



JILALAN

Monthly Circular of the
**BRISBANE CATHOLIC
BUSHWALKING CLUB Inc**



Under the guidance of Our Lady Of The Way

MARCH 2003

**BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB INC.
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Please have all Jilalan articles to Louise Leonardi 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:

leonardi@gil.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

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

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 2002

DATE 2003	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
February				
17	Meeting - AGM			
24	Committee Meeting			
26	Coffee Night	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social
March				
2	Clean Up Australia Day	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
8-9	Glow-worm Caves / Springbrook	Gabriel Romaguera	3856 3842	B/C
17	Meeting			
22-23	Retreat	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	O/N
26	Coffee Night	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social
29	Booloumba Gorge	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	D/W
31	Committee Meeting			
April				
13	Lepidozama Trail (Brisbane Forest Park)	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
18-21	Washpool/Gibraltar Range	Gabe Romaguera	3856 3842	B/C
21	Mt Samson – Joint walk with BOSQ	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	D/W
27	Meeting			
25	Anzac Day Dawn Service and BBQ	John Carter	3290 3621	Social
26	Illinbah Circuit	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
28	Committee Meeting			
30	Coffee Night	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social
May				
3-5	Club Hut	Iain Renton	3371 4672	B/C
11	Toowong/Sherwood Cross River Walk	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
17-18	Border Walk <i>MT M/S H/K</i>	<i>Tobin</i>	<i>T/W</i>	T/W
19	Meeting			
24	Annual Mass & Dinner	Patricia Mackie	3398 7041	Social
25	Mt Ngungun Train Trip	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
28	Coffee Night	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social
31	Mt. Greville	Majella Deegan	3300 0229	D/W
June				
7-9	Emu Creek	Iain Renton	3371 4672	B/C
14	Ferries of Brisbane Walk	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	
16	Meeting			
21	Mt. Mitchell	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	D/W
25	Coffee Night	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social
27-28	Savages Ridge	Iain Renton	3371 4672	O/N
July				
6	Mt Zahel			D/W
12-13	Girraween <i>Bald Rock</i>			B/C
19-20	Barrabool Ridge	Iain Renton	3371 4672	T/W
21	Meeting			
26	Historic Shepherd's Walk	Terry Silk	3355 9765	D/W
30	Coffee Night	Carolyn Ivanac	3319 9486	Social
August				
3	Barney Creek	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
12	Barney Mass			
18	Meeting			
23-24	Mt Superbus (Site Monitoring)	Christine Harrison	5429 5494	O/N
27	Coffee Night	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social
31	Father Ed Memorial Walk – Moreton Island	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	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		2. Terrain		3. Fitness	
Short	Under 10km per day	1-3	<u>Graded or open terrain</u> . No scrub	1-3	<u>Easy</u> . Suitable for beginners
Medium	10-15 km per day	4-7	<u>Bush</u> . Minor scrub rainforest, rock creek Rock hopping, scrambling	4-7	<u>Medium</u> . Reasonable fitness required.
Long	15-20 km per day	8-10	<u>Bush</u> . As Above+ thick scrub, major rock scrambling using hands, technical	8-10	<u>Hard</u> Strenuous, fit walkers required.
EXtra Long	Over 20 km per day				

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 website.)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ABOUT MEMBERS

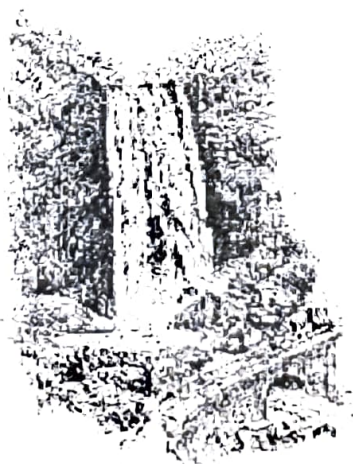
Birthday wishes to Barbara Eastoe, Christine Harrison, Denis Hoey, Jan Nelson, Don Keating, Justin Tobin, Anna Egert and Paul McDonald.

We continue to keep Majella Carter in our prayers and also with John and Thomas and other family members.

Welcome back to Louise Rooney (nee McPherson) who has rejoined our club after a year's break. Belated birthday greetings for your birthday in late February.

Congratulations to **Iain Renton** who was named "Bushwalker of the Year" and **Phil Murray** who was named "Leader of the Year" at our Annual General Meeting.

Both Pat Lawton and Elizabeth Richards are off to New Zealand in March for holidays. Coincidentally, Gabriel and Matthew and Kerry will be in Sydney on the last week end of March



Sketch of Queen Mary Falls
By Iain Renton

TREASURERS REPORT



<i>Balance 20/01/03</i>	<i>\$ 923.40</i>
<i><u>Plus Receipts</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 564.00</u></i>

\$1487.40

<i><u>Less Payments</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 75.00</u></i>
<i><u>Balance 17/02/03</u></i>	<i><u>\$1412.00</u></i>

<i>Term Deposit</i>	<i>\$1,605.60</i>
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Terry.

The club is currently running a raffle which will be drawn at the March meeting. The prize is ideal for all the coffee-aholics in the club as it is a Coffee Percolator/Mug ideal for Travelling and camping. The tickets are only \$1-00 each and if I have not sold you a ticket yet, please come and see me.

Thank you to those members who have renewed their membership. I must warn those unfinancial membes that this is the last magazine that they will receive until they renew their membership.
Terry.

OUTINGS NEWS

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.

Apology

The poem "Silence" included in the 2002 Annual Report was written by: KARL BOSSARD "Compass" 1968 from the book *Sing With The Wind* 100 Bushwalkers Poems selected by Colin Gibson. Maxine.

COMING WALKS

Advanced Notice Club Hut Base Camp 3 - 5 May

If you haven't been to the club hut or stayed there overnight this is your chance to discover this wonderful place. It is a walk-in base camp (about an hours walk from the carpark). You'll need to bring your sleeping bag and a sleeping mat, therma-rest or lilo for comfort, as well as the other stuff you usually need on a week-end. I'm even hoping to have a few people to help carry stuff in for those not accustomed. To carrying a big pack so they don't have to carry too much. There will be a range of walks for different abilities or the option of just staying put, going for a swim and enjoying the peace.

Some walks I'm thinking of running are: 1. Isolated Peak to Barney Creek. 2. Lower Tom's Tum to Barney Creek (yet to be done as a pre-outing to see if a not too difficult route down to Barney Creek can be found). 3. A relaxed stroll along Barney Creek to the fall at Barney Beautiful and back and possibly some exploratory walks on the lower section of Leanings Ridge (but nothing to technical).

So I'm looking for some other leaders so I can offer several walks on a day to cover a range of abilities and a few people willing to help carry the gear in. Any other ideas for walks are welcome. I am also hoping to set it up so some people will be able to do the walks as daywalks if they wish.

Iain

Retreat 22nd – 23rd March 2003 Overnighter

Leaders: Maxine Brophy-3203 4699
Iain Renton – 3371 4672 &
Majella Deegan-33000229

Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Tce, Red Hill.

Time: 7:00am

Cost: \$20.00 plus camping fees

Emerg Off: Michael Brophy 3203 4699

It has been sometime since we set aside a weekend of quiet contemplation and prayer.

The St Joseph's Retreat Centre, at Marion Valley in Canungra, is the perfect place to retreat from our busy lives. Where people of all faith's can experience solitude, prayer and spiritual renewal, in the beautiful grounds of this monastery.

There are a number of ceremony's we can participate in, including our own time of discussion together. One of the topics we could focus on is the direction we would like to see our club take in the future.

The retreat centre can take up to 14 people and there are 2 large cabins for families.

Facilities are: self contained cabins, Twin beds, ensuite bathrooms, Private verandah,

microwave, toaster, electric jugs, cutlery and crockery.

B.Y.O Food and drink (No alcohol).
Linen and towels.

Please take a look at the brochures from St Josephs at our next meeting and nominate for a special week-end. Deposit of \$10:00 is required per person when booking. Look forward to your company

Maxine

Booloumba Gorge
Sat 29th March
Daywalk

Leader: Justin Tobin (3366 3193)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Tce, Red Hill.
Time: 6:30am
Cost: \$15.00
Grading: M 5 5
Emerg Off: Susan and Mary Tobin
3366 3193

Creek Walking in the Conondale
Ranges

Booloumba Creek with its cascades, waterfalls and rock formations, an enjoyable and cool day walk. We will be climbing waterfalls, swimming in rock pools, li-loing through the Gorge and having a look at the Breadknife at the junction with Peter's Creek. Escaping the Brisbane heat and having a good time.

It's not a long walk, but its creek walking. You will need a bag to keep your pack dry. A dog body bag from the vets or a li-lo if you want to carry it. Come explore the upper reaches of Booloumba Creek with me.

Justin.

Lepidozama Trail
(Brisbane Forest Park)

~~Sat 12th April~~

Daywalk

SUN 13/4
Leader: John Carter (3290 3621)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Tce, Red Hill.
Time: 8:00am
Cost: \$6:00
Grading: S 3 3
Emerg Off: Majella Carter
(3290 3621 or 3848 0793)

The walk commences at the Mt Tennyson Woods carpark, a few kilometres past Mt Glorious. The walk follows a series of tracks to the north along a prominent ridge (some views) before descending down into a branch of Kobble Creek. Lunch will be along side a small creek (fingers crossed it will be flowing). Nearby is a modest waterfall. This area is worth exploring. The return route is rather steep as we climb up back onto the range.

The walk will last 5 or 6 hours so there is plenty of time to enjoy the tall eucalypt forest and a cuppa. We'll see plenty of cycads during the day.

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

Thanks, John Carter

Washpool/Gibraltar Range
Fri 18th - Mon 21st April
Easter Week-end
Basecamp
Package Special

2 National Parks for the price of 1!!!!

Leader: Gabriel Romaguera
(3856 3842)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Tce, Red Hill.
Time: 6:30pm
Cost: TBA
Grading: S/M 2 3
Emerg Off: Louise Leonardi
(3287 1372)

Come away this weekend and enjoy some fantastic national parks that are just a little too far to reach comfortably on a normal long weekend. Situated on the Gwydir Highway between Glen Innes and Grafton, these gems are about 5 hours drive from Brisbane. We hope to get there around lunchtime on Good Friday, setup camp and hit the tracks in the afternoon.

We will be camping at Coombadjha Camping Area in Washpool NP surrounded by lush rainforest next to a fast flowing pristine creek. There are toilets and tables so you will not be roughing it. The most stunning aspect of this weekend is that we are visiting 2 parks, adjacent to one another but completely different. Washpool NP is located on the eastern side of the Great Dividing Range. Hit by incoming clouds, it is a moist spectacular temperate rainforest wilderness - lush, green, and full of interesting birds.

Down the nearby Gwydir highway settled on the plateau is Gibraltar Range NP - this is totally different countryside - granite rock - dry and open vegetation with a bonus of broad outcrops of rocks and balancing granite tors. It includes areas of sedgelands and swamps, often with beautiful wildflowers. When you're sick of one national park, you can try the other one out.

We will be doing a collection of shorter walks across the weekend. The longest is the Dandahra Creek Track (15 kms). All others range between 2kms to 9 kms. There are a lot of track walks, so for the

eager ones like myself we can walk them all (approx 50km). So if you want to take it easy and just do a few walks, or keep busy like me, you can make your choice on the weekend. It is all so beautiful though, I think you'll want to see as much as you can.

As it is Easter weekend, we will be going in to the nearest town for mass for those who are interested. If there is a Saturday night service, we could couple this with a civilized in town.

This is an excellent weekend for old hands or those who are new to camping or bushwalking. Remember if you need any equipment please ask. We will find whatever you need to make your weekend comfortable.

At 1200 m above sea level, it might be an idea to bring your woollens also!! So come along, get away this Easter, and have a fantastic time far away from home!!

Cheers Gabe

Mt Samson Mon 21st April Daywalk

Leader: Pat Lawton (3366 1956)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Tce, Red Hill.
Time: 7:30pm
Cost: \$6:00
Grading: M 4 4
Emerg Off: Louise Leonardi
(3287 1372)

If you are not going away for Easter and would like a daywalk on Easter Monday, how about joining me on a walk to Mt Samson.

Mt Samson (690m) is situated in the north eastern region of Brisbane Forest Park. The first part of the walk is via a steep forestry road through eucalypt forest.

We will climb through rainforest to the top via the north east ridge. Good views of the Samsonvale area on route. It is not a graded track walk, but with conditions being a bit cooler in April, the walk should be suitable for any fit person.

Pat Lawton

Anzac Day Dawn Service Friday 25th April

Meet at: Ann St War Memorial
Time: 4:15am

Club members have been attending the Dawn Service for a number of years. It is a moving experience.

Afterwards, we have a BBQ/ picnic breakfast at Kangaroo Point, down beside the river, sometime after 5.15am. Drive to the end of the road at the base of the cliffs.

Ring **John** (3290 3621) or **Elizabeth** (3393 5545) if you can make it.

Illinbah Circuit Saturday 26th April Daywalk

Leader: Maxine Brophy 32034699
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Tce, Red Hill.
Time: 7:00am
Cost: \$15.00
Emerg Off: Louise Leonardi 32871372

We will travel down to Binna Burra in the Lamington National Park. Clear views of

the Gold Coast, Hinze Dam, Springbrook Plateau and the Numinbah Valley as we climb up through Beechmont to start our walk at the Information and Visitors Centre.

The track descends through rainforest and open forest to the Coomera River. A rough track then follows the "Old Cedar Road" (used by timber cutters in the early 1900's) crossing the Coomera River several times during the walk. The recent rains will have brought the river and forest back to life offering us many sights of bird life and hopefully a glimpse of the Spiny crayfish. We then leave the river and climb the Beechmont Range to return to Binna Burra.

This return track travels through the Yarrabeelba Bellbird habitat. We will have lunch beside the river with a quick swim leaving us time to enjoy a welcome coffee at the end of the walk. Binna Burra has an excellent coffee shop overlooking the coast.

Looking forward to your company, Maxine

Letter from the walks co-ordinator Notes on the walk calendar

The program is just about worked out until September though I am still looking out for a few leaders. Several people have suggested the Girraween Base Camp would be better in September for the wildflowers. Also I am working out some ideas for a through walk on 17-18 May (but probably not a border walk).

I am still thinking about Girraween for 12-13 July but it could be changed to Bald Rock or Crows Nest.

Any ideas for walks or volunteers to lead walks would be most welcome.

Thanks Iain.

COMING SOCIALS

Coffee Night Wednesday, 26th March

Where: Rue De Paris
30 Park Road
Milton

Time: 7:00pm

Cappucino - \$3.20, parking – free from 6:00pm....Coffee, cakes and savouries – the best in town

Please do come as this is my first social.
For further information please contact me on 3379 9486.

Carolyn



PAST SOCIALS

Coffee Night

PAST OUTINGS

Coomera Crevice (became Shipstern Circuit) 14/15 Feb O/N

We arrived in good time on Friday night, found our possises and pitched camp. That day I had purchased a new alarm clock for a few dollars at K-mart. I checked that the alarm worked but not much else. Next morning the alarm went off at 5:00am (with the pointer showing the intended

waking time of 5:30am). I grabbed it in the dark to turn off. Unfortunately the switch on the back wasn't very prominent. So after a few seconds of fumbling, I shoved it back under a pile of clothes and frantically rummaged around for my torch. I found the torch, dug up the alarm again (still beeping away) and did a visual inspection to find the switch. Finally it was turned off and no doubt my now most of the surrounding campers were awake – just a bit embarrassing.

We packed up and had breakfast and were at the start of the walk before 7:00am. So far everything was going well but there was a notice – “Coomera Crevice closed” because a lookout platform was being constructed above the gorge on the Coomera Circuit. The troops were keen to do the Shipstern Circuit so off we went. It was a beautiful day and the early start meant we were in no rush and could have a good look at things along the way. It also meant we could get most of the uphill stuff done before the hotter part of the day.

In the palm groves below Ballunjui Falls we encountered large flock of doves and pigeons. After a tantalizing first glimpse of brilliant iridescent colours we could not see the birds silhouetted against the sky, so we didn't get another look at the colours. There was a frequent whirring of wings as groups flew about the canopy and a constant plip-plop of falling seeds as the birds were feeding. (Gabe was hit by a seed on the knee and said it stung a bit). We stood there for quite a while soaking it all in.

There was a trickle of water over the falls and I even managed to pick up a couple of leeches as passengers for a while (which was a bit surprising as the rainforest was still generously fairly dry.) We also saw skinks, land mullets, a carpet snake that had obviously had a recent feed and a family group of red-tailed cockatoos up close. We stopped at the coffee shop

before heading home and arrived back in Brisbane with loss of daylight at 6:30pm.

Thanks to Gabe for driving and to Gabe and Paul Evans for helping me by making composites and for joining me on a wonderful walk. Cornelia Crews waits another day.

Ian

Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs

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

Federation web site address is:

<http://www.geocities.com/qfbwc/index.htm>

! The email address is

qfbwc@vnet.com.au

FEDERATION MOUNTAIN RESCUE

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

M.B.S

Who was the member who brought his own bush to our last meeting? See what you miss by not coming to meetings.

Our cake connoisseur and treasurer strongly denies having eaten the left over cakes from our January coffee night. They were entrusted to his freezer as he brought to the February meeting. He maintains that in his rush to get to the meeting he left them in his fridge after having taken them out of the freezer that morning.

They are now back in the freezer awaiting our March meeting. It is recommended that you attend this meeting to see if our trust is 'sweet-mouth' Terry is vindicated. As a bonus you may get a sample some of the cakes especially if you can divert his attention.

2 A THOUGHT TO POSSESS.....2

"Work joyfully and peacefully, knowing that right thoughts and right efforts will inevitably bring about right results."

A note from the Editor....

Please forward your magazine articles by the 1st of the month. For any forward your articles to other

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Franklin 24 420

and address: lan@qfbwc.com.au

"Love overlooks the wrongs that others do." Proverbs 10:12

Yours in Christ Louise

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