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# JILALAN

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

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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**

- Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
- 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.
- 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 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 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.

**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 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. 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.**

## CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS

	22-23	Connondales	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	T/W
	21-23	Connondales	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	B/C
MAR	28-2	Cooloola Canoe & Walk	June Greenaway	3358 5295	B/C
	2	Minto Crags	Barry Ellerington	3886 3451	D/W
	8	Annual Mass & Dinner	Con Vink	3814 3545	SOC
	9	Mt Mitchell	Cathy Thistlethwaite	3374 2198	D/W
	15	Club Hut Working Bee	Jon Brunott &	3209 9598	B/C
	16	Club Hut 30th Anniversary	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	D/W
	17	Meeting			MTN
	23	Jilalan Deadline (Paper Articles)			JIL
	22	Beginner's Abseil	Bill Butler	3266 8330	TRN
	23	Ivory Rocks - Mt Goolman <u>TO BE ADVISED</u>	Iain Renton	3395 7665	D/W
	27-31	Easter - Swan Creek	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	B/C
	31	Wilson's Peak	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	D/W
APR	2	Coffee Night Southbank	M Brophy/Liz Richards	3393 5545	SOC
	4-6	Beginner's Throughwalk	Jim O'Meara	3838 3356	T/W
	4-5	Federation Mtn Rescue Training			MTN
	6	Running Creek Falls	Bill Butler	3266 8330	O/N
	11	Fish 'N Chips Night Manly	M Brophy/Liz Richards	3393 5545	SOC
	12-13	Bribie Island	Matthew Palmer	3279 4490	T/W
	15	Movie Night - Contact Liz's answering machine	Liz Richards	3393 5545	
	20	Paris Exhibition Qld Art Gallery	M Brophy/Liz Richards	3393 5545	D/W
	21	Meeting			MTN
	24-27	Lizard Pt - Spicer's West Ridge	Jim O'Meara	3838 3356	T/W
	25	Anzac Bike Ride	M Brophy/Liz Richards	3203 4699	SOC
	26	Wild Cattle Creek - Lower Panorama Pt			D/W
	27	Spicer's West Ridge			D/W
MAY	2-5	Edwards Gap - Cunningham's Gap	Matthew Palmer	3279 4490	T/W
	<del>4-3</del>	Beau Brummell	Geoffrey Egert	3356 2163	D/W
	<del>5-4</del>	Mt Castle			D/W
	9-11	Mt Prentice/Hairy Man's Knob	Barry Ellerington	3886 3451	B/C
	16-18	Cottonvale - Bald Rock <i>100 LOON FALLS B/C</i>	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	T/W
	19	Meeting			MTN
	<del>25-1/6</del>	Bare Rock - Camp Stacey			D/W
JUN	<del>30-1</del>	Glass House Mtns <i>20/June</i>	<del>John Carter</del>		<del>O/N</del>
	6-9	Fraser Island	Justin Tobin		T/W
	6-9	Fraser Island	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	B/C
	8	Mt Cordeau	Anna Egert	3356 2163	D/W
	14	Kangaroo Point Abseil			
	14-15	Binna Burra via Fountain Falls - O'Reilly's	Ed Thistlethwaite	3374 2198	O/N
	15	Blue Pool	Chris Mc Caffrey		D/W

## KEY - Types

D/W	Day Walk	1/2 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 BCBC is now using the following Walk Grading system currently used by the Brisbane Bushwalking Club.

## 1. Distance

Short	Under 10 km per day
Medium	10-15 km per day
Long	15-20 km per day
EXtra	Over 20 km per day
Long	

## 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

## Meeting Venue

**The March General Meeting will be held at Little King's Centre, 33 O'Keefe Street, Buranda**

**It's St Patrick's Day  
so ..... wear G R E E N !**

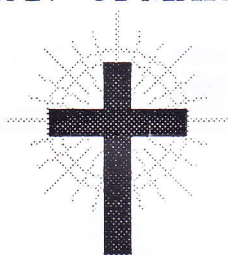
## **COMING WALKS**

**Saturday 22 March 1997  
BEGINNER'S ABSEIL DAY  
at Kangaroo Point**

**Leader:** Bill Butler (ph: 3266 8330)  
**Time:** 8 a.m. to Midday  
**Meeting Place:** Kangaroo Point  
**Cost:** \$4 rope and equipment levy

Meet at the Story Bridge end of the Kangaroo Point Main Cliffs near the Stairs. After a short talk on abseil gear and equipment we will do a number of abseils off the 20m cliffs. We will finish up around midday and then adjourn to the beautiful lawns below the cliffs for a BYO-BBQ. So come along for what promises to be a very enjoyable day.

**EASTER 27 - 31 MARCH 1997**



**SEE FEBRUARY MAGAZINE FOR  
DETAILS**

**Easter Monday 31 March 1997  
WILSON'S PEAK  
Day Walk**

**Leader:** Pat Lawton (ph: 3366 1956)  
**Meeting Place:** To be advised  
**Meeting Time:** 7.30 a.m.  
**Cost:** \$12.00  
**Emerg. Officer:** Bernadette Dolan (3899 1785)  
**Grade:** M 3 2

Wilson's Peak marks the junction of the McPherson Range and the Great Divide. We will take the north ridge to the top. The forest is attractive and good views are obtained on the open lower ridge sections, however, disappointingly the top provides few views. The ridge up is steep but not difficult with a little rock scrambling required on the final bit to the top. Water will need to be carried. A suitable walk for Easter Monday when most roads in and out of Brisbane will be extremely busy.

**Fri 4 - Sun 6 April 1997  
BEGINNER'S THROUGH WALK**

**Leader:** Jim O'Meara (Ph. 3838 3356)  
**Meeting Time:** To be announced  
**Meeting Place:** To be announced  
**Emerg. Officer:** To be advised  
**Cost:** \$20.00  
**Grade:** S 4 3

This walk will start on Saturday morning. After driving up to Emu Creek we will head east towards the Main Range ascending via Davies Ridge. Whilst this is a fair climb it is a long ridge, nearly three kilometres, and does not present any severe challenge.

I propose to stop for lunch on the way up the ridge so as to break the climb even more. After enjoying the views from Davies Ridge we will head south towards the north saddle of Mt. Steamer, where we will set up camp. Although open fires are banned I expect that, after dinner, we will still sit around and chew the rag for a bit before retiring for the night.

Sunday morning the more energetic of us can explore the northern ridge of Mt. Steamer whilst the sun dries out our tents (condensation). Following breakfast we can pack up and head back to Emu Creek. This will be all downhill and easy.

This walk is aimed at those who have never been on a through walk before. I think that it is within the capabilities of most people in the club and I will be happy to discuss that with anyone who wishes to come. This is a chance to experience that special feeling of a through walk, and I hope that some of the newer walkers will come.

The time and place to leave Brisbane will be worked out when I finalise transport. I expect to leave Brisbane at approx. 6.30 am on Saturday morning. See you there

## Sunday 6 April 1997 RUNNING CREEK FALLS (Overnighter)

**Leader:** Bill Butler (PH: 3266 8330)  
**Time:** 7 pm Departure Saturday  
**Meeting Place:** Sullivan & Nicolaides Carpark  
 Taringa  
**Cost:** \$12  
**Emerg. Officer:** Bernadette Dolan (PH: 3899 1785)  
**Grade:** L55

Spectacular is the only word to describe Running Creek Falls and the beautiful rock pool at its base. The Falls drain a high area of the Lamington South Plateau which ensures that they are always flowing. We plan to camp at the Stinson Memorial Park Saturday evening, rise early Sunday and drive to the old school house at Chinghee Gap where the walk will commence. After the four hour walk in, we should have plenty of time for a swim and a chance to admire some of the most beautiful rain forest in south east Queensland. I hope you can come along.

## Sat April 12 to Sun April 13 1997 BRIBIE ISLAND THROUGHWALK

*ORANGE TRIP*  
**Leader:** Matthew Palmer  
**Meeting Place:** Sullivan & Nicolaides  
**Meeting Time:** 6 A.M.  
**Emergency Officer:** Bernadette Dolan (3899 1785)  
**Cost:** \$12.00  
**Grade:** L 74 *40-00*

Have you ever stood on the beach at Woorim and gazed to the north wondering what wild places lie over the horizon? Stop wondering and find out for yourself as we venture on a circumnavigation of Bribie Island. About one third of Bribie is protected by Pumicestone National Park and is renowned for its bird life. There are believed to still be emus on the Island as well as the brush-tailed phascogale which is extinct on the mainland. There has also been a rumour around for a few decades about estuarine crocodile in Pumicestone Passage, you never know! At this time of year the Banksias are in flower and these grow well on Bribie, particularly the broad leaved, red honeysuckle, dwarf and coastal banksias.

Bribie is the perfect place for throughwalkers who don't like hills - I was unable to find a point on the topographic maps above 10 metres. If you're not crash hot at rock hopping don't worry, any stone on Bribie is very lost. The intention at this stage is to leave from White Patch and head north following the western coastline avoiding the pine plantation and the 15 kilometre swamp that runs through the centre of the Island. We will camp somewhere on the northern end of the Island and those of you desperate for civilisation can swim over to Caloundra if you so desire. Sunday we will head south along the surf

beach checking out the three lagoons and possibly some World War II bunkers.

I'm not sure about the availability of water yet - I'll let you know after the pre outing but we may be required to carry all of our water. Gaiters will be highly desirable and suncream as we will be exposed. Hope to get your nomination at the meeting.

## COMING EVENTS

**21 June to 5 July 1997**  
 Hinchinbrook Island, Mt Dalrymple, and Mt Bartle Frere

**20 September to 4 October 1997**  
 Blue Mountains

**27 December 1997 to 17 January 1998**  
 Tasmania

For more information about these trips contact Richard Kolarski, Ph 3341 7509.

## *BUSHWALKER OF THE YEAR 1996*

*I wish to thank everyone who made it possible for me to do thirty-one walks last year, especially all the leaders. The award and gifts are greatly appreciated.*

*The three years I've been in the Club have been among the best in my life - so much adventure, excitement, fun and friendship -especially the friendship.*

*I've often heard people say how something changed their lives. Well, joining BCBC certainly changed mine in more ways than I could have ever imagined (with more to come!!!)*

*This is a great Club, made so by the quality of the members and I'll forever be grateful to Pam Miller for taking me along to my first meeting.*

*Patricia Broughton*

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**Reading for a quiet reflective moment.**

"For where two or three are gathered together for my sake, there am I in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:20

# SOCIALS

*Maxine Brophy and Liz Richards*

## Social Calendar - April



**APRIL 2ND**

### COFFEE NIGHT

Place: Southbank Boardwalk  
Ned Kellys  
Time: 7.30 p.m.

**APRIL 11TH**

### FISH AND CHIPS NIGHT (Friday)

Wynnum Foreshore near  
Pine Street.

We will go back to Elizabeth's place for coffee afterwards to finish off the evening. Hope you can join us for a relaxing finish to a working week !

**APRIL 15TH**

### MOVIE NIGHT

Place: Details on Liz's  
Answering Machine  
(ph: 3393 5545)

**APRIL 20TH**

### PARIS EXHIBITION

Place: South Brisbane, Qld  
Art Gallery (off Victoria  
Bridge)  
10.00 a.m. Cost: \$12.00  
entry fee.

Bring along a light lunch if you feel like making a day of it and we will stroll over the bridge and down to the Botanical Gardens for a shady rest and picnic lunch. And of course, "coffee" at the cafe in the Park. Look forward to seeing you for a day of "culture!" **PLEASE ENSURE YOU ADVISE LIZ ASAP OF ATTENDANCE FOR NUMBERS.**

**APRIL 25TH:**

### Anzac Day Dawn Parade

Place: Ann Street, Cenotaph,  
City. Time" 5 a.m. service.

Bring along BYO breakfast and we'll fire up the BBQs at Kangaroo Point beside the river and enjoy a leisurely breakfast and a rest before the bike ride. Breakfast will be at 7.30 a.m.

**Anzac Day Bike Ride: Place: Kangaroo Point  
Rotunda**

**Time: 9.30 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. Details of where we will  
be heading at our next meeting.**

**APRIL 30**

**Wednesday - Coffee night at  
the Jazzy Cat West End  
7.30 p.m.**

If any further details required on any of the events  
listed phone:

Maxine: 3203 4699 after 7 p.m. Liz: 3393 5545.

## (PAST REPORT)

### LITTLE KINGS MOVEMENT

### ANNUAL COLLECTION

**9 FEBRUARY 1997**

**by Gabriel Romaguera**

Typically our annual collection for Little Kings Movement (LKM) always happens on a dreary February Sunday drenched with monsoonal rains and high humidity - hardly perfect conditions for extracting money from people stranded in their homes due to the wet. The BCBC is responsible for the Graceville area in perpetuity it seems on behalf of LKM. Their operations depend on us. Normally armed with only a few dedicated collectors who turn up every year on behalf of the club we make the most of it with the help of local students.

So it was with a sense of foreboding that I took the news that we had only one school student to help us this year. The club's regulars turned up on the day trying to look hopeful. Things seemed different - the sun was shining - not a cloud in the sky. God was going to be with us this year. Because on top of the 8 club members who had told me they were coming we had another 7 turn up one by one which raised everyone's spirits.

So we had a team of 16 in total to blitz the area and blitz the area indeed we did. It was an incredibly successful effort which saw \$997.70 raised - the best result we have had in several years. Maybe the good weather put the public in the right mood but our real success was to have the club throw its support so wholeheartedly into the collection this year despite the fact that several were unwell, had better offers, or were still new to BCBC. In fact, we had difficulty at the end of the collection dragging a few off the streets to wind up and have lunch. After the collection most of us congregated at a nearby cafe, situated under some big shady figs, overlooking the Graceville Memorial Park. It was a pleasant finale to the day.

I would like to thank everyone involved - Richard, Christine (despite her bad back), Cliff, Maxine, Greg, Cathy, Pat Vaughan, Colleen (with a special thanks to her niece Belinda who supported us also on the day), Majella, Chris, Terry, Paul (still only a newcomer to the club), and a special thanks to Patricia who turned up on her birthday. Once again Terry was our star collector, amassing \$87.05.

Hopefully we'll see all those faces again next year with a few new ones. And we still have to decide who is organising it next year ....

## PAST WALKS

### Larapinta Falls 15 February 1997 by Ann Tracey

Although the leader and passengers were stranded at the end of the road with an overheated vehicle, all other walkers arrived promptly at the Stinson Memorial Park. When we were finally united, we went on in four vehicles, which we left where water was crossing the road about 600m back from the end of the road. This was as a result of the 60 mm of rain which had fallen in the area the previous night.

After three water crossings we finally reached the track into Westrays Grave which was not badly affected by the rain, but fairly well inhabited by leeches. At the grave, excerpts from Bernard O'Reilly's "Green Mountains" were read, as a tribute to the efforts of Jim Westray to reach assistance.

Seven of the group decided not to proceed farther upstream, so John Carter, assisted by Justin Tobin, was asked to lead the group of nine to the Falls. With the higher water level, the 1 hr rock hop soon turned into a 1.5 hour wade, but the increased volume of water added to the spectacular sight of the Falls tumbling over the cliff.

The smaller group slowly made their way back downstream enjoying several swims along the way, with the result that we had not long to wait for the arrival of the second group back at the cars at 4.30 p.m.

As usual, the happy bantering among the group made the day very enjoyable, in spite of the overcast and sometimes rainy conditions. Thank you all very much for your company.

P.S. The leader took a small group from National Parks Association into the Falls the next day. The leeches had all but disappeared and seemed to have been replaced by blue crabs everywhere!

### Barney Gorge Day Walk Monday 27 January 1997 by Iain Renton

Eleven hardy souls turned up on time for a six o'clock start (the leader was impressed!) A wet long weekend had taken its toll with quite a few cancellations.

On the way down we passed through a lot of very heavy rain. Things weren't looking too good. But after leaving the rain behind - a wonderful sight - the distant twin peaks of Barney were clear of cloud and there was even some blue sky.

The walk from the car park to The Club Hut was pleasant but humid. Many trees had freshly shed their bark displaying a wonderful array of colour - salmon, yellow, orange, grey, red and even green, and all sorts of combinations of these. Thickets of cicadas were celebrating the morning in particularly noisy fashion (the very throb of the heart of the bush).

At the Club Hut Liz Richards left us to spend a quiet day there and Jon Brunot joined us (he'd been doing more work on the Club Hut). We moved at a good pace up and over the ridge on our way from The Lower Portals to the junction of Barney Gorge and the creek. At the junction we settled down for morning tea. Many people shed shoes and socks to dangled feet in cool flowing water. Terry managed to set one foot wet with shoe and sock still attached.

Eventually I stirred everybody into action. Richard decided to stay at the Junction in a boulder cave (like some oversized troll guarding our packs and the entrance to the Gorge). With much clambering and rockhopping we headed up the gorge (boulders strewn everywhere). By now it had clouded over and it was a little cooler. The ridges on either side closed in and it was like entering a secret world. We hadn't been walking very long when a strong steady wind suddenly blew down the Gorge (refreshing, exciting). Then there was a few scattered heavy drops and soon a steady downpour. It was



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