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CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

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Where a party is overdue, the onus is on parents to telephone the Emergency Officer if they are concerned over their son/daughter's safety. Please do not ring before 9 p.m. at the earliest.

J I L A L A NClub Calendar

GENERAL MEETING	18th January	Southern Safari.
GIBRALTAR RANGE	29th Jan/1st Feb.	Basecamp/Throughwalk
CLUB RETREAT	12th/14th Feb.	Ave Maria
GENERAL MEETING	15th Feb.	
MT. CORDEAUX/ MT. MITCHELL	21st February	Daywalk.
SAFETY & TRAINING	26th/28th Feb.	Basecamp
BLUE KNOB	5th/7th March	Basecamp/Throughwalk
GENERAL MEETING	15th March	
PAGES PINNACLE	21st March	Daywalk
MT. GLENNIE- MT. TANA	26/28th March	Throughwalk
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	19th April	
FRASER ISLAND	8/12th April (Easter)	Throughwalk.

EDITORIAL

Where have all the songsters gone? Long time passing,
Where have all the songsters gone? Long time ago,
Where have all the songsters gone? Young girls have picked
them everyone.

When will they ever return? When will they ever return?

There have been many good singers in this club during its twelve year life. They were the strength of the club during a long late night walk into an isolated hut. Their boisterous melodies could lift our minds from the rock strewn roads and tracks until the goal - the camp for the night - was finally reached. What a difference their lightheartedness made in the weary hours before we arrived. If the spirit of it could be nailed down or netted, a shrewd man might have taken it away and made a profit out of it - as the ultimate cure for aching feet. Wouldn't housewives be pleased for it after a day's shopping in town.

But it can never be caught or reproduced. The contribution those songsters made was something which had a special value only for their friends in the time and place they gave it. And when will they return to make our trips the easier?

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Most of them will never return, and should not have to return, for there are enough members in the club now who could take their place.

Trips are so much more enjoyable when the party sings together - in the bus, or walking, or around the evening campfire. Talking is enjoyable because it brings us closer to other people; it brings us company and friends. Don't we all want them? Well, singing is just as effective in doing this; and for bringing together a large group together in an atmosphere of friendship; and for the pleasure of sharing something; it beats talking by a mile. That friendship can last for ages. Next time you join in a group that is singing, you'll be letting yourself in for a treat if you join in wholeheartedly. How it happens is something that is tedious to explain, but once tried, explanations are not really necessary.

Can we bring some of the old spirit back into the club? If some of the members who can lead off on a few songs or play a guitar would let their little light shine, we would all be so much the merrier. Any volunteers?

COMING EVENTS IN DETAIL

GENERAL MEETING - 18th January, 1971.

Feature of the January General Meeting will be an audio - visual entitled "Southern Safari", produced and directed by Paul Skehan and Laurie Kearney. Paul and Laurie travelled approximately 4,000 miles on their holidays and say they encountered all the seasons rolled into one - particularly Rain!

GIBRALTAR RANGE

National
Park

<u>DATE</u>	29th Jan/1st Feb.
<u>FARE</u>	Approx. \$ 5.00
<u>LEADERS</u>	Basecamp - John Graham; Throughwalk - John Elliot.
<u>TRANSPORT</u>	From North Quay (behind Trittons) at 6.30 p.m.
<u>NOMINATIONS</u>	Close Monday 25th January.

Gibraltar Range National Park is a long long drive from Brisbane, but it is certainly worth it. The country, in places, is a lot like the Mt. Norman area with open scrub, huge rocks and patches of swampy land. The rest is real rain forest country.

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Wildlife abounds - scrub turkeys, various birds, wallabies, and an excess of snakes. Heavy boots will be essential to do most of the walking, and to stomp on the snakes.

Swimming holes are plentiful; there is a magnificent one at the campsite complete with an "Old Man Platypus", waterfall, and clear water. However, waterbottles will be needed as one of the walks will be fairly remote from water.

The campsite has all the amenities including a rubbish tip. All that is required is that the tip is used. If you forget your tent and if you beat me to it, you can sleep in "Mulligans Hut". Mulligan had a good taste in picking sites for his huts.

The significant thing about this Park is the display at the Ranger Headquarters; there is one rock on display with a sea - shell in it. The region is 4,000 feet high so all club geologists had better come for scientific reasons if nothing else.

John Graham.

The Gibraltar Range National Park lies 42 miles east of Glen Innes on the Gwydir Highway. The Park is famous for its numerous superb lyrebirds, rain forest, wild flowers, granite formations and plateau swamp.

At one good campsite in the area, on Dandahra Creek, there is a gas Swimming pool. When we'll be in the area, it will be summer - so bring your togs.

Further downstream, this same creek descends over cascades and in a deep gorge, eventually drops over a 1,000 feet waterfall.

The "Iron Helmet" on the northern side of the highway can be visited by going bush for 2 and a bit miles. This feature is a large granite outcrop of 3,760 feet elevation and affords views of the coast around Grafton to the east and an extensive panorama to the north over some other parts of the Great Divide.

This trip will be one of the outing highlights of our club year so why let this opportunity slip through your fingers?

Terry Panton

RETREAT

<u>DATE</u>	12/14th Feb. (Friday night till Sunday afternoon)
<u>PLACE</u>	Ave Maria Retreat House.
<u>COST</u>	\$ 6.00
<u>NOMINATIONS</u>	JANUARY GENERAL MEETING.

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All those who have been to Ave Maria before will want to return for the beauty of the peaceful surroundings and the opportunity to get things in their right perspective for the coming year. For those who have not been to Ave Maria before, this week-end is a must; for words cannot explain the advantage of having a week-end away from the cares of the world, in order to see the true meaning of life.

The Retreat was postponed from the usual date in October, in order to give students the opportunity of attending. As we have reserved the whole of the Retreat House, it is hoped that as many as possible will attend. This is the main spiritual function of the Club. You will not need to pay until the retreat week-end, but names must be in at this meeting.

MEMBERS PAGE

SIMPSON DESERT
MYSTERY TRIP

Two brave girls, Donna and Pat
For many hours over brochures sat.
The work was hard, it taxed the mind
A suitable holiday spot to find.

Guided Tours seemed to fill the bill
So they wrote away with haste, to kill
the nagging thought that they might be late
or miss the trip on the chosen date.

The letters back and forth were funny
Especially when it came to money
And routes to take proved quite a puzzle
Left us both in a "sort of" fuzzle.

We flew to Sydney on Friday night
With delays en route to add to our fright
Then came doubts to fill our cup
"Would this Jeff Cheyne chap turn up?"

We waited next morn by dawn's early light
And pondered the question, and our plight
Then round the corner - a Van of blue -
"It's him, and yes, he's quite young too!"

First we met John and later, Ned,
Then Olive, who'd had much longer in bed
But we hustled off, out Gosford way
To meet the rest, without delay.

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The party members were a surprise
Our mental pictures were proven lies.
Jeff was tall and quiet, we found,
And Athol, decidedly slim, not round.

For the back of Bourke, we now set sail
With never a thought that we might fail
But out near Mudgee, the following day
Our broken Trailer, by the roadway lay.

That night it was cold, very cold and still
So next morn at Jeff's call, against our will
We crept from our beds neath ice covered sheet
To rush to the camp fire to warm out cold feet.

Dubbo...a new trailer and Bourke to buy food
And here Jeff had trouble with one of his brood
She wouldn't eat onions, she wouldn't eat curry
But spag and meatballs soon solved his worry.

At Tibbooburra we bathed, oh what delight!
All clean and fresh we looked quite a sight.
Our joy was short for as Athol had warned
We were dirty again as the next day dawned.

Coopers Creek where the stars shone softly down
While mirroring pictures of gums that frown
On humans who dare to unravel the mystery
Of its sad but wonderful place in history.

The radio crackles...Broken Hill on the air
Innaminka next day...there's a new Motel there.
To Bootoota next, past trees climbed by rabbits
For Drought gives some creatures very odd habits.

Exciting thought, its Birdsville next stop
Oh for a shower and time to shop!
And post all those letters to folk back home
Then once more up north to continue our roam.

By night under soft, starry skies we lay
And whispered to each our thoughts of the day
While Jeff in his dreams laboured through each night
Destroying Sydney and all else in sight.

Badouri, quaint town, slept in hot noonday sun
While we filled with petrol and on with the run
To the Simpson Desert, reached at last
After Sandringham Station, last point, was passed.

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The Desert was green and pretty too
With water reflecting a sky of blue
Where flocks of birds wheeled in graceful flight
And "little people" played and frolicked by night.

Campfire discussions and subjects exciting
Urged on by Rene with her Phil, inviting
comment by all on matters quite ordinary
We all had our "says" though some quite extraordinary.

We were biting the dust, sad to say
When we headed out east Windorah way
But that night Jeff had a great treat in store
A Fire Dance, performed on his cupboard door

At Eulo...Opal Festival was then in full swing
As Pat and I enjoyed a small fling
When we marched with the band up their main street
While the townsfolk stood by and tapped their feet.

Our Holiday now was nearing its end
So back through Bourke and Dubbo to wend
Our way to Sydney through mountains and snow
Making us wish to about-face and Go.

We were back safe and sound, all keen to relate
All the news we had of our trip so great
To the people we knew so they might apply
For a "GUIDED TOUR" and give it a try.

I sit here now and my thoughts are there
Of the laughter in which we all had our share
Of the stories told both by Jeff and Athol
Some were for real; while some just to baffle.

I'll never forget those Aquitic Rabbits
And Bartholomew's promised book on their habits;
Of Mulligan Mud and Simpson Sand
And the incredible " still " of that timelessnessland.

Madonna Stratford.

SUMMARY OF DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

At the December General Meeting it was moved by Terry Panton and seconded by John Graham that the present Constitution be repealed and the new Constitution as drafted and handed out at the meeting be adopted. The proposed new Constitution is mainly an updating of the present Constitution and changes are of a minor nature. The Committee is in complete agreement with the proposal and it will be discussed and voted on at the January General Meeting.

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The proposal to have a levy of 10cents per person per meeting introduced to help offset the cost of supper, hire of the hall etc. was not favourably received by the meeting, so the matter was dropped.

The meeting recommended that, as the club had a healthy bank balance, the extended trip to Gibraltar Range be subsidised. As the Social Secretary and most of his Committee will be on holidays during January, the January social has been cancelled. However, if there are sufficient nominations for the trip, the cost will no doubt be subsidised, so this is your opportunity for the most economical trip of the year. Don't forget its 540 miles altogether!

ADVERTISEMENT - THEATRE NIGHT.

"ANN OF A THOUSAND DAYS"

<u>VENUE</u>	Village Twin Cinema, 701 Brunswick St., New Farm.
<u>DATE</u>	Saturday 23rd January.
<u>COST</u>	£ 2.00
<u>NOMINATIONS</u>	close JANUARY GENERAL MEETING
<u>COMMENCES</u>	7.45 p.m.

For those who might be disappointed that the January social has been cancelled, there will be a private theatre night on the same night. If you wish to come along, please give your name and money to Donna Ransom or Denise Thompson at the meeting.

CAPSULE COMMENTS ON PAST TRIPS

Guanaba Gorge

Access to the gorge is via Oxenford on the Gold Coast highway and the party was delayed in the Sunday morning traffic to the coast. After looking at the displays of thunder eggs and jasper in the rock shop at Oxenford, the party of ten continued to the gorge. The cars were finally abandoned at 11.30 when the track stopped abruptly at a bridge which had been demolished.

Years ago the steep slopes in the gorge were used for banana growing but years of neglect has allowed lantana to grow there. The banks were thickly covered and the party waded up the stream until a lunch spot with swimming pool was found. A further exploration up the gorge after lunch led to the discovery of a good rock slide in the creek.

Some of the party took the short trip to the coast for a surf after the return; and all were back home before last light.

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BUSHWALKERS CASEBOOK

A large group of bushwalkers spent New Year's Eve at O'Reillys. Most left the following day to continue the New Year elsewhere (somewhere east of O'Reillys at sea level it's rumoured). Those who stayed on did a few short daywalks.

Brian McMahon returns from a working Christmas at Weipa in late January. He puts in 60 hours a week as a barge topman.

Doug Anderson led a New Year trip to Cooloola, passing through the same area as the recent club trip there. Doug said he would only marry Kath Vingoë for companionship.
Kath : "I don't need companionship. I'm not that old."

Anne Davis arrived in Brisbane last Friday for a two week stay.

Larry Corkran and Paul Skehan had a very cold trip to the Snowy over New Year. They were caught in the end of a snowstorm.
(temp 45°)

Bernice Caffery arrived safely in U.S. She had trouble with customs in Honolulu and delayed the plane for 10 minutes.

Sometime on the second day of the New Year trip to the head Greg Gilbert's plastic water bottle fractured at the bottom. The last pint of its ten pint capacity was running out when it was lifted from the pack. Linda Platten : "Which end do you drink from?"

Stephen Graham and Jos Roos spent 5 days underground on a Christmas trip to the caves at Rockhampton. Word goes that they had enough food to stay down for three weeks.

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Madonna Stratford	8 Stonleigh St., Redhill.	364184	-	-
Pat Lawton	38 Stewart St., Ashgrove.	-	381956	Toyota (3)
John Walker	19 Walsh St., Newtown, Ipswich .	815009	339486	Datsun (3)
Greg Gilby	33 Paragon St., Yeerongapilly .	487675	-	V W (3)
Denise Thompson	19 Brook St., Highgate Hill	-	339523	V W (2)
Gavin Clancy	15 Forsyth St., Fairfield	485391	-	Hillman (3)
Brian McMahon	12 Heidelberg St., East Bris.	913532	-	Hillman (3)
Lyn Boatwright	96 Cortis St., Mt. Gravatt	493795	73121	-
Laurie Kearney	70 Florence St., Camp Hill	-	-	Datsun (4)
Mike Laherty	34 Derby St., Cooparoo	976303	-	V W (2)
Paul Skehan	81 Miller St., Chermside	598037	310201	Cortina (3)
Judith Cushing	40 Meemar St., Chermside	592737	-	Cortina (3)
Paul Tracey	29 Victoria St., Gordon Park	572935	-	Holden (4)
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ASSEMBLY POINTS FOR RESCUES

Northern Areas - Main Entrance Marchant Park
 North Western Areas - Dorrington Park
 South-South Western Areas - Corner Ipswich & Beaudesert RDs.,
 Central Area - Esso Garage, North Quay.

NOMINATION FORM

(Trips or Social)

To: Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club, P.O. Box 151, Brisbane
North Quay, 4000.

I hereby nominate for
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I nominateas a visitor on the above
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I/we enclose postal order/money order/cheque for \$.....
this being the specified nomination fee.

I/we undertake to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of
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Member's Signature	Visitors Signature
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