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MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month in the basement of the Catholic Centre. Entry is via the back door off the Cathedral Courtyard in Charlotte Street. Parking is on the street, but could be difficult to find nearby. Open air parking at \$4 is available nearby. Should the door be locked, please ring the bell and we will come to greet you. The door opens at 7.15 pm and the meeting begins at 7.30 pm.

VISITORS are always welcome.

OUTINGS

- (a) Always read the Jilalan article to locate the departure point.
- (b) Daywalks usually leave from the City, behind the Cathedral in Charlotte Street.
- (c) Weekend trips usually leave from the Sullivan & Nicolaidides Building, 134 Whitmore Street, Taringa. Enter the carpark via the upper driveway, and drive down the back to the large car park. We are on the upper flood-lit level.
- (d) The Club organises transport for each outing, so please nominate to the Leader by the Wednesday prior to the outing. Late nominations accepted subject to transport.
- (e) Walkers are responsible for their transport to and from the departure point.
- (f) Should you change your mind and decide not to come to a club event, ring the Leader and tell us.

EQUIPMENT HIRE

The Club has one tent and two packs to hire to visitors and newer members. Cost of pack and tent hire - \$5.00 for weekend. Phone Joe Finn for details.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

On every outing, bring a torch, first aid kit, 2 litres of water, and a parka/rain protection. A hat and sunscreen would be to your advantage.

EMERGENCY OFFICER

- (a) Should you be running late on your way to the departure point, phone this person whose details are in the Jilalan article.
- (b) Should you not be back from an outing on time, no-one at home is allowed to panic until 9 pm. Then they may phone the Emergency Officer.

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.

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KEY

O/N	Overnight
Soc	Social
T/W	Through walk
S/T	Safety & Training
B/C	Base Camp
1/2DW	Half-day walk
FMR	Federation Mountain Rescue

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CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Type</u>
DEC 3-5	Club Hut (clean up)			
4	Burnett Creek	Anthony Dolan	899 1785	O/N
11	Christmas Party	Sue Herron	366 3193	Soc
15	Pizza Hut	Sue Herron	366 3193	Soc
19	Bribie Island	Glenn Morley	349 8124	D/W
20	MEETING			
26	Boxing Day Picnic	Sue Herron	366 3193	Soc
31	New Year's Eve Party	Sue Herron	366 3193	Soc
JAN 9	Fountain Falls	Bernadette Dolan	899 1785	D/W
15-16	Brisbane R. Canoe Trip	Joe Finn	848 4642	C/T
17	MEETING			
23	Obi Obi Gorge	Phil Murray	841 0254	D/W
26(Wed)	Stairway Falls	Christine Harrison	378 0264	D/W
29-30	Rocky Creek	Paul McDonald	205 1984	O/N
FEB 1(Tues)	FMR Night Navigation	Joe Finn	848 4642	S/T
4-6	Byron Bay	Kerry Mulligan	870 8564	B/C
20	Little Kings Movement			
20	Social			
21	MEETING - A.G.M.			
26	Beginners' Abseil(K.P.)	Joe Finn	848 4642	FMR
26-27	Point Lookout/Running Ok	Matthew Palmer	366 5660	T/W
27	Westray's Grave	Chris McCaffrey	349 5730	D/W
MAR 6	Springbrook	Chris McCaffrey	349 5730	B/C
13	Annual Mass & Dinner			Soc
19-20	Lightning Falls/Echo Pt	June Greenaway	358 5295	O/N
21	MEETING			
26-27	Nixon Creek Abseil	Barry Ellerington		T/W
26-27	Binna Burra			B/C
APR 1-4	EASTER at Bunya Mts	Ken McCarron (071)	62 3942	B/C
10	Mermaid Mt	Christine Harrison	378 0264	D/W
16	FMR Rogaining (Intermediate)	Joe Finn	848 4642	S/T
17	Noosa National Park	Kerry Mulligan	870 8564	D/W
18	MEETING			
23-25	Rogaining	Joe Finn	848 4642	S/T

COMING EVENTS

OBI OBI CREEK - LI-LO TRIP (DAY WALK)

Leader : Phil Murray (Ph. 841 0254)
 Date : Sunday, 23 January
 Meeting Time : 6.45 AM
 Meeting Place : Charlotte Street, City (behind Cathedral)
 Grade : Medium (swimming ability essential)
 Emergency Officer : Sue Murray (Ph. 841 0254)
 Cost : \$12.00

This trip is a "must-do" trip for all avid bushwalkers. The trip provides the only real opportunity of doing a li-lo trip in south-east Queensland.

For those who don't know, a "li-lo trip" is simply paddling down a creek on an air-bed. Thus, you must have a canvas air-bed. If you don't have one, you could purchase one for approximately \$14.00.

The Obi Obi Creek is in the valley just west of Montville, which is on the ranges just behind the Sunshine Coast.

The trip starts at the spillway of the Baroon Pocket Dam. We then go down through the Obi Obi Gorge, which is also known as the Narrows. We quickly leave the Gorge behind and the creek meanders down through a rainforest valley. The rapids give way to longer and longer pools. To rest your arms, we exit the Obi Obi Creek at the Skene Creek junction. We follow Skene Creek up to Kondalilla Falls and complete the car shuffle.

It is necessary to have a complete change of clothes at the end of the walk. As it is summer, I will be wearing long sleeves and pants and a broad-brimmed hat to stop sunburn. Also, I recommend good non-slip shoes like volley sandshoes.

I last did the trip in December 1991 and it was absolutely marvellous. That trip was recorded for posterity by Paul McDonald on his video. If we are lucky, we may have a special screening of it organised for the next meeting.

Phil.

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Was Matthew washed out at the cricket?

Who was wearing colour co-ordinated, push-button jingle Christmas socks?

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STAIRWAY FALLS (DAY WALK)

Leader : Christine Harrison (Ph. 378 0264)
 Date : Wednesday, 26 January
 Meeting Time : 7.00 am
 Meeting Place : Charlotte Street, City (behind Cathedral)
 Grade : Easy
 Emergency Officer : Anthony Dolan (Ph. 899 1785)
 Cost : \$12.00

AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY - so come and celebrate in the most refreshing and cool rainforest of the O'Reilly's area.

A gentle graded walk with time for a swim or two along the way. Bring your togs, Aussie picnic lunch and be in the competition for "The Best Australian Hat".

It's a most relaxing day, easy walking. You may need plenty of film -- and remember your HAT.

See you soon.

Christine.

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FOR AUSTRALIA DAY ...Shelter

I'm drowning in the sunshine, as it pours down from the sky,
 There's something stirring in my heart, bright colours fill my eyes
 As from here to the far horizon, your beauty does unfold,
 And, oh, you look so lovely, dressed in green and gold.

And I can almost touch the ocean shimmering in the distant haze,
 As I stand here on this mountain, on this loveliest day of days.
 Around half the world I've drifted, left no wild oats enzed,
 But now my view has shifted, and I think I've just come home.

To the homeless and the hungry, may you always open doors,
 May the restless and the weary, find safe harbour on your shores.
 May you always be my dream-time place, our spirits glad release,
 May you always be our shelter, may we always live in peace.

So I'm drowning in the sunshine, as it pours down from the sky,
 There's something stirring in my heart, bright colours fill my eyes
 As from here to the far horizon, your beauty does unfold,
 And, oh, you look so lovely, dressed in green and gold.

Eric Bogle.

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ROCKY CREEK (OVERNIGHTER)

Leader : Paul McDonald (Ph. 205 1984)
 Date : 29-30 January
 Meeting Time : 5.00 pm, Saturday 29 January
 Meeting Place : Sullivan & Nicolaides
 Grade : Medium (Long Off-Track)
 Emergency Officer : Cathy Wood (Ph. 398 8228)
 Cost : \$12.00

Rocky Creek is situated in the Main Range and is accessed by driving through Cunningham's Gap and turning off the main road prior to the Warwick/Toowoomba intersection. It is an interesting walk, with a massive landslide to be seen, rock-hopping and some beautiful waterfalls, not to mention a few swimming holes.

I have graded this walk as medium for, while there are no difficult sections, it is summer and the walk is off-track and longer than usual (hence the overnighiter, so there can be an early start). We will try to restrict our walking to the morning and afternoon, leaving the heat of the day for a leisurely lunch in the shade and swim(s). (Note that no water is available once we leave our lunch spot.)

As some time is spent crossing open paddocks, be sure to bring a good hat, sunscreen, along with plenty of water -- and, of course, togs for a swim!

Paul.

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It has been said that membership of a Club is made up of four kinds of "BONES".

There are WISHBONES, who spend all their time wishing somebody else would do all the work.

There are JAWBONES, who do all the talking but very little of anything else.

Next come the KNUCKLEBONES, who knock everything that everybody else tried to do.

And, finally, there are BACKBONES, who get under the load and do the work.

What kind of BONE are you?

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You will notice the Committee Nomination Form at the back of this magazine. Read the above and decide what you want to do.

With eighty people in the Club, there should be a nomination for every position.

BYRON BAY (BASE CAMP)

Leader : Kerry Mulligan (Ph. 870 8564)
Date : 4-6 February
Meeting Time : 7.00 pm, Friday 4 February
Meeting Place : Sullivan & Nicolaides
Grade : Relaxing
Emergency Officer : Desley Pedrazzini (Ph. 369 5530)
Cost : \$25.00

Byron Bay is mainland Australia's most easterly point. It is noted for its long, sweeping beaches and rugged headlands and national parks in close proximity.

Camping at Clarks Beach outside of town, the weekend should provide us with coastal walks, walks in the hinterland and a visit to the lighthouse at Cape Byron. Plenty of swimming and relaxing for all. Mass and tea will probably be in town on Saturday night. Come prepared for beach walking - long sleeve shirt, sunscreen and hat! More information available when Kerry returns from holiday.

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FMR - NIGHT NAVIGATION

Contact : Joe Finn (Ph. 848 4642)
Date : Tuesday, 1 February
Meeting Time : 6.30pm
Meeting Place : To Be Advised.
Emergency Officer :
Cost :

Navigation at Night. It sounds hard but it is alot of fun.

Trained FMR personal gives the basics in navigation and map reading before sending us into the bush in pairs to find those hidden markers by torch light.

Something different to do on a Tuesday Night as well as increase your bush skills.

Phone or Nominate at the meeting.

Joe.

LITTLE KING'S MOVEMENT (DAY WALK)

Leader : Gabriel Romaguera (Ph. 369 7330)
 Date : 20 February
 Meeting Time : 9.00 am
 Meeting Place : Appel St, Graceville (opposite Railway Station)
 Grade : Easy
 Emergency Officer :
 Cost : Nil

Join us in our pleasant and rewarding door-to-door collection which benefits the Little King's Movement.

We need everybody, please, to cover the greatest distance and make less work for everybody.

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1994 EXTENDED TRIP
CARNARVON NATIONAL PARK AREAS
PROPOSED DATE: MONDAY 26 SEPT - 9 OCT

For those members who would like some walking and adventure in their holidays, I hope to be able to visit this area. Please consider the following:

1. A 5-day throughwalk from Mt Moffat down to Carnarvon Gorge.
2. Base Camp at Carnarvon Gorge.
3. A visit to Lake Nuga Nuga / Robinson Gorge.

To assist in preparing an itinerary and permits that offer excellent walking, spectacular scenery and be of general interest to all, I would appreciate hearing from ALL members interested with specific ideas or information from previous trips.

I have already a growing nomination list. All vehicles must be in excellent condition to travel this rough and remote area - 4 wheel drive would be No.1.

Please phone me to inquire or nominate by 1ST MARCH.

Christine Harrison - Ph. 378 0264.

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It's holiday time again

Matthew and Kerry are in Victoria and Margaret is in New Zealand over the New Year.

June is in Tasmania recovering from babysitting the grand-kids!

Pat, Jonas and Mark are off to New Zealand in February - Jonas is hoping for a better trip than the last one!

SOCIALS

NIGHT OUT AT DOWNTOWN ASHGROVE!!

Contact : Sue Herron (Ph. 366 3193)
 Date : Saturday, 19 February
 Meeting Time : 7.00 pm
 Meeting Place : Oliver Twist, 240 Waterworks Road, Ashgrove
 Cost : \$14.50 (All you can eat - with orange juice
 and soft drink included)

A night out at downtown Ashgrove - Home of the Social Secretary!
 Enjoy a night of food and laughter.

After dinner, everyone is invited back to Sue's.
 Strange things could happen after midnight - my Fairy Godmother
 might turn you into the next Social Secretary!

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PAST SOCIAL

CHRISTMAS PARTY (11 December)

The Christmas break-up this year found us located in two weekenders
 in the peaceful setting of the Mt Gipps area. It was a resounding
 success, as everyone enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere and, of course,
 the absence of any thought of driving was a major bonus.

The twenty-plus members who shared the occasion began arriving from
 lunchtime onwards. Beds were chosen, tents erected and, following
 a general settling in period, the party commenced at 5.30 pm.

What a feast! So much delicious food prepared by Sue - she went to
 so much trouble. I think the plum pud was magnificent and got
 everyone's vote.

Following the main eating time (I think most pretty well nibbled
 all night!), much merriment was gained from Santa's gift-giving as
 we each had our turn upon his knee. After this excitement had
 abated, great peels of laughter erupted as we all took our turn at
 Celebrity Heads, with not too many being successful! Much later,
 the old card pack was produced, and the feeling of weariness
 dissolved for some as numerous games were enjoyed till 3 am!

Some were up at 5 am and, after a recharge of the batteries with
 some more BBQ, headed for home reasonably early. Others relaxed in
 the idyllic surrounds, enjoying mateship, cuppas, etc. Some went
 swimming in the super water hole - it looked so inviting! Most
 eventually vacated by lunchtime and a great night was declared by
 all.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who attended,
 thereby making it such a memorable occasion.

Margaret.

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ON THE BOGONG HIGH PLAINS - PART 2

"Let's go skiing again in September after Residential School!" It sounded good, however, in Albury we had heard there had been a poor snow season and the recent warm weather had melted most of the snow. Well, a walk on the High Plains would be great fun, so Roland, Mark and myself arrived at Falls Creek on a bright sunny day. We stayed the night at the Four Seasons Lodge (very good rates) with the owner Bob who had lived in the mountains for forty-three years.

In the morning over bacon and eggs we studied the weather map. The first of two cold fronts had arrived and it was overcast and cold. The High Plains road was open, so Bob took us on a scenic drive east across the plains to Raspberry Saddle. There was very little snow. Eventually, he dropped us off at the Alpine Trail. We headed north to Roper's hut. The plains were almost deserted. The cool mountain air was invigorating, the rain held off and we made good time to the hut. In the evening a warm fire revived us. Wood is fairly plentiful as each year the snow gums drop branches due to the weight of the snow.

The first cold front had blown over by the second morning, however, Mark was unwell so Roland and I explored the local area. Kestrels soared overhead. A walk over the plains to Timm's lookout provided inspiring views of Mt. Bogong across the valley to the north. At 1980 metres its southern slopes were still snow covered. Mt. Hotham and Feathertop could also be seen to the south. After lunch, I walked over to a nearby ridge and descended (200m. in elevation) to Batty's hut. Like most of the huts on the High Plains, it was built by cattlemen for shelter during the Summer grazing periods. These huts generally date from the 1920's. This earth-floor hut which is of the main walking routes, is located in a small clearing with a spring nearby. Very picturesque setting. I returned via the same route. Occasionally I had to crunch through snow drifts.

During the night the second front passed over with strong wind and rain. Mark, feeling better, had to return to Falls Creek to head home. Roland and I remained at the hut for the day and listened to the howling wind and rain. The cold seeped through the corrugated iron walls.

Day Four dawned misty and became a perfect morning. We decided to push on to Mt. Bogong (Victoria's highest peak). Following the Alpine trail, due north, we descended 700 metres to the Big River. The fascinating and varied calls of superb lyrebirds floated up from the valley below. At the crossing was a steel chain, which was handy as the strong flowing stream was waist

high. Shades of New Zealand. After a cool crossing we continued up the T spur through tall Alpine Ash forest. As we climbed higher the stands of snow gums emerged. Numerous dingo scats could be seen on the trail. One scat showed the remains of echidna spines. At 1800 metres we reached the gentle sloping Camp valley. Water was seeping from the ground as we sloshed to Cleve Cole Hut, a beautiful stone hut maintained by the Bogong Club. It was built in memory of Cleve Cole who died here in 1936. At the hut were members of that club. In the late afternoon we strolled the four kilometres westward to the Bogong summit for glorious views of the high country. Several people were skiing the snow-filled, steep, southern gullies. Wild!

The cool wind turned into a gale in the evening, but the hut was warm and full of good cheer. Next day was overcast as we commenced our traverse of Mt. Bogong. On the exposed summit ridge it started raining. We were pleased to reach Staircase Spur, a 1300 metre descent to Mountain creek in the valley below. On reaching the road we had a further 14 kilometres to walk in the steady rain to the Mt. Beauty township. On route we enjoyed a brew in a bus shelter. It had been a great if soggy 5 days on the High Plains. That night we were able to dry out in a caravan park. That was the start of major flooding in north-east Victoria.

P.S. Unfortunately I've completed my studies down there, so I'll need another excuse to visit the beautiful Victorian Alps in the future.

John Carter

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NB Nominations must be lodged with the Secretary by 31/01/94

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