

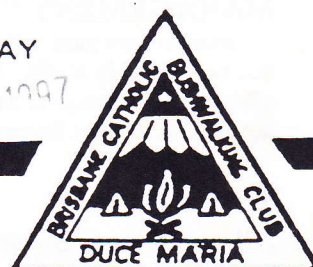


JILALAN

MONTHLY CIRCULAR OF THE BRISBANE
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

- (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.

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	Beginner's Abseil	Bill Butler	3266 8330	TRN
	23	Ivory Rocks - Mt Goolman	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	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	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	SOC
	20	Paris Exhibition Qld Art Gallery	M Brophy/Liz Richards	3393 5545	D/W
	21	Meeting	Richard Kolarski	3341 7509	MTN
	24-27	Cunningham's Gap to Teviot Gap	John Carter	3290 3621	T/W
	25	Jilalan handwritten articles deadline			
	25	Anzac Day Bike Ride	M Brophy/Liz Richards	3203 4699	SOC
	27	Spicer's West Ridge	Con Vink	3814 3545	D/W
MAY	2-5	Edwards Gap - Cunningham's Gap	Matthew Palmer	3279 4490	T/W
	2-5	Bundaberg Pilgrimage at Mt Perry	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	B/C
	3	Beau Brummell	Geoffrey Egert	3356 2163	D/W
	4	Mt Castle	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	D/W
	5	Jilalan articles on disk deadline			
	6	Visit to QES	Bill Butler	3266 8330	FMR
	10	Egg Rock	Barry Ellerington	3886 3451	D/W
	11	Mother's Day			
	16-18	Toloom Falls	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	B/C
	19	Meeting	Richard Kolarski	3341 7509	MTN
	23	Jilalan handwritten articles deadline			
	24	Pine Rivers Ramble	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
JUN	1	Bare Rock to Kamp Stacey	Jim O'Meara	3838 3356	D/W
	2	Jilalan articles on disk deadline			
	6-9	Fraser Island			T/W
	6-9	Fraser Island	Paul Mc Donald	32051984	B/C
	8	Mt Cordeau	Anna Egert	3356 2163	D/W
	14	Kangaroo Point Abseil	Bill Butler	3266 8330	S&T
	14-15	Central Traverse	Ed Thistlethwaite	3374 2198	O/N
	15	Blue Pool	Chris Mc Caffrey	3349 5730	D/W
	16	Meeting	Richard Kolarski	3341 7509	MTN
	20	Jilalan handwritten articles			
	21-22	Lizard Point			O/N
	22	Mt Bangalora			D/W
	28	Advance Rescue Training	Bill Butler	3266 8330	FMR
	29	Mt Byron	Greg Endicott	3351-4092	D/W
PROPOSED CALENDAR					
JULY	5	Colonial Ball	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	SOC
	12-13	Condamine Gorge	Russ Nelson	3378 5200	O/N
	13				D/W
	19-20	Glass House Mountains	John Carter	3290 3621	O/N
	21	Meeting	Richard Kolarski	3341 7509	MTN
	25-27	Club Hut - Tom's Tum and Isolated Peak			B/C
AUG	2-3	1st Aid Course	Bill Butler	3266 8330	FMR
	9-10	O'Reilly's Dinner	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	SOC
	9	Lyrebird - Castle Craig Lookouts	Richard Kolarski	3341 7509	D/W
	10	Box Tree Forest./Canungra Creek			D/W
	13	Mt Barney Annual Mass - SE Ridge	Anthony Dolan	3899 1785	O/N
	13				O/N
	16	Mt Walker	Kerry Mulligan	3279 4490	D/W
	18	Meeting	Richard Kolarski	3341 7509	MTN
	23-24	Mt May to Mt Maroon	Jonus Bernotas	3288 3826	T/W
	24	Mt Maroon via Caves			D/W
	30-31				D/W
SEPT	5-7	Cottonvale to Bald Rock	Pat Lawton	3266 1956	T/W

	7	Father's Day				
	12-14	Pilgrimage - Toowomba Club	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	B/C	
	15	Meeting	Richard Kolarski	3341 7509	MTN	
	19-21	Barney Lodge	Justin Tobin	3266 3193	B/C	
	27	Progressive Dinner	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	SOC	
	28	Back Creek Abseil			D/W	
	28	Killarney Glen or Wildflower walk			D/W	
OCT	3-5	Border Loop to Lindsay			T/W	
	5	Mt Lindsay			D/W	
	11-12	Rainbow Beach/.Lake Freshwater			T/W	
	18	K.P. Beginners	Bill Butler	3266 8330	FMR	
	18	6 and 12 Hour Rogaine			ROG	
	19	Mt Moon			D/W	
	20	Meeting	Richard Kolarski	3341 7509	MTN	
	24-25	Nightcap National Park			T/W	
	24-25	Nightcap National Park Base Camp			B/C	
NOV	1-2	Beginners at Manorina			B/C	
	4	Night Navigation	Bill Butler	3266 8330	FMR	
	8-9	Bulimba Creek 26 km Canoe			CAN	
	15-16	Metrogaine			ROG	
	15-16	O'Reilly's to Binna Burra	June Greenaway	3358 5295	D/W	
	15-16	Binna Burra to O'Reilly's			D/W	
	17	Meeting	Richard Kolarski	3341 7509	MTN	
	23	Shipstern/Ballenjui Falls			D/W	
	30	Mt Tibrogargan Anniversary	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W	
DEC	5-7	Christmas Party	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	SOC	
	14	Summer Creek/Jimna SF			D/W	
	21	Pinnacle and Meeting of the Waters			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 klm per day
Medium	10-15 klm per day
Long	15-20 klm per day
EXtra	Over 20 klm 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 April General Meeting will be held at Little King's Centre, 33 O'Keefe Street, Buranda.

The Club will be meeting here for the next 12 months.

COMING WALKS

Thurs. 24 April -Sun 27 April 199 **CUNNINGHAM'S GAP TO** **TEVIOT GAP** **(Throughwalk)**

Leader: John Carter (ph: 3290 3621)
Time: to be advised
Meet at: to be advised
Cost: \$ to be advised
Emerg Off: Susan Tobin (3366 3193/3203 5540)
Grade:

Soujourn of Beauty

This is one of the classic throughwalks in South East Queensland.

Commencing at Cunningham's Gap we will traverse Mt Mitchell, Spicer's Peak, Double Top, Mt Huntley, Mt Asplenium, Panorama Point, Lizard Point, Mt Roberts, Mt Superbus to Teviot Gap.

Campsites are located at Mt Huntley and near Lizard Point, where water should be located. We may need to carry up to 4 litres each. It is possible we may catch a bus from Brisbane to Cunningham's Gap on the Thursday night. Our permit limits us to 6 walkers.

27 April 1997 **SPICER'S WEST RIDGE** **(Day Walk)**

Leader : Con Vink (ph 3814 3545)
Time : 7:00 am SHARP
Meet at : Sullivan & Nicolaides,
Whitmore St, Taringa
Cost : \$12.00
Emerg Off : Anthony Dolan (ph 3899 1785)
Grade : M 4 4

Spicer's Peak is on the Main Range, 3.5 km south of Mt Mitchell, from which it is separated by Spicer's Gap. The road running through this gap was once the main road from Brisbane to Warwick.

We will be ascending Spicer's Peak (actually two peaks), from the North-West Ridge, starting just outside the Spicer's Gap State Forest. We should be able to drive to the starting point along a dirt road leading from the Cunningham Highway. From there we climb about 550 metres to the West Peak, down to a saddle, and up to the East Peak (about 10 metres higher than the West Peak). This is a medium difficulty climb, with approach grades increasing from 1 in 20 to about 1 in 3.

Our return trip will be down a rainforest gully from the saddle. Some care will be needed on the descent, which has some steep sections. We will head north-eastwards towards Spicer's Gap and the Governor's Chair lookout for afternoon tea. From there it's about 4 km along the dirt road back to our starting point.

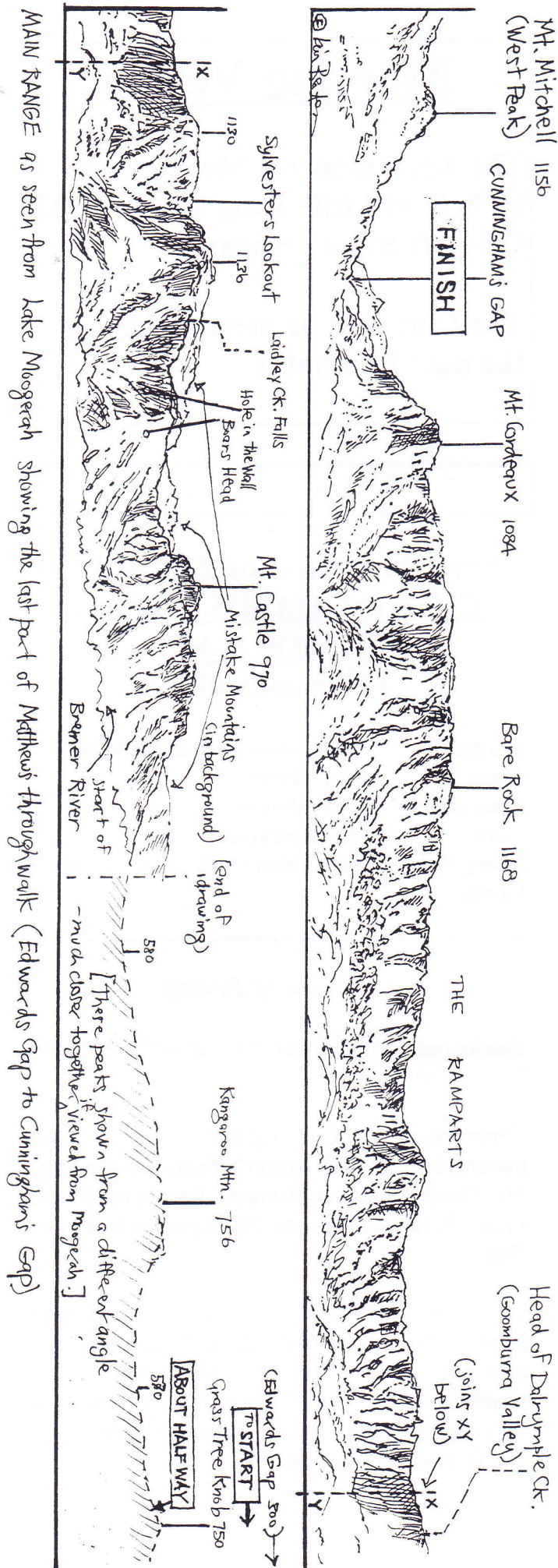
I'll have more information at the meeting. See me there to nominate. It should be a very enjoyable walk.



Friday May 2 to Monday May 5 EDWARD'S GAP TO CUNNINGHAM'S GAP (Throughwalk)

Leader: Matthew Palmer (3279 4490)
Time: 7 PM
Meet at: 289 Horizon Drive Westlake
Cost: \$20
Emerg Off: Kerry Mulligan (3279 4490)
Grade: L77

Edwards Gap is the start of the traditional Scenic Rim Epic. We will do the first three days of this which will get us to Cunninghams Gap, (those of you keen enough of course can continue privately to Point Danger if you so desire). The first part of the walk will involve walking along a roller coaster of hills as we follow the Liverpool range though open eucalypt forest across Beau Brummel, Grass Tree Knob, Kangaroo Mountain and Mt Castle. Near Beau Brummel we will pass through masses of some of the biggest Grass Trees you will ever see. Mt Castle has a classic razorback that is only for the brave, fortunately there is a more friendly route. We will ascend into the rainforest at Laidley falls after visiting Hole in the Wall, follow the Ramparts until we join the Graded track system at Bare Rock and drop down to Cunninghams Gap on the Monday. Water will be scarce as we are on a ridge line most of the way but we are fortunate to have the daywalkers meeting up with us to provide us with some much needed H2O. There will be a limit on the walk of six people due to permit restrictions. I hope you can join me for one of South East Queensland's classic Throughwalks.



Saturday 3 May 1997

BEAU BRUMMEL

(Day Walk)

Leader: Geoffrey Egert (ph: 3356 2163)
Time: 7.30 a.m.
Meet at: Sullivan & Nicolaides, 134
 Whitmore St Taringa
Cost: \$12
Emerg Off: Anna Egert (ph: 3848 4918)
Grade: S17

Mt Beau Brummel is situated just outside Laidley. Our road journey takes us along the Toowomba highway, through Plainlands and then to Laidley. At the latter, there will be a short tea/coffee/decaf break.

Mt Beau Brummel is the starting point of the Scenic Rim. The walk to the top of the mountain is of 2.5 hours duration. This allows plenty of time for breaks for new walkers. From East Peak, there are wonderful views of the Main Range to the south and Mt. Zahel and Mt Lowe to the east.

Bring a cut lunch, 2 litres of water and a cup, as well as other normal walking gear. The descent will take two hours and we should arrive back in Brisbane by 6 p.m. at the latest.

Note the 7.30 a.m. start.

Sunday 4 May 1997

MT CASTLE

(Day Walk)

Leader: Christine Harrison (PH: 3378 0264)
Meet at: To be Advised
Time: 7 a.m.
Cost: \$12.00
Emerg. Off: Anthony Dolan (PH: 3899 1785)
Grade: M 4 4

Mt Castle is to the north of Cunningham's Gap and along the Taroom Road from Aratula. We begin our walk through the paddocks, up a ridge to the saddle between Mt Castle and Kangaroo Mt. Then its a short scramble up some large boulder rocks to our lunch spot. Bring your

camera for wonderful scenic views, picnic lunch, perhaps a sweater for cool winds, plus the usual sunscreen, hat, 2 litres water, first aid, and any other necessary essentials to enjoy your day in the mountains.

Friday 10 May 1997

EGG ROCK

(Day Walk)

Leader: Barry Ellerington (ph: 3886 3451)
Time: 7.30 a.m sharp
Meet at: Sullivan & Nicolaides car park
Cost: \$12.00
Emerg Off: TO BE ADVISED
Grade: S54

May I apologise for the change to the calendar at such short notice. Due to this particular weekend being Mother's Day and with not much interest shown towards a navigational weekend at Hairy Man's Rock, I have decided to put on a Saturday walk.

Most of us have seen Egg Rock from some of the vantage points such as Turtle Rock, Ship's Stern Circuit, or the Charraboomba Lookout at Binna Burra. Egg Rock is a tall pinnacle of rock which protrudes from its base alongside Nixon Creek and has a distinctive shape of an Egg. It is approached from a four wheel drive track following Nixon Creek. A small tributary on the right takes us to the base of the rock where a small scramble around the base brings us to the beginning of the climb. The slab at the beginning of our ascent is a little steep and can be difficult if wet. Some rock scrambling experience is required for this walk but should pose no problems to the majority of our members. Egg Rock provides an opportunity to look back at some of the familiar landmarks and walks we have conquered in the past. It is not a long walk or a long day so come along for a pleasant relaxing day.

Friday 16 - Sunday 18 May 1997

TOOLOOM FALLS

(Base Camp)

Leader: Christine Harrison (ph: 3378 0264)
Time: 6.30 p.m.
Meet at: Sullivan & Nicolaides Carpk. Taringa
Cost: \$20
Emerg Off: Cliff Harrison (ph: 3378 0264)
Grade: M55

Tooloom Falls is in NSW, 160 kms from Brisbane. Last year Binna Burra Bushwalkers Club held the annual pilgrimage here. For those in our Club who missed out, now is your chance to visit this area which is not walked too often.

We shall be walking the forestry road then rainforest to the hidden Rockhill Creek Falls. On the other day, we will climb hopefully both North and South Obelisk. Please bring all of your own water for cooking and drinking. All rubbish "bring it in - take it home." Fuel stoves are required for cooking. Don't forget your warm jumper for the beautiful cool nights, plus the essentials for the day to make your base a comfortable and enjoyable time. The best season for walking starts now.

Bushwalkers - please check to see that your particular walk is on the calendar - perhaps you would like to lead it too! Without leaders, there can be NO walks. If you can lead a walk or several walks, please reply to Outings Secretary, Christine Harrison on 3378 0264.

It's everyone's Club, so please help keep it walking!

VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

For what does it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, but suffer the loss of his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God.

SOCIALS

Maxine Brophy and Liz Richards

Social Calendar - May



APRIL 25 - ANZAC DAY

Dawn Parade 5 a.m., Ann Street Cenitaph, Anzac Square, City

BYO BBQ Breakfast 7 a.m. Bike Ride 9 a.m.
Please refer to last month's notice but note time changes.

APRIL 30TH - COFFEE NIGHT

Jazzy Cat Coffee House, Montague Road, West End, (Next to Three Monkeys) 7.30 p.m.

MAY 13TH MOVIE NIGHT

Details on Liz's answering machine
(PH: 3393 5545)

MAY 31ST TREV'S INAUGURAL FISHING CONTEST

Old Hornibrook Bridge (Redcliffe Peninsula End) 4 p.m. onwards (high tide 5.43 p.m.) BYO hooks and sinkers BYO - bbq and mozzie repellent. Small bait charge.

Time to dust off the fishing gear and spend a relaxing couple of hours fishing off the Old Hornibrook Bridge. For those who don't want to fish we will stroll over the Bridge and back 2.8 km each way. Afterwards we will enjoy a bbq around at Woody Point and watch the lights of the City over the water. It will be a lot of fun so come and spend an evening beside the Bay with some fish to take home for breakfast (we hope!)

Maxine Ph 303 4699 after 7p.m / Liz 3393 5545

COLONIAL BALL

Saturday 5th July

Save Some MONEY Now.

HOW ?

Pay for YOUR Tickets before 25th May.....

Cost: before 25th \$30

after 25th \$40

Spectators (no dancing) \$20

For those of you new, the Colonial Ball is a step back into the old world when men were Gentleman and women were Ladies. A time when men wore coats and women wore long dresses. A time when candles and kerosene lamps lit the world. A time when horses pulled your carriage to the School of Arts Hall for the town's Annual Ball.

Upon arrival, the Committee Chairman gives you a Dance Card with the dances listed. As you are asked for a dance, you fill out the name of the Partner. Remember, The Town Gossips will be watching to see who has the most dances with you, so try not to have more than two dances with the same partner.

Dance your feet off for the following 5 hours, doing such classics as the Schottice, Muzaurkas, Polkas, Waltz, and numerous jigs, reels & etc. Dances are in 2's (pairs), quadrilles (4 pairs), long ways sets (6 pairs), and circles (endless pairs). Some are progressive (ie, not modern but the individuals progress through the line and get new partners each routine).

This is an excellent way of having a good time with the group and getting to know everybody. You do not need a partner in advance. As you enter the Hall for the night, you are given the Dance Card, and you fill it up with partners, remembering the "2 dance" rule. In order to try to get some semblance of equal numbers, it would be allowed to try to entice a member of the opposite sex to come along with you (not as a partner necessarily or pay for your ticket).

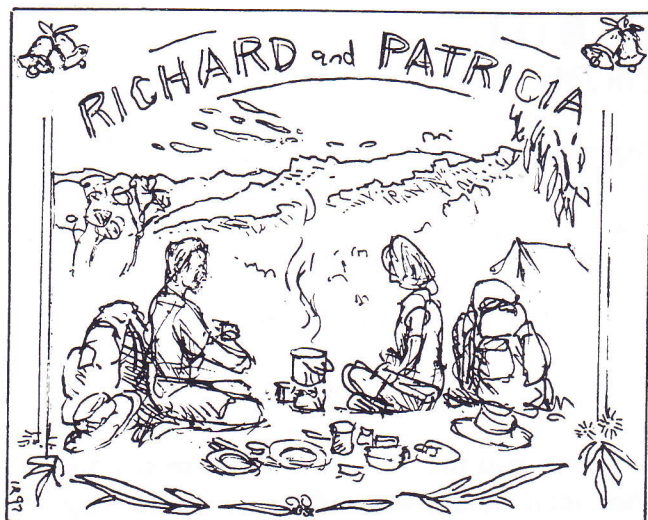
There are pre Ball dance practices for those of us who are not familiar with the steps - these in themselves are good socials. It is recommended you come to at least three practices if you cannot make it to them all. It makes the night enjoyable for all if you can recall some of the steps on the night itself. Practices are at the Morningside School of Arts cnr Wynnum & Thynne Rds on Tues. July 3, 10, 17, 24 and July 1, starting 7.30pm.

Pre purchase is essential as no tickets will be sold at the door, and tickets sell fast. You do not want to miss out.

Nominations: to Greg Endicott Ph. 3351 4092.

Cheques to Q'ld Colonial Dancers and posted to me at
12 Mingaletta Cr., Ferny Hills Q 4055.

See you all there.



Recently, we reported on the engagement of our newly elected Club President, Richard Kolarski to Patricia Broughton, Club Secretary. Well, the big day is almost here - Patricia and Richard will marry at St Peter's Catholic Church at Rochedale on Saturday 19 April 1997!

*Patricia and Richard met on the track
He walked the world and back
Patricia he missed, but soon they kissed
and now he's a groom in black*

The whole Club joins in wishing Patricia and Richard much happiness together. Cheers and Best Wishes from all your friends in BCBC.

POST-WEDDING B.B.Q.



Unfortunately we were not able to invite everyone to our wedding so we would like to have a B.B.Q. celebration after the event.

When : 5.00p.m. Sunday 25 May
Where : 74 Kallista Road, Rochedale. (Ph 3341 7509 if you get lost)
Who : EVERYONE
BYO : Chair and drinks
R.S.V.P. By Tuesday 20 May for catering

Hope to see you there.

Patricia & Richard

PAST SOCIALS

Fish and Chips at The Esplanade, Wynnum
Friday 11 April 7.30 p.m. - Liz
Richards/Maxine Brophy

Approx 20 people including several visitors, joined Liz and Maxine at The Esplanade, Wynnum on Friday night for fish and chips in the night air. The food was hot, fresh and scrumptious and we all sat on a ledge in the mild weather and ate with our toes in the sand (watch out for those crabs!). The tide was out and we amused ourselves by checking out helicopters and other suspicious lights. Does ANYONE know where seagulls sleep at night?

Then, it was off to have supper at Liz's glorious Wynnum "home of the week" where she kindly showed us all around. We all enjoyed Majella's white mud cake, biscuits and other contributions until it was time to pack all the work-weary bods in the cars and bid farewell. Thanks to the two gentlemen who washed up and to all who came. Thank you and well done Liz and Mazine.

Editor

Dear Editor

As a follow up to the question of how Midgets Ridge got its name, is the frequently asked question "Why do we call out 'Hey Bob' when we get lost on bushwalks?". Well back in the Dreamtime of bushwalking, even before Pat Lawton was bushwalking a group of throughwalkers were lost for days in dense scunge. Morale was low as they struggled to find their way back to civilisation and as they became desperate they prayed to God for guidance. Just then a majestic light appeared on the horizon in the form of the comet Hale-Bopp. They followed the comet until it lead them back to civilisation, the throughwalkers were so overwhelmed with joy that they fell to their knees and yelled at the top of their lungs "Hale-Bopp, Hale-Bopp"! Over time languages and words change and the modern translation is our call of Hey Bob that we use today. Anon.

BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

This report which has been prepared by the anniversary sub-committee and is submitted to the club committee for your consideration and approval.

Background

To celebrate the founding of the club in 1958, the committee approved the formation of a sub-committee in 1995. Our aim is to provide an opportunity for members both past and present to meet together over the twelve months to remember and be thankful for the club's history. This will be achieved by:

- A major event - mass and picnic lunch in Brisbane
- A small number of special events throughout the year
- The club calendar to contain a selection of past, popular walks

Recommendations

1. Mailouts

It is felt that there will be a need for two mail outs. In August, selected past members (compiled from the club's master list) will receive a letter detailing the planned events for 1998 specifically highlighting the Anniversary Mass and the Mt Tibrogargan Daywalk. In early January an invitation will be sent to these past members (RSVP Friday, 23 January). Final details on other club events will also be included. Current members will be informed through the Jilalan.

The club's master membership list will need to be completed by June. This will enable the sub-committee to produce a mailout list (the size of this list is estimated at 200).

Some publicity will be required, which will generate general interest in the club. This may include contacting parishes, radio stations and articles/letters to the editor of the Catholic Leader and suburban newspapers.

2. Major event

A mass and picnic lunch to be held on Sunday, 8 February, 1998 commencing at 11 am. The mass is to be at the Little Flower Church, Kedron followed by a BYO picnic lunch in the hall and surrounding grounds. The cost of the hall will be \$75 and a booking fee will be needed ASAP to confirm the booking. A number of organisational points will be resolved once approval is granted. The club will provide facilities for a cuppa and an anniversary cake. This event would be publicised to past members. A donation box will be on display.

3. Special Events

These activities will provide opportunities for people to meet in the bush on a club outing over the course of the year. It will highlight certain areas that the club has had close association with in its history. Several contact names may be published to assist the leader. These events would be publicised to past members in the letter. These events, which will be part of the club calendar are:

Mt Tibrogargan Anniversary Daywalk	Sunday, 30 November 1997
O'Reillys Basecamp	Weekend in March 1998
Mt Ngungun Daywalk/Train trip	Sunday in May 1998
Cunningham's Gap Daywalk	Sunday in July 1998
Mt Barney Mass Daywalk	Wednesday, 13 August, 1998
Girraween Basecamp	Weekend in October, 1998
Slide nights (perhaps 2)	A week night February/ August

4. Walks for the 1998 Club Calendar

The committee could consider programming some walks during 1998 that reflect the club's first year or other memorable walks. These walks are:

Logan's Ridge 170th Anniversary Daywalk (Monday 3 August)	Mt Tamborine Daywalk
Mt Greville Daywalk	Mt Maroon Daywalk
	Mt Beerwah Daywalk

Mt Coolum Daywalk
 Mt Ommaney Daywalk
 Numimbah Valley Basecamp
 Emu Valley Basecamp
 Gibraltar Range Basecamp
 Canungra Creek Throughwalk (club's first TW)

Lost World Throughwalk
 Main Range Throughwalk
 Moreton Island Throughwalk
 Ramparts Throughwalk
 Mt Ballow Throughwalk
 Mystery Trip (weekend)

5. The club may consider compiling a photographic record of the club. We have not considered the cost of this record.

6. The club should consider establishing a register of club assets and their location.

Financial Commitment

The following is a break down of estimated costs. Some costs may be reduced through the assistance of some members.

1. Mailouts	200 letters x 2	\$225
	publicity	\$50
2. Mass & Picnic	Church Donation	\$25
	Hall Hire	\$75
	Cuppa	\$50
	Anniversary Cake	\$50
	Mass Booklets	\$30
	Anniversary Book/Misc	\$30

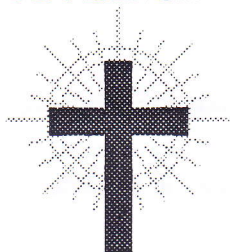
3. Special Events & other walks

These will be treated as normal club trips and will be self funding.

Total estimated costs \$535

PAST WALKS

27 - 31 MARCH 1997



Easter at Hell Hole Gorge

Coordinator : Christine Harrison

Many delightful walks, religious ceremonies and pleasant friendships were enjoyed by BCBC members. As coordinator, I wish to express my thanks to:

(next column)

Eric & Helen Hall

Property owners, for a peaceful campsite setting next to Swan Creek

Fr Ed Nally

Our Club Chaplain for the inspiring celebrations of the Stations of the Cross and Mass for Easter Sunday

Ed Thistlethwaite

Setting up the loo, shower, hot water and extra large hot pot. Also the pre-outing and walk to Lover's Leap and the Pinnacle.

Barry Ellerington.

Pre-outing and walk to Freestone shelf and Cedar Mountain. Your time in cutting the loo drum

Cathy & Janet

Your Preparation in cutting kilos of hot pot vegetables.

Ken Downing

Joining our camp to

To Gavin (guitar
player)

show us the heavenly
skies and answer our
varied questions.

For providing us with
some excellent toe
tapping country and
western music around
the campfire.

To everyone

An extra thank you for
driving and sharing
Easter 1997 - another
success



**Good Friday
SWAN CREEK,
BLUFF ROCK,
PINNACLE,
SENTINEL PT (almost)
Ed Thistlethwaite**

All the crew arrived in reasonable time on Thursday night, inspected the plumbing, sampled the simmering soup in the iron pot and retired for the night.

Good Friday saw most of us leave the camp site at the junction of Hell Hole Creek and Swan Creek and travel back towards Swanfels where a gazetted road, took us to a saddle between Mt Lawless and Sentinel Point. The walk started in the valley and we trekked our way up to the saddle. From here, we followed a fence line up to Bluff Rock where morning tea was taken and spectacular views were obtained. From this vantage point we could see down Emu Creek and Swan Creek Valleys, the MtGuymer Complex, Mt Bauer, Lizard Point and Mt Roberts. Nearer at hand we could see a large semi-circular waterfall (dry) which formed part of Gapo Creek. On the other side of the waterfall escarpment was a rock formation known as Pinnacle Rock. We reluctantly left Bluff Rock to walk above the waterfall area known locally as lover's leap and on standing at the waterfall overflow area we could see into a Dungeon like enclosure and all agreed that a Gap Creek rock hop could prove interesting. From here we climbed the ridge that traced out to the Pinnacle where lunch was taken. Several climbed the Pinnacle to obtain more spectacular views. The pinnacle is known to the locals as Dublin Tom and in an analogous

way the ridge from Cedar Plateau to Hell Hole Gorge is now known as O'Meara's Ridge.

From the Pinnacle we climbed several knolls to emerge on to cleared land adjacent to Sentinel Point. From here "million dollar" views were seen of Cedar Plateau complex, Main Range, Mt Guymer and Con's Plain.

As some of us emerged on to the cleared land, the property owner greeted us as he went by on a trail bike while mustering cattle.

From this vantage point, we returned by four wheel drive track past the owners' residence to Swan Creek Road and the camp still on Eric and Helen Hall's property. A car shuttle was required to retrieve the three cars used initially.

Cathy and I stayed on a further week and did a series of walks on nearby ridges. We also met other residents in the valley and made some valuable PR contacts. We were given details of some interesting not well known areas to visit in several side valleys.



**Easter Saturday
CEDAR
MOUNTAIN
Barry Ellerington**

Easter is a wonderful and very important time of year, and this Easter Camp was no exception. The weather was absolutely perfect and the nights were so cool which made sleeping so easy. After an excellent Good Friday walk with Ed in the lead, it was now my turn to show the campers another part of this unique area around Swan Creek.

Cedar Mountain is to the north of Eric's property where we were camping and is over 1000 metres in height. Unfortunately, this walk does not start with a gentle slope or track to follow and all I had to offer all was a real gut buster of a climb to the summit. However, we had plenty of time up our sleeves and there was no need to blow our relief valves in the effort, although we did know we had done it at the end. A relaxing morning stop was had on the summit, resting in long cool grass to regain our strength and energy for the remainder of the walk. There were to be no

more big ups for the rest of the day, at least nothing like we had just conquered and the remainder of the walk was along the Cedar plateau and across cleared pastures where cattle chewed lazily on the grass. There used to be an old farm house up there but much to our surprise it had been removed and all that remained was an old shed full of bundles of newspapers from October last year. These gave a hint of some type of mountain resort that is to be developed there.

Onwards we went along a narrow ridge which gave us some very nice views across to Sentinel Point and the Steamer Range far to the south and also some very nice angle shots across to Double Top and Mt Huntley. After a final not too difficult climb we arrived at our lunch stop and spent a leisurely hour gazing down into Freestone Creek and the Freestone Valley.

The descent route was to be down O'Meara's Ridge named after Jim himself by his fellow walkers. It is steep ridge in places but no one had any difficulty in descending this grass and tree lined slope which towards the bottom joins up with an old FWD track, and following this track takes us down to Hell Hole Creek and into Hell Hole Gorge. I am told by Eric that the route through the gorge was blasted out by these pioneering folks of the area - it is a very pretty gorge and well worth the look, we were back to camp at a very reasonable hour of 4.00 p.m. This gave us time to prepare for our evening meals and for Mass with Father Ed. Thanks to all for coming and to Christine and Gabe for bringing up the tail.



Sunday 30 March MT DOUBLETOP by Christine Harrison

I led this walk three years ago with Eric Hall at 73 years old. This time it was with 11 members and 14 year old twin boys (also staying at Hell Hole Gorge). We drove 5 kms along very bumpy gravel and rocky creek crossings to the start of the walk. We passed a dozen or more campers at the Lemon Tree who had trail bikes. How lucky we were to be on Eric's farm! We started at 8.45

a.m. up a gentle ridge through eucalyptus, grass trees vegetation to Swan Knoll for morning tea at 10 a.m. Mini easter eggs were shared - extra energy. Then it was down to the small rainforest saddle then up the overgrown grassy slopes to the first peak of Mt Doubletop. After a few more huff n' puffs we were on the second peak with a larger area for lunch. There were excellent views over to Moogerah Dam which now is looking happy and full of water, Mt Greville, Spicer's Peak and Hell Hole Gorge. After an hour's rest, it was a return trip to the cars but not fast enough - 10 minutes short when we got wet by the sudden rain shower after a sunny day. Not to worry, we were soon back to camp for hot showers, dinner and by 9 p.m. the clouds had all gone away for us to glance through the magnification of a giant telescope set up by my brother-in-law Ken in the paddock. We saw Orion and its 4 adjacent stars out of 7. We also saw a star cluster and the "jewel box" near the southern cross - truly magnificent and even Patricia managed to stay awake long enough to catch the marvels of our universe. I'm sure everyone, like me appreciated this rare viewing. Thanks Ken, Deb, Lisa and Christopher for joining us during your school holidays.



Easter Monday 31 March - SENTINEL POINT Christine Harrison

Our last day and five of us took advantage of an early 7 a.m. start, beginning our walk through the farmer's property with his permission. We had an up hill climb to the grassy paddock saddle, then eastwards through light scrub to the outlook which was only an advantage from one or two spots on the northern edge. The bladed grasses were too long for any views, even for long legged Cecilia. However we managed a terrific view back to our camp and the entire Main Range now covered in heavy low clouds. On the southern edge, peeping through the grass a perfect photo shot of the Steamer Range was taken. After morning tea, we hot footed it down to camp as those clouds were beginning to be threatening at 10.45 a.m. Hence our dry tents were packed quickly, lunch partaken and

farewells said before departing our magic environment for the city life at noon. Yes we were lucky indeed, home just in time at 2.45 p.m. for the hail storm and torrential rains which followed soon after.

A wonderful four days. Another successful Easter to always remember with Ed and Cathy, Richard, Patricia, June, Cecilia, Paul and John Tracey, Geoff, Joe, Gabriel, Barry and Janet, Fr Ed and my husband Cliff.

well worth the effort and I congratulate the four ladies who had very little experience in rock climbing for their will and determination to complete the walk - well done. May I thank Justin for being my excellent tail end Charlie and to Con for helping in the middle of the group - also to Con and Ed for their great assistance on the pre-outing. Thank you to the drivers for all their help and to Mrs Gillett for her kind permission to cross her property. Thanks to everyone who came along to make a great day.

Best Wishes.

Baz

Barney Gorge Day Walk Monday 27 January 1997 by Iain Renton

(re-printed in full)

Minto Crag 2 March 1997 by Barry Ellerington

From the time of the pre-outing, I began to hope and pray we would be blessed with a clear sunny day for the walk and on that Sunday morning twenty walkers set off on just that type of day. Our re-group was to be at Booh where we made a coffee and final toilet stop before going to our starting point.

The walk began with a creek crossing and much to my surprise the water level had risen, so in most cases it was getting one's feet wet. The ascent to the first saddle posed no problems and we were soon at the start of the first rock climb for the morning. I had set my heart on seeing as much of Minto Crag as we possibly could in the time restraint we had, and as most of the crags are to the northern end of the formation this was to be our first exploration. The first three of the crags posed no problem and the group were soon up on the top of these rocky formations and enjoying the views out to the main range and across to Mt Moon. Morning tea as planned was at Mt Minto itself. By this time the sun was well up and the day was becoming very warm. The ridges we explored to the north were very narrow and some were more of a razor back. Some great care had to be taken walking this section. The most northern Crag was almost impossible to climb without the help of ropes so we elected to drop down to the base of the rock and walk through the Bracken Ferns and in the cool shade of the cliffs. The cliffs were just magic and gave us some ideas for an abseil or to practise our rock climbing skills at a later date. The return to the saddle for lunch was made across country for most of the way following an old walking track which took us up to the morning route. The heat of the day was now at its worst and lunch was welcomed in the shade of the trees.

The afternoon walk was to be to the most southern and largest Crag. Four of the walkers elected to go down to the creek for a swim and cool off while the rest of us made our way around the back of the Crag across very loose rocks and up an open forest gully to the summit. It was

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 treacherously slippery underfoot very quickly. We gingerly made our way to a small cliff with a good

overhang. We were wonderfully fortuitous that there was a place where ten people could comfortably stay dry and watch the rain. But the rain didn't look like stopping so we decided to get wet and make our way carefully back to the Junction (not very far at all). There we rejoined Richard and our packs and, since it is too wet to rockhop down Barney Creek as planned, we retraced our steps back up the Ridge. On the way the rain cleared and we were rewarded with views of many of Barney's rock faces and pinnacles, wet and glistening in the sunlight. After a late, slow, comfortable lunch at the Club Hut and a relaxing swim at the Lower Portals we headed back to the cars (with another shower of rain just before we got there). The day was nicely rounded off with a convivial session at a cafe in Beaudesert (lots of hot chips were eaten). A special thanks to the drivers, Richard, Elizabeth and Terry. And thanks to them and to Majella, Patricia Broughton, Chris, Geoff, Stephen, Jon Brunot, Maxine and Trevor for helping to make it such an enjoyable walk even if we missed seeking much of the creek and gorge. Maybe next time

Twin Falls (Springbrook) Sunday 2 February 1997 by Cecilia Doherty

I was pleased to welcome 13 walkers on an overcast Sunday for the drive to Springbrook to commence our walk. The rain had been tumbling for a few weeks but as Springbrook is often wet, it didn't bother us too much. I had done the pre-outing the weekend before so I could promise some spectacular waterfalls.

After a quick stop at the old Springbrook school converted to an Information Centre, we regrouped at the Canyon Lookout, where there was a complete white out. However on our return, much of the cloud had cleared and we could see where we had been. Clutching rain coats and hoods around us, we happily moved off on the short circuit. As usual, there was lots of talk and good cheer. It is an interesting walk because you view many of the waterfalls from the top as well as from the bottom as you make your way along the cliff line.

The first nice spot was the stunning Blackfellow Falls where we saw a blue crayfish on the path behind the waterfall. During heavy rains, the crayfish' watery homes becomes too turbulent and they move up to higher ground. Hearts lifted as we stood on the path with the water roaring over Blackfellow Falls and forming a solid sheet right next to us. From here, we moved on to the Warrie Circuit to enjoy a few smaller waterfalls and morning tea on the rocks in front of rushing Poondarra Falls. But, it was a little cold with all the spray from the Falls and we didn't stay extra long. Then it was a short trip back to join the Twin Falls Circuit once again. As the Twin Falls circuit is

only 4 kms, the diversion added a few kms each way on to the trip. We passed some large DRY caves and it was here we returned later to have lunch. Before lunch, we visited the spectacular Twin Falls, hoping to stay for lunch but considering the gusts of spray from the Falls, not a dry rock to sit on, and the constant rain, we decided it was just too uncomfortable to stay. At the red caves, it is beautiful to see little clumps of ferns surviving through the small trickles of water running down the walls of the caves.

After lunch, we took in a few more waterfalls, the last of which was the most spectacular with triple falls. We walked along the base of the cliffs, enjoying the changing colours of the rock, the ferns and the growing number of rivulets and small waterfalls down the cliffs. On the final leg we enjoyed the climb up to the top of Twin Falls and then back to Canyon Lookout. We then had an Aboriginal linguistic lesson - the Aboriginal word for Numinbah is "Hold tight hunting dog". To end the day off, we had a lovely afternoon tea at the english tea house at Springbrook before heading home.

All in all, it was a pleasant day with not too many leeches, and much to look at. Thank you to the whole group (who kept smiling throughout the day!) for their support and good company - Patricia Rynja, Chris McCaffrey, Paul McDonald, Perine Visini (1st walk), Desley Pedrazinni, Andrea Close, Paul Smith, Gabrielle Sladden and friend Ann, Majella Robertson, Louise Ray and visitors Vic and Theresa Nicholson. Thank you to the drivers, Paul, Chris and Patricia and congratulations for your excellent navigation!



PAST OUTINGS

OR

PASSED OUTINGS

OR

PISSED OUTINGS

CONONDALES THROUGHWALK.

We gathered with the Base campers at the camping ground, had our regulation cup (of coffee) and tucked ourselves into our own beds. Bright and early, I awoke the Throughwalkers (and some of the Base campers), moved them on, scoffed down breakfast, pulled down tents (some of them belonging to the Throughwalkers) and we hit the Track (well, er the road in order to find the Track).

Approx 30 mins later, there we were, packs on our Backs, shoes on our Feets, tears in our Eyes, and in our Minds the thought of civilisation left Behind. Off into the unknown. The Party wound its way Down, Down, Down through the native bush to, to, to the Falls. These suddenly come out of the side creek into the junction in a series of perfectly circular deep rock pools, refreshing on a hot day.

Then there is the breadknife. This is a spectacular knife blade shaped piece of rock standing right in the junction of the creeks, weathered out by erosion from thousands of years flooding. Climbing to the top is not too challenging, but gives you a goog appreciation of the power of nature.

Then the team stepped of into the unknown, up the creek and not off the edge of the breadknife. This was supposed to be a pretty little creek, and it was, except it needed a good flood to clean it out (which it probably got a few weeks after we did the trip). I'm afraid to admit that weeds and vegetation blocked the creek at times, and we thought it quicker to go along the bank. However, sometimes this proved to be not as nice, with thick rainforest vegetation barring our way. Some pushing of vines (and the members) was needed.

Progress was a bit slow as a consequence. We found enough nice places for morning tea, lunch and numerous other breaks. We soon came across a lovely waterfall, not marked on the Map. This one was pretty and we felt Sad that not many people could come this way to appreciate it. Just after lunch, Geoff said he thought he saw a Board Walk, but this was in the middle of thick impenetrable rainforest. To my surprise, there it was. We Doubting Thomases had to Sit on It to See if It was Real, and It was. Out with the map - it was not shown therefore it did not exist. Whoever would go to the trouble to make one here? To make Them happy, We followed It, shock and horror to a picnic ground, with tables, seats and BBQ's. Out with the map - it was not marked, therefore it did Not exist. Did I have trouble getting the troops out of that place.

The Hoard moved out in single file, lingering hopefully, across the good formed dirt road with the road signs. Out with the map - it was not marked so it did NOT exist and we therefore could not follow it. So back to the Creek and RrainForest, pushing out way along. The Gang had a marker to look for, a big inverted "U" in the Creek. (Not a dead sheep on its back either). After

searching and searching, the hopefuls found it in a pile of vines and up a slope. Up the slope to the spine of the ridge, and down packs. Two of us explored the ridge and U to confirm the site and sight, while the others waited, rested and mutinied for Camp. Happy of knowing our location, I made the ultimate sacrifice of putting up tents before it was dark. We laid out our camp in single file among the saplings along the slope of the ridge's spine under the starry sky. A well-earned rest, good tucker, a warm cuppa some stories (though no volunteers with my BCBC Song Books - Only \$4 at the April Meeting).

And so it was UP early, have breakfast and break camp. The members now took a compass bearing, went up the ridge and came across a fully formed dirt road. Get out the map, hold it the right way up, check every part of it, but no road could be found. It just did not exist. Do into the Bush on the other side, and down into the valley. But not before coming out into opes schorifil forest, with sun and warmth. I weakened and let the gang revel in this, before insulting the compass again and getting them on track. Down, Down, Down went the Ridge with us following in the lush deep green RainForest. Pure Heaven. And into this idyllic little creek. It was flowing between two steep ridges, has a gravel bottom, ferns at its banks, and all the trees overhanging. We did not want to leave, and no one with a camera. Lost forever. Never to be seen again. (Until perhaps next years ThroughWalk when you may pass up this little fairy grotto.)

This creek was easier to follow, the walkers racing along, in and beside it. The end was nigh when the vegetation on the right opened out, making us very hopeful, only to turn into rainforest again. Then, around a corner, rock slabs, falls and open country. The smell of "end" in the air (wrong, it was only Ed after 2 days on a ThroughWalk). The sound of Water was Music to our Ears, as it meant a creek junction. Almost the end. Change of direction, and up the creek to within sight of the site of the cars. Now for a strip and a sit in the cool (translate *freezing*) water. And it was only 10.30am.

Refreshed, a short run to the cars, scenic drive to the Base campers. After a chat, the ThroughWalkers set off in the cars along the Forest Roads in the Area to discover where we really were, and to get an overview of the area as a whole. The road lets you look down from the ridges into the creek valleys far below and to appreciate this part of wilderness so near to Brisbane.

Thankyou to all those too numerous who came along to this walk, you all did your best to help us along, and to make it a happy & memorable outing.

Greg Endicott.

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