u> . Minor scrub rainforest, rock creek Rock hopping, scrambling	4-7	<u>Medium</u> . Reasonable fitness required.
Long	15-20 km per day	8-10	<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.)



Sketch of Mt Barney by Iain Renton

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

Firstly, congratulations to Carolyn for organising such a good Progressive Dinner. It was a very enjoyable night, with good comments from everyone. Carolyn made sure everything ran smoothly.

And also thanks to Louise who did the running around for designing this month's Jilalan cover. She did a lot of work to get it to you. She lives at Beenleigh and the printer is in Brisbane – she went to a lot of trouble to get it to you.

It is time for the Annual Report – this means all sorts of people have to get articles in. For one, each leader puts a report in for their outing (and any other event they lead). If you did an article for Jilalan, we can glean the relevant info from it and put a short trip description in the Annual Report. If you have not written your article for Jilalan after your outing, please write one now before the Outings Secretary chases you. The deadlines are tight and panic reigns – please be a good person and do it without being asked. There are a lot of other reports that go into Jilalan – Social's, Secretary's, President's, Vice President's, Treasurer's, New Member's, Editor's, and more.

Please read the Outings Calendar for the next 6 months. As you can see, we need leaders. Leading is the next step above coming on a trip. True, there is the organising of it, doing the pre-outing, answering all those queries from those wanting info about your trip, arranging transport and finally the leading. There are all sorts of leading styles – yours has occurred before. On some trips, you could not pick the leader. Some of us lead from behind. Some are blazing the trail. Most are talking. Once you have led your own trip, you will appreciate trips more. Don't just think about it, but do it.

You will see the article about the T-shirts – we need the orders in by the January Meeting. The design and colours sound good. Please order either at the December or January Meeting.

And finally, all have a Happy and Holy Christmas and a Joyous 2004.

Greg E.

ABOUT MEMBERS

Birthday wishes to Louise Leonardi, Carolyn Ivanac, Gabriel Romaguera and Bev Gaffney. Belated birthday greetings to Jie Chen who celebrated a birthday in late November. Jie is also off to Melbourne for a brief visit.

Treasurer Terry has just returned from a brief trip to the Flinders Ranges where he noticed that there were plenty of bushwalking tracks. Our overseas travelling member, Margaret Cooper, is still enjoying the sites of Wales.

TREASURERS REPORT



Balance 20/10/03	\$1371.20
<u>Plus Receipts</u>	<u>\$ 530.00</u>
	\$1901.20
<u>Less Payments</u>	<u>\$ 958.35</u>
<u>Balance 10/11/03</u>	<u>\$ 942.85</u>
Term Deposit	\$1,681.32

Terry.

COMING WALKS

ADVANCE NOTICE 3 DAY WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE 23rd – 26th January 2004

Leader: Gabe Romaguera
(3856 3842)

You are one of the lucky people of the world. You live in a bustling metropolis yet within 2 hours you can be in a scenic wilderness where you can get away from all trappings of modern civilization. The world's oyster is on your doorstep. And we are planning to take advantage of this!!

Come and join us canoeing for 3 days in the Cooloola section of the Great Sandy National Park, from Teewah Creek on to Noosa River and across Lake Cootharaba to Elanda Point. It will be a 40 Km canoe trip (one way) with camping along the way, and time to explore the surrounding area including the Cooloola Sandpatch. So think of coming along.

It costs a little more than your normal camping weekend – about \$100 for 3 days covers canoe hire, taxi, luggage portage to the starting point, and 3 days camping. Mileage costs from Brisbane to Elanda point will be extra. Although it sounds a lot, it is excellent value for money when you think of the great experience in store for you. It's an exciting adventure holiday available to you for a long weekend.

So don't even think of buying presents for your friends and family this Christmas. Hoard your pennies for yourself and come on our adventure for the Australia Day weekend. Hope to see you all there.

Gabe

Joyners Ridge Fri 26th December ½ Daywalk

Leader: Iain Renton
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 9:15am
Cost: \$5:00
Grading: S 3 2
Emerg Off: Sam Leonardi
(3287 1372)

Join me for a relaxing ramble on Boxing Day in Brisbane Forest Park (close to Brisbane and away from holiday traffic). Most of the walk is on a well maintained 4WD track with gradients no steeper than graded track walks. You'll be walking through rainforest and then eucalypt forest along a gentle ridge top. The last few hundred metres to the pinnacle is off-track but is easy walking and not steep.

The pinnacle is an interesting rock formation with good views over the England Creek Valley – an excellent spot for lunch away from it all (there will probably be the usual left over Xmas nibbles to share). The walk should be finished fairly early in the afternoon.

Iain Renton

Obi Obi Gorge Li-Lo Sunday 4th January Daywalk

Leader: Phil Murray (3841 0254)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 6:30am
Cost: \$15:00
Grading: M 7 8
Emerg Off: Susan Murray (3841 0254)

The Obi Obi Creek Lilo Trip is the best ever bushwalk you can do. Hard, but fun.

This trip is the ultimate in getting immersed in nature. As you gently glide past rainforest covered valleys you can look up at the brilliant blue sky.

The walk is located up at the back of Montville on the Sunshine coast hinterland. The walk starts at the Baroon Pocket Dam. There are 2 options where we finish. If there is a good flow we will come out at Kenilworth Road. If there is no flowing water or only a trickle of a flow we will come out at the Kondalilla Falls.

The trip starts with a short walk and then it is in the water. If there is a good flow we will spend most of the day shooting the rapids. If the rain has failed we will have to walk between the pools. There are 15 pools of water. Each pool is about 50 to 100m long.

You need a Lilo to do the trip. No Lilo no trip. No boogie boards, no surfmats and no blow-up canoes.

For those who are unsure, a lilo is an airbed made out of rubberised canvas. They usually cost around \$20.

Please note you must be a good swimmer and have a good sense of balance. Also, be aware that there is a major element of risk involved in the trip. Whenever you go into moving water there is a risk involved.

Bring the normal stuff you need for a day trip; lunch, water bottle, torch & sunscreen. Plus if you have them thermal shirt and pants as these are excellent for in the water as they provide sun protection. If you have a wetsuit bring that as well. Also have a complete change of clothes for the end of the trip.

It is invariably a long day but it is trip of a lifetime. Phil.

Mt Cordeaux Saturday 10th January Nightwalk

Leader: Terry Silk (3355 9765)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 2:00pm
Cost: \$12:00
Grading: S 3 3
Emerg Off: Sam Leonardi (3287 1372
or (0419 794251)

This is such an easy walk that I am being trusted to lead it. That, plus the fact that I am a creature of the night. Experience wise, I have done all the club's recent night walks and over the years I have been spotted wandering around the bush as I followed many a night time car rally.

This is a graded track walk, not too steep or long. The plan is to start the walk before sunset so as to observe it from the summit. Tea will be had at this point before an easy return to the car park during which we hope to see some glow worms. Being a late afternoon/night walk we will not have a problem with the summer heat.

Naturally, you will need a reliable torch along with your regular bushwalking gear. I am looking forward to receiving your nominations so that we can check out the night life at Cunninghams Gap. Needless to say, it will not be a late night for those who must be in bed before midnight, and besides, you can sleep in on Sunday if you need to. Terry.

COMING SOCIALS

*NEW YEAR'S EVE
ROMA STREET PARKLANDS
Wednesday Dec 31st*

Meet at: The waterfall wall
Time: 6:30pm – 7:00pm
RSVP: 22/12/03

Come along and join me for the last social of the year out in the fresh air. B.Y.O chair, food and drinks and we will set up to have a BBQ/evening picnic. For those of you who would like to see the fireworks, we will then walk from there to the City/Southbank.

For further details contact me on:
Ph 3379 9486 Carolyn.



First Social for 2004 Saturday 17th January 2004 Card Night



Where: Romaguera Residence
26 Granville Street
Wilston
Time: 7:00pm
Contact: Carolyn Ivanac
(3379 9486)

Coffee Night

There will be no coffee night for December 2003. The next coffee night will be held on January 28 – Venue yet to be decided.

PAST SOCIALS

Coffee Night 26th Nov

First a big thankyou to those who came and joined me; Greg Endicott, Peta, Barbara, Gabe and Patricia Lawton. Barbara, Peta & I met and had dinner; the food was to die for and the coffee superb!

A big thanks to all those who have shared their company with me at several coffee nights through 2003. Carolyn

Progressive Dinner Saturday 8th Nov 2003

Wow, what a fantastic turn-out. Before I tell you all about the evening, I would like to thank some of you. They are, Greg – for all those lovely trifles and cheesecakes, Jean – for the unreal beetroot soup, David Simpson – for a delicious curry and rice, Michele Johns for a tasty lasagna and sticky date pudding, Don Keating for the pavlova and ice-cream and Maxine for the Turkish bread and fruit flan. A big thankyou also to Iain Renton for the use of his home and to Matthew Palmer for setting up his backyard in perfect light. A special thankyou to Michele Johns for all your support and to Greg Endicott & David Simpson for all your help also.

Okay, we all met at Iain's place for chips, pizzas, soup and French bread. Barbara Eastoe also displayed an example of a future club t-shirt design. After Iain's, we all headed to Matthew and Kerry's home to

have our main course. We all sat at tables in the backyard. Ethan Palmer and Mary Tobin had their photo taken by Majella, and they looked beautiful in their little outfits. Everyone chatted, ate and had a few laughs. The atmosphere was very family like I thought.

Whilst everyone was finishing off, Michele & Richard Johns, Greg Endicott and I left to get my place ready. Whilst working, Richard, Robyn Thorn and I got a few minutes to watch the mighty Wallabies against Scotland. Around 9:00pm the rest of the troops arrived and all the desserts were ready to go. Tea & coffee was ready and we all dug in. Mind you, my dog Mack was overcome by all the people but it was okay. We all sat around and had a lovely time. By midnight, Terry (treasurer) had been given monies from the night, which all added up correctly. Phew!!, which is good.

I forgot to thank Patricia Funnel for organizing and supplying the refreshments for the evening. Hope everyone had a nice time.

Carolyn.

CHRISTMAS PARTY Saturday 29th November

This was a very successful night. Santa did a fantastic job. Many thanks to Gabriel for his hard work and Patricia Mackie for providing the venue. Rubi and Mack had a nice time getting to know each other!

Lovely salads and desserts had by all. Mary Tobin and Thomas Carter had a wonderful time, except Mary has to learn to share those yummy nuggets!!!! Also, that night, we had a look at the house across the road as they were showing their Christmas lights. They were fantastic!!

Last but not least, John Carter did a terrific job on the BBQ. I'll keep you in mind for my next apprentice! We all had a really lovely night. Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to all.



Carolyn.

PAST OUTINGS

Binna Burra to O'Reilly's (or vice versa) Sunday 22 September

Twelve bushwalkers met at the early hour of 6.30am ready to take on this 21 km walk. The first job was to split into two groups. Gabe was to lead the group starting at Binna Burra accompanied by Carolyn, Paul, Terry and two visitors Anne and Malcolm. The O'Reilly's group was led by Barbara with Desley, Dave, David and visitors Cheryl and Denise making up the group. After deciding to meet in the middle for lunch and to swap keys and at the coffee shop in Canungra after the walk (more about this later) we set off.

This walk is long but not difficult. It is always interesting because of the changes in vegetation along the track. In one section of the track there are views across to Mt Warning. The Antarctic Beeches are always spectacular but they were even more so because many of the orchids growing high in their branches were in flower.

Both groups met about 5 minutes walk from the halfway point, had lunch and (luckily) remembered to swap keys. Then we headed off again. Along the way Barbara's group met up with a group from Bushwalkers of Southern Queensland including Pat Lawton and Jonas who were completing the Coomera Circuit. We walked with them back to Binna Burra.

Everyone enjoyed the walk whether they had done it before or this was their first time. It was a fun walk with a great group of people. Organising this walk is a little trickier than most because of the swap-over of vehicles but it was certainly worth the effort.

Perhaps members may be able to answer the following questions:

- How is it that, when both groups set off from the middle of the walk at the same time, Gabe's group arrived at the coffee shop at Canungra one and a half hours after Barbara's group? What were they up to?
- Which member gave up on her fellow walkers and joined the BOSQ group at the end of the walk? Hint: being a Committee member she should know better.
- How did a scrub turkey get signed up as a BCBC member?
- Why did Gabe say his group had walked uphill all the way from Binna Burra to the mid point when Barbara's group know that they walked uphill most of the way back to Binna Burra from the same point?

Fr Ed Memorial Walk Moreton Island Saturday 11th October

The very early start from Brisbane was all worth the effort, once the barge to Moreton slipped out into the bay. The day had brought clear skies, a beautiful sunrise and cool winds to help keep us cool on our beach walk. Breakfast was available at the shop on board. Some enjoyed cuppas and a snack while others caught up on the morning papers. Scarborough faded into the distance as Bribie grew closer and with Moreton taking shape as we crossed the

reef. We gathered for a quiet prayer in memory of the Bali victims and families and also Fr Ed, who enjoyed many of those beautiful journeys across the bay.

Keith was waiting for us as we berthed. The full tide and still breeze saw us wading into shore from the ramp making a fun start. Due to the high tide our 4WD taxi took the inland track part way to the lighthouse at North Point where we wandered through the Information Centre reading up on the local wildlife and past history of the whaling station activity until the early 1960's. How times have changed our thinking, as we climbed up to the headland to gaze out over this spectacular water ways only to have a clear view of a migrating whale performing an amazing display just down off the point. How lucky we were and how blessed to share this moment.

We reluctantly left the top and clambered down the sandy tracks through bush land to the eastern beach below us and our destination in the far distance. Our walk to Spitfire Creek was helped by the cool strong breeze and happy chatter as we walked along. Water birds were busy gathering food along the shore line while keeping a watchful eye on the invading 4WD vehicles traveling too fast along the sand. Morning tea was had in the shade with water lillies covering the cool clear waters of Spitfire Creek. A quiet haven back from the noisy surf and a quick visit to see the large Aboriginal "Midin" where once many gathered for celebration and local seafood.

Welcome swims were had before lunch at Blue Lagoon after we waded around the edge of the lake amongst reeds and water lilies. After lunch we crossed a wetland basin filled with hundreds of grass trees all flowering well after recent bushfires.

Honeyeater Lake at the next stop and our day was nearing to an end. This last lake

we would see is well hidden amongst heath and lush ferns along the waters edge, a pristine area protected in this National Park. Our taxi picked us up from this lookout at Honeyeater and a bumpy journey we had back to meet the barge with time for afternoon tea at the local store. The crossing back was very rough but lots of fun to finish a great days walk. Thankyou to all who came to share this special walk which occurs on our Club calendar each year. Also a special thankyou to Pat L and Justin for the Pre-outing day. Maxine

Training Weekend Basecamp Fri 3rd – Sun 5th October

Five of us headed off on Friday night to "Yarramalong" near Aratula. We pitched camp in a nice spot near Reynolds Gorge. The next morning Terry and Barbara arrived and we started the training in the camping ground. There was plenty of space and we had it all to ourselves. We did a series of exercises aimed at building confidence in rock-hopping. Most of us reverted to childhood for a while (though Eva being 8y.o was already there) and played hop-scotch. After that the females in their group attempted to impart to the males some of the arcane mysteries of skipping. I am reasonably agile and nimble but I found a fast moving rope impossible to master the others fared better.

There were plenty of rocks and boulders sticking up out of the dirt in the camping ground so we could practice rock-hopping without risking getting wet. In another exercise we enjoyed putting people through sudden conditions as they jumped from square to square. Alexa turned up and joined us in lessons on map reading. We had a fair sized recreation hall to ourselves and looked at a range of maps and used a sand tray to help visualize

contours and what topographic features look like on a map. After lunch we went upstream along Reynolds Creek and practiced scrambling skills on low rocky slopes. Then we walked out along the massive rock slab that slopes into the creek. We kept going until a trickier spot proved a bit much for some. Here we turned around and headed back (though some wanted to continue). It was fortunate we did turn around because we had a reasonably heavy rain shower 20mins later that would have made it hard to go anywhere on the slab.

On the way back we found a large log going out into the deep water of the creek. Many of us put the balancing skills we had been practicing into action and had a go walking out and back. Gabe discovered fishing line and plastic coke bottles tangled up in a branch on the log. He and I balanced on the log as we untangled them and got them out of the water (there had been notices in the camping ground asking people not to leave fishing lines in the water as platypuses can get tangled and drown). The last bit of the walk was in raincoats in the rain but it stopped before we got back to camp.

After the day visitors left, the rest of us relaxed and settled down to cooking tea and sharing nibbilies. After tea we played a verbal version of "Pictionary" and then the memory game "I went to Paris and bought" and managed to keep it going a surprisingly long time. It got to be a very long list and our brains decided they'd had enough and we called it quits. The weather was very co-operative and it rained again after we had gone to bed for the night. We also had to keep an eye on a few friendly possums including a mother and its baby – very cute and we actually got a chance to stroke their soft fur but you had to keep your food out of reach. Next morning Gabe got up early to see the platypus and was rewarded with a couple of brief glimpses.

After breakfast we had a go at a couple of orienteering courses the owners had laid out. We didn't find much on the first one but although the second one was more difficult, with more information we had better luck. It was on the steep lower slopes of Little Mt Edwards with everybody taking turns of navigating and finding the markers. Then we went back to the campsite for lunch, packed up and went home. Thanks to everybody for getting into the spirit and joining in the fun and having a go at learning things and helping others out. Thanks to Patricia Funnell, Gabe, Terry, Jie, Eva, Alexa and Barbara for coming to a basecamp with a difference.

Iain

Coomera Gorge 14th -15th November

Years ago, while looking down from The Coomera Circuit into the gorge, I decided I wanted to walk down there. I ran out of time on my first two attempts and the third was thwarted because the area was closed. So it was wonderful to finally get there this time. We camped overnight at Binna Burra where a possum extracted Matthews's lunch for the next day from his pack.

We were up bright and early and started walking at 6:12am. It was a beautiful sunny day with blue skies and a slightly cooling breeze. We took a graded track (part of the Illinbah Circuit) down to the Coomera River and then headed upstream. We spent much of the rest of the day wading in the creek, forging through cascades and rock hopping. There were also a few minor encounters with lawyer vine while walking through rainforest when we cut across the odd riverbend. There was a good deal of slipping and sliding going on with all of us executing

quaint little dance routines in our attempts to stay upright and dry. Most of us succeeded in staying reasonably dry. Ivan got $\frac{3}{4}$ wet (reckons he misjudged the depth because of refraction in the water) but being a bit shorter than the rest of us wouldn't have helped either. He was also a bit younger at 15yo but he was a good walker and effortless in the short bits of rock scrambling where most of us were rather tentative. As promised we all had thoroughly wet feet for most of the day.

When we weren't looking to see where to next put a hand or a foot there was plenty to see – an abundance of beautiful pools and cascades with rainforests all around. The cliffs crowded in the further upstream in went. There was speculation about the location of the "mystery track" which used to be a way up out of the gorge to the graded track system above. Then somebody found a National Park sign "Track closed. No entry". But there was not the faintest trace of a likely route. Soon after we were rewarded by the spectacular sight of a long thin drop of a waterfall. After a bit more walking we reached the end of the gorge at midday. Justin and Ivan went for a swim in the pool beneath Coomera Falls and we ate lunch. Too soon we had to stir ourselves for the long haul back downstream (we cut across more riverbeds on the way back). Everybody was immensely pleased to get back onto the graded track system at the Illinbah Circuit. Although it was all uphill, it was a flat surface, dry and easy to see (no more straining to see a rocky, pebbly bottom through water reflections and ripples). At each set of steps there were groans as we had to lift our knees again.

We got back to the cars at 5:45pm. We stopped at Canungra for a cuppa and a bite to eat to recharge energy for the drive home. Thanks to Justin, Ivan, Matthew, Greg Millar and Paul Evans for doing such a great job on a rather arduous day's

walking. Thanks also to Justin and Paul for driving.

Iain.

Rainbow Beach Base Camp Fri 21st – Sun 23rd Nov

We met at the Rainbow Waters Caravan Park late Friday afternoon and found ourselves a secluded campsite. Much interest was shown in Jean's new tent and I have never seen so many people putting up one tent before. Dinner was eaten at camp and much discussion centred around the predicted bad weather for the weekend.

The next day we set off from the Bymien picnic area at 8.30am for Lake Freshwater. The track was mostly through rainforest with a little open forest towards the end. The track was sand covered with a dense layer of leaf litter which was very easy on the feet and made the 20klm covered that day seem somewhat shorter. Lunch was eaten at the Freshwater picnic area followed by a short walk along the beach. The trip was conducted at a leisurely pace and we arrived back at Bymien at 5.45pm.

We had tea at the Rainbow Beach hotel where I was surprised to find a very empty restaurant. Not so the bar next door where the World Cup final was being screened.

Next morning we headed to Lake Poona for a swim and then back to Rainbow Beach for lunch. After lunch, the much predicted bad weather arrived but we were on our way home by then.

The campers were myself, Michele, Jean, Iain, Jie and Eva. Everybody had a great time and nobody was too sore afterwards.

Richard Johns

Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs

Federation meetings are held at 7:30pm on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Little Kings Movement. 33 O'Keefe St, Buranda.

Federation web site address is:

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

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FEDERATION MOUNTAIN RESCUE

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

For Sale

*Tent – Outer Limits Backpacker-
Lightweight-2 man – As New \$90*

Jackaroo Bivvy Tent, Lightweight - \$40

*Gaiters – Kathmandu brand, Black &
Blue New - \$40*

*Boots – Garmont – Brown leather,
perfect condition – size 8½ - \$95*

*Boots – Hi Tec, Beige, Size 8½ - \$25
All items negotiable – Please ring June
on 3863 4865*

*** THOUGHTS TO PONDER.....***

A Hug is a great gift. One size fits all.

There is a fine line between "hobby and
"mental illness".

No matter what happens, somebody will
find a way to take it too seriously"

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

"Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
yes, our God is compassionate."
Psalm 116:5

Yours in Christ Louise

Wishing all club members and their families
A happy and safe Christmas.
From
The Club Committee





Sketch by Iain Renton

THE T-SHIRTS ARE COMING!!!

Those of you who came to the last meeting or the progressive dinner will have had a chance to vote on what our new club t-shirts will look like. This is the result:

- COLOUR:** Azure (bright, light blue)
- COLLAR:** Royal Blue with a small red, green and azure stripe
- SLEEVES:** Trim in the same colours as the collar
- OTHER:** Pocket with the club logo in colour with BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB underneath.
- MATERIAL:** A lightweight polyester/cotton mix

The shirts will be made by Antipodes Clothing. Those who saw the sample t-shirt commented on the quality of the workmanship.

SO, WHAT WILL IT COST?

The cost of the t-shirt will be just over \$25. There is also a one-off charge of about \$50 to set up the logo. This will add \$2 to \$2.50 to the cost of each shirt (depending on how many shirts are purchased). Alternatively, the club may decide to pay the one-off fee to reduce costs to members. There is a minimum order of 20 t-shirts and as long as we have that minimum number we can order more t-shirts without having to pay the \$50.

WHERE TO FROM HERE?

In the January Jilalan, there will be an order form for t-shirts. The shirts come in a number of sizes, which will be listed, on the order form. We will also have sample sizes at the January meeting. Orders must be accompanied by the full cost and will be put in a week after the January meeting.

SO START SAVING YOUR PENNIES AND BE READY TO BUY A CLUB T-SHIRT FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY (YOU MIGHT THINK OF IT AS A BELATED CHRISTMAS PRESENT)

Barbara Eastoe

A Special Invitation to a Christmas Party

You are cordially invited to
A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!!!

Guest of Honor: Jesus Christ

Date: Every day. Traditionally, December 25
but He's always around, so the date is flexible....

Time: Whenever you're ready.

(Please don't be late, though, or you'll miss out on all the fun!)

Place: In your heart.... He'll meet you there.

(You'll hear Him knock.)

Attire: Come as you are... grubbies are okay.

He'll be washing our clothes anyway. He said something about
new white robes and crowns for everyone who stays till the last.

Tickets: Admission is free. He's

already paid for everyone...

(He says you wouldn't have been
able to afford it anyway...

it cost Him everything He had. But
you do need to accept the ticket!!

Refreshments: New wine, bread, and a
far-out drink He calls "Living Water,"

followed by a supper that promises to be out of this world!

Gift Suggestions: Your life. He's one of those
people who already has everything else.

(He's very generous in return though.

Just wait until you see what He has for you!)

Entertainment: Joy, Peace, Truth,

Light, Life, Love, Real Happiness,

Communion with God, Forgiveness, Miracles, Healing, Power,

Eternity in Paradise, Contentment, and much more!

(All "G" rated, so bring your family and friends.)

R.S.V.P. Very Important!

He must know ahead so He can

reserve a spot for you at the table.

Also, He's keeping a list of His friends for future
reference. He calls it the "Lamb's Book of Life."

Party being given by His Kids (that's us!!)

Hope to see you there! For those of you whom I will
see at the party, share this with someone today!

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