



JILALAN

MONTHLY CIRCULAR
OF THE

**BRISBANE CATHOLIC
BUSHWALKING CLUB Inc.**

UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY



FEBRUARY 2000.

**BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB INC.
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JILALAN

Please have all articles to Majella (11 Montrose Place, The Gap 4061) by the 1st of the month. 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: robertsonm@marash.qld.edu.au

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.
- Departure of walks is usually either from the Old Windmill on Wickham Tce 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.
- 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.

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.

CALANDER OF CLUB EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
17	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
23	Tooloona Falls CCT	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	D/W
26	Northbrook Gorge (Australia Day)	Kerry Mulligan	3270 4490	D/W
29	Wynnum Fish and Chips Boardwalk	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Soc
January 30	Ships Stern	Stephen Darday		D/W
February 13	Little Kings	Gabriel Romaguera	3369 7330	D/W
19/20	Binna Burra	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	B/C
21	AGM	John Carter	3290 3621	
27	Springbrook	Majella Robertson	3300 0229	D/W
March 5	Clean Up Aust – Tinchy Tamba	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
7	FMR Snake ID	John Carter	3299 1032	FMR
11	Federation Bush Dance	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Social
12	Mt Alexander	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	D/W
18- 19	Mt Superbus	Christine Harrison		O/N
20	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
25	Mt Greville – Justin's Anniversary Walk	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	D/W
25	Annual Mass and Dinner	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	SOC
26	FMR Abseiling Day Kangaroo Point			FMR
27	Springbrook	Majella Robertson	3300 0229	D/W
31 Mar-1 April	Nightcap Range			B/C
April 2	FMR Communication Day			FMR
9	Rathdowney Historical Day			Social
16	Mt Maroon Site Monitoring	Trevor Kelly		D/W
17	Meeting			
22 April - 1 May	Byfield NP / Blackdown Tableland	Matthew Palmer	3270 4490	B/C
23	Kipper Creek (Pilgrimage Preouting)			D/W
25	Dawn Service / Bike Ride			Social
28 April - 1 May	Gibraltar Range			B/C
1 May	Mt Edwards / Reynolds Gorge			Daywalk
7	Mt Bangalore	Phil Murray		D/W
13	Northbrook Mountain (Pilgrimage)			D/W
15	Meeting			
19-21	FMR Weekend			FMR
27	Noosa NP	Kerry Mulligan	3270 4490	D/W
2/3/4 June	Club Hut Weekend	John Brunott	3209 9598	B/C
4	Barney Creek Site Monitoring	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
9-12	Point Pure/Glen Rock	Iain Renton		T/W
9-12	Point Pure/Glen Rock			B/C
19	Meeting			
26-29	FMR Remote Area First Aid Course			FMR
July				
15	FMR Navigation & Equipment Day			FMR
17	Meeting			
August				
15/16	Barney Mass - 40 th Anniversary			O/N
21	Meeting			
September				
8/9/10	Federation Pilgrimage	Matthew Palmer	3270 4490	B/C

18	Meeting			
October				
6/8	Mt Maroon	Trevor Kelly		B/C
10	FMR Media evening			FMR
16	Meeting			
21	FMR Intermediate Abseiling			FMR
November				
20	Meeting			
December				
18	Meeting			
26	Boxing Day walk			D/W
January 2001				
15	Meeting			

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 Gratings

The BCBC is now using the following Walk Grading system currently used by the Brisbane Bushwalking Club.

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	<u>Graded or open terrain.</u> No scrub.
4-7	<u>Bush.</u> Minor scrub rainforest, rock, creek, rock hopping, scrambling
8-10	<u>Bush.</u> As Above + thick scrub, major rock scrambling using hands, technical

3. Fitness

1-3	<u>Easy.</u> Suitable for beginners
4-7	<u>Medium.</u> Reasonable fitness required
8-10	<u>Hard.</u> Strenuous, fit walkers only

REPORTS

President's Report

The calendar has been completed to early July. The new committee will review the calendar for the remainder of the year. So now is a great opportunity for all existing and new leaders to nominate an area, they would like to lead a club walk in, for the second half of the year. This way if you are to lead a walk, it may as well be of your choice. So please give it some thought and see Justin or myself.

The Annual Report has been completed. Thanks especially to Greg and Majella for compiling all the reports and to all those who contributed.

John

Membership Report

The club's financial year ended on 31 December. Therefore membership fees are now due. A membership form has been sent to each member. The fees are the same as last year.

Ordinary Member	\$30
Associate Member	\$22
Country Member	\$22
(over 150 kms from GPO)	
Spouse Member	\$8

February General Meeting

In addition to the normal monthly meeting, the Annual General Meeting will be held. Minutes from the 1999 AGM will be presented, the Annual Report will be discussed and committee positions filled. The meeting will commence at 7.45pm. So come along and stay for a yummy supper. The Bushwalker of the Year will also be announced.

Treasurer's Report

Balance 20/12/99	1921.37
+ Receipts	52.00
	<hr/> 1973.37
- Payments	251.65
Balance 20/12/99	<hr/> 1 721.72

Term Deposit 1 496.68

Outing's News

Leaders are reminded to contact Justin re the costing of walks and the emergency officer for their particular walk.

For insurance purposes, please notify the Outings Officer when you are carrying out a pre-outing for a club trip.

COMING WALKS

Springbrook
Sunday 27 February 2000
Day Walk

Leader: Majella Robertson
 (3300 0229)
Time: 7:30 am
Meet at: Red Hill Hall
Grade: S22
Cost: \$12.00
Emerg Off: Justin Tobin (3366 3193)

This will be a very leasurely day with a relatively short walk along the Twin Falls Track, enjoying the cool of the falls as we walk under them. We will drive on and have a look at The Best of All Lookout and possibly do another short walk as well. We will lunch together in the shade of some trees and finish the day with a coffee before heading home for a reasonably early day. If you're looking for a relaxed, easier type walk this is the one for you.

**Clean Up Australia Day.
Sunday 5 March
A Free day**

Leader: Maxine Brophy (3203 4699)
Meet at: Red Hill Church Car Park.
Time: 7 am
(Lunch provided)

It's that time again. Gather your old gardening gloves, old clothes, big hat and plenty of sunblock and come along to help clean up our beautiful land. We will be returning to the Tichi Tamba Wetlands to clean out rubbish left along the banks of the Pine River.

We will have large bags for collecting the rubbish.

Lunch will be around the corner at Deep Water Bend. We will BBQ some sausages for the hungry team.

This is only a mornings work and is always a lot of fun so please come and join us and give one of our waterways some TLC!

**Mt Alexander
Sunday 12 March
Daywalk**

Leader: Justin Tobin (3366 3193)
Time: 6:30am
Meet at: Red Hill Church Hall
Grade: M45
Cost: \$12.00
Emerg Off: Susan Tobin

A pleasant stroll in the Kerry Valley outside Beaudesert and near the Stockyard creek track to O'Reilly's. A chance to try a non-graded walk for views across to Mt Barney and Lamington. Nominate to me for what should be an enjoyable walk with plenty of time to reach the top.

**Mt Superbus
Sat/Sun 17/18th March 2000
Overnighter**

Leader: Christine Harrison
Time: 10.00am
Meet at: Red Hill Hall Carpark
Grade: M44
Cost: \$12.00
E.O. John Carter (3290 3621)

We will be doing another site monitoring adjacent to Mt Superbus (1375m) as an ongoing agreement with National Parks & Wildlife Services. It is an wilderness rainforest on the Main Range with peaceful surroundings.

We will be having a limited number to camp overnight as required. Although only a couple of hours ascending the steep knolls to the top, a reasonable fitness and full light pack carrying is required.

Any questions, please phone me anytime.

**Blackdown Tableland and
Byfield National Parks
Basecamp
April 21 to May 1**

Leader: Matthew Palmer (3279 4490)
Grade: As hard or easy as you like
Cost: Own expenses

With only 3 days annual leave required to have 11 days off this Easter is a perfect time to get to some of those places that are otherwise difficult. Blackdown Tableland forms the northern part of Queensland central highlands, it contains many sandstone gorges with spectacular views, the terrain is quite unlike what we see around Brisbane. Blackdown is approximately 800 km from Brisbane and can be reached in conventional vehicles.

There are no showers or drinking water at Blackdown so self sufficiency is required. We will be spending Saturday, Sunday and Monday night at Blackdown before heading to a caravan park in Yeppoon which will be the home base until heading back to Brisbane. From Yeppoon the opportunity exists to do numerous trips to

places such as Byfield NP, Mt Etna bat caves and Great Keppel Island.

FEDERATED MOUNTAIN RESCUE

There will be abseil training for beginners on Saturday 26 February at 8am at Kangaroo Point. Meet at the Rotunda on River Terrace. Cost is \$5. If you have your own harness please bring it along.

An evening on snakes will be held on Tuesday 7 March at 7pm. The discussion will cover recognition, distribution and potential threats. More information at the meeting.

See John or Ann

SOCIALS

Coffee Night
Wednesday 1 March
7pm
The Coffee Club
Eagle St
Waterfront Place.

Annual Bush Dance
March 11
8pm

The annual bush dance for all bushwalking clubs, will be held from 8pm at the Morningside School of Arts Hall, Wynnum & Thynne Roads on 11 March. Supper is supplied and members of the champion Moreton Bay Band will walk us through the dances beforehand so we will all know what we are doing. It will be a great night and a chance to meet old and new friends from other clubs. Cost is \$10.

More information and tickets available at the next meeting.

PAST OUTINGS

Lightening Falls
Sunday 7th February
Chris McCaffrey

We left from Wickham Tce at about 7:10 am and made our way to Canungra where we had a re-group. The weather did not look promising, very overcast and looking like it might rain at any minute.

We were on the road again heading to O'Reilly's. when we arrived at the carpark I think we were the only people at Green Mountain going bushwalking. At this point it started to rain so we all grouped at the coffee shop where we waited for Connie and Andrew to join the group. The rain stopped. At this stage Connie and Andrew decided to do a short walk before heading back to Brisbane.

The rest of us started walking at 9:45am. Most of the track was very slippery and muddy. We stopped for morning tea at the turn off for the Albert River Circuit near the large Antarctic Beech tree.

After morning tea we continued on, passing more Beech trees before coming to the first waterfall on the circuit which was Jimbolongerri Falls. We continued on. Finally the heavens opened and it poured down. Every one put on raincoats, but the rain wasn't the biggest problem! Next thing we knew there were leeches crawling up everyone's legs. So out came the Rid to try and stop them. We bushwalkers were having fun, fun, fun!

We continued on passing Lightning falls and Thunder Falls. Every now and then, people would stop and try and remove the leeches – out would come the Aerogard or Rid to try and stop them.

The creek had a good flow of water and we stopped counting the Lamington Blue Crayfish, they were everywhere along the track. We passed two more falls, Echo Falls and Gurrungunulli Falls. Both of these falls had a large flow of water going over them. The rain did not ease off but everyone was having a good time anyway. Good time bushwalkers, not glum bushwalkers having fun!

We passed the last two waterfalls, Joolbahla Falls and Bithongabel Falls before coming to our lunch spot at Echo Point.

We were all glad to be stopping for lunch. Everyone was still trying to stop the leeches and have lunch at the same time. I decided to make a few people a cup of tea only to unpack the faithful Swedish Trangia to discover I didn't have my burner! Thanks to Maxine, who had here Swedish Primus stove with her, it wasn't too much longer before most people were enjoying a hot drink.

After lunch we continued on to Cominan Lookout only to have views of white cloud. At this stage it had stopped raining but those leeches would still not give up. Everyone made good time coming back and I hoped the coffee shop at O'Reilly's would still be open.

I think everyone was glad to see the main track back to O'Reilly's. We finally got back to the carpark at about 5:20pm. The coffee shop had closed!

I think we were the only bushwalkers walking that day. The carpark looked deserted. We made our way back to Canungra where we had a coffee stop before heading back to Brisbane.

A big thankyou to the team for coming on the walk. Thanks for putting up with the rain and thanks also to Andrew and Connie for coming.

My walkers for the day were Terry Silk, Michael Witlock, Desley Pedrazzini, Maxine, Louise McPherson, Leanna Rosa, Jonathon Savage, Connie Russo, Andrew Oscroft, Stephen Darday and Bernadette Dolan. Thank you to the drivers, Terry and Maxine and yes bushwalkers do have fun, fun, fun walking in any type of weather!

PS: I have heard that the club has a new Rain God. Who could this person be? Stay tuned.

Tooloona Falls
23 January
Justin Tobin

After a really hot Thursday and Friday, sixteen of us took the opportunity to head to O'Reilly's and hopefully escape the heat. We were not disappointed. Tooloona Falls circuit with its cascades, waterfalls, rainforest and huge Crows

Nest Ferns was a pleasant place to be. There was water water everywhere. We swam in it, crossed over it and walked beside it, eventually leaving the creek to have lunch amongst the Antarctic Beech trees at Wanungara Lookout before following the Border Track back to O'Reilly's. A very welcome cool change. Thanks to Carolyn, Pat and Chris for driving. Phil, Bev, Louise, Libby, Father Kevin, Stephen, Dale, Christine and good to see Herman, Lynne, Cecily and Paul on their first walk with the club. Thankyou for joining me on Lamington and I'll see you on the next one.

PAST SOCIALS

Coffee night - Kangaroo Point.

Sincere thanks to everyone's generosity, we collected a total of \$56.75 to be sent to St Vincent De Paul Society. This was an excellent and very popular evening. Some cooked a BBQ dinner. We enjoyed many variety of cakes and goodies and many cups of tea. Chris spoilt us with fresh brewed coffee – all in all a top evening. We will return, it proved very popular.

Wynnum Boardwalk and Fish and Chips

Grey skies turned into clear sunny skies as we gathered down at the Wynnum waterfront. Seven people met for the walk along with Mack the dog. It was high tide making a very pleasant walk along beside the sea wall. Pelicans were landing on the shore making a great show for us.

It was much cooler on the boardwalk under the shade of the mangroves, the Ibis were starting to feed and we were lucky enough to see a Mangrove Heron land nearby. We were eagerly watching for a sight of a spoonbill but no luck there, instead a couple of White Herons came down to feed.

It was very peaceful and quiet as we walked back, hunger reminding us of fish and chips along at the waterfront.

Rusty, Louise, Emma and Jessica were in the park for tea. We all enjoyed great food with a cool breeze coming off the Bay.

A walk out on the jetty to finish the day and we all departed for home.

Many thanks to those who came.: Carolyn and Mack, Jean, Majella, Pat M, Elizabeth R, Terry Silk, Louise, Rusty, Emma and Jessica.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Federation News...

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More information and tickets available at the next meeting.

A note from the Editor...

Thank you very much to each of you for your contributions to the magazine over the last two years and for your support during that time.

For the time being if you are unsure where to send your magazine articles send them to me and I will forward them on to the new Editor.

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