



JILALAN

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**BRISBANE CATHOLIC
BUSHWALKING CLUB Inc**



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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

- Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
- Walk departures are usually from Red Hill Parish Hall, Musgrave Rd. Check "Jilalan" or phone the leader to determine the location.
- 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.
- Walkers are responsible for their own transport to and from the departure point.
- 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.
- 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
December				
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	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social
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	Richard Johns	3353 2822	D/W
14	Little Kings Collection	Gabe Romaguera	3856 3842	D/W
16	AGM Meeting	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	
22	Warrie Circuit	Robyn Jones	3267 7377	D/W
25	Coffee Night	Carolyn Ivanac		Social
28	Toooloona Circuit	Desley Pedrazzini	3369 5530	D/W
March				
6-7	Club Hut – Isolated	Iain Renton	3371 4672	B/C
13	Booloomba Creek	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	D/W
15	Meeting			
21	Coochie Mudlo	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	Social
28	West Canungra Creek	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
April				
4	Training Day	Iain Renton	3371 4672	TRN
9 – 11	Mt Kaputar	Iain Renton	3371 4672	B/C
11	Easter Sunday			
12	Daisy Hill – Venmans	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
17	Bush Dance at Morningside	Phil Murray	3841 0254	Social
19	Meeting			
23 – 24	Mt Barney – South East camp at Bigriggen	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	O/N
25	Anzac Day			
26	Riverside walk – New Farm to Southbank	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
31 – May 3	Labour Day Weekend - Yuraygir National Park (Northern New South Wales)	Desley Pedrazzini	3369 5530	B/C
May				
3	Mt Hobwee	Mark Deegan	3300 0229	D/W
8	Mt Alford	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	D/W
9	Mothers Day			
15 – 16	Barrabool (Mt Barney)	Iain Renton		T/W
17	Meeting			
22 – 23	FMR Weekend			FMR
29	Annual Mass and Dinner	Phil Murray	3841 0254	Social
30	Coorooroa by train	TBA		D/W

June				
5	Kin Kin Tracks	Jean Gowans		D/W
11- 13	Swan Creek Basecamp	Iain Renton		B/C
11 - 13	Main Range	Justin Tobin		B/C
13	Sentinal Point	TBA		
19	Bushdance at Morningside			Social
21	Meeting			
27	Pat's Bluff and Luke's Bluff	Kerry Mulligan		D/W

KEY – Walk Types

D/W	Day Walk	½ DW	Half-day Walk
T/W	Through Walk	TRN	Training
O/N	Overnighter	FMR	Federation Mountain Rescue
B/C	Base Camp	SOC	Social

KEY – Walk Gradings

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

1. Distance

Short Under 10km per day

Medium 10-15 km per day

Long 15-20 km per day

EXtra Long Over 20 km per day

2. Terrain

1-3 Graded or open terrain. No scrub

4-7 Bush. Minor scrub rainforest, rock creek Rock hopping, scrambling

8-10 Bush. As Above+ thick scrub, major rock scrambling using hands, technical

3. Fitness

1-3 Easy. Suitable for beginners

4-7 Medium. Reasonable fitness required.

8-10 Hard Strenuous, fit walkers required.

Club Web Address:

www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/

email: briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au

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

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

Happy New Year. I hope the Christmas season went well for you, and 2004 has found you well. May the year bring you everything you wished for.

This is the first Jilalan to the new Club year. This means that various things are in motion.

Firstly, the AGM is at the February Meeting. You guessed it, we will be having elections. So please think seriously of committing your time energies and spirit to help run your Club.

On the inside of the front cover we list the committee positions. Have a think about which position you might try, and talk to that committee member either by phone now or at the January meeting. Give it a serious thought. Some of the committee will be standing aside, so positions will be vacant. Don't wait for someone to ask you to stand, but come forward and nominate yourself.

In this Jilalan you have found the Committee Nomination Form. The election is held in the order as outlined in the constitution. You can nominate for more than one position, but if elected, you are in that position. If not elected, you are still in the pool for the following position(s) you also nominated for.

Committee positions are open to Ordinary Members.

You have to sign the nomination form to signify you are willing to stand for the position. Any member can nominate you by signing the form in the appropriate place, and you must have another member second that nomination by signing in the "seconders" spot.

The form must be in the hands of the club secretary – Gabriel Romaguera – 21 days

prior to the AGM on Monday, February 16th – thus Gabe has to physically hold it by Tuesday, 27th January. You can post the completed form to the Club's PO Box by 27th Jan, or better still you can hand it to him at the January meeting on Mon 19th. The PO Box is PO Box 1514, Brisbane Albert St. Q. 4002.

Also, this being January, means the new Club year has started – in other words, your Subs are due. They have not changed from last year, so you can send in your money now. As you can see from the financial statements in the Annual Report, the Club has run at another loss, the 4th loss in a row. Next year, we will have to put the subs up by \$5. When you pay your Subs, please complete the Membership Form – this is a technicality as we need your signature on the liability form each year – please have a careful read of it.

More forms and more forms – at your feet you will see the T-Shirt Order Form – by now all these extra loose bits of paper have fallen out of the magazine. We need your name, address and your size, as well as the number of shirts you want – one for walking in, one for wearing to the shops, one for wearing on formal occasions and one for wearing on free-dress-days at work. Please bring these to the January Meeting or post them to the PO Box by Wednesday 28th Jan. (This is also the Coffee Night). You will only get this one chance to order. Cost of a shirt is \$27.

Talking of the coffee night – by tradition the January one is to raise money to allow the Club to make a donation to St Vincent de Paul – the local chapter at Red Hill. On Jan 28th, we will gather at Roma St Parklands at 7pm, at the BBQ area near the Waterfall. Please bring a plate of supper things to share. Also, bring a plate, mug, chair and whatever else you need for an outdoor feast. We hope to raise enough to make the gesture to St Vinnie's worthwhile.

Amongst all the loose leaf papers now annoying you, you have noticed the BCBC calendar for the next 12 months. There are still a few outings where we require leaders – perhaps you? The aim is to set the calendar now and not to alter it at all in the coming months. We do like flexibility, but the aim of a 12-month calendar is stability. Members can plan months ahead to attend a function and know it will be on – on the appropriate day at the stated location. You will note that in amongst these dates, we have FMR training events and our own training days – we hope our up-and-coming newer members will appreciate that we are training them for the future.

Greg E.

ABOUT MEMBERS

Birthday wishes to Michael Brophy, Jean Gowans, Cliff Harrison, Bob Mollison, Michael & Mary Nolan, Robyn Pugh and Ray Rowe who are celebrating a birthday in January.

The Tobins spent some time checking out the sights of Sydney and the Western Plains Zoo at Dubbo in mid December. Jean has just returned from spending the Festive Season in New Zealand. Hopefully, Iain is spending some relaxing time in Tassie and Liz Little has been sampling the sun and water in Samoa.

WALKS WAFFLE

It was good to be part of a vigorous discussion at the November meeting about the mix of different walks on the calendar. It is important that everyone has a chance to be heard and most members are happy with where the club is headed.

You'll find the 2004 calendar in this magazine (hopefully it addresses some of the issues raised). I hope you find many

walks that interest you or spark your curiosity. Feel free to make any comments, suggestions or ask questions. All volunteers to lead walks are most welcome, but I am impressed how many have volunteered so far, including relatively new members. To more experienced members who aren't walking so much or don't want to lead a walk, would you consider taking new leaders on pre-outings? We particularly need more leaders for off track walks and through walks. The club membership has many years of accumulated bushwalking experience (one of the great strengths of a bushwalking club). It would be a shame to have such information lost with each "generational change" within the club. Even an hour's discussion over a map can be very helpful.

Phil Murray has helped a good deal in getting the calendar into shape. He has suggested the format of having a harder day walk on the second weekend and an easy day walk on the fourth weekend of the month (most walks are on Sundays but there are quiet a few Saturday walks). Basecamps, Overnights, through walks and feature walks are fitted in elsewhere. Other variables have meant that this structure was adjusted a bit along the way.

The calendar is still open to a degree of fine tuning but by the next issue it should be firmly in place, so that members can plan their year accordingly. I also hope to have leaders for most of the walks by then. The calendar was a collaborative effort with particular thanks to Phil but also to Gabe, Justin and others. To help make the task of outings officer easier this year several people have agreed to help out in contacting leaders and helping to get things organised.

They are:

Maxine Brophy – easier daywalks
Gabe Romaguera – Basecamps
Matthew Palmer – Throughwalks

This leaves overnigheters and the harder day walks which I guess the outings coordinator will cover if I don't find someone else.

Finally I'll be away from early January till 3rd February so any queries or suggestions about the calendar etc., you could address to Phil Murray, Justin or the helpers just mentioned.

Thanks. Wishing you great walking,

Iain.

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance 10/11/03	\$ 942.85
<u>Plus Receipts</u>	<u>\$155.00</u>
	\$1097.85
<u>Less Payments</u>	<u>\$ 37.00</u>
<u>Balance 15 /12/03</u>	<u>\$1060.85</u>
Term Deposit	\$1,681.32

*Once again the club has entered a new financial year which means that your club membership is due for renewal. The good news is that the rates have not changed. When renewing your membership it is important to sign the enclosed membership application form as this is a requirement of our insurance company. **Remember:** renew your membership as soon as possible so that you do not miss any magazines.*

Congratulations to Elizabeth Richards who won our Christmas Raffle which

was held and drawn at our December Meeting

Terry.

COMING WALKS

Noosa River Canoe Trip 24th – 26th January 2004

Leader: Gabe Romaguera
(3856 3842)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 6:30am
Cost: \$70:00 including camping
and canoe hire
Grading: M 3 4
Emerg Off: Terry Silk (3355 9765)

This is a variation to the original proposed walk from Teewah Creek to Elanda Point which did not come off, as we were not able to secure the necessary campsites. However, this is still an excellent trip in the Great Sandy National Park navigating Lake Cootharaba and Noosa River.

We head off Saturday morning to Elanda Point where we collect our canoes and load up. After some instructions for novices, we head off towards Harry's Hut situated on Noosa River where we will be camping the next two nights. Along the way we cross the lake stopping at the Kinaba Information Centre and Fig Tree Point where we will do some short circuit walks to inspect the mangroves, paperbarks, and cabbage tree palm wetlands. In the afternoon we push on to Harry's Hut to set up camp and relax for the rest of the day. (total canoeing about 12 km). In the evening we can do a night paddle to enjoy the sounds of silence in the river and enjoy the stars.

Next day we head off to Campsite 3 (16km return by canoe) to do the 12km walk from Campsite 3 to the Cooloola Sandpatch. This

is a huge natural sandblow with panaromic views.

Monday we return to Elanda Point and say good-bye to this scenic area. We might explore Lake Como on the way back and if troops are eager, there is a circuit track at Elanda Point which passes the remains of a timber mill township.

Please remember to bring with you swimming togs, hat that stays on your head in a stiff breeze, sunscreen, sunglasses, long sleeved shirt and trousers, lots of large garbage bags to double wrap your belongings (for waterproofing), raincoat, camping gear, warm gear if the weather changes, dry clothes to leave in the car for end of trip, and waterbottles of at least 3 litres capacity. There is a water supply at our campsite but as Day 2 could be quite strenuous, and it can get very hot, you must be able to bring 3 litres drinking water for the day. When packing, it is probably better to have several small bags instead of one big pack as this helps storage in the canoe and also water proofing.

If you have any queries, please let me know. Hope you can join me on this wonderful trip.

Thanks. Gabriel

Purlingbrook Falls
Sun 25th January
Daywalk

Leader: Carolyn Ivanac
(3379 9486)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 6:30am
Cost: \$15:00
Grading: M 2 2
Emerg Off: Sam Leonardi
(3287 1372)

Purlingbrook Falls is part of the Springbrook Plateau. The circuit is approx 4km return. This is a very leisurely walk; a wonderful way to ease into the New Year. Due to the recent rains, the falls are flowing.

Along the graded track we will zig zag our way through rainforest trees to the bottom of the Falls. Springbrook is always a little cooler and as the rainfall season is around now, make sure you bring with you a raincoat.

After returning to the cars it is likely that we will then go to the Tallabana picnic area. From here we will then commence the walk of Twin Falls which is a lovely rainforest walk along a graded track.

On the way we will stop at the "Best of All Lookout" which has a grove of Antarctic beech trees and superb views of Mt Warning and the Tweed valley. For your chance to get out of the heat, come for a relaxed walk in a cooler climate.

Carolyn

Mt Warning
Saturday 31st January
Daywalk

Leader: Barbara Eastoe(3355 3639
or 0410 490670)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 6:45am
Cost: \$20:00
Grading: M 3 4
Emerg Off: Susan Tobin (3366 3193)

Mt Warning is one of Australia's classic walks. Many people walk up in the early morning to see the first spot the sun hits at dawn in Australia. We are going to be more civilised. We will miss the first rays

of the sun but if we are lucky we will have a clear day and a beautiful view of Northern NSW and Southern Queensland.

The walk is not particularly long but is steadily uphill from the word go (and obviously, steadily downhill on the way back). However, almost all the climb is on tracks (with an expanse of steps at the beginning) and if you're moderately fit you should be able to manage it easily. The last section is a scramble over rocks but it is fairly short and there is a chain and footholds to help you up). If you go at your own pace you should have a very enjoyable walk.

Of course, time permitting, we will find a rustic coffee shop on the way back and discuss the walk over a cup of coffee. So, give me a ring to book in on the walk.

Barbara

Northbrook Gorge Sunday 8th February Daywalk/Swim

Leader: Richard Johns
(3353 2822 or
0409 871641)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 8:00am
Cost: TBA
Grading: S 6 7
Emerg Off: Sam Leonardi (3287 1372)

This is one of the best short walks available in South East Queensland and includes a refreshing swim on a hot summer's day.

The cost is hard to determine without knowing numbers as a car shuffle is necessary but will be less than \$10.00.

We start with an easy 40 minute walk from opposite Miala at Mt Glorious followed by a short steep walk up Eagle Rock for smoko. From there we descend around 200 metres down a very steep track into the Northbrook Gorge. From here we swim across a series of short pools until we can access the road from the top of Mt Glorious. Lunch will be had on the banks of the creek.

The pools are deep but short. Confidence in water is essential but you do not need to be a particularly good swimmer. You will get wet however so everything in your backpack will need to be waterproof. There is no climbing or rapids to negotiate. You will need dry clothes for the trip home.

This trip was featured in the Courier Mail of 30 December 2003 (Tuesday) on page 13. The accompanying picture shows the use of a rubber raft to cross the pools. This is far from necessary and would only consume a lot of time and energy.

Richard

Little Kings Movement Annual Collection Sat 14th February Daywalk

Leader: Gabriel Romaguera
(3856 3842)
Meet at: Appel Street, Graceville
(across the road from the
train station) under the
awning of the music shop.
Time: 8:45am
Cost: Nil, zilch, nada, rien!!!!!!
Grading: Easy

This is the cheapest daywalk offered by the club, it permits you to sleep in, and can be as short as you like. We get to walk around a

very scenic area 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 and transport people there from all over Brisbane using specially modified buses. They provide meals to the disabled also etc etc etc. It all costs money - quite a lot in fact even though they have no paid staff - it is all voluntary.

The annual collection underpins the activities of the Movement for the whole year. Last year our club helped raise over \$1,000 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 practising what we believe in. Our club traditionally collects in the Graceville area. Please come along for whatever time you can spare on the Sunday, 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 finish our allotted area more quickly and it becomes a very easy day. A contribution of any amount of time is gratefully accepted!! Of course, we traditionally meet for lunch and coffee afterwards – a lovely way to ease into the afternoon!!

Thanks. Gabriel



Warrie Circuit Sunday 22nd February

Leader: Robyn Jones

Phil & Ian have marked this as **an Easy** walk and challenged me to lead it. As I researched the walk I find it classified in the Bushwalks of the Great South East as a medium walk due to its length - being 17 kms approximately 6 hours of walking. Warrie is the longest walk in Springbrook National Park on a graded track but has several sections of steps with the track being rough and narrow in places. Should we have the expected annual rains this should be a spectacular walk through rain forest as the circuit passes 7 different waterfalls including passing under Blackfellow Falls. Our lunch stop will be at the Meeting of the Waters where several creeks join.

If you decide to join me on this walk it will be a long day with 6 hours of walking plus time for lunch and travelling to and from but I'm sure it will be worth it. Hope you will mark it on the calendar and come along. Robyn.

COMING SOCIALS

**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)**

Come along and join in for the first social. Besides yourself, bring along a pack of cards or your favourite games that you may be able to dig up from the bottom of the old trunk. I'm sure there will be something lurking in your cupboards – snakes & ladders, pictionary, scabble – the list goes on.

The atmosphere can always be great and the night will bound to be a lot of fun. Come along and bring a plate of food to share. Look forward to seeing you, Carolyn.

Coffee night
Wednesday 28 January

Meet at: Roma Street Parklands
Picnic Area (under the
bridge across the Parklands)

Time: 7pm

Bring: Something to eat, chair, and
mug

Cost: \$5:00

In aid of: St Vincent de Paul

Contact: Carolyn Ivanac (3379 9486)

Traditionally, our first Coffee night of the year is a fundraiser for St Vincent de Paul. The club will supply the coffee and if a few people bring some food to share we should have a lovely night. We will be taking up a collection to give to St Vincent de Paul, which as you all know, is a really worthy cause. So come along, enjoy some good company and do some good at the same time.

PAST SOCIALS

New Year's Eve
Wednesday 31st December 2003
ROMA STREET PARKLANDS



It was a perfect New Year's Eve when we met at the picnic area at Roma Street Parklands. The Parklands must be Brisbane's best kept secret. We shared the area with only three or four other families celebrating the end of 2003. We brought along picnic food and shared. Special mention must be made of Robin Jones' curried eggs which were a great hit as well as Carolyn's homemade Tzaziki ("Well, it said homemade on it when I bought it from the deli" she was heard to explain). It was a pleasant way to spend New Year, sitting around talking with friends and discussing who's going on which walks in the 2004.

Carolyn and her friend Rick were the first to go as Carolyn had to go to work the next morning ("It's my last function" she was heard to say with relief). Michelle and Richard Johns then turned up to see if we were still there (which we were). About 9.30pm, six of us, Terry, Richard, Michelle, Iain. Pat and Jonas decided to head down to Southbank. Robyn Jones and her husband Ross decided to call it a night and go home.

After a stroll around the packed Southbank we decided not to stay for the fireworks and leave. We walked back to Roma Street where Terry decided it was less than an hour to midnight and he would walk back to see the fireworks. We left him heading in that direction muttering "I don't know what's wrong with these bushwalkers, they're a bunch of wooses when it comes to staying up late". So you will be pleased to know that one club member was there to

see in 2004, while the rest of us were tucked up in bed.

I would like to thank Carolyn who organised the meeting (and so deftly managed to get me to write the report) and all those who turned up. I would also like to wish all BCBC members a happy, successful and safe 2004.

Barbara Eastoe

PAST OUTINGS

Club Hut Basecamp Sat 3rd – Mon 5th May 2003

Eric Steeden and I walked into the hut on Saturday morning. Eric hadn't been to the hut yet, and being in his early seventies thought he might not get too many more chances to do so. We had lunch at the hut and then went to the Lower Portals and the ridge just above to look at the peaks of Mt Barney. Eric (sensible fellow) returned to the hut while I continued down to Barney Creek and spent an hour or so sketching.

I returned to the hut to find that Matthew and his son Ethan (charming fellow) had arrived. Soon after, the Tobin family of Justin, Sue and Mary (sweet girl) turned up. It was a most impressive effort as Ethan aged 3 and Mary aged 5 had walked all the way in on a rather rough and hilly track. We all relaxed, settled in, yakked and cooked and ate tea. Some of us then played a few games of cards before going to bed.

On Sunday morning John Brunott (handy fellow) arrived to do some repairs to the hut. Soon after, the families headed back for the cars. John set to work with Eric helping as off-sider. I weeded the hut paddock. In the afternoon we all headed off for a bit of a walk.

The next morning, whilst Eric packed up his tent, I was John's off-sider. It is always impressive and instructive watching John work. He usually has the job finished and well done in the time it takes me to think about it. We left mid Monday morning after an enjoyable weekend at the hut. It was wonderful having such a wide range of ages together and 3 first timers at the hut.

Iain.

Box Forest Circuit, O'Reilly's Sunday 16 November

Did anyone notice that there was a report on the Binna Burra to O'Reilly's walk that was held over a year ago? I would like to come up with some really clever explanation such as I thought the report was so great it deserved another airing. Alas, it was a simple case of double clicking on the wrong article when I e-mailed the report to Louise. So here, for those of you who wondered why the walk you on didn't get a mention, here is the correct report. Barbara

Fifteen of us met at 7am at Red Hill on a beautiful Sunday morning. After we arranged cars we set off about 10 minutes late agreeing to regroup at Canungra for a pit stop. On the way I picked up Louise at Beenleigh so we were sixteen by the time we reached O'Reilly's. There we met up with the other seven walkers.

We must have looked a bit of a sight as we joined in a circle to introduce each other. We then headed off on the Border Track. Pity the poor walkers who met us, stood to one side to let us pass and were met with the sight of 23 walkers going past. We first took the turnoff towards the Elabana Falls and then regrouped at the Box Forest turnoff.

Anyone who has had the luck (?) to go on a bushwalk with me will know that you can't get away without the obligatory natural science lesson. This walk was no exception. At the turnoff there was a big Brush Box tree and this gave me a chance to talk about the tree and transition from eucalypt to rainforest. I have always found that the Catholic Bushwalkers are a very polite lot and I was not booed, nor did I have pieces of fruit thrown at me (although that may have been because they wanted to eat the fruit later!).

The walk down to West Canungra Creek was steep and narrow in places but easy walking. The mammoth Brush Box trees were dotted along the track and looked truly magnificent. The walk along the creek was just as pretty with large pools and boulders. At the creek crossing we each found a boulder and sat down to have lunch.

After lunch the trail started upwards. Luckily the leader had done her prereading and had set the group to do the track in a clockwise direction. This meant that the track back up was longer but much less steep. The group broke up into two groups. One headed back to O'Reilly's at some speed while the other meandered along, taking sidetracks to look at the different falls along the creek. We all met up on the deck at O'Reilly's for a well-deserved cup of coffee before our return to Brisbane. The walk was judged to be a success by everyone and there was a general consensus that we should have more walks like this.

Thanks to Mary Nolan who took the lead and Desley who, in the absence of Terry, brought up the rear. And welcome to our six visitors, Kerryn, Judy, Chris, Claire Nolan and Viv's daughter and her boyfriend (sorry, I didn't write down your names). We hope to see you all again.

Barbara Eastoe

Lower Ballanjui Falls Sunday 14th December 2003

I took over this walk when Nathan was unavailable to lead it. It was hot, sultry and overcast. Three of us met up with David Hill and Ray at Beenleigh. We all squeezed into my trusty Mazda 323 to continue to Binna Burra.

After walking for about an hour we heard thunder. It gradually got louder (but never seemed too close for comfort) and it was rumbling continuously for an hour and a half. After that we heard thunder every now and then for the rest of the walk. It was very atmospheric and rather eerie. The rainforest, lit by the storms dull light, was full of sounds. There was the deafening throb of cicadas, coming in waves, the background noise of the other insects, the trickle of waterfalls and flowing water, the calls of catbirds, whipbirds, woompoo pigeons and others, and of course the thunder. One almost expected Indiana Jones to suddenly appear from behind a tree.

Since we had started so early in the morning, we took a long morning tea break at the base of the Ballanjui Falls, some of us dozed off. After seventy minutes it was time to start walking again. We had lunch at a pretty spot below the cliffs on the Lower Bellbird circuit (this was almost as long as the morning tea break). It showered briefly on the way to the information centre where a book or two was bought. Don (sensible fellow) was happy to stay there and be picked up as we drove home - the rest continued along the Caves Circuit back to the cars. The last part of the walk was very pleasant as the morning's storms seemed to have brought a cool change in their wake. The Coomera Gorge below was damp and fresh with wisps of cloud.

Thanks to Matthew for the idea of adding the Lower Bellbird and Caves tracks to the walk, and thanks to Dave Hill, Ray, Desley

and Don for joining me on an enjoyable day's outing.

Iain.

Joyners Ridge Boxing Day 2003

It was a particularly hot and humid Boxing Day. After having a cuppa and waiting a while at a shelter shed at the Mialla picnic ground we set off.

The first part of the walk was in shady, slightly cooler rainforest, then it was broken shade of eucalypts. We arrived at the Pinnacle at midday. There was a slight breeze blowing over the crest of the ridge where we stopped for lunch. I mucked about with a tent fly in an attempt to give us a bit more shade. We had a closer look at the Pinnacle and the views across England Creek to Northbrook Mountain.

Towards the end of lunch a storm began to brew over behind Tenison Woods Mountain. It loomed ever closer adding drama to the scene. We headed back up the ridge to the sound of thunder. The mornings clear skies were suddenly all clouded over, cooling things down a fraction and bringing welcome relief from the blazing sunshine. Fortunately, the storm stayed on the other side of the D'Aguila Range. We were back at the cars at 2:30pm. On the walk were Pat and Margaret Lawton, Sam and David Cory, Louise Leonardi, Liz Little, Terry Silk, Greg Endicott and Michelle Johns.

Iain.

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