



JILALAN

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CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY



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Club Address

P.O. Box 151, North Quay, Brisbane, 4000

Monthly General meetings are held on the third Monday of each month in the Temperance Hall, Canberra Hotel (Edward St., Entrance). Visitors welcome.

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Federation Address

The Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs, G.P.O. Box 1573, Brisbane, 4001.

Emergency Officer

Where a party is overdue, the onus is on parents to telephone the Emergency Officer if they are concerned over their son/daughter's safety. Please do not ring before 9p.m. at the earliest.

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Club Calendar

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	19th April	Election of new Committee
CONDAMINE GORGE	23/26th April	Basecamp/Throughwalk
WYBERBA	1/3rd May	Basecamp/Throughwalk
GENERAL MEETING	17th May	
BUCHANAN'S FORT	21/23rd May	Basecamp/Throughwalk
MT. WARNING	5th June	Saturday 6a.m. Daywalk
S. & T. WEEKEND	24/26th June	

COMING EVENTS IN DETAIL

The Annual General Meeting of the club will be held on Monday 19th April, 1971, at 7.30p.m. at the Temperance Hall, Canberra Hotel (Edward St. entrance). Visitors welcome.

NEW MEMBERS DAY ! ! !

Would any club members who have friends who are thinking of joining the club; or know of anyone who is interested in bushwalking like to invite them along to a New Members' Day.

This will be an all day introduction to the arts of camping together, scrubbing and related things. It will be held in a typical tract of the outdoor environment but transport will be arranged. So will be suitable for all those who are new to bushwalking, and also welcome, is the welcoming spirit of more experienced bushwalkers who could help out.

At phone No. 953722, Monica Fienberg is eagerly waiting for your call to say you will come.

Added information -

Date: 18th April

Time: 9.00a.m. to 5.00p.m.

Advisable to Bring
in case of hunger: Lunch.

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CONDAMINE GORGE

Basecamp/Throughwalk

Date 23/26th April, 1971
Fare \$5.00
Leaders Basecamp (to be decided)
 Throughwalk - Paul Skehan
Transport Leaves North Quay (behind Trittons) at 7.00p.m.
Nominations Close on Monday 19th April, 1971.
Emergency Michael Laherty (Phone 976303)
Officer

Rumour has it that a fanatical party of heavily armed Turks are entrenched in the Dardanelles (sorry, Condamine Gorge). For the honour of your club you are hereby requested to enlist in a valiant expedition to this area to redeem the Anzac name.

Shall the heights of Conn's Plains be stormed and conquered on this great adventure? Or shall some new target, as yet unknown, be the prized goal?

All those volunteers who intend enlisting may do so at the meeting on 19th April.

ENLIST NOW !

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU !

WYBERBA

Basecamp (Also, if possible
----- Throughwalk)

Date 30th April/3rd May, 1971
Fare \$5.00
Leader(s) Kathy Vingoe (Basecamp),
Transport Leaves North Quay (behind Trittons) at 7.00p.m.
Nominations Close on Tuesday 26th April, 1971.
Emergency Michael Laherty (976303)
Officer

JILALANWyberba (Cont.)

As may be seen from the heading, we are planning to get away from those parts of Wyberba that we have previously visited (the Pyramids, Underground River etc) and see something new.

For a start, it is hoped to go in from the Wallangarra side - something which (so far as is known to the writer) the Club has not done before.

Also, it is hoped, in addition to the basecamp, to run a throughwalk in the area.

MEMBERS PAGE

A RED BLAZE UPON A TREE

By Patrick Fahy, a
 Catholic Bushwalker from
 Sydney.

Once, not long ago, I walked through valleys
 green with myriad forms of life and movement;
 bright, rustling leaves and scampering little birds
 feeding, fighting, calling amid the sun beams.
 I stopped to look and listen, to capture some small part
 of the varied, moving life about me .. so wonderful.

Upon a tree beside me, a metal arrow painted red
 pointing away from the track so well-defined;
 pointing up out of the valleys so full of life;
 pointing to a rugged, windswept slope bare of any life
 save stunted grass and scrub and blackboys' spines.
 What fool, thought I, would risk his neck here
 with the track so clear below
 where birds build nests and feather them,
 where all is safe, familiar and music fills the air.
 Yet someone has gone before me, someone calls me on,
 for that red blaze appears at every turn.

Night on a ledge with black basalt behind and black void before;
 Night of wind and cold wet penetrating to the bone
 Night one thinks will never end;
 Night filled with fear and doubt;
 Night one learns to stand along;
 Night that must precede the day
 as surely as winter-spring, as birth-breath, as death-life.
 Night that disappears with light of dawn;
 Light that reveals a handhold above
 and a red blaze pointing on.

JILALANA Red Blaze upon a Tree (Cont.)

Rays danced through clouds on wonderous sights below
the world was mine, my fortune set
The birds below build nests and sing
and (within their instincts' bound) are happy.
But I am free to climb this peak, to gaze on vistas new,
to echo calls from distant cliffs, alone?

Alone? Perhaps it seems that way.
But others climb these slopes by different ways
and one day I will meet another
who loves to climb as much as I,
someone willing to share her pack
and pitch her tent with me
Together we shall climb, hand over hand,
and with each others help reach even the highest peak.

Here I have a choice to make -
the way ahead seems clear
but that red blaze appears once more
and points a different way,
to a group of mountain men
who wait ahead for me
with ropes and irons and packs
set for a high adventure.

Why do I climb?
The thrill of risking life and limb?
The thrill of conquering that high peak?
I do not really know as yet yet
someone has gone before me,
someone calls me on - to heights even higher,
someone who lived through that dark night,
someone who long ago left his sign
in the valley far below:
a red blaze nailed to a tree.
Someone who once said,

"Come, take up your pack,
and follow me."

TRIP REPORT

PAGE'S PINNACLE

A "record crowd" of eleven set out in three cars, and, after a short stop while the Doyle beetle was given a drink of oil, and a goodies stop at Nerang, we were ready to conquer Everest - but quite happy to make do with Page's Pinnacle.

JILALANPage's Pinnacle (Cont.)

We set off along a forestry track which we followed for most of the way up - leaving it only to dodge the hundred of spiders whose webs were spun across it.

Having followed the track till we were almost level with the top, we struck across towards a razor back ridge leading to the top. Before reaching this ridge, three energetic members ran a race with a bull and were relieved to report that they won. (They'd had a head start !)

After working our way along the razor back (it was fun !) we lunched just short of the top to take advantage of what little shade was offering.

The conversation during lunch was quite inspiring, as this sample shows:

Margaret Doyle: "We've taken up playing squash at 7.30 every Saturday morning."

Rosalie Hennessy: (Obviously a keen throughwalker from way back - ?) "You mean there is a 7.30 on Saturday mornings?"

However, she survived to reach the top and admire the views with the rest of us. We could see right to the coast as well as getting some good views inland. We were very lucky to get such a clear day.

Having reached the top, we had nothing else to do but to go back down again - so we did just that, and returned home the way we had come. As a fair bit of Gold Coast traffic was on the road, the trip home was quite slow though uneventful.

FROM COMMITTEE

CONSERVATION

The Federation Conservation Sub-committee is operating along the same lines as the F.B.N.S.R.S. and each club is supplying 2 delegates to represent them. One of the main aims of this sub-committee is helping National Parks doing the field work for future parks. The first outing will be to Bribie Is. but before a date can be organised, we must have members who know about photography, botany, zoology etc. Members with these qualifications are to contact Kathy Vingoe at the next meeting or before so she can report back to the sub-committee.

FEDERATION SAFETY & TRAINING

The next F.B.M.S.R.S. training day will be held at Mt. Tibrogargen (Glasshouse Mountains) on Sunday, 9th May. All people will be meeting at the central Esso Petrol Station, North Quay at 7a.m. where we will then proceed to the training area, hoping to start at 9a.m. Experienced members will lower the stretcher over the rock face to the cave. From there the other members will carry it to the farm house. There will be a free lance journalist present to write an article about the F.B.M.S.R.S.

There is an official squad of 20 members being formed from the various clubs for rescue work. At present, Federation has 15 members. It would be hoped that our club can supply a few members for this squad.

People interested in buying walkie talkie radios for their cars must put their order in by the next Federation meeting night.

A donation of \$30 was given by the University of Wld. Bushwalking Club to the F.B.M.S.R.S.

The next F.B.M.S.R.S. meeting will be held at 5.30p.m. on Monday, 24th May at Interior House. Members of the various clubs are welcome.

NOTICES

TABLE TENNIS

Anyone interested in getting a team together to play Winter fixtures? Fixtures commence on 13th April on all nights of the week except Friday (when you will all be off bushwalking).

The Table Tennis Association has opened a new centre at Albion. For more information please see Denise Thompson.

On Sale at the next meeting -

"SAVE THE EARTH" car stickers 20cents

Limited number only.

D. Thompson

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BUSHWALKERS' CASEBOOK

Brian and Rita Hanvin living in their own house now at Hendra. Any visitors to bring their own cut lunch and a fruit box to sit on.

Greg and Lyn Gilby also joined the ranks of new house owners.

Laurie Kearney seen sitting in a vintage car clutching a bunch of flowers.

Denise and Terry Cowley seen proudly driving around in their new limousine.

Christine and Joseph Fry now the proud parents of a little one.

Kath Vingoe now an experienced sailor who always goes out on the trapeze.

Angelino went off the deep end on the weekend before last and is presumed lost at sea.

Denis Laherty convinced a land rover is the only vehicle to have when out in the bush. T.P.N.G. customs overlooked a prize of a spider who had set up camp in the back and so the Lahertys have a mascot for the time being.

Our president won't be stalking the jungles of Vietnam this year.

Pat Cowley having an enjoyable holiday in New Zealand.

Congratulations to Laurie and Thea on their recent wedding.

Margaret, Denise and Pat O'Mahoney off to Tasmania for holidays. Hope you have a good holiday and bring back lots of slides.

Kathy Vingoe would like Easter trip to Barrington Tops declared an official club trip so she could say she had done a throughwalk.

Club members were pleased to meet Bishop Toohey, the Bishop of Maitland, on the Easter trip.

Judith Cushing found a watch on Mt. Lindsay which she returned to the rightful owner who had lost it 10 years ago.

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The following nominations have been received for the General Committee positions of the Club.

POSITION	NOMINEE	NOMINATED BY	SECONDED BY
President	Kathy Vingoe	Pat Lawton	Denise Thompson
Vice President	Tom Plunkett Kathy Vingoe Brian Hanvin	Terry Panton Pat Lawton Denise Thompson	Peter Gleeson Margaret Boyle Rita Hanvin
General Secretary	No Nomination		
Outings Secretary	Brian McMahon	Russell Nelson	Terry Baker
Treasurer	Russell Nelson	Pat Lawton	Kathy Vingoe
Social Secretary	Lyn Moynihan Donna Ransom	Denise Thompson Terry Panton	Marnie Conway Gavin Clancy
S.A.T. Officer	Terry Panton	Pat Lawton	Denise Thompson
General Committee	John Elliot Brian Hanvin Kathy Vingoe Gavin Clancy Margaret Boyle Marnie Conway Paul Elliot Terry Baker Kevin Kearney Garth Comerford	Pat Lawton Pat Lawton Pat Lawton Pat Lawton Marnie Conway Brian McMahon Terry Panton Terry Panton Peter Gleeson Gavin Clancy	Tony Crowley Russell Nelson Pat Ebert Denise Thompson Rita Hanvin Margaret Boyle Gavin Clancy Gavin Clancy Terry Panton Peter Gleeson

As no nominations have been received for the position of General Secretary, the position will be declared vacant and nominations will again be called for at the Annual General Meeting. It is hoped that the position will be filled at the May General Meeting.

BARRANI

A FAIRY STORY (?)

Once upon a time there was a magazine called BARRANI. It was kept alive by some keen people in a Bushwalking Club. Sad to say, BARRANI languished and died. Long live Barrani!

Years passed and the memory faded - but was not lost. Quietly some dedicated members worked to resurrect a brighter and better BARRANI until

BARRANI LIVES !

BARRANI is coming out this year and articles are needed now. They should be from 1000 - 2500 words long, on topics of interest to bushwalkers and other outdoors people. Any photos or maps will be received with glee. Ring BRIAN McMAHON on 91.3532 to discuss an article on your favourite area or that really fantabulous walk you were on last year on the impossibly funny night at O'Reillys when the leader's tent came down. Most important, do it NOW you too can get your name in print !

BARRANI LIVES !

LONG LIVE BARRANI !

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Due to increased obsolescence and general wearing out of my faithful Paddys A-Frame, I require the services of a newer and bigger pack. This device should be fairly large (about "Explorer" size or bigger) but any offer will be seriously looked into.

Anyone with a pack they could possibly part with will be a friend for life.

Contact me :

Brian McMahon
91.3532