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CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB INC.

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JILALAN

Articles for "Jilalan" should be posted to Cecilia Doherty 2/32 Stanley Terrace, East Brisbane. Please note there are different deadlines for submitting articles on paper and on disk as shown in the monthly calendar. The Editor is currently using MS WORD 6.0 but can convert from most programs. Please submit a hard copy of the article just in case there are problems with your disk.

GENERAL MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, at 7.30 p.m (although they usually start about 15 minutes later). The location is currently not determined. Contact the President for details. **VISITORS are always welcome**.

OUTINGS

- (a) Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
- (b) Departure of walks is usually either from the rear of the Cathedral in Charlotte Street or at Sullivan & Nicolaides (134 Whitmore Street, Taringa enter via the upper driveway and drive down to the upper level of the carpark). Check "Jilalan" or phone the leader to be certain.
- (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 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.

EMERGENCY OFFICER

If, within the hour prior to an outings' 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 9.00 p.m. your family may ring the Emergency Officer but please don't panic.

EOUIPMENT 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 required.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

The Association requires that certain minimal basic equipment should be carried by all walkers on all trips. This should comprise the following - a first aid kit, a torch, a parka/raincoat, hat, shirt, 15+ (or suitable value), sun screen 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 observe the next meeting of the Management Committee. The dates of the Committee meetings have also been listed in Jilalan. You are very welcome to attend the meeting but <u>please contact the President beforehand</u>. 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. The dates of future Committee meetings have also been listed in Jilalan.

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.

			C	ALENDAR	OF CLU	B EVENTS			
JAN	25	Love C	reek			Christine Harrison	3378 0264	D/W	
	27	Barney				Iain Renton		D/W	
FEB	1-2		yre Falls and Limest	one Caves		Bill Butler	3351 1588	B/C	
	3		ement Committee M			Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN	
	9		Kings Collection			Majella Robertson	3359 8311	D/W	
	15		y's Grave, Larapinta	Falls		Ann Tracey	3395 2559	D/W	
	17		l General Meeting			Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN	
	23		Deadline (Paper Art	icles)				ЛL	
	21-23	Connor				Greg Endicott	3351 4092	T/W	
	21-23	Connor			ją.	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	B/C	
MAR	28-2		la Canoe & Walk			June Greenaway	3358 5295	B/C	
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	8		l Mass & Dinner			Con Vink	3814 3545	SOC	
	9	Mt Mit				Cathy Thistlethwaite	3374 2198	D/W	
	15		lut Working Bee			Jon Brunott &	3209 9598	B/C	
	16		lut 30th Anniversary			Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	D/W	
	17	Meetin						MTN	
	23		Deadline (Paper Art	ticles)				ЛL	
	22		er's Abseil			Bill Butler	3266 8330	TRN	
	22-23	_	Craig - Moran's Cre	ek				O/N	
	23		Rocks - Mt Goolman					D/W	
	27-31		- Swan Creek			Christine Harrison	3378 0264	B/C	
	31	To be a						D/W	
APR	4-6		er's Throughwalk			Jim O'Meara	3838 3356	T/W	
244 44	6		ng Creek			Bill Butler	3266 8330	SOC	
	12-13	Bribie				Matthew Palmer	3279 4490	T/W	
	19-20		(to be advised)			160		D/W	
	21	Meetir						MTN	
	24-27		Pt - Spicer's West R	lidge		Jim O'Meara	3838 3356	T/W	
	25		Bike Ride	8-				SOC	
	26	Wild Cattle Creek - Lower Panorama Pt		t			D/W		
	27		's West Ridge		ī			D/W	
MAY	2-5	-	ds Gap - Mt Castle					T/W	
11212	4		Tree Knob			Geoffrey Egert	3356 2163	D/W	
	5	Mt Cas				, ,		D/W	
	9-11		ntice/Hairy Man's K	nob		Barry Ellerington	3886 3451	T/W	
	16-18		vale - Bald Rock			Pat Lawton	3366 1956	T/W	
	19	Meetin						MTN	
	25		lock - Camp Stacey					D/W	
JUN	30-1		House Mtns			John Carter		O/N	
0011	6-9	Fraser				Justin Tobin		T/W	
	6-9	Fraser				Paul Mc Donald	32051984	B/C	
	8	Mt Co				Anna Egert	3356 2163	D/W	
	14		roo Point Abseil						
	15	Blue P				Chris Mc Caffrey		D/W	
	13	Dide 1				2			
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		T/W	Through Walk	TRN	Training				
		O/N B/C	Overnighter Base Camp	FMR SOC	Federation Social	Mountain Rescue			
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Key - Walk GradingsThe BCBC is now using the following Walk Grading system currently used by the Brisbane Bushwalking Club.

1. Distance	e	2. Te	rrain	3. Fiti	ness
Short	Under 10 klm per day	1-3	Graded or open terrain. No scrub.	1-3	Easy. Suitable for beginners
Medium	10-15 klm per day	4-7	Bush Minor scrub, rainforest, rock,	4-7	Medium. Reasonable fitness
			creek, rock hopping, scrambling		required
Long	15-20 klm per day	8-10	Bush As Above + thick scrub, major rock scrambling using hands, technical	8-10	Hard. Strenuous, fit walkers only
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

The location for General Meetings will be changing. The new location is not known at time of printing. This may apply for the AGM. Check your Jilalan for a concerning a new venue.

Monday 17th February ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Contact:

Paul Mc Donald 32051984 (H)

Time:

7.30am.

Meeting Place: To be advised

Yes, its time for the AGM again. We hope to see all members along for the 1997 AGM.

AGENDA

01. **Opening Prayer**

02. **Meeting Opening**

03. **Apologies**

04. Minutes of Last AGM

05. **Business Arising from minutes**

06. Reports:-

> The receiving of the Management Committee's report and the statement of income and expenditure, assets liabilities and mortgages, charges securities affecting the property of the association for the preceding financial year.

> The receiving of the auditor's report upon the books and accounts for the preceding financial year;

Other Reports

Elections :- The election of members of the 07. Management Committee. Nominations have been received as follows:-

POSITION

NOMINEE

President Vice President Richard Kolarski Ed Thistlethwaite Patricia Broughton

General Secretary

Tony Young **Christine Harrison**

Treasurer Outings Secretary

Paul Mc Donald

Social Secretary

No Nominations

Received

Editor

Cecilia Doherty

Membership Officer **Training Officer**

Paul Mc Donald Paul Mc Donald

Appointment of an auditor. 08.

General Business 09.

10. Meeting closed

COMING WALKS

Friday 21 Feb - Sun 23rd February CONNONDALES (Base Camp)

Leader:

Paul Mc Donald

3205 1984 (H)

Meeting Place:

To be advised

Meeting Time:

7:30pm

Cost: **Emergency Officer:** Sto be advised

Bernadette Dolan (3899 1785)

Grade:

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Looking for a great weekend away - well this is the one to be on! Friday night will see us leave Brisbane, hopefully being able to arrange pickups on the way, and journey to our camp.

Saturday morning will see us exploring Lobster Creek, which just has to be one of the prettiest rainforest creeks around. We'll return to camp for lunch, and then journey to visit Booloumba Gorge. The highlight of this part of the walk will be the breadknife. This is a very narrow slice of tall rock in the middle of Booloumba Creek. With a stretch (a very long one) of the imagination, it IS possible for legally blind people to maybe see a breadknife! Never the less, this is a truly spectacular rock formation, and by itself is worth the visit.

Sunday will be a walk up Mt Allen, with excellent views over the surrounding countryside. Then it's back to camp, to pack up for our return.

This will be a great weekend - and fairly easy. Don't forget your togs, the Connondales are excellent swimming country. If you don't have a tent, stove, sleeping mat etc, don't let that stop you, just let me know when you nominate, and I'm sure that suitable loans can be made. Simarily, if it even looks like rain, I'll bring the big tent & tarp so our evenings will be pleasant.

If you're not on the throughwalk, I hope to see you there.

Friday 21 Feb - Sun 23rd February CONNONDALES (Through walk)

Leader:

Greg Endicott (ph 3351 4092 (h)

Time:

Meeting Place: Sullivan & Nicolaides carpark

Cost:

To be advised

7. 30 p.m.

Grade:

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Emerg. Officer: Bernadette Dolan (ph:3899 1785)

Location:

West of Maleny

Do you want a nice cool green shaded weekend? Do you want the company of a few select warm friends? This is the one for you!

This is a good throughwalk for those contemplating their first throughwalk. The terrain is not steep, though we will be going over a ridge between two rainforest creeks. You will be rockhopping.

Your adventure will start at the famous Breadknife where you may climb the pinnacle. Then head up stream (reverse to our usual direction) and explore this pretty rainforest shaded creek. You will go over around and beside the normal obstacles. There is nothing prettier than the filtered greenness of a rainforest creek, with soft vegetation under foot, tree trunks climbing to the sky, thick vines swinging between the tracks and pretty palms way up above. You can right now imagine the delicate ferns.

Up the creek you go, appreciating the view and admiring the dense green hills around you. The climb up and out is not too bad - nothing like Lamington. Then it is down into Bundaroo, following this little stream back to the cars.

Good for those contemplating a first throughwalk but first timers should travel light and learn from the experience. The more experienced and the older ones can travel a little heavier.

Fri Feb 28th - Sun March 2nd 1997 NOOSA RIVER - CANOE & WALK (Base Camp)

Leader:

June Greenaway

Time:

7 p.m.

Meeting Place: Sullivan & Nicolaides

Emerg. Officer: Bernadette Dolan (3899 1785)

Cost:

\$42.00

Grade:

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We will meet at S & N Friday night, drive to Elanda Point for approximately 2.5 hours and camp there the night. It is a private camping ground and costs \$6 each but has toilets and showers.

Saturday morning I plan to make an early start. One will need to put their gear into strong waterproof bags as it gets a bit wet in the canoes. We will be canoeing to campsite 3 and camping the Saturday night. There will be steps on the way at Kinaba and Harry's Hut, a chance to have a swim, relax and eat. From campsite 3, we can walk to the Cooloola Sand Patch, approxiamtely 1 hour 20 mins each way - this will be on the Saturday. campside 3, there are toilets and picnic tables. The water would be from the river and no fires are allowed, so if you want to bring some drinking water and a small stove, it would be an idea. Sunday, we canoe back the same way and will have an extra stop at Fig Tree Point.

Don't forget sunscreen, repellent, hat, water, and maybe a long sleeved top and long pants in case it is hot. Also a spare set of dry clothes to have in the car for when we return Sunday - check last month's writeup.

Sunday 2 March 1997 **MINTO CRAGS** (Day Walk)

Leader:

Barry Ellerington

Meeting Place: Sullivan & Nicolaides Carpark

Meeting Time:

7a.m. sharp

Cost:

Emerg Officer: Bernadette Dolan (3899 1785)

Grade: M55

Minto Crags lies to the east of Mt Moon. It is a semicircular mass of rocky knolls with Mt Minto itself to the north end. The name Crags as it is called, is of Celtic origin, its meaning is a rugged cliff or projecting rock and this describes the Minto formation to a tee. The walk has not been on the Club calendar for some 16 years. It is surrounded by private property on all sides and kind permission has been given to our Club by Mrs Maryrose Gillett allowing us to cross her land to gain access to the mountain.



The walk will start with a not too difficult creek crossing and then a short climb up to a saddle between two of the Crags. From here we have the choice of going left or right - our morning walk will take us to the right and will begin with a rock climb to the summit of the first Crag. We then traverse the ridge top scrambling across the various Crags on our way to Mt Minto itself. This will be the steepest of all the climbs. While the summits of most Crags can be traversed easily, I do stress the importance of great care as some of the route does take us close to the cliff edge. As to the views from Minto, we have gazed upon these areas many times but never from the angles that the Crags give us. Mt Moon, Alford and the Main Range are all visible.

Morning stop will be on Mt Minto and then on to explore the most northern ridges if time permits before returning to the saddle where we started and have lunch. The afternoon walk will be to the most Southern Crag and possibly the highest. The access to this is around the rear and once again requires some scrambling skills. The terrain is very loose rock in places but does not pose a difficult ascent and will be well worth the effort and will take approximately 1 hour to the summit.

The walk is well within the capabilities of a large part of our members. It is not a difficult walk however it is not advisable for walkers who are unsure about exposure on rocks to attempt this walk. Good footwear is also advised. Bring plenty of water as there is none on the mountain. For most of us this is a new and very pretty area. See you Best wishes, Baz. there for a you beaut walk.

Thurs 27 March - Mon 31 March 1997 SWAN CREEK EASTER **BASE CAMP**

Leader:

Coordinator Christine Harrison

(ph: 3378 0264)

Time:

6.30 p.m.

Meeting at: Cost:

Sullivan & Nicolaides, Taringa

\$25.00

Emerg. Officer: to be advised

Grade:

Various

You enjoyed Emu Creek Easter Base Camp 1996 - well 1997 will be similar. We are camping on private property and have Fr. Ed for Easter services, mod cons - toilet and shower provided, communal camp fire. I have many helping hands to lead walks to surrounding areas i.e. Mt Huntley, Cedar Mt. to Spicers's Peak, Mt Doubletop, Sentinel Point, Hell Hole Gorge.

One night we will be star gazing with an astronomer and his huge telescope. Another might be a cultural night and the rest will be devoted to the enjoyment of each other's company and the peace n' quiet around us.

Come help celebrate Easter in the realistic surrounds for 1,2, 3, or 4 days.



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WHEN?

15 MARCH 1997

WHERE?

WYNNUM MUNICIPAL HALL

CNR BAY TCE & CEDAR ST WYNNUM

1996UBD MAP P163 J2

See map copy

TIME

7.30pm doors open 8.00pm dancing 12.00pm close

COST

\$10.00 pay at door

BENEFITS

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE SUPPER INCLUDED SUPPORT FEDERATION





State planning to privatise national parks

By MICHAEL WARE

THE State Government is set to privatise the management of selected National Park facilities and services in a move to be spearheaded by developments at Carnarvon Gorge and Fraser Island.

Environment Minister Brian Littleproud yesterday said draft guidelines for private enterprise to take over the running of camping grounds and other facilities would go to Cabinet in the next week.

Queensland Conservation Council chair Roger Kitching said the Government was killing the goose that laid the golden egg by placing tourism development above conservation priorities.

Mr Littleproud said the environment department did not have the funds to continue managing the parks — now costing \$18 million — and provide for the facilities demanded by the higher end of the tourist market.

Under the guidelines drawn up by the department's director of special projects Bob. Speirs, private operators would be required to enter bonding arrangements to ensure failed projects did not lead to environmental degradation and "eyesores".

The private sector would be invited to invest capital in improving and maintaining the parks' facilities in a bid to offer tourists a higher range of services.

The scheme would include nature-based tourism projects and companies operating in or around the state's National Parks.

Mr Kitching said tourism could be negatively affected if private developers made mistakes in national parks and it would take centuries to rectify damage done to world heritage areas

The privatisation of national park management deserved extensive public consultation which he feared may not occur if guidelines were rushed through Parliament, he said.

"Areas are being pulled out of a hat like a rabbit and in a sense they're not being as exposed to public scrutiny as I'd like," he said.

Mr Kitching said the Government's philosophical approach to world heritage areas was to milk as much economic value out of them as possible.

Mr Littleproud said a proposal had already been discussed with resort operator Sir Frank Moore to expand facilities and camping grounds at Carnarvon Gorge.

Proposals for private operators to run camping grounds on Fraser Island were also being developed and negotiations with at least one entrepreneur had begun he said.

Both projects were expected to be "up and running" within two years.

Mr Littleproud said the success of P&O's resort on Heron Island — where a private company shares the National Park with a university research station and park rangers — would be a model for future proposals.

He said handing over the management of camping grounds, and contracts for rubbish and waste removal, would free National Parks staff to interact more with the public.

"That will provide facilities that the public want and our rangers will be free to do what they do best," he said.

"There should be the option of going to the parks being maintained by the National Parks people or going to the one that's providing better facilities.

"The bottom end of the market would be looked after by the department."

He said the cost of installing a toilet block on Fraser Island was around \$250,900.

Annual Mass and Dinner Saturday 8 March 1997

Leader:

Con Vink (TEL 3814 3545)

Date:

Saturday 8 March

Time:

6:00 pm

Place:

Padua College, 80 Turner

Road, Kedron

Keg Restaurant, 561 Gympie Road,

Kedron

Cost:

Dinner \$25.00

The Annual Mass is a Club tradition going back many years. We meet to celebrate the past year's events and ask God's guidance and help for the coming year. It is well timed, in that it follows shortly after the Annual General Meeting.

This year, as for last year, Fr Ed will celebrate mass with us at Padua College. There is ample parking and all are welcome. Bring your family and friends.

Dinner after the mass will be at the Kedron Keg restaurant, not far from Padua College. It is a licensed restaurant and also has plenty of parking available. It has been chosen for its central location, reasonable cost (although not as cheap as Crusher's last year) and convivial atmosphere. The dinner is a set menu, with platter type entrees, choice from four main courses (Cajun Chicken, Scotch Fillet, Barramundi or Thai Chicken) and choice of two desserts (Tiramisu or Chocolate cake with cream) followed by coffee and chocolates. The serves are generous and the pre-outing was delicious.

Naturally I will be needing nominations for the dinner well in advance to finalise the booking. You are also welcome to nominate for the mass but not the dinner, or vice-versa. I look forward to seeing you there

Membership Officer's Report

Please note that fees are now due (still at the old price) and anyone who wishes to leave the Club should resign in writing as it would be wrongful to keep receiving the magazine and not pay for it (a sin maybe?).

Club Hut

30th Birthday

ANNIVERSARY WALKS AND MASS Saturday 15 March/Sunday 16 March 1997

Remember <u>your</u> 30th birthday? Well, its time to celebrate the Hut's 30th birthday with great gusto by coming along to the Anniversary walks and Mass on the weekend of 15/16 March 1997. The Hut will be at her best - newly repainted and revitalised!

- Sat morning 15 March depart Brisbane approx. 10 a.m.
- Stay Sat night at the Hut and do a final clean up - enjoy the Hut before guests arrive on the Sunday.
- Sunday, Father Ed will celebrate Mass at approx 12.30 p.m.
- For those who wish to come down on the Sunday, please arrange own transport.

Come along to the Club Hut Birthday Celebrations
All Welcome.

Please pass the word on to any past members of the Club to come along.

NOMINATE TO PAUL McDONALD AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OR TELEPHONE 07 3205 1984 (H)

REACHING FORTH - FORTY YEARS by Justin and Susan Tobin

"Yalburru" - The Club Hut

Three decades - in the Club's tenth year. The Club Hut was opened ... the beginning of "I'm off to the Club Hut". Thirty years of providing a retreat from life's rapid pace. Nestled in the foothills of Mt Barney it soon became our spiritual home. A place to go to renew the body and replenish the soul. I'm sure all those who have found peace and solace over the years would like to say thanks to the dreamers, The Drynan Family whose land it sits on, the builders and the maintainers. To paraphrase Eric Bogle,

May the restless and the weary find solace at your door. May it always be our dreamtime place. May it always stand in peace. May it always be our shelter. May we always call it home.

THE OPENING OF THE HUT

From the 1967 "Barrani"

March the nineteenth was the day, and our hearts were light and gay

As the weather changed at last from dismal rain, After days of skies like lead, merry sunlight shone instead And the sorely harrassed organisers' brains were sane (again).

With a minimum of fuss, people gathered by the bus
Or rather Buses, for the multitude was great
It was close on eighty seven who like sinners seeking Heaven
Stormed Beaudesert stores, their searing thirst to slake.

Standing stoutly on his own, busy by the telephone
Our leader learned the facts about the river,
Though the Logan was berserk, Merv was not a one to shirk
Sacred Duty, though some thought they saw him shiver.

So the party carried on with a rousing battle song
Through Rathdowney town and likewise Palen Creek
Then arrived at Barney View where the walkers had to queue
And push through the swirling waters, both the valiant and the
meek.

Then along the timber track, with the stragglers at the back Hoping that the bus would triumph o'er the flood Which it did, so with a shout of "Here we come, look out" They sped along the rutted track and splashed us all with mud.

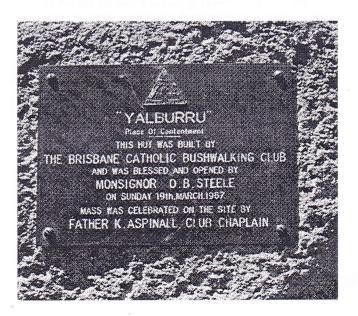
But they say revenge is sweet and this truth was so complete For the bus expired on a fearsome hill, And the passengers were forced, like a jockey just unhorsed, To join us slogging on through dale and rill.

Through paddocks green we cut and had lunch near Drynan's Hut

Where the billies boiled and talk was long and loud, While the girls made their decision, what to wear for television for the A.B.C. was present to perpetuate the crowd. It was shortly after three that the first glimpse we did see Of the new creation under Barney's brow And all jokes and quips aside, all were surely filled with pride And felt the hardy workers all deserved a special bow.

For we now have a retreat far from city noise, and street Well constructed, well conceived and praise is due To all members far and near, who so ably laboured here, Whose reward is so outstanding - "Yalburru".

Col. McLellan



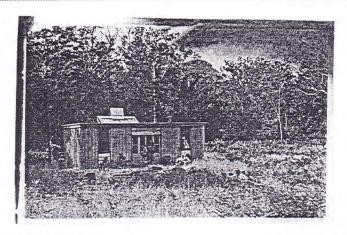
April 1967 - Monthly Circular Club Hut Report

(The First club Hut Report from the 1967 Annual Report)

The Blessing and Opening of "Yalburru" near Mt Barney Lower Portals was a memorable occasion for the Club and its members and marked the culmination of much hard work carried out over a period of two years. Though handicapped in the project by the absence of a skilled carpenter, Keith Condon, Paul Tracey, and the members who actively assisted them, have done a magnificent job of which they and the Club can justly be very proud.

During the course of the construction, many difficulties, both practical and administrative, were encountered. Despite these difficulties, the Hut as a structure is now a reality, perhaps more through the determination, hard work and generosity of a small group of members rather than through the support of members as a whole.

The Hut is ideally situated for many of the trips in the Mt Barney area and should receive good use from the many bushwalkers who frequent the area from time to time.



PAST WALKS

NORTHBROOK GORGE 12 January 1997 by Jim O'Meara

With Christine incapacitated through injury, I was asked to lead this walk. There was no time for a pre-outing, and I had not been walking in the area for more than two years, but out came the map and I quickly assembled a walk. I could only hope that the times that I had allowed for the walk would be close enough to make the walk neither too short nor too long. After a frantic couple of days, phoning people and pulling the remains of my hair out, I was standing at Red Cedar, a B.B.Q. area at the fourth creek crossing of Northbrook Creek, with ten enthusiastic walkers.

After the customary preliminaries we set off. The first leg of the walk was along the road a short distance and then up the STEEP hill to 612 metres. After what seemed like an eternity we arrived at the top and stopped for morning tea. A short walk along the ridge and then down, whoops wrong ridge !!! those muscles needed stretching anyhow. During lunch I was asked why we went all the way up to the high ridge and then back down. I didn't have any answer to this question, maybe I have become a masochist.

Lunch was finished and 11 hot and sweaty walkers headed down the creek towards the Gorge and a long awaited and compulsory swim. We had plenty of time so a few of us frolicked in the water for a while. We then proceeded along the creek to the first bridge. The scunge forced us to walk the last three kilometres along the road. (The water must have cured my masochism).

Back at the vehicles we fired up the B.B.Q. and sat around eating and chatted for about an hour before heading for home. I would like to thank the more experienced walkers for helping the less experienced walkers in the "tricky" bits of the walk, I know that they appreciated it. It was a fun day for me and I would like to thank all of you who came on the walk, Ann, Bill, Caroline, Ed, Geoff, Jo, June, Pat, Stephen and Suzanne.

LOVE CREEK 25 January 1997 by Christine Harrison

It hadn't rained for weeks and now the weather forecasted RAIN. Sixteen people met at Samford then a short car trip to start our "easy to be" walk. It began overcast with only a light drizzle, passing the lower swimming holes, the new enormously built? house, from private property to national parks. We managed to have morning tea in

the dry, but that was it, because until the end of the walk it POURED. However, the Cedar and Love Creeks were forever magnificent in beauty of rainforest and running crystal waters. Having reached Love Creek Falls, down bucketed the rain. Some people tried to stay dry under rocky overhangs, whilst for others it was raincoats for dryness. Barry nearly lost not only his trangia which he even managed to light in the rain, but nearly was crushed by an extra large rock. Mary Blyth received a nasty gash to her shin bone as well as a few slippery tumbles on the wet rocks. We returned the same way very cautiously and slowly on the creeks rocks through the heavy torrential rain. I was intending to go up above Love Creek, climb a ridge line, walk to Green Falls and rock hop down Cedar Creek - not today - NO WAY.

Would you believe when we arrived at the start/finish of the walk and swimming hole, the rain stopped. Plenty of time for a relaxing swim and Cliff, my co-leader, to have a slippery slid down the waterfall. Back to the cars and to Ironbark Gully picnic grounds for a BBQ to end a pleasant day and warm rains.

Thank you Barry, Mary Blyth, Mary Nolan, Pat Vaughan, Julie Forster, Jim, Bill, Rusty and Louise, Ed, Geoff, June, Carolyn Kliewer, Liz and husband Cliff. Nearly was the Obi-obi lilo trip wasn't it?

MACINTYRE FALLS 31 January - 2 February Leader: Bill Butler This report by Ann Tracey

Eleven of us were united at the Warwick Caltex on the Friday evening from where Bill led us in convoy through Inglewood, Texas, Bonshaw and Ashford to the Macintyre Falls Reserve which is administered by the Inverell Shire Council

After our rather late evening, we delayed our departure next morning until 8 a.m. by which time some had already visited the nearby lookouts. We took the track which led down to the Falls and enjoyed the interesting rock formations, both from the aesthetic angle and the rock-scrambling challenges. The party quickly spread out, so by the time we reached the "Beach", those up front waited for the "tail" while enjoying an "unauthorised swim" (to quote our illustrious leader). From this area, a series of cement steps and ledges had been attached to the side of the gorge leading back to our campsite. Morning tea and another swim were enjoyed a little way downstream.

We continued down the Macintyre, either in the creek bed or on animal pads beside the river. Progress was rather slow, but most of the group deserve congratulations for their patience in taking turns to render assistance to the slower walkers.

As lunch was partaken before the junction, it became evident that we would not be able to reach our objective of the Severn Falls, so it was decided to walk back along a four-wheel drive track from the junction of the two rivers.

Unfortunately as the road ascended from the river, so did the temperature, and the road walk of 7 to 8 kms was accomplished in extremely hot conditions. Fortunately, Richard charged ahead and brought his vehicle back to give some respite to those at the rear. Most of us were longing for a cold drink, so Barry and June generously offered to drive to the nearest establishment to purchase supplies. Some us revisited the "Beach" for another swim and Ed and Cathy then started an enormous hot-pot which they offered to us all for tea. A nearby shelter shed brought us all together when a sharp shower descended. Next morning, some of us tried again to reach the Falls, this time from us stream on the Severn but time ran out. We adhered to our strict time limit of 9.30 a.m. back at camp, to avoid jeopardising our cave exploration. This proved to be a very worthwhile excursion, just a few kms off the road back to Ashford. Although the caves lacked the spectacular crystalline formations of better known areas, it was exciting to explore branching tunnels by torchlight and several other exits were located leading up to grassy slopes. Several of us spent ten minutes trying to find a hole we had come out of shortly before!! If any of us had given in to the urge to throw cleanliness to the wind, we could have emerged really filthy by exploring the many enticing sand crawls along which one would have to wriggle at full stretch. However, we considered the condition of the cars and resisted.

After lunch at the Caves picnic area, some of us chose to backtrack on the way home to see Friday evening's terrain in the daylight while others journeyed through Tenterfield to our rendezvous and luggage swap in Warwick. The weekend was characterised by a spirit of cooperation and sharing, with Bill doing his usual good job of caring for us all. Special congratulations to Suzanne who coped admirably and independently on her first club base camp.

Editor: Thank you to Ann for the interesting French vocabulary lesson on the back of her draft article. Il me plait - C'est bon - C'est delicieux.

KONDALILLA FALLS-MAPLETON FALLS 26 December 1996 by Liz Little

The Kondalilla Falls Day Walk took us to the Sunshine Coast hinterland and involved two walks. The Kondalilla Falls circuit was at first an interesting downhill walk to view the Falls and to enjoy waling trough eucalypt forest and rainforest. On the return trip one person took advantage of a plunge pool for a swim. Between the two walks all enjoyed a pleasant lunch in the picnic area. For some people lunch was a BBQ, for others it was Christmas leftovers.

The second walk was Woompoo Circuit at Mapleton Falls. It provided some short flat, relaxing after lunch

exercise. Unfortunately, the lookout was closed so views of the Falls were limited.

Thanks to all who attended for their flexibility in accommodating a leader on crutches. Special thanks to Ed Thistlethwaite for his particular help.

THE PROW 2 November 1996 By Joe Finn

Memories of Easter. With three of the four from the original Easter pre-outing among the team of six it felt like I'd been there before. Spooky.

The first half an hour is to tackle the gradually increasing to 50 degree slope to the base of the cliffs. A brief stop for some CPR and then about a half an hour of skirting around the base of the cliff, looking at the overhangs, rock structures, water seepage, fungi and large marks through the tree-bark usually on the uphill side - rocks must come lose from the cliff fairly regularly and their path can be seen by the damage caused.

After a time we found the ascent from last time and up we went just in time for morning tea. Geoff somehow managed to stay awake long enough to eat it.

It is surprising how varied the top of the Prow is. Where we first gained the top of the cliffs there were large trees and lots of undergrowth. I suspected this was indicative of the rest: how wrong I was. The top is varied in plant form and geography. There is a large open-forested hill towards the centre which, when combined with the prevailing winds, creates areas of different shade, water run-off and seepage.

There are many grass-trees up there and these occur all over however towards the western end these, the Eucalypts and undergrowth give way to She-Oaks and their carpet of discarded needles. According to the black trunks and branches, there has been a fire through in the last couple of years

Following the cliff tops on the southern side good views were had of Con's Plains, and the Mt Superbus area. We were looking (just out of interest) for a possible way down on this side but only seemed to find very steep to sheer cliffs or possible ways to about half way down then nothing. The big trees were back and this showed as the moister side of the top by it s greenness. There even seemed to be a almost swampish area with lomandra and tall similar to bull-rush plants; almost even soggy underfoot.

About halfway along we had some lunch and like a light Geoff was out again. Well rested we moved on to the eastern end - the narrow bit closest to the mast and the funnel etc. From a number of spots along this end the wreckage of the Lincoln bomber on Mt Superbus can be seen quite clearly.

It gets very shrubby at this end and rocky in places. The final 25 metres is about 2 - 3 metres wide with sheer drops on each side but lots of bushes so you don't notice it too much. The end is scalable as the Easter group noticed when four (other) throughwalkers climbed down - with packs and very white faces and perhaps a vow of "not doing that again".

We back-tracked to almost the spot where we ascended that morning and made the descent to the base of the cliff line via a steep grass covered slope. (It is an alternative ascent route and with less rock scrambling probably classed as easier however don't be fooled into thinking it's easy enough for the inexperienced or less confident. It's no graded track.)

Thanks to my fellow walkers for company and assistance and to Con for arriving at camp just after we arrived back with an ice cold beverage for each of us.

BALLENJUI FALLS ABSEIL 4 Feb 1996 by Joe Finn

An interesting walk and abseil trip. The weather was fine and the party 12 in number. Trip out-line; walk to the top of Ballunjui Falls and descend the drop in three different stages by the use of ropes. This is rather an easy task as the falls are not a sheer drop all their distance, but a combination slope, step and vertical.

As a guide to height, the Kangaroo Point cliffs have a maximum height of 20 metres. The first pitch at the falls was steep and required the full fifty metres of the rope to descend to a rock face on an angle of about 45 degrees. This was very interesting from above as it seemed one was to come off the rope on a lot stepper face. There was a large ledge below about 10 metres below the end of the ropes for the crew to congregate. It only takes about five minutes to hook up, descend and unhook, but if this is multiplied by 12 it take a hour from the first to the last on each pitch. A stiff neck is to be had if one is among the first down.

There were great views of the coast and surrounding valleys and bumps; the day was hot or maybe it was just being on an rock-face exposed to full sun.

When Glen and I did the pre-outing, the weather previous had been a lot drier and the second pitch of the abseil although a little tricky to get to the start of was a possibility. On the day of the walk there was more water flowing over the falls and splashing in places that had been previously dry. Avoiding the inconvenience of inquest, the troops were taken bush on a traverse along and down the wooded slopes on the eastern side of the falls stopping at the top of the third and final pitch.

Most people had remained dry up until now but falling water is much more fun to abseil through than dryly along the side of; the last pitch obliged.

The first twenty metres were over wet 30 degree rock but the next and final 15, vertical, wet, mossy, cool, spray soaked, gnarly and dotted with ferns.

How quickly these sensations became distant memories on the long hot humid slog up-hill back to the cars at Binna Burra.

GLASS HOUSE B TEAM 28 - 30 June 1996 By Joe Finn

How many peaks can one comfortably stand on the top of in one weekend and still have time for a chat, a look at the view, and fit in a successful assault on the eastern face/counter of the Beerwah bakery. The Glass House Mountains offer a choice of 12 different mountains and as two of these offer twin summits, there are 14 different peaks.

On the Friday night, after the setting up of camp at the Beerwah field study centre, our first peak, Wild Horse Mountain was not only attempted but the summit attained. Perhaps the moonlit concrete road to the top had a hand in this achievement. Good views where to be had particularly to the east with light of the quarter-risen moon being reflected on the salt water of the bay and its inlets.

Back to camp for a hot drink / a slow port around the fire then a good nights sleep in the cold crisp air.

Saturday morning we combined with the other group to climb the twin peaks Coochin Hills. Originally we planned to only climb one of the hills but the views were good, we were so close, and it was nice to be out there and away from the cars and the camp.

Next the assault on the bakery and with a change of the original plan the group moved off to Mount Beerwah. Problems were encountered here in that some felt the climb was beyond their comfort zone and an alternative

walk of the circumnavigation of mount was added to the list. (How many peaks can one walk around the base of in a week end?) The summit climbers made the top but the most amazing view was had on the way down as two other adventurers (loonies) past the team on the steep rock face at running pace in a only just under-controlled slide. They were laughing their heads off with the adrenalin rush and it certainly looked like fun, but the consequences...

Regrouping at the base and then off to Tibberoowuccum. Starting with a short paddock bash this small unassuming bump behind Tibrogargan has a surprisingly varied terrain with differing slopes, rocky bits both scree-like and large and pointy, and good views of the surrounding area being bathed in the late afternoon light accentuating the deep browns and reds. Back to the cars and a quick trip to the Forestry lookout and fire tower for the sunset.

Hot showers, church services for some, a fire, more port and hot drinks and listening in awe to exploits of the Ateam; the front face of Tibrogargan is certainly not the faint hearted.

Who suggested sunrise from the top of Ngungun? It seemed like a good idea until the wake up call. Justin had already put the kettle on and a cuppa was waiting. Halfway the up the slope the darkness was just beginning to fade. It was a cold windy wait as the sky slowly coloured and the stories of experiences past flowed but on the rocks on the peak was the place to be.

Breakfast back at camp then off to tackle Beerburrum(a steady grade up a concrete slope to a metal look-out), Mount Elimbah and the pronounceable with practice Miketeebumulgrai.

The only thing I would change next time is the leaving of the Beerwah, the biggest, until last. Although all the peaks had there own distinct character and thus all different to climb, the views from the tops just never quite added up to the revealing panoramas from Beerwah. A small point really in comparison with the whole weekend.



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