



# **JILALAN**

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



Under the guidance of Our Lady Of The Way

**JANUARY 2003**



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**Please have all Jilalan articles to Louise Leonardi by the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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
<b>December</b>				
16	Meeting			
26	Mt D'Aguilar	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	D/W
31	New Years Eve	Patricia Mackie	3398 7041	Social
<b>January 2003</b>				
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			
<b>February</b>				
1	Toooloona Circuit	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	D/W
9	Little King's Collection	Gabriel Romaguera	3856 3842	D/W
14-15	Coomera Crevice	Iain Renton	337 14672	O/N
17	Meeting - AGM			
22-23	Retreat <i>-MORISON VALLEY</i>	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	O/N
24	Committee Meeting			
26	Coffee Night			Social
<b>March</b>				
4	Australia Day Walk	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
8-9	Gloworm Caves / Springbrook	Gabriel Romaguera	3856 3842	B/C
17	Meeting			
23	Boondal Wetlands			D/W
24	Committee Meeting			
26	Coffee Night			Social
29-30	Condamine / Queen Mary Falls			B/C
<b>April</b>				
5	Illinbah Circuit	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
12	Lepidozama Trail (Brisbane Forest Park)	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
18-21	Washpool/Gibraltar Range	Gabe Romaguera	3856 3842	B/C
21	Meeting			
25	Anzac Day Dawn Service			
25-27				B/C
28	Committee Meeting			
30	Coffee Night			
<b>May</b>				
3-5	Club Hut	Iain Renton	3371 4672	B/C
11	Toowong/Sherwood Cross River Walk	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
17-18	Border Walk			T/W
19	Meeting			
24	Annual Mass & Dinner			Social
25	Mt Ngungun Train Trip	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
28	Coffee Night			Social
31	Mt. Greville	Majella Deegan	3300 0229	D/W
<b>June</b>				
7-9	Emu Creek - Main Range	Bill Butler	3298 6556	T/W
7-9	Emu Creek	Iain Renton	3371 4672	B/C

16	Meeting			
21	Mt. Mitchell	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	D/W
25	Coffee Night			Social
28-29	Savages Ridge	Iain Renton	3371 4672	O/N
July				
6	Mt Zabel			D/W
12-13	Girraween			B/C
21	Meeting			
26-27	Barrabool Ridge	Iain Renton	3371 4672	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	3203 4699	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 Gradients**

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/](http://www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/)

email: [briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au](mailto: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

I hope you all had a holy, happy and healthy Christmas and that 2003 brings wonderful things. Desley

## ABOUT MEMBERS

**Birthday wishes** to Jean Gowans, Michael Brophy, Ray Rowe, Cecelia McDonald, Cliff Harrison, Bob Mollison, Michael Nolan and Robyn Pugh.

## TREASURERS REPORT

*Balance 18/11/02*      \$ 948.08  
*Plus Receipts*      \$ 82.00

\$1,030.08

*Less Payments*      \$ 72.30  
*Balance 16/12/02*      \$ 957.28

*Term Deposit*      \$1,605.60

Terry.

Once again the club has entered a new Financial Year which means that your club membership is due for renewal. When renewing your membership it is important that you sign the enclosed membership application form as this is a requirement of our insurance company. Please renew your membership as soon as possible so that you do not miss any magazines. In order for the club to continue it needs your support both financially and physically. Terry.

**Warning** If you do not wish to be assaulted by the Treasurer, make sure that you renew your club membership NOW. Subscriptions are now due for renewal and already one member has been a victim of our enthusiastic treasurer. Can this be true?

Delay renewing at your peril... you have been warned! A Membership Application Form is included in this magazine to be signed when renewing.

## Wanted

A pristine copy of the November Magazine for the club archives. If you can help, please contact Justin or any committee member.

## 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.

### Letter from the Editor

Pleased advise me of the following

1. You wish to receive the magazine by e-mail and are not yet doing so.
2. If you are receiving it by e-mail and no longer wish to.
3. Would be quite happy to receive the magazine by e-mail only and not by post.

Louise

## COMING WALKS

### Mapleton 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> January 2003 Australia Day - Basecamp

**Leader:** Kerry Mulligan-3876 8125  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
 Musgrave Tce, Red Hill.  
**Time:** 7:30am  
**Cost:** \$20.00 plus camping fees  
**Grading:** .  
**Emerg Off:** Matthew Palmer  
 (3876 8125)

I hope you can join me for a relaxing invigorating base camp in the magical mountain air of the Sunshine Coast hinterlands. On Saturday we will drive from Red Hill to Mapleton where we will set up camp. We will then visit some of the smaller parks that should have spectacular waterfalls after the recent rain we have had.

On Sunday we will visit Mapleton State Forest and do one of the longer walks, 15km, that run through the park. Monday we will do some short walks, pack up and we might even visit Montville on our return home.

Kerry

### Tooloona Falls Circuit Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February Daywalk

**Leader:** Carolyn Ivanac 3379 9486  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
 Musgrave Tce, Red Hill.  
**Time:** 6:45am  
**Cost:** \$15:00  
**Grading:** L 3 3  
**Emerg Off:** Louise Leonardi  
 (3287 1372)

This circuit walk with lots of cascades, falls and tree ferns is one the prettiest at O'Reilly's. You will also get to see some of those enchanting moss covered antarctic beeches. Lunch will be at Wanungra lookout with views to Mt Warning and Murwillumbah, before returning along the Border Track.

Since this is a graded track, the walk presents no difficulties but at about 18km it can seem to be quite long. Join me on the track for a great walk.

Desley will be co-leader for this walk.

Carolyn

### Little Kings Movement Annual Collection Sunday 9th February Daywalk

This is the cheapest daywalk offered by the club it permits you to sleep in, and it can be as short you like. We get to walk around a very scenic are of Brisbane. What more could you ask for.

For those who don't know, the Little Kings Movement is established primarily to assist the handicapped by offering vocational training, entertainment, friendship, pastoral assistance and support. Their charter also covers helping anyone in need and lately this includes helping displaced refugees and the homeless in Brisbane.

They have a centre at Buranda where they transport people to from all over Brisbane using specially modified buses. They provide meals to the disabled also etc etc. It all costs money – quite a lot in fact even though they have no paid staff – it's all voluntary.

The annual collection underpins the activities of the Movement for the whole

year. Last year our club raised \$1000.00 approx for their work. We do make a difference!

It is a chance to show that our club is not just here for a good time, but we are practicing what we believe in. Our club traditionally collects in the Graceville area. Please come along for whatever time you can spare on the day and help the club show that we do care for those in need and contribute significantly to the operations of The Little Kings Movement.

If we get a lot of people we will finish our allotted area more quickly and it becomes a very easy day. Any contribution of time is gratefully accepted!! Of course, we traditionally meet for lunch or coffee afterwards – a lovely way to ease into the afternoon!!

Thanks, Gabriel

**Coomera Crevice  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> - Sat 15th February  
Overnighter**

**Leader:** Iain Renton (3371 4672)  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
Musgrave Tce, Red Hill.  
**Time:** 7:00pm  
**Cost:** \$20:00  
**Grading:** M 5 4  
**Emerg Off:** Louise Leonardi  
(3287 1372)

This is a spectacular walk with a difference. Spectacular, because you'll be walking right to the end of Coomera Crevice where sheer cliffs tower above you and several waterfalls fall in long straight drops from great heights. This is different because some of it will be creek walking in the water (so you'll need to wear KT26's or similar with good tread, as your feet will be getting quite wet).

After camping overnight at Binna Burra, we will be taking part of the Illinbah Circuit down to the Coomera River and then heading upstream. There are plenty of rockpools and cascades bordered by luxuriant rainforest. We'll be returning by the same route. Join me on a rewarding walk to and area not often visited.

Iain

**Clean Up Australia Day  
March 2nd**



That important date is looming again and I would appreciate suggestions for the location of this years clean-up.

Have you noticed any area in your location or maybe in the past year have spotted a place that we could clean

I will need to notify the organisers this month so please give me a call or pass it on at the January meeting

Maxine



## COMING SOCIALS

**Coffee Night**  
**Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> 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

## PAST SOCIALS

**Coffee Night**

**Christmas Party BBQ**  
**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

One by one, from 4:00pm onwards, many people came to share in the fun at Orleigh park for this year's Christmas gathering. It wasn't long before the BBQ was on and many were starting to get their meals prepared. Due to easy access, it was great to see Sam Leonardi have the opportunity to join us out in the fresh air.

The weather was perfect and a pleasant breeze came from off the water. This was a great opportunity to catch up with others before dispersing our own ways in which to spend Christmas. Soon Santa appeared

and was very generous in giving us a gift and also sweets to all the children nearby. Some were even lucky enough to sit on Santa's knee.



Thanks to those who joined me: Terry Silk, Sam and Louise Leonardi, Matthew, Kerry, Ethan and Heidi, Elizabeth Richards, Jean Gowans, Tony Young, Gabe, Don and Robyn, Iain, Desley, Carolyn and Dianne, Michelle and Richard.

**Thankyou all for your company and I hope you had a pleasant afternoon. Merry Xmas and a peaceful New Year.**

**Pat**

## PAST OUTINGS

**Chermside Hills - Daywalk**  
**18 August**

So dawned the day of our traverse from Camp Mountain to Chermside Hills. It was a great walk and I was very excited. Let me say a big thank you to Maxine right at the start, who had joined the walk thinking Camp Hill to Chermside, and when our Taxi headed west from Ashgrove towards Mt Nebo, commenced to panic!!!! When we pointed out the finer details of our itinerary she realised this was a lot more than she had bargained for plus no coffee shops along the way despite it being a Brisbane walk, and a long one at that. She politely refrained from killing me near the end of the very long, hot day, when all were footsore resting in the shade of some scrub at Milne Hill Reservoir (at about the time she planned to be sipping a cappuccino)!!!! Thanks Maxy!! You're a



trooper as were the rest of the amiable group.

Our taxi reached Camp Mountain where we started the day. Beaut views but there were better ones ahead. We headed off at 7.30 am - we dropped down from the picnic spot down a riding trail in the Camp Mt Samford State Forest to Mcleans Road where we did a long road bash through beautiful countryside - lots of acreage and greenery. Then down to Camp Mountain Road and follow it through back into the Brisbane Forest Park. The countryside was incredibly brown and the vegetation looked desiccated. Mainly dull dry eucalyptus forest this morning. It was turning into a hot day. We ran into some friendly motorists who were curious what we were doing, and promptly began the hard sell on our club. Hopefully we'll see them again!

Today's walk was part of the Mountain to Mangroves route being promoted by the BCBC so there were some signs along the way, some of them with interesting tidbits of history and beautiful mosaic pictures of life as it was in past times. One sign was a memorial to a train crash that occurred here in 1957. Our walk actually followed the route of the old Camp Mt train line that used to run here complete with steep cuttings into the hillsides still prominent. The crash killed 23 people with many more injured. The bulk of them were public servants travelling out for an organized picnic in the country. Another piece of Brisbane history I had never heard before....

We pushed on past some prestige houses with surveillance cameras on the perimeter and through to the Lomandra picnic area to stop for morning tea. Surprise surprise - Michele Endicott joined us seeing we were walking in her neighbourhood. On through burnt out forest due to bushfires and past a couple of car wrecks. We suggested Terry should upgrade his car for one of these specimens but there's no budging the man!! We kept climbing once we left Lomandra

until we had a great vantage point on the Mailman track and Greg was picking landmarks galore that lay in front - Moreton Island, Redcliffe, Samford valley, and the Bald Hill flats. Worth the effort for the view alone.

We followed the Mailman Track through to Bunya Road - lots of wattles in flower and spotted gums. The troops were getting prickly but luckily we had Mary with us to keep us in good spirits. This section of the walk was hard going - a lot of road bashing and a long trek until our lunch at Bunya State Forest. It was taking a lot longer than expected, partly due to the hot, dry conditions.

We hit the Jinker track, now a major road carrying a huge volume of traffic right through the middle of the State Forest. Crossed to the other side to pass dried out water holes and a muddy dam. Nice palms here but so dry!! We collapsed in a heap for lunch at 1.15pm - surrounded by picnickers with fantastic smelling barbecues and lots of refreshing drinks. Luckily we had kept in mobile phone range for most of the day, so lonely walkers could keep in touch with loved ones by phone.

Achtung - it was time to crack the whip to get the troops started. Spirits down - people mutinous - Terry suffering heatrash on his legs. We had climbed many hills and mountains - there were more to come. We passed along more urban areas now, sticking to bike tracks along dried out Cabbage Tree Creek. Huge swathes of land recently developed here though to Chermside Hills and right up to Milne Hill where we were headed, killing any hopes of a continuous green belt.

A nice walk through the Chermside Hills Reserve and on up to Spider Hill. Lots of grass trees here and banksias in contrast to the morning's vegetation. A steep climb up Milne Hill for excellent views west past

where we'd been - Mt Glorious, Mt Nebo, Mt Samford as well as east to the Gateway bridge, Brisbane CBD, and Prince Charles hospital. Wow - we had come a long way from Brisbane's outer limits to built up suburbia. On to the Raven Street Reserve crossing a picturesque wooden bridge with a dry creek full of bracken and ducks - so different to the dry scenery for most of the day.

Finally on to the Downfall Creek Visitors Centre at about 4.30pm where we could freshen up for the bus back to Ashgrove. It was a long but satisfying day. Many thanks to all who came and persevered for a great sample of beautiful Brisbane. And a huge thank you to Justin who first proposed the walk, planned it, fine-tuned it, and came with me on the 2 preoutings. Last I heard he was twiddling the knobs further, and would be coming up with an even better version.....(hopefully on a cool day in lush conditions!!).

Regards Gabriel

### **Binna Burra to O'Reillys Sunday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>**

This was a toddle of a walk to lead. Barbara did all the running around and co-ordinating. I just turned up on the day and agreed to head off with the other group. Wish they were all this easy! In rebuttal of her trip report in the October magazine, I must advise that they were the highly stressed executive "greyhound" group who don't know how to relax. My group (birds of a feather....) were the Sunday loafers, out for a pleasant stroll, and prepared to stop 5 minutes to watch a leaf fall, as and when required, and enjoying every minute of it.

We headed off from Binna Burra at 8.40am. A perfect day lay ahead. Early

spring - the temperature was perfect - not hot for walking, and not cool when you took time to sit and relax. (something the other group could not bring themselves to do). Despite drought here there and everywhere, we could still count on Lamington to be a vibrant green with new growth in the forest tipped in red. However, the epiphytes looked dry and the soil also. No sign of leaches so Terry was happy.

Morning tea we passed the Joalah lookout at a beautiful creek crossing. We sighted a magnificent green tree snake during the day as well as stopping at lookouts along the way. In spite of cloudy conditions we had clear views to the coast, Mt Warning, and the Numbinah valley. It was lovely following the Border track today along the escarpment - kilometers of Antarctic Beech trees, carpet of leaf litter, and glistening fresh green growth reaching from ancient branches towards the mellow wintry sunshine.

The Antarctic beeches were marvellous as they had red shoots as well - known as "coppicing" I believe. They also played host to numerous clumps of flowering orchids high in the tree tops. I have never before seen a display like it. We walked along with stiff necks, looking up at the most fantastic visual display above us - clumps of beautiful yellow buds everywhere slowly transforming into perfect cream flowers high above us. An extensive aerial garden with bees everywhere working hard to collect pollen. We dallied all the way as it was simply breathtaking.

We met the other group well before the halfway point, which was our first inkling that we were out of synchronisation. My group had visions of sharing a social lunch much further down the track yet here we were only halfway between Nyamulli Lookout and the Mt Merino lookout. We stopped for a SHORT lunch after 12.



Desley plied us with lollies to keep us onside, before parting company.

We took the pensioner trail back in the afternoon. It was good to meet newer members in the club, Malcolm, Ann and Paul who had walked with us before, as well as some old favourites like Terry and Carolyn. In between orchid ogling, we would look down occasionally and were rewarded with sightings of pademelons and whiptail wallabies.

On completion of the walk, we took the time to enjoy the Forest Tops boardwalk. Some bird watchers told us they'd seen a species of Bird of Paradise!! Ann said she'd spotted an Albert Lyrebird. They all eluded me I'm afraid. We finished our wonderful walk at 4.35pm whereupon I had the chance to upgrade to a brand new Barina - excellent to drive down the mountain in and very tempting to drive right past Canungra with and back home. But we stopped to change back to our own cars, to find the greyhounds going frantic. They'd been at Canungra for an hour and a half.

We quickly exchanged keys and they wheelspinned off on to the horizon. We stopped for a coffee at Canungra, and then drove off with a beautiful sunset and views, and an emerging full moon. It had been another perfect day in South East Queensland.

My only explanation for our time variation was that with the weight of the flowering orchids, the earth tilted on its axis that day, and we were forced to walk uphill all the way from Binna Burra to O'Reillys. Much harder than the other way!!!! Thanks to my group for an excellent day in good company, and to the greyhounds for their patience and good humour!!

Cheers Gabe

## Byron Bay Social weekend Nov 29 – Dec 1

4 cars of eager BCBC'ers headed off separately over the course of Friday afternoon and evening eager to get away from the rat race as soon as they were liberated by their slavemasters. At the end of a long tough week, thoughts of Byron sat nicely on one's mind. We all safely reached Broken Head camping ground nestled between the Broken head nature reserve and the Pacific Ocean. Fantastic spot. After pitching tents, and some pleasant socialising, it was time for bed – for everyone except Mary Tobin. The adults had expired, but Mary was eager to party on. Luckily we quickly locked her up in her tent, and she headed for snooze land. During the night we were hit by a loud storm with heavy rain and a spectacular lightning show.

Arose next morning to find Michelle and Deanne a little soggy. Had a lovely swim as the sun rose to refreshen our spirits, and than it was off at 7:30am (Brissie time) for a walk along the beach to Byron Bay. It was a beautiful day – lovely shades of blue and green in the water, puffy clouds, hang-glider's, surfers and happy people enjoying nature's delights. A thorough pleasure to take it all in.

Once we approached the cape, we found that access through the forest, up to the lighthouse, was restricted so thanks to a backyard or two we found our way up to the top. It was a very hot day and we lost a few walkers along the way up to the top. Ray, Justin and I felt well rewarded on the top when we stopped to have morning tea, and take in extensive views both north and south. Still a few goats were left to ramble the still cliffsides. We pushed on to the beachside park of Clarke's Beach and met up with the rest of the crew. Stopped for another swim to be cooled by a few passing Antarctic cold patches (or were

there a few submerged icebergs at Byron that day.)

The group split up and did their own thing after lunch so we were spread around the place when the next storm hit. We were in a café, and it felt like a poltergeist, when all of a sudden hundreds of cards went flying horizontally through the air past us. The souvenir shop next door had just had all its stock cleared out by the storm. Ray was changing his life's direction, stocking up on hippy clothes and chanting Hare Krishna mantras from the street corner. No – we do not know this man officer.....

We headed back to camp for another swim at the beach, dodging the scrub turkey chick fending for itself in the beach forest. After a Saturday night scrub (water restrictions applied with the terrible drought down in that region), we headed off to mass and then on to the Suffolk Park pub for a good old fashioned "HUGE" meal. A most enjoyable evening. Although still operating on Qld time, and a little jetlagged, we managed not to miss mass or dinner – pretty good!!!

The next day was another early rise for a morning walk and a swim for some in the chilly waters. We packed up camp as required before 9:00am Qld time. Back to Byron Bay for the markets (and swings and rides for Mary.) Lots of ethnic foods for Gabe, and more Nehru shirts for Ray. Michelle hunted down the bargains on fruit and veges. Some of us met back at Clarke's beach for a swim and lunch in the park. Michelle and Deanne had headed off home by now. The rest of the group splintered now – Justin, Susan and Mary had to head home by now. Liz, Jean, Ray and I went on to Mullumbimby for a walk around the town centre, historic churches and botanic gardens along the river.

Nothing was opened for coffee, so we headed off to Tumbulgum on the Tweed River – a lovely sleepy town right on the

river surrounded by rolling green countryside. The only café here had been hit by the storm on Saturday – garden furniture damaged, pots destroyed and a fence blown over. Luckily the kitchen was fully functional so we got what we were after. A lovely relaxing break to finish off a superb weekend.

Thanks to everyone who came and making it a terrific weekend. I enjoyed it and hope you did too!!!

Cheers Gabe

### **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](mailto:qfbwc@yahoo.com.au)

### **FEDERATION MOUNTAIN RESCUE**

### **OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**

#### **M.B.S**

Just what did Kerry put in her punch at the New Year Eve's Party? After only one (1) drink our treasurer was seen falling to the ground collapsing a table of crackers and dip in the process. He then watched helplessly as Don's mother's dogs cleaned up the spilt food before he could make a



move. Old age has certainly slowed him down.

### Ω A THOUGHT TO PONDER.....Ω

**“Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift, that’s why they call it the present”**

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#### A Friend....

(A)ccepts you as you are  
(B)elieves in "you"  
(C)alls you just to say "HI"  
(D)oesn't give up on you!!

(E)nvisions the whole of you! (even the unfinished parts)  
(F)orgives your mistakes  
(G)ives unconditionally  
(H)elps you  
(I)nvites you over

(J)ust "be" with you  
(K)eeps you close at heart  
(L)oves you for who you are  
(M)akes a difference in your life

(N)ever Judges  
(O)ffers support  
(P)icks you up  
(Q)uiets your fears  
(R)aises your spirits

(S)ays nice things about you  
(T)ells you the truth when you need to hear it  
(U)nderstands you  
(V)alues you

(W)alks beside you  
(X)-plains things you don't understand  
(Y)ells when you won't listen and  
(Z)aps you back to reality

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