



MONTHLY CIRCULAR OF THE

BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB Inc.

UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY





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For specific enquiries, contact the committee member (from above) concerned. For outings or socials, contact the leader shown in the calendar or article. Visitors – for general enquiries contact Susan Tobin 3366 3193. JILALAN

Please have all articles to Carol Kelly by the 1st of the

month., otherwise they cannot be included. Articles, if on disk need to be submitted in RTF (Rich Text Format) with a hard copy included, otherwise a handwritten or typed copy will do. Alternatively, you can e-mail your articles

to: kellyhouse@ozemail.com.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

- (a) Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
- (b) Walk departures are usually from Red Hill Parish Hall, Musgrave Rd. Check "Jilalan" or phone the leader to determine the location.
- (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 own 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.

(f) Visitors who done more than 3 walks must sign an Assumption of Risk form for insurance.

EMERGENCY OFFICER

If, within the hour prior to an outing's departure, you can't make it or you are running late, phone the number shown in the Jilalan for the Emergency Officer for that outing. If you have not returned from an outing by 9:00pm your family may ring the Emergency Officer – but please don't panic.

EQUIPMENT HIRE

The Club has some tents and through-walk packs to hire to visitors and newer members. Borrowers are responsible for collecting and returning equipment, as well as making good any loss or damage over and above normal wear and tear. Hire rates – Packs \$10/ weekend, Tents \$5:00 – Deposit of \$20:00 required.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

The Association requires that all walkers on all trips should carry certain minimal basic equipment. This should comprise the following – a first aid kit, a torch, a parka/raincoat, hat, shirt 30+ sunscreen and at least 2 litres of water. Leaders may require that walkers carry other equipment. Advice of this will be given in Jilalan and/or by the leader. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

All members are most welcome to attend a meeting of the Management Committee, but please contact the President beforehand. This means you can be advised of any change of date/venue. If you feel strongly about an issue, bring it along to the Committee Meeting and we'll put it on the agenda.

WARNINGAll 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 2002

| DATE 2002 | EVENT | LEADER | CONTACT NUMBER | WALK TYPE |
|--------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| February 18 | Meeting | for the second | | 1 |
| 24 | Elabana Falls / Box Forest, Lamington NP | Mary Nolan | 3355 6851 | D/W |
| 30 | Coffee Night | Desley Pedrazzini | 3369 5530 | Social |
| March | | | | |
| 3 | Tinchi Tamba - Clean Up Australia Day | Maxine Brophy | 3203 4699 | D/W |
| 9 | Social | Desley Pedrazzini | 3369 5530 | Social |
| 10 | FMR Training Day - Abseiling Kangaroo Point | FMR | P | Training |
| 16/17 | The Breadknife | Greg Endicott | 3351 4092 | O/N |
| 18 | Meeting | | 1 | |
| 23 | Mt Tamborine | Barbara Eastoe | 3355 3639 | D/W |
| 27 | Social – Mai Lan | Desley Pedrazzini | 3369 5530 | SOC |
| 28/3-1/4 | Easter at the Hut | Iain Renton | 3371 4672 | B/C |
| 29 | Isolated Peak | Iain Renton | 3371 4672 | D/W |
| 30 | Barney Creek | John Carter | 3290 3621 | D/W |
| April | | | | |
| 13 | Social – Bridges of Brisbane | Desley Pedrazzini | 3369 5530 | Soc/DW |
| 15 | Meeting | | | |
| 20 | Binna Burra - Split Rock/ The Caves | | | D/W |
| 24 | Social – Coffee Night | Desley Pedrazzini | 3369 5530 | Social |
| 25 | Anzac Day Dawn Service | John Carter | 3290 3621 | Social |
| 25 | Strathpine Canoe Trip | | | D/W |
| 26/28 | Boonoo Boonoo | | 9 | B/C |
| May | | 1 | | |
| 3/6 | Kiambil NP, Ashford | | | B/C |
| 4/5 | Mt Castle | Phil Murray | 3841 0254 | O/N |
| 12 | Mt Coot-tha | Don Keating | 3878 7296 | D/W |
| 20 | Meeting | 1 | | |
| 25 | Annual Mass & Dinner | | | Social |
| 26 | Mt Tabletop | | | D/W |
| 26/27 | FMR Training Weekend | FMR | | Training |
| 29 | Coffee Night | Desley Pedrazzini | 3369 5530 | Social |
| June | | | · · · | |
| 1/2 | Mt Barney Lodge Eliz Richards 50th | Desley Pedrazzini | 3369 5530 | Social |
| 2 | Mt Gillies | | | Daywalk |
| 7-10 | Emu Valley / Con's Plains | | | B/C |
| 15 | Mt Edwards / Mt French | Mary Nolan | 3355 6851 | D/W |
| 17 | Meeting | | | |
| 23 | Mt Ommaney | Matthew Palmer | 3279 4490 | D/W-Social |
| 26 | Coffee Night | Desley Pedrazzini | 3369 5530 | Social |
| 28-30 | The Amphitheatre, Mt Mistake | Iain Renton | 3371 4672 | T/W |
| 28-30 | Glen Rock | | | B/C |
| July | | | | |
| 5-7 | | | | D/W |
| 15 | Meeting | | | |
| 21 | Karawatha Forest | Phil Murray | 3841 0254 | D/W |
| 21 or 28 | Historic Shepherd's Walk | Terry Silk | 3355 9765 | D/W |
| 24 | Coffee Night | Desley Pedrazzini | 3369 5530 | Social |
| August | The second se | | | |
| 3 | Equipment Day - FMR | John Carter | 3290 3621 | Training |

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| 14 | Barney Mass | | 1 | D/W |
|--------------|---|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 19 | Meeting | | | |
| 25 | Toohey Forest | Phil Murray | 3841 0254 | D/W |
| DATE 2002 | EVENT | LEADER | CONTACT NUMBER | WALK TYPE |
| September 1 | Fr Ed Memorial Walk - Dave's Creek Circuit | Mary Nolan | 3355 6851 | D/W |
| 6-8 | Pilgrimage hosted by YHA | | | B/C |
| 14 | FMR Training Day - Abseiling Kangaroo Point | John Carter | 3290 3621 | Training |
| 15 | Mt Maroon | Trevor Kelly | 3269 4795 | D/W |
| 16 | Meeting | | | |
| 29 | Muscat & Bailey Creeks | Matthew Palmer | 3279 4490 | D/W |

KEY - Walk Types

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

KEY - Walk Gradings

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

| 1. Distance | e | 2. Terrain | 3. Fitness |
|-------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Short | Under 10km per day | 1-3 <u>Graded or open terrain.</u> No scrub. | 1-3 Easy. Suitable for beginners |
| Medium | 10-15 km per day | 4-7 Bush. Minor scrub | 4-7 <u>Medium</u> . Reasonable |
| Long | 15-20 km per day | rainforest, rock, creek, rock hopping, scrambling | fitness Required |
| EXtra Long | Over 20 km per day | 8-10 Bush. As Above + thick scrub, major rock scrambling using hands, technical | 8-10 <u>Hard</u> . Strenuous, fit walkers only |

Club Web Address:

www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/ email: briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au

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

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ALL MEMBERS, PLEASE READ. URGENT!!!

March Annual General Meeting. Due to a lack of a Quorum last month, we were unable to have an Annual General Meeting, therefore, it will be held this month.

WE NEED YOU!

To all Club Members.... Some of our long serving Committee Members are taking a well-earned break, therefore, WE NEED YOU!, for the club to continue. At this time, we do not have a Committee, which means the Club will have to cease to exist, because the Incorporation Law requires us to have an elected Committee. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS VERY SERIOUSLY.

Our need for your nominations is urgent. We need your presence at this meeting to elect a Committee to comply with the legal requirements of the Act, and to ensure the history and traditions of the Club continues. Please remember, it is OUR club. Please have a think about what you can do to help our club, if the Club is to continue, we all have to pitch in and help keep it running.

Come along to our meeting, to find out about upcoming and previous walks and socials. Stay for a cuppa and a chat. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm with doors opening at 7.15pm.

ABOUT MEMBERS

Best wishes are extended to Fr Kevin McGovern who has been appointed to Blackall Parish for 2002 as parish priest. He enjoyed his association with the club and thanked members for their companionship over recent years.

A big welcome back home for Justin, Susan and Mary from their holiday in New Zealand. (This welcome home is very late, but we finally made it!)

Graham Walters is very pleased to tell us he has started his new job at Boonah State High School last week CONGRATULATIONS Graham.

REPORTS

TREASURERS REPORT



| Balance 21/01/02 | \$1,532.58 |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Plus Receipts | <u>\$ 664.40</u> |
| | \$2,196.98 |
| Less Payments | \$ 508.65 |
| Balance 18/02/02 | <u>\$1,688.33</u> |
| Term Deposit | \$1,537.40 |

A reminder to members that you must sign your membership application form when you renew your membership as this is a requirement of our insurance company. Your membership subs are now due. Terry.

OUTINGS NEWS

Calendar 2002

The calendar to September is included so that members may know what walks are coming up. Leaders are minded that Matthew has maps for most areas. So give him a call to get one.

INFORMATION FOR VISITORS

All visitors who have participated in more than three walks and yet are to become a member must sign the 'Assumption of Risk Form'. This is to occur before commencing a walk. This is a requirement of the Insurance Scheme so that the visitor will be covered by the policy.



COMING WALKS

Breadknife, Conondale Ranges Sat 16/Sun 17 March 2002 Overnighter

| Leader: | Greg Endicott (3351 4092) |
|------------|----------------------------|
| Meet at: | St Brigid's Car Park, |
| | Musgrave Tce, Red Hill. |
| Time: | 7.30pm |
| Cost: | \$20 includes camping fees |
| Grading: | M65 |
| Emerg Off: | Carol Kelly 3269 4795 |

It is not too late to nominate for this walk, even though it is on this coming weekend.

The Conondales are inland from Caloundra, up in the mountains near Kenilworth. It is a rainforest area surrounded by eucalypt forest. There are numerous cool little creeks flowing into the two major ones – Booloomba & Little Yabba. We will be walking up picturesque Lobster Ck, crossing the ridge and then walking down mighty Booloomba. You will be in lush green rainforest and palm groves, walking up slabs, crossing rainforest u-bends to cut corners, rock hopping and clambering up waterfalls to get to the crest.

The Breadknife is at the junction of Booloomba and Peters Creeks – sticking out of the water like a knife pointing to the sky – narrow, tall & straight. A few at a time can climb it. At its feet are several deep cool rock pools, situated on the giant steps leading down to The Knife.

Then you will be soaking in the views as you skyline it along the top of the ridge forming Booloomba. You see for miles – across, down into, along and out of the Creek. Finally, you drop into Booloomba near the gold mine – an historic location deep in the rainforest.

Be prepared for a long energetic bay. Don't just think about it, do it – Nominate now! Greg

Mt Barney Easter Base Camp at The Hut Thurs 28 March – Mon 1 April



| Leader: | Iain Renton 3371 4672 |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| Time: | TBA |
| Meet at: | TBA |
| Grade: | Various |
| Cost: | TBA |
| Emer Off: | Carol Kelly 3269 4795 or |
| | 0411 286 885 |

Although the Lower Portals are rather busy over Easter, I've found the hut to be a wonderfully quiet haven. It is right at the doorstep of some of the most spectacular scenery and rewarding bushwalking anywhere. A range of walks will be available from easy going to rather strenuous. (some to be decided on the day depending on demand).

On the other hand you can spend the day relaxing in the peaceful surroundings, going for the occasional dip in the creek. Turn up for the whole long weekend, or drop in for a day or two. On Easter Sunday, for those who want to, we'll be walking to the carpark and driving to Rathdowney to go to Mass to celebrate this high point of the Christian year.

This base camp is a walk in basecamp (about an hour's walk in) and if you're staying overnight you will probably find a sleeping mat or therma-rest useful for a comfortable night's sleep. If you have trouble contacting me by phone about the base camp, you could ring John Carter.

Isolated Peak Friday, 29 March Daywalk

| Leader: | Iain Renton 3371 4672 |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| Time: | 7am |
| Meet at: | BCBC hut |
| Grade: | S76 |
| Cost: | TBA |
| Emer Off: | Carol Kelly 3269 4795 or |
| | 0411 286 885 |
| | 2 194001 000 19500 0000 |

Come with me to climb the forward battlements of Mt Barney (the ridge along Tom's Tum to Isolated Peak). On Isolated Peak, Barney's peaks crowd around, close enough (it seems) to touch. It is an awesome and rugged panorama.

Then it's down, down, down into the bowels of Barney as we descend to the falls next to Barney Creek. After all that climbing and scrambling, a refreshing swim in the pool below the falls is most welcome, before walking down Barney Creek back to the hut. This is a great way to see some of the best of Mt Barney without doing the really tricky stuff or climbing all the way to the top. It is quite a long day's walk with a good deal of steep uphill going and a reasonable amount of rock scrambling. So good fitness, confidence in rock scrambling and a reasonable head for heights are required. Jain

TOM'S TUM HALF DAY WALK Grade: S54

If enough walkers are interested, a second group could ascend some of the peaks of Tom's Tum and then return to the hut retracing the way they came. This is a much shorter walk with minimal scrambling so most walkers of reasonable fitness would have no trouble doing it. The views on this section are also spectacular, making it a rewarding walk. Iain.

Mt Barney Creek Saturday 30 March Daywalk

| Leader: | John Carter (3290 3621) |
|----------|-------------------------|
| Time: | 7am |
| Meet at: | St Brigid's Car park, |
| | Musgrave Rd, Red Hill |
| Grade: | M54 |
| Cost: | \$15 |
| Em | er Off: Majella Carter |
| (329 | 0 3621 or 3848 0793) |

For those who don't get to Mt Barney occasionally, here is another opportunity for a great day's walking. From the Lower Portals car park, we follow the track for 4.5kms to the club hut for smoko. We will then follow the ridges to Barney Gorge for lunch, swim (if you like) and undertake the site monitoring at the campsite. After lunch options include rock hopping down beautiful Barney Creek or return via the ridge to the hut. If you want there are deep pools for a swim.

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So give me a call or nominate the next meeting for a chance to spend a day in the mountains.

John

Mt Tamborine Saturday 23 March 2002 Daywalk

| Leader: | Barbara Eastoe (3355 3639) |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Meet at: | St Bridgid's Car Park Red |
| | Hill |
| Time: | 7 am |
| Cost: | \$15 |
| Grading: | M33 |
| Emerg Off: | Carol Kelly (3269 4795) |

Here is a chance to visit three of the National Parks in the Tamborine area. We will start with Witches Falls, Queensland's oldest National Park, then move on to The Knoll with it's beautiful views and end with Palm Grove with it's impressive stands of Picabeen palms. Each walk is about 3.5 km in length and is on well-graded tracks. Despite the fact that the parks are so close, each one is different. If we have a bit of rain the falls should be spectacular. This should be a fairly relaxed day with plenty of opportunities to socialise. Of course we will finish with coffee before we return home.

Barbara

COMING SOCIALS

Coffee Night

| Place: | Mai Lan Restaurant |
|----------|--------------------|
| Date: | 27 March 02 |
| Time: | 7.30 pm |
| Contact: | Desley Pedrazzini |
| | 3369 5530 |

There is parking available at the rear via Storie Street. Come along and have some MBS, gossip, tea or coffee and some lovely munchies. Oh, and the great company too!!!!! (maybe even CREATE some MBS yourself!)

BRIDGES OF BRISBANE WALK (Social AND Walking.)

| Place: | Outside TOMOKO |
|----------|-------------------------|
| | Restaurant, Roma Street |
| ×. | Parklands |
| Date: | Sat 13 April 02 |
| Time: | 8 am |
| Contact: | Desley Pedrazzini |
| | 3369 5530 |

We'll cross four bridges (William Jolly, Story, Goodwill and Victoria) across the Brisbane River. There will be a chance for coffee along the way or bring your own morning tea and sit on the grass. There will be an opportunity to buy your lunch at the takeaway places at Southbank and to look through the Saturday Markets. This is really a social activity with walking so come along and have a good time. Desley.

PAST OUTINGS

Love Creek Falls Daywalk Sunday 10 February

We were fortunate that Sunday was a mild day though it was a little humid. Our group had a pleasant drive through Samford to Mt Glorious.

Eleven of us set out on the graded track, which helped to warm cold muscles. It's a relaxing journey through the rainforest to Greene's Falls, which has a number of elevated timber walkways. There were numerous birds calling both at grounds level and in the treetops. This included the woompoo pigeon, yellow robin, catbird, scrub wren, fruit pigeon and we even saw a snake. Cedar Creek had only a small flow in it, which made it easy for rock hopping. Below the falls we travelled quite easily as the rocks were dry though it was a steep descent. There were quite a few small falls and rapids, which added some interest.

After smoko we arrived at the junction of Cedar and Love Creeks, which had substantially more water in it. Heading up Love Creek there was long sections of rocky platforms, which was quite pretty. It wasn't long before we at Love Creek Falls. The pool at the base was low but a few of us waded in while Justin and Paul had a swim. Feeling relaxed we climbed up a steep gully and contoured round to the top of the falls for a long lunch. There were hazy views of northerm Brisbane. Nurchen offered some delicious Turkish delight.

After lunch we rocked hopped up the creek to the exit ridge. After a steep climbing we were on the main ridge on an old snig track. There was plenty of evidence of past logging from early in the 20th century. We contoured down to the graded track at Green's Falls. From here we retraced our steps back to the car park. We drove a short distance to the café for a coffee and a chat.

It was a most enjoyable day. Thanks for all those who came and to Bev for driving.

John

Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs

Federation meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Baroona Special School, Milton from 7.30pm.

Federation web site address is: http://www.geocities.com/qfbwc/index.htm]. The email address is qfbwc@yahoo.com.au

FEDERATION MOUNTAIN RESCUE

FMR meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Baroona Special School, Milton at 7.30pm.

FMR has a web site and its address site is htp://130.102.84.99/quanta/org/fmr/fmr.ht m and the email address is fmr@chem.chemistry.uq.oz.au

WHAT IS CAMPSITE MONITORING?

>The Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs and the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (esp. Steve Finlayson of Main Range) have organised a system where bushwalkers inspect and report on remote camping areas once or twice a year. Monitors are encouraged to run their visits as club trips to spread the message of care throughout the club.

>At a recent meeting of rangers and monitors, we heard the good news of the progress on the Coomera Circuit and of the imminent work on the Coomera Lkt and Sylvesters Lkt. The Davies Ridge campsite is soon to move from State Forest to National Park, with funds for fencing to keep out cattle. We were also given a demo of the data base which holds all the information collected over the last four years at camping sites. This may be presented at an International Conference of rangers next year.

>Reports have been submitted during this time by Cliff and Christine Harrison, Trevor Kelly and John Carter. Well done, BCBC !!! Ann Tracey

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ

Could everyone please have their articles for the magazine, to me by the 1st of every month. IF I DO NOT RECEIVE ARTICLES BY THIS DEADLINE,

THEY CANNOT BE INCLUDED IN THE MAGAZINE. Your co-operation with this, ensures smooth sailing with the magazine. Articles can be emailed, mailed, or sent on a disk if this is possible, but handwritten articles are ok too. The Magazine now gets emailed to the Printer by a certain date every month. By making the deadline the first of every month, it is easy for everyone to remember. After you receive a monthly magazine, please take note of what YOU have to send me before the 1st, for the next magazine. That way, I have all the articles in plenty of time, and it is easier to take care of. Thanks everyone for your understanding and co-operation with these changes.

Email is: <u>kellyhouse@ozemail.com.au</u> Address is 10 Townsend Street, Brighton 4017. PH: 3269 4795 MOB: 0411 286 885

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

EMAILING MAGAZINE.....

If you would like to have your magazine emailed to you as well as posted, please let me know. You get to read it hot off the press that way, and can keep a copy of it on file on your PC. Please just email me if you would like it sent. NO other articles will be sent to the email address you provide, and will not be given out to anybody else.

PACKLINER/BIVVY BAGS

At the Annual General Meeting, we will have a Bivvy Bag on display. To further responsible safe bushwalking experiences Qld Federation of Bushwalking Clubs would like to offer these bags for sale at a subsidised price to all interested member clubs.

More Beaut Scandal!!!!!!!

Who were the couple seen singing and dancing across the Goodwill Bridge under a full moon at a recent coffee night? HE was singing louder than she was......

Who was the lady, who after having her car towed to the mechanic, and finding out JUST how extensive the repairs would be, decided to GIVE him the car, and drove out in a brand new one????? We didn't think it looked THAT bad.....

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Does It Get Any Better Than This?

Firstly, I find myself as guest of honour at a huge Surprise Birthday Party where I receive free food, presents and kisses from numerous women!!! How many people can say that they have a poem written about their car? Well, I can, thanks to Trevor Kelly who wrote a beautifully accurate poem about the "Love of My Life", my ever faithful Datsun 1200.

The beautiful night was capped off with a fantastic chocolate birthday cake replica of my "Trusty Datsun". [It was almost too good to eat, but eat it we did only after I was assured that numerous people had taken photographs of it.]

The only downside of the night was on the subject of food which saw me only having enough time for two main courses and two deserts plus one drink. But on a serious note, once again thank you to all those who came (about 46) and a special thanks to the chief conspirators/organisers. Well done, I did not suspect a thing. It was a birthday celebration that I will never forget.

Just as I find myself coming back down to earth after my birthday celebrations, I find myself being honoured as "Bushwalker of the Year". Does it get any better than this? **Thank you one and all.** Terry.

*** DATES TO REMEMBER ***

June 1-2 Weekend at Larkin's to help Elizabeth Richards celebrate 50 great years. Relax beside the roaring fire, views untold. Black Tie Dinner. Bring your favourite dish to share. Cooking facilities available. BYO sleeping bag and pillow. Maxine. 3203 4699



MORE BIRTHDAYS!!!!!!!!

If our records are correct, the following people celebrated a birthday during February.

Bill Butler Michele Endicott Greg Miller Kerry Mulligan Louise McPherson Graham Walters

And March Birthdays were

Barbara Eastoe Christine Harrison Denis Hoey Don Keating Jan Nelson

RECIPE – HOW TO SABOTAGE A BUSHWALK

Easy! Just manage to slash your leg open on a rock and need stitches. More details? Sure! Moggill State Forest, the group descending a rough slope through the bush. In front of me, Cathy slipped on a rock, clutched at a tree, and warned us to be careful. Well, I was. I chose a solid looking rock. The rock tilted, I lost balance, spun around, fell, and landed on rock number three, conveniently equipped with a razor sharp edge for leg-slashing. Thanks, God!!! The group was marvellous. Immediately they knew the wound was serious. I could tell this by the number of glazed eyes and "Oh shit's" echoing through the forest glen. By now, I didn't care. Seated on a log, head down, I was desperately trying not to pass out. I couldn't even think about drinking the water or coffee so kindly offered. Through a haze of dizziness, cold sweats and tingling hands and arms, I heard them planning how best to get out of the place. I felt them making temporary dressings, making sure I didn't look. (I can handle anything...... Just don't show me anything that bleeds)

Meanwhile Ian and Carolyn hurried to the cars back the way we had come. The rest of us climbed back up through the bush, and down an easy gravel road to the main Mt Crossly road where we were picked up. I'm sorry if gave you all heart failure, guys, with most of you wondering whether I was gong to make it but surprisingly there was very little pain, and once the shock had passed, I felt woozy but reasonably OK.

Anyway, there you have it. The recipe, I mean!. And with the recipe go my heartfelt thanks to you all for putting up with me, and especially to Carolyn for her leadership. And no, Carolyn, it was NOT your fault. Some people are just attentionseekers. I now have twelve beautiful stitches on the right leg, which I have to keep dry for three days. Have you ever tried to have a bath with your right leg hanging out over the side and tied up in a plastic bag? It's called Yoga position Number seventy-eight.

Happy walking! Juliet Hoey.

(apologies to Juliet, this article was sent in September, but I er... um..... "had it filed somewhere". The walk took place on September 1, Juliet's leg has healed and she now has a "club badge' – a large purple scar!!!!!) If undeliverable return to Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club inc PO Box 151 Brisbane ALBERT ST QLD 4002

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