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# JILALAN

MONTHLY CIRCULAR OF THE BRISBANE  
CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB INC.  
UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY

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**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.

**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 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.

**WARNING**

All persons, adult or child, member or visitor, undertake all activities of the Club at their own risk. The Club is not in a position to even state that all care will be taken.

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**KEY**

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

**SUGGESTED EXTENDED WALKS IN 1996**

July	Mt Bowen Circuit, Hinchinbrook Is.
Sept	Blue Mts & Canyoning
Oct	Nepal

**EDITOR'S NOTE**

Club members enjoy reading about private walks. People are always welcome to send us reports of these, but, you will appreciate they can only be included when there is sufficient room.

**★ Club's 40th Anniversary★**

The sub-committee is compiling a master list of past and present members for planned mailings. Contact will be made with early club members through a social group of some of these members. Over the next few months, please give some thought as to what types of activities could be undertaken as part of the celebrations. Some examples are special walks, a BBQ, formal dinner or anniversary mass. We will be happy to hear of any suggestions.

Contact John Carter - Telephone 3290 3621

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For specific enquiries, contact the Committee member above concerned. For outings or socials, contact the leader shown in the calendar or magazine article. Visitors - for general enquiries contact Jim O'Meara.

Articles for "Jilalan", post to Cecilia Doherty 2/32 Stanley Terrace, East Brisbane. Handwritten articles are okay if you have no access to a typewriter/computer but typed is easier to handle. Better still - if they are typed and saved on floppy disk then they are more easily placed in the magazine. The Editor is currently using MS WORD 6.0 but can convert from most programs. N.B. Please provide 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, being scheduled to commence at 7.30 p.m (although they usually start about 15 minutes later). The location is currently in the basement of the Catholic Centre (near St Stephen's Cathedral) with entry via Charlotte Street. The door is usually staffed up to about 8.00 p.m. If you arrive after this time, please ring the bell and wait for someone to let you in. Parking is NOT available on site and free parking can be difficult to find nearby. Parking is available close by at \$4.00.

**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.



**1996 BCBC CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS  
MARK YOUR DIARY NOW!**

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	PHONE	TYPE
MAR 15-17	Nightcap Ranges	Christine Harrison	3378-0264	B/C
24	Mt Greville	Con Vink	3814-3545	D/W
30	Buchanan's Fort	Barry Ellerington	3886-3451	D/W
APRIL 4-8	Emu Creek	Bill Butler	3351-1588	B/C
8	Pat Lawton	Pat Lawton	3366-1956	D/W
14	Piper			
	Commanchee/Green Falls	Cliff Harrison	3378-0264	D/W
25	Biketrack Walk	Majella Robertson	3359-8311	D/W
24-28	Fraser Island	June Greenaway	3358-5295	T/W
26-28	Edwards Gap to Mt Castle	Christine Harrison	3378-0264	T/W
28	Flinders Peak	Majella Robertson	3359-8311	D/W
MAY 3-6	Kaputar Plateau	Con Vink	3814-3545	B/C
5	Chris McCaffrey	Chris McCaffrey	3349-5730	D/W
	D/W			
12	Running Creek	Bill Butler	3351-1588	D/W
25-26	Moreton Island	Ed Nally	3857-2021	B/C
25-26	Moreton Island	Pat Lawton	3366-1956	T/W
JUNE 2	Montserrat			D/W
8-10	Sundown N.Park			B/C
8-10	Sundown N.Park			T/W
10	Mt Maroon	Trevor Kelly	3357-5046	D/W
14-16	Watson Creek	Ken Fraser	3852-1607	T/W
14-16	Watson Creek Falls			D/W
21-23	Black Canyon	Barry Ellerington	3886-3451	T/W
21-23	Green Mountains	Bernadette Dolan	3899-1785	B/C
	O'Reillys	(Saturday)		
		Geoff Egert(Sunday)	3356-2163	
JULY 5-7	Mt Glorious - Lake Manchester			T/W or B/C?
15	Mt Warning	Cathy Thistlethwaite	3374-2198	D/W

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Committee Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of every month. The next Committee Meeting will be held at Club Treasurer Tony Young's home at 1/18 Alma Road, Clayfield. You are very welcome to attend the meeting but please contact the President beforehand. If you feel strongly about an issue, bring it along to the Committee Meeting and we'll put it on the agenda.

**We want you to contribute ... its your club.**

## COMING WALKS

### MT GREVILLE (DAY WALK)

**Leader:** Con Vink (Tel 3814 3545)  
**Date:** Sunday 24 March 1996  
**Time:** 7.30 a.m.  
**Place:** Cathedral, Charlotte Street  
**Grade:** On the Easy side of Medium (see below)  
**Emerg. Officer:** Anthony Dolan (Tel 3899 1785)  
**Cost:** \$12.00

Mt Greville is located on the left hand side of the Cunningham Highway just past Aratula. From that direction, it looks like a wallaby feeding with its head close to the ground and its ears erect. It is a very picturesque mountain with dramatic cliffs on the North-East face and several beautiful gorges. The vegetation changes remarkably from open heath and eucalypt forest on the ridges to palm trees and rainforest in the gorges.

After a short stop at Aratula, we will drive towards the mountain from the Spicer's Gap turnoff, passing beneath the North-East cliffs (great photo opportunity) and around to its South-East side. We will then walk up the South-East ridge to the top. The two main gorges are on either side of this ridge - Palm Gorge on the left, and on the right the more spectacular Waterfall Gorge. We will be passing close to the edge of this gorge at a number of spots. There are good views on the way up and just past the top. After lunch at the top, we will descend via Palm Gorge, which is a lovely cool gorge with sides as close as 4 metres apart and about 70 metres high.

This is not a difficult walk, but like all mountain walks, it has a fair climb. Since it is short (all up maybe 6 km), we can take our time in the ascent, so this is a good walk for those who would like to extend themselves from graded tracks. Its scenic value makes it a very rewarding walk for the effort involved.

(For comparison of amount climbed on recent walks: Knapps Pk 435 m, Mt Alexander 455 m, Mt Greville 595 m, Mt Ernest 635 m, Minnages Mtn 655 m, Mt Barney 1125 m).

### BUCHANAN'S FORT (DAY WALK)

**Leader:** Barry Ellerington (Tel 3886 3451)  
**Time:** 7.00 a.m.  
**Place:** Cathedral - Charlotte Street  
**Date:** Sunday 31 March 1996  
**Emerg. Officer:** Janet Ellerington  
**Cost:** \$12.00  
**Grade:** Easy to Medium

Christmas Creek is surrounded by many spectacular peaks and mountains - rugged Mt Widgee to the north and the western ridge of Point Lookout to the south. Buchanan's

Forte is one of the peaks situated to the north east of the camping ground at the Stinson Memorial Park. It can be approached from two different ways - from the Christmas Creek Valley or the Albert River Valley. However, Christmas Creek is a very pretty area to visit not only for its natural attractions, or the history of the Stinson Crash that the area is famed for, but for the peace and tranquillity this beautiful valley has to offer. It is because of this that I have decided to make the ascent from this point.

Buchanan's is a spectacular bluff abounded by sheer cliffs on the eastern side. It is not a difficult climb - it is steep but a straight forward ascent. The walk will take us up the western ridge. This will offer us some good views of the national park, of the creek and the mountains to the west. From the summit, we will be able to absorb views to Lost World, Mt Widgee, Mt Westray and to Neglected Mountain.

With the weather now cooling down, this will be a very rewarding walk. Don't miss out on a great day.

Best Wishes  
Barry.

### PIPER COMMANCHE/GREEN FALLS (DAY WALK)

**Leader:** Barry Ellerington  
**Time:** 7.00 a.m.  
**Place:** Cathedral - Charlotte Street  
**Date:** Sunday 30 March 1996  
**Emerg. Officer:** Janet Ellerington  
**Cost:** \$12.00  
**Grade:** Easy to Medium

This walk will start in open rainforest and head to the north eastern slopes of Mt D'Aguilar where the remaining wreckage of a piper commanche which crashed in 1977, lies.

After spending some time at this site, we will move on to Love Creek and continue through to our final destination. There are still some large trees remaining in this area which are worth seeing.

This walk will be off-track for most of the time but well within the capabilities of most walkers. So, please come and enjoy a beautiful area in our own backyard!

### EASTER AT EMU CREEK

(SEE OVERLEAF)



## EASTER AT EMU CREEK BASE CAMP

**Leader:** Bill Butler (Tel 3351 1588)  
**Date:** Fri 5 April - Mon 8 April  
**Time:** 7.00 p.m. Thursday 4 April  
**Place:** Sullivan and Nicolaides, Taringa Carpark  
**Emerg. Officer:**  
**Cost:** \$25.00 (including landowner's charge of \$10.00 to each car driver for the weekend camping)

This year's Easter trip will be a base camp at the old sawmill campsite on Emu Creek which is a three hour drive 188 km south west of Brisbane. Being situated among the mountains close to the Main Range, it will allow us a variety of walks to the scenic areas near Mt Superbus, Lizard Point and Mt Steamer. The walks are within the capabilities of all reasonably fit persons, but remember they are mostly off-track.

If Fr Ed is able to come, Sunday mass will be said at camp. Alternative arrangements will be Sunday mass at Warwick. The camping area although large is on a first in, first served basis - so I hope to get down there early Thursday morning before Easter and stake out a big area for BCBC. As the camping ground does not have showers or toilets I will be setting up our own tent city style toilet block. The nearest basic supply shop for milk and bread is at Yangan, 24 km away, so you should come self sufficient with food and water supplies for the weekend, and don't forget to bring lots of goodies for the Saturday night party. Some very capable people have offered to lead a few of the various walks on offer. Collect a map and the itinerary from Bill Butler at the next meeting.

So come and join with me on this Easter weekend among the koalas, grey kangaroos, wedge tail eagles and the spotted brown owls. Our evening campfires reflecting on the rock monoliths of the Steamer Range will make for a relaxing and enjoyable break away from the city.

Bill

## Membership Officer's Report

First thing, I wish to thank Trevor for having everything so well organised and for his effort in signing up 22 new members in 1995. Well done Trevor! I hope that I can do as good a job.

After the last meeting, we were able to greet Cathy Egan, Ann Tracey, John Bigg, Greg Coonan, Martin Quinton, Majella Carter and Geoff Wright as visitors.

This month, we are pleased to announce that John Bigg, Anne-Marie Dewar, Cathy Egan, Glennys Gordon and Ann Tracey have become members! I hope that you all get as much enjoyment out of the club as I have!

Jim

# SOCIALS

## MT COOT-THA BBQ BREAKFAST

**Contact:** Majella Robertson (Tel 3359 8311)  
**Date:** Sunday March 31st  
**Time:** 7.00 a.m.  
**Place:** Mt Coot-tha (beyond lookout area)

Come to the next meeting for more details or telephone me on 3359-8311.

Thanks  
Majella

## COFFEE NIGHT



**Date:** Wednesday 27 March  
**Time:** 7.30 p.m.

Details available at the meeting or telephone Majella on 3359 8311. Any suggestions for venues are welcome and gratefully accepted!!

# MBS

**Beware of the wombat that turns tents around in the dead of night at Bunya Mountains campsites!**

**Age creeping in ... when old committee members spend a whole day watching cricket instead of being on an exciting walk!**

**Who was the pyromaniac who nearly lost his face trying to cook a meal recently?**

**Who were the headbangers in the Club President's car coming back from the sunrise walk to Mt Mitchell?**



## PREVIOUS WALKS

### **Boonoo Boonoo 25-28 January 1996 (Barry Ellerington)**

The Australia Day weekend is usually either wet or very hot and this year was no exception. Ten walkers took the opportunity to escape the summer heat of the city and visit the Granite region of Boonoo Boonoo and Bald Rock National Park. After careful thought, I decided to camp at the Bald Rock camping ground because of its water supply and the ample toilet facilities. This turned out to be the wise choice as Boonoo Boonoo camp site was chockers full.

Friday dawned as one of those days that makes you feel good to be alive. The sun was warm and we had an abundance of birds around us that joined us for breakfast with one Kookaburra performing his majestic dive into my frying pan, nicking off with my bacon - given five more minutes I would have cooked it for him! After breakfast, we packed and made the 200 km drive to Boonoo Boonoo Falls. The Falls still had a great deal of water going over them which made it a photographers delight. There is nothing like a waterfall to bring out nature's settings. The climb down the side of the Falls is a mixture of track and rock scrambling. The tracks themselves are in ill repair and some care was needed negotiating them. The last 50 metres were very steep but took us through some majestic rainforest and brought us down into this beautiful side creek with little waterfalls and cool clear water flowing into the main river system. It was here that our rock hopping trip started down the river to Rocky Point. The gorge was by now starting to warm up - it was a good time for a swim. The river has many rock slabs, pools, rapids, sandy beaches and waterfalls - one of which was too good to miss! We spent over an hour swimming here - it was a good morning tea stop. Lunch was had at a second swimming hole and by now the heat was unbearable. Although a little short of our destination, we made this our turnaround point and headed back to the camp site.

The Saturday walk was to be to South Bald Rock. The day was much cooler than the previous one and this made the 7 km walk very pleasant. The track to South Bald is easy going and follows the border fence all the way. The half-way point is marked by a large outcrop of granite boulders and slabs, and is named Mini Bald Rock. This turned out to be a great vantage point and from here we had the most marvellous views to the Pyramids, Mt Norman, Middle and West Rocks, Bald Rock and our destination. South Bald Rock has three large granite domes. Between these are some spectacular rainforest gorges and lots of underground caverns and nooks and crannies to explore. The views from the summit are excellent. After a lazy lunch, the more adventurous explored the underground nooks and crannies before exploring the east side of the rock in search of further

caverns. We never did find these and left them for another day.

Bald Rock is the main feature of the National Park. It is a magnificent dome of granite rising some 200 metres above the bushland. From our campsite, it is a short easy walk to the base of the rock and a 2.4 km climb to the summit. This gave us a very pleasant walk for Sunday morning. The ascent is very rewarding with extensive views over granite-dotted landscape and as far as the Tweed Range with the Barney Ballow Ranges to the east.

A few of us had never seen a lyrebird in the wild before. During the climb, we were very lucky to stumble across a pair of these magnificent birds in a small gully. The male was obviously in the mating mood with the female playing hard to get. The chase was on through the scrub and went on for a considerable time! They were still going strong on our decent - this chap was not going to give up. Whatever he had for breakfast was going to have to last him a long time.

Thanks to all my walkers who came along and made this Australia Day weekend a very pleasant one. Thank you to all the drivers and to Ed and Con for their kind assistance in the pre-outing.

Best wishes  
Barry

### **Canoe Trip, Noosa River 20-21 January 1996 (June Greenaway)**

We all had an early start, meeting at Burpengary Station at 7.00 a.m. on Saturday. Six cars and twenty-one canoeists drove another 75 minutes to Elanda Point, where we hired our canoes. Unfortunately, one car load came a little late and I got a blast about that! Oh, the joys of being a leader ... aggh!

After dropping our gear off near the lake, parking cars, doing the slip slop slap routine and loading up the canoes, we paddled off across Lake Cootharaba about an hour later. Iain had a kayak and seemed to skim across the water so easily, while the rest of us were settling in to the paddling. Everyone did really well! The Lake was a lot browner than I had remembered it, probably due to the heavy rains. We had a well earned rest at Kinaba Visitor Centre at the north-west corner of the Lake. Here, we had morning tea, swims and a boardwalk through the mangroves. Then it was off again, through the channel to join the Noosa River and being careful not to go up Kin Kin Creek. Who managed to find the only pole standing up in the river and hit it smack in the middle?



We seemed to fly up the River and arrived at Harry's Camping area just after midday. It was a major operation squashing ten canoes and one kayak into such a small space and it looked really good the way they were all lined up. After setting up camp, we all did our own thing - canoeing, swimming and relaxing. It was a hot day, so the swim was a YES for everyone - nearly everyone encountered an exuberant nude swimmer! Luckily the river was a dark brown. Also, it was lucky there was drinking water at Harry's Hut as no one fancied the river water.

We managed to find a spot to accommodate us all sitting in a circle having tea and the usual camp chatter. Most people turned in early. On Sunday, everyone was up early and we were away by 9.00 a.m.. There were many water fights, with canoes trying to avoid each other and going around in circles getting their own back. After settling down, we had a leisurely paddle down the river enjoying the peace and reflections of the vegetation. Some canoeists seemed to think the opposite bank had more appeal and got tangled in the overhanging rees and zig zagged their way down the river. There is a no landing zone between Harry's Hut and Fig Tree Point, which was our next stop. There were more swims and a walk around the Melaleuca Circuit. From here it was only a short way to Kinaba - hey watch out for that pole! At Kinaba most of us were soon into the River for a swim: for those that weren't they were soon coaxed in by a steady chant. Iain got a groovy photo of everyone's heads only, with us all in the water. The last leg across the lake was a bit harder with the lake getting choppy, but we soon made it. We'd seen several large goannas but very little bird life.

I'd like to thank all those who came - Patricia, Ross, Cliff, Tania, Scott, Bill, Jim, Kylie, Ray, Trevor, Carol, Michael, Gerry, Carolyn and special thanks to the drivers - Russell, Richard, Christine, Iain, Majella and Liz. I hope you all enjoyed it. Why not make it a yearly event?

June.

### **LITTLE KINGS' COLLECTION** **18 February 1996 (Majella Robertson)**

Sunday morning, February 18th ... and while most people were enjoying a leisurely Sunday morning cuppa over the newspaper, fourteen of us were out knocking on doors and asking for donations to aid the Little Kings' Movement for the Handicapped.

We met at Graceville at 9.00 a.m. and spent the next two-and-a-bit hours door-knocking. Most people were generous and polite and after finding out a little bit about the movement, happily gave a little something to assist it in its work. In all, we collected well over \$600.00.

The morning was hot and humid and after two hours of hard door-knocking, we decided to shout ourselves a coffee (just for something different!!) and found a lovely

little coffee shop not far from where we had been collecting. This well-earned reward went down very well, and by the time we had shared some of our door-knocking experiences, it was nearly 1.00 p.m. and time to leave.

Many thanks to all those who helped out - Carol, Louise, Kathy, Patricia, Richard, Terry, Terry, Greg, Lucy, Chris and the boys from Gregory Terrace and Marist Brothers College, Rosalie. Your assistance was much appreciated.

Many thanks too for the generosity of all at last month's meeting - we collected a further \$112.00. A great effort!

Majella

## **PRIVATE WALKS**

### **Northbrook Creek** **26 January 1996 (John Carter)**

Unable to get away for the long weekend, Justin, Mark and myself decided to have a look at the Northbrook Creek Valley and enjoy the pleasures of the gorge. Leaving early, we appreciated the views from Northbrook Lookout at 8.00 a.m. It was a clear, sunny morning. Then we went down the winding road to the apiary site (near knoll 296), which is the quick way into the gorge.

Dropping into the creek near a large blue quandong tree, we soon reached a small gorge. After swimming through, we rockhopped upstream to where a small gully joined the creek on the right - we decided to follow it. The sweat flowed freely as we climbed 250 metres to a saddle through a forest understorey regenerating after a recent wildfire. Heading north to rocky knoll 463, we had a superb view of the entire valley from the Summit to Wivenhoe Dam and overlooking the main gorge. This spur, by the way, meanders southwards to Mt Northbrook. A large southerly tributary flows into the creek, so we decided to drop into it. This led us through a moderate patch of lantana. The creek was flowing well and an exploratory walk upstream was required. Attractive rainforest aligned the creek. Figs, quandong, piccabeen palms and even a large red cedar was spotted. We also saw fruit pigeons, an emerald dove and a wompoo pigeon. We followed the creek downstream to the main stream. It was only a few hundred metres to the gorge. Time for a swim, lunch and a brew! It was most pleasant in the cool shadows of the gorge walls. There are four pools to swim through. We continued downstream to the minor gorge. A number of trees had fallen into the creek as a result of the fire. Retracing our steps it wasn't long before we had returned to our car. This was followed by a heavy downpour.

A relaxing walk in a beautiful creek, which is close to Brisbane. It was well worth the effort!



**\*\*\*\*N. B. ERROR IN MAGAZINE - COMING WALKS (p.4) \*\*\***

Piper Commanche/Green Falls day walk is being led by CLIFF HARRISON tel 3378-0264 and not Barry Ellerington. Date of walk is Sunday 14 April 1996. Commencement time is 7.00 a.m. unless advised to the contrary at the next meeting. Emergency Officer details not available at present.

Apologies  
Cecilia Doherty (Editor)