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**BRISBANE CATHOLIC  
BUSHWALKING CLUB Inc.**

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**JILALAN**

Please have all articles to Majella (10/100 Leckie Rd, Kedron 4031) by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. Articles need to be written or typed as a hard copy rather than submitted on 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 The Little King's Centre, 33 O'Keefe Street, Buranda. **VISITORS are always welcome.**

**OUTINGS**

- Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
- Departure of walks is usually either from the rear of the Cathedral in Charlotte Street or at Sullivan & Nicolaides (134 Whitmore Street, Taringa - enter via the upper driveway and drive down to the upper level of the carpark). Check "Jilalan" or phone the leader to be certain.
- The Club will usually organise transport for each outing, but you must nominate in advance to the leader. Contacting someone else may lead to your nomination becoming "lost". Nominations should preferably be made by the Monday prior to the activity (Wednesday at the latest) so that transport etc. can be arranged. Note that nominations for some walks may close well in advance of this. Late nominations may not be accepted.
- Walkers are responsible for their transport to and from the departure point.
- Walks are rarely cancelled - if they are, all nominees will be notified. Should you change your mind and decide not to come to a club event, please notify the leader as soon as possible.

**EMERGENCY OFFICER**

If, within the hour prior to an outings' departure, you can't make it or you are running late, phone the number shown in the "Jilalan" for the Emergency Officer for that outing. If you have not returned from an outing by 9.00 p.m. your family may ring the Emergency Officer - but please don't panic.

**EQUIPMENT HIRE**

The Club has some tents and through-walk packs to hire to visitors and newer members. Borrowers are responsible for collecting and returning equipment, as well as making good any loss or damage over and above normal wear and tear. Hire rates - Packs \$10/weekend, Tents \$5.00 - Deposit of \$20 required.

**PERSONAL EQUIPMENT**

The Association requires that certain minimal basic equipment should be carried by all walkers on all trips. This should comprise the following - a first aid kit, a torch, a parka/raincoat, hat, shirt, 15+ (or suitable value), sun screen and at least 2 litres of water. Leaders may require that walkers carry other equipment. Advice of this will be given in "Jilalan" and/or by the leader.

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

All members are most welcome to observe the next meeting of the Management Committee. 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.

**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**

Mar 1	Coomera Circuit	Mary Nolan	3355 6851	D/W
3	Tropo-topo	Ken Fraser/Bill Butler		FMR
7-8	Purlingbrook Falls	June Greenaway	3358 5295	D/W
14 -15	O'Reilly's	John Carter	3290 3621	B/C 40 <sup>th</sup> Annivers.
16	Meeting			
21	Federation Bushdance	Gabriel Romaguera	3369 7330	SOC
22	Northbrook Gorge	Gabriel Romaguera	3369 7330	D/W
29	Mt Walker	Matthew Palmer	3279 4490	D/W
Apr 4 - 5	Training weekend			FMR
10-13	Sheepstation Creek			B/C EASTER
13	Mt Samson	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	D/W
18	Trev's Annual Fishing Contest	Trevor Kelly	3269 4795	SOC
20	Meeting			
25-26	Barney Gorge/Club Hut	Iain Renton	3395 7665	O/N
25	ANZAC Day Dawn Service/B'fast	Gabriel Romaguera	3369 7330	SOC
May 2-4	Moreton Island	Joe Finn	3848 4642	T/W Labour W/E
2-4	Moreton Island	Trevor Kelly	3269 4795	B/C
5	Medical Lecture	BCBC Cliff Harrison	3378 0264	FMR
9	Knapps Peak	Barry Ellerington	3886 3451	D/W
15-17	Safety and Training	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	S&T
18	Meeting			
24	Mt Ngungun & traintrip	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
31	Neglected Mt	Jon Brunott	3209 9598	D/W
June 6-8	Mt Walsh N.P.	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	B/C
7	Mt Zabel	Geoffrey Egert	3356 2163	D/W
14	Woongoooba Gorge	Iain Renton	3395 7665	D/W
14	Bushrangers Cave	Russ Nelson	3378 5200	D/W
15	Meeting			
20-21	Tooloom Falls	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	B/C
27	Adventure Gain	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	FMR
27-28				SOC
July 3-4	Minto Crags	Barry Ellerington	3886 3451	B/C & Abseil
11				SOC
12	Cunninghams Gap	Anna Egert	3356 2163	D/W 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
18-19	First Aid Barney Lodge	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	FMR
20	Meeting			
25-26	Mt Greville	Nathan Tobin	3282 8904	D/W
Aug 2	Logan Ridge 170th			D/W
7-9	Queen Mary Falls	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	B/C
12	Mt Barney Mass			O/N
15-16	Ballow Ranges	Jon Brunott	3209 9598	T/W
17	Meeting			
Sept 11-13	Pilgrimage	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	B/C
Oct 9-11	Girraween	John Carter	3290 3621	B/C

**KEY - Walk 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	SOC

**Key - Walk Gratings**

The BCBC is now using the following Walk Grading system currently used by the Brisbane Bushwalking Club.

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



## REPORTS

## President's Report

As mentioned at the last general meeting, Federation has been advised by its insurer that the policy used by clubs (including BCBC) will cease in June. The Federation is investigating other possible companies who have an appropriate policy. Members will be advised as information comes to hand.

Also at the meeting, a motion was passed that directed the club to take out personal accident insurance as well as public liability.

The remaining vacant committee positions have been filled. I would like to welcome the following committee members:

Treasurer	Susan Tobin
Outings Secretary	Christine Harrison
Training Officer	Greg Endicott
Editor	Majella Robertson

John

## Membership Report

At our March meeting we had 35 members and two visitors attend.

Welcome to our new members this month: Majella Carter, Paul Lionett and Michael Whitlock. There were also 19 telephone enquiries during the month.

We currently have 55 financial members. A reminder to those of you who have paid your subs but not filled in a membership form for this year, please do so and post it to me as soon as possible as we need them for insurance purposes.

Cheers, Carol

## Quote for the month...

*"It is a thousand times better to have common sense without education, than to have education without common sense."*

Robert C Ingersoll

## Outing's Meeting

After the fishing competition on **Saturday, April 18**, there will be an outing's meeting to organise the calendar for the next six months.

If you are unable to make it but would like to suggest an outing or two, or you would like to volunteer to lead a walk, please give Christine a call. (3378 0264)

## COMING WALKS

**Barney Gorge**  
**25 - 26 April 1998**  
**Overnighter**

**Leader:** Iain Renton (3395 7665)  
**Time:** 1pm  
**Meet at:** Sullivan & Nicolaides  
**Grade:** M66  
**Cost:** \$12:00  
**Emerg Off:** Dolans (3843 4116)

This is a rerun of a walk cut short by rain last year. It is a rewarding walk through some of the marvellous nooks and crannies below Mt Barney. We'll be leaving early enough on Saturday to allow time to relax and enjoy the late afternoon at the Club Hut or Lower Portals. After eating and sleeping in the comfort of the Club Hut Hilton we'll be starting early on Sunday for a fairly long days walking.

The walk will take us some distance up and back down Barney Gorge, then we will be rock-hopping down Barney Creek to just above the Lower Portals. It is one of the best creek walks around, with an abundance of rock pools, cascades, rocks and boulders of all shapes and sizes, and always the cliffs and crags of Mt Barney looming overhead. There will be plenty of time to stop and take in the scenery and maybe have a swim.

There is a LOT of rock-hopping and some clambering around and over rocks so walkers will need to be reasonably agile and sure footed. I will be restricting numbers on the walk to twelve.

**Moreton Island**  
**2 - 4 May 1998**  
**Base Camp**

**Leader:** Trevor Kelly (3269 4795)  
**Time:** 6am (barge leaves)  
**Meet at:** Scarborough Combe  
Trader, Thurecht Pde  
**Grade:** M55  
**Cost:** \$45:00 (\$10:00 deposit)  
**Emerg Off:** Carol Hall (3269 4795)

Saturday May 2nd:

We catch the 6am barge to Moreton Island. Taxis will take us in and drop us near Mt Tempest. We'll take day packs and climb Mt Tempest and then follow the old Telegraph Rd via Honeyeater Lake and back to Blue Lagoon.

Meanwhile, our taxi, the remainder of our camping gear, along with a volunteer, who will stay with the taxi, will go to Blue lagoon where our campsite will be for the weekend.

Sunday May 3rd:

We will leave Blue Lagoon and we'll head to Spitfire Creek and explore this area and return to our camp site in the afternoon.

Monday May 4th:

After breakfast and packing up our tents, a taxi will pick us up and take us to the barge at Bulwer, where the barge will leave at 2pm.

Come along and enjoy the company, wildlife and scenery of Moreton Island.

**Moreton Island**  
**2 - 4 May 1998**  
**Throughwalk**

**Leader:** Joe Finn (3848 4642)  
**Time:** 5:30am (leaving on 6am barge)  
**Meet at:** Scarborough Combe  
Trader, Thurecht Pde  
**Grade:** L55  
**Cost:** \$45:00  
**Emerg Off:** Carol Hall (3269 4795)

Moreton Island, a wilderness paradise of sand dunes, lakes and heath. This weekend we are visiting a new area for the club, Smith Peak. Saturday morning the barge takes us to Bulwer and 4WD taxi drops us at Honeyeater Lake, the first of the three lakes. From here its past Blue Lagoon and onto Smith Peak and Lake Jabiru.

From Smith Peak you can see all the Moreton Northern Catchment Area. The camp at Lake Jabiru is quiet secluded and after a peaceful night you'll wake up to the sounds of birds and nature. Sunday we're off to the western beach with plenty of time to explore Honeyeater Bay and the lighthouse.

Monday, down the western beach to Bulwer and the 2 o'clock barge home.

Not a pushed weekend, plenty of time to walk and discover another part of Moreton.

**Knapps Peak**  
**Saturday 9 May 1998**  
**Day Walk**

**Leader:** Barry Ellerington (3886 3451)  
**Time:** 7am  
**Meet at:** Sullivan & Nicolaides  
**Grade:** M65  
**Cost:** \$12:00  
**Emerg Off:** Janet Ellerington (3886 3451)

Knapps Peak is a small mountain of some 651 metres in height. It is found in the top corner of the MAROON 1:2500 map. The peak is situated north of Mt Maroon and has the advantage of giving 360° views of the Scenic Rim.

For our day, we will use the Southern Ridge to make the ascent of the mountain. Starting from an old stockyard we will descend across a paddock into Knapp Creek, across the creek is the start of the climb to the summit. The lower slopes are covered with low scrub and small Melaleuca shrubs, these are sharp and will cause scratches. The upper slopes are grass covered with open Eucalypt forest. Loose rocks are in some areas beneath the grass, so wear good footwear and gaiters if you have them. Some sections of the ridge are steep.

To the east of the summit there is a large cliff, from here we have unobstructed views to Lamington National Park. From the summit of the peak we have sweeping panoramic views of Mr Maroon, Mt Barney, Ballow Ranges and Mt Lindsey, which are to the south. To the west of the peak we can see Minto Crags, Mt Moon and across to the Main Range. It is not a long walk but is very rewarding. Bring your camera and plenty of water and enjoy the day.



### Mt Ngungun and Train Ride Sunday 24 May 1998 Day Walk

**Leader:** John Carter (3290 3621)  
**Time:** About 8am  
**Meet at:** Roma St Railway Station  
**Grade:** S33  
**Cost:** \$2:00 plus train fares  
(about \$10:00)  
**Emerg Off:** Dolans (3843 4116)  
**Location:** Glasshouse Mountains

Mt Ngungun is one of the lower peaks within the Glasshouses and lies about three kilometres from the train station. There is a track which leads to the rocky summit, which provides good views of the surrounding peaks. This walk is within the capability of most members with the approach following a level road. The train time tables are under review at the moment. However departure time will be around 8am and we will leave to head home at about 3pm.

This trip is part of the 40th anniversary celebrations so will be attended by past members as well. It provides an opportunity for members to enjoy the comforts of an electric train and to remember that many club walks were planned this way. We plan to be in the same carriage, so it will be a great opportunity to mix. Further information will be provided at the May meeting.

### FMR NEWS

### Medical Lecture Tuesday May 5

**Contact:** Cliff Harrison (3378 0264)  
**Time:** 7:30pm - 9:30pm  
**Place:** Little Kings Centre  
**Cost:** \$10:00 (includes supper)

The night's topics are:

#### EPILEPSY

A representative from Epilepsy Queensland will discuss clinical aspects and answer your questions.

#### ENVENOMATION

A representative from the Royal Children's Hospital will discuss clinical aspects of the toxic

effects from envenomation on the human body as well as answer your many questions.

### First Aid Weekend Certificate Course July 17 - 19

**Contact:** Cliff Harrison (3378 0264)  
**Place:** Mt Barney Lodge Country Retreat

The First Aid certificate will cost you \$90:00 for this weekend course which includes Q.A.S. instructor, manual, bandages, resus mask. (Certificate is 3 years first aid, 1 year resuscitation as standard senior first aid.)

- > classes 8am - 5pm Saturday  
8am - 4pm Sunday
- > payment in full .. \$90:00 First Aid, plus accommodation, by **MAY 30** .. Cheques payable .. Federation Mountain Rescue.
- > all bookings and inquiries to Cliff Harrison (3378 0264)  
19 Dumbarton Drive, Kenmore. 4069
- > accommodation and camping **extra** ... from Friday afternoon 17 July ... self catered Lodge & Homestead accommodation available on a first come basis ... \$20:00/person/night (\$40:00/weekend/person) camping ... \$6:00/person/night (\$12:00/weekend/person)
- > plenty available
- > BBQ's, open fires, picnic tables, showers, toilets and water are provided ... all weather lecture facility
- > BYO all camping gear, pens and note paper, chair etc.
- > bookings filling fast ... limit of 25

### SAFETY and TRAINING

### Safety and Training Saturday 16 May

**Contact:** Greg Endicott (3351 4092)  
**Time:** 10:30am  
**Place:** Camping World  
25 Ipswich Rd, W'gabba

### (Between the ANZ bank and the five ways. Parking is next door at No. 21)

This is the opportunity for visitors and newer members (and the "old" regulars) to see what type of equipment is available, without the pressure of buying. Even though we are going to a store, the owner is a member of another club and is happy for us to have a look around. We will browse and I will describe the benefits of various types of equipment.

Before you kit yourself up, it is worthwhile talking to the experienced. Never go out and buy equipment "cold". This sport is too expensive to buy something inappropriate, or to buy something above your level. You will feel more comfortable with the correct gear.

So, if you are a visitor, come along and see what is available.

If you are a newer member, come along to see what you will need.

If you have been around for some time, come along and see what you will need as you upgrade your skills to the more adventurous trips.

And, if you are an old foot at this sport, come along and criticise my descriptions.

Phone me, or see me at the meeting as I wish to tell the store how many will be invading.

(PS... Rod gives discounts to club members.)

### SOCIALS

### Reminder!!!

### Saturday 18 April 1988 Trev's Annual Fishing Contest 11am onwards Shorncliffe Pier

Please BYO rods, reels, hooks and sinkers. There will also be a small bait charge. Then join us for a BYO BBQ lunch on the foreshore beside the pier.

Happy fishing, Trevor (3269 4795)

PS... Don't forget the outing's meeting follows!!

### Coffee Night

Wednesday 29 April

7:30pm

Cafe Bello

225 Waterworks Road, Ashgrove  
for further details contact Gabe (3369 7330)

### Movie Night

Tuesday 12 May

Please phone the answer machine (3393 5545) from the Sunday prior to the movie night. The movie, theatre and time will be given. Please hang up once you have heard the message.

### ANZAC Day Dawn Service and BBQ Breakfast Saturday 25 March

**Contact:** Gabriel Romaguera

**Dawn Service**  
**Time:** 5am  
**Place:** Ann Street Cenitaph,  
Anzac Square, City

**BBQ Breakfast**  
**Time:** Approx 7:30am  
**Place:** Kangaroo Point  
(bottom of the cliffs)

Come along for a memorable ceremony while dawn breaks over the city. Then we'll head off over to the Kangaroo Point Cliffs for a BBQ breakfast around 7:30am. There will be plenty of time to pack and get organised for Iain's overnighter after you get home from breakfast.

### Restaurant Night

**Contact:** Gabriel Romaguera  
**Time:** 7:30pm  
**Date:** Friday, 8 May  
**Place:** Tibetan Kitchen  
Brunswick St, New Farm  
**Bookings:** Please advise if you are coming a few days beforehand



The Tibetan kitchen is a great place to try some interesting Asian food, featuring Tibetan, Sherpa and Nepalese cuisine. It's similar to Indian but different again. If you can't go trekking in Nepal this year, this is the next best thing. It is a very busy, popular restaurant because the food is good and reasonably priced - you will have plenty to eat for under \$20, and the surroundings are bright and pleasant. If you are thinking of coming, please let me know a few days beforehand as the place is always packed and it may be hard to fit you in at the last minute.

### Colonial Ball

**Date:** 4th JULY  
**Time:** 6:45pm  
**Contact:** Greg Endicott (3351 4092)  
**Cost:** \$30 (\$40 after June 2 )  
**Payment:** To organisers by June 2 for discount - cheques made out to Q'ld Colonial Dancers  
 Tickets must be pre-purchased (not available on the night)

**Practices:** Tuesday, June 2,9,16,23, & 30 at 7:30pm  
 Morningside School of Arts  
 Cnr Wynnum & Thynne Rds  
 Morningside

This is an old worldly ball in the 19th century style. Come in Colonial costume, anything from Governor and Lady, soldier, sailor, squatter, convict or anything else which remotely resembles 1870's to 1899's in Australian dress. Obtain costumes from Vinnies Boutique, your own wardrobe or from grannies, hire, or use your imagination. Do not be scared or turned off by the requirement of a costume.

Come along and do waltzes, schottisches, varsoviennes, polkas and quadrilles and dance the night away. You will learn the steps at the practices, so do try to make it to Morningside on a few occasions. It makes everyone's night better if you have a basic understanding of the steps. And you will have a sense of accomplishment when you do it properly on the night with the music live and everyone in costume. None of us could do these steps until our first practice nights and we're no Fred and Gingers.

You do not need a partner to nominate. You will make friends at the practices and will acquire several partners by the night. The ball rules state it is improper to dance with the same person more than twice (you do not want the town folk sitting around scandalising about you, do you). To help, when you arrive, the Ball Committee hand you a Dance Card which lists all the dances. You then have to find partners to dance with (be on time at the actual ball on July 4th as you do not want to arrive when everyone else has a full card). Therefore, there will be partners enough on the night. However, for our group to be self contained, it would be nice to have equal numbers of females/males. We do socialise and dance with other groups.

Think about it, make a decision to come along, and phone me. All are welcome. This is a good opportunity for non-members to meet us in a good social setting.

### PAST OUTINGS

#### Bunya Mountains Basecamp Australia Day Long Weekend Greg Endicott

This was the January long weekend outing. And a hot one as well. Lucky we were up high, among the cool mountain air - though I still managed to get sunburnt. By Saturday morning we gathered at Burtons Well campsite. It was the first time I had camped there. It is a lovely spot, quite, spread out, with facilities. And a pair of owls nesting in the Native Grass Tree above our tents.

The first walk was from the Paradise car park, the Dandabah. This was through the cool green tall Bunya forest. This is always a highlight of the trip. The track winds around and about, in and out of the trees in the temperate subtropical rainforest. The kids even found it interesting, even if one did want to be carried part way.

From Dandabah, the party made its way down the creek (there could have been a bit more water) to Pine Gorge Lookout for a rest on the park bench. We breathed in the views (Jeff's binoculars helped). Then off to Big Falls Lookout and a different outlook. This showed us how dry the mountains were as there was hardly any water going over the falls. Oh, to see it in flood. A walk back up this creek, past a series of little falls

### Purlingbrook Falls Sunday March 8 June Greenaway

(mostly without swimming ponds) and back to the cars. Ken and Monica put in an appearance, keeping us up to date with happenings.

We had a big communal camp, with large tarpaulins joining the tents and over our outdoor cooking and living spaces. We settled down to feast.

Sunday saw the team doing the big march: THE Western Cliffs. This starts out at the camp and initially goes through rainforest. The morning was misty with that lovely soft eerie light. This is a different way to look at the Park. However, within an hour, the mist had lifted and the sun was out. And by this point, we were in the open eucalypt part of the track. They have made a couple of wooden lookouts now, so you can get out of the vegetation and see the surrounding lowland planes, as well as the track you will be/have just been over. Top points for this work.

The track follows the top of the escarpment, winding its way in and out of Bunya filled rainforest gullies - back into the cool. This part of the track was being used by a number of parties, including the Bundaberg Bushwalkers. We came to Cherry Plain and Prescott where we had lunch, all very civilised at tables and chairs, though surrounded by 100's of campers. Then it was off to Paradise again, done in quick time and they all wanted to keep going, retracing the steps of the previous morning to Dandabah.

Monday saw us doing a short new track - down opposite the towers. This dropped down into vine forest to a big waterless fall, then contoured around to and across on of those Bunya's specialties - a treeless grassy bald patch. Up this for a look, and down into rainforest again. Now to look for Carbine's Chute. We thought we found it, but some of the biggest ever Gypies stopped us. Half an hour exploring 100m. We caught up to the rest and kept going, found a turnoff, and got to the head of the Chute. I'm glad the sign was there. Now quickly back to the car. And a sign showing us the track and the patch marked "giant stinging tree"#!#?@!#".

Into the cars, back to camp, pack up and off home.

Thanks to Michele, Stephen and Lucy, Rusty and Louise Jones, Barry and Janet, Barb and Lionel Cawley and their friends Jeff and Paula Dunsmore, and Ken and Monica and family for making it a great weekend. Everyone should do a Bunya's outing in their walking career, and I've done more than I can count.

Nominations came slow for this walk, and I thought "uh uh another cancelled trip", but it picked up and I had 20, that dropped to 15 on the day. We got away pretty well on time and only two cars had to park in the city. Two cars set off and we met up with the other two at Beenleigh. Then it was off to Springbrook and the Purlingbrook Falls walk.

The views from the lookouts were quite spectacular. We could see the falls plunging over 100m into the gorge below filled with palms and lilies. We could also see part of the track going down to the falls and up the other side.

There was a relaxed atmosphere about the group as we headed down to the gorge. There were a lot of steps, and we were thankful we weren't returning up them. At Waringa Pool we had morning tea and four of us braved the cold water for a swim. Ray claimed we'd told him it wasn't cold and was freaking out when he did get in.

Back to the falls and the cameras were clicking madly away, then we walked under the falls, which is lovely, and up the other side, that started us getting a sweat up and we saw a number of skinks sunning themselves. More lookouts and great views from the top. We visited Best of All Lookout and passed the Antarctic Beeches, which are thousands of years old. We were able to see some great views, this lookout is often in mist, so we were lucky. It was then onto a relaxed lunch at Springbrook.

The drive to Natural Bridge is very scenic. Once there, there was a 1 km circuit walk. No one spotted any glow worms in the cave, but we did notice that fences have been erected to deter people from jumping into the rock pool.

Although this was only a short walk, there were many stops and it was hard to get the troops moving, they were happy to have a relaxing day and sit and talk.

On the way home we had a goodies stop and were fascinated by the local wildlife of snakes, spiders and other crawlies preserved in jars. We had two newcomers Michael and Bev. Thanks to all those who joined me Cliff, Patricia, Ray, Pat V, Majella, Desley, Mary, Louise and grateful thanks to the drivers, Christine, Richard, Chris and Elizabeth.



## O'Reillys 40th Anniversary 14 -15 March

### Blue Pool Daywalk June Greenaway

As usual O'Reillys was just beautiful, a coolish Friday night with a lovely clear sky. Saturday was exceptionally hot even during the night.

Saturday morning the campers met the day walkers at the car park, where the decisions were made - which day walk to go on. Pat had 14 on her Echo Point walk, which also went out on Sunday. I accompanied the Nally family to Blue Pool. The three girls, Elise, Michelle and Byrony took turns in taking the lead and did a great job. Liam had a good spot being carried on Dad's back. The girls watches came in handy when they were promised a goodies stop every 15 to 30 mins, no chance of forgetting!

The walk down was nice and cool under the canopy of the rain forest. Several groups passed us, so arriving at Blue Pool, it was slightly crowded, with people in and around the pool. John B had waited back for latecomers and had caught us up with Neil and Val. We had a good hours break at Blue Pool with the girls enjoying a nice cool dip.

After everyone had gone from the pool and it was quiet. I sat by the pool looking out for the resident eel. Sure enough he/she eventually glided silently out from under the rock ledge. The girls were fascinated with the eel and shared some of their lunch with it.

Of course the way back seem to be all up and hot, and the girls were tiring. Amazing what the promise of an icecream at O'Reillys does. The girls grew wings on their feet and flew up the rest of the track. It was funny watching John B trying to walk slowly and take little steps behind them. It was almost a 10 km walk.

We all checked out the new O'Reillys Restaurant/Cafe/Gift Shop, the new picnic areas and monument to Bernard O'Reilly, very impressive. We had a lovely day, thanks to those who joined me on the walk, Peter, Therese, Elise, Michelle, Byrony and Liam Nally, Neil and Val Reville and John B.

### Blue Pool Daywalk Matthew Palmer

One of Sunday's walks was the Blue Pool Track. Another very hot day at Lamington had a few people anticipating a swim with the eel down at the pool. On the way down we were privileged to see a Noisy Pitta as well as a sleepy Carpet Python with a very full belly. The track was the driest that I have ever seen it, only one patch of mud.

A few people were down at Blue Pool so we found a shady spot just above the main pool. Although it was hot the water was still cool enough for only the very brave to go in. After lunch the group split into various parties with some returning via the graded track system while some of us went up Bull Ant Spur. No takers for the dramatic Snake Ridge, a wise decision on a hot day.

### Northbrook Gorge Sunday 22 March Daywalk Gabe Romaguera

Well let me say right from the start to those who didn't trust in my skills to lead a "NON-GRADED TRACK WALK"!!!!, you missed out on an excellent day. No doubt genuine fear on the part of most club members kept them away (only 7 others nominated for the walk), but we had the last laugh as I had excellent back up (thanks Justin for your help on the pre-outing not to mention a crafty navigation job on the day through the scunge - the comment by all on the day was "What scunge??"). Our secondary insurance was a special search party (Jonas and Pat) coming the opposite way on the route on the lookout in case we were hopelessly lost. Luckily their services were not required!!

It was a beautiful day and after a car shuffle we got to the start of the walk in excellent time - just a couple of kms past the Maiala picnic ground at Mt Glorious. We headed off on a forestry road to the heavenly sound of bird song and excellent views of Mt Northbrook and wooded valleys - beautiful Eucalypt stands. It was a nice sized group setting a good pace with good conversation. There was Nathan, Elizabeth, June, Paul Smith, Eric, a visitor Tania Chesterton, and of course Justin. When the ridge from the mountain descended

down to the track, we took its cue and headed down below the road through wattle regrowth, fighting off the spider webs. Next it was a walk out to the rocky knoll (for some of us), and here we breathed in great views of the surrounding countryside - forest stretching to the horizon, punctuated only by the shimmer off Wivenhoe Dam on the western horizon. Brisbane seemed like centuries away except for the occasional roar of racing motor cycles on the mountain roads reaching our ears. Almost heaven .....

Then it was a pleasant meander through the scunge, bodies intact, down to the creek below. Beautiful rainforest here, huge logs downed from storms covered in moss, many palm trees, cool and refreshing with mossy glades and a tired shallow creek winding along. A relaxing quiet place for morning tea. We lingered a while and then followed the creek along rockhopping or hugging the banks, beautiful rainforest surrounding us. We joined Northbrook Creek which is more impressive with more water flowing and enveloped by the gorge.

There were six waterholes to swim across during the day because in parts you have no choice with rock walls on either side of the creek. This involved stripping down to swimwear, and throwing your worldly goods in garbage bags to float down the creek, while you swam down or lay on your back. It was worth the cold dip to look up to see rock faces either side of you and huge trees growing over the gorges. Fantastic!!! We met Jonas and Pat near the first waterhole and had their company for the rest of the day. A beautiful lunch spot near one of the waterholes. No aquatic snakes today like on the pre-outing, but some magnificent blue and red dragonflies. It was an uphill walk from the creek once past the waterholes to our waiting cars. A change of clothes so we were respectable again, and a visit to an outdoor cafe at Mt Glorious to enjoy a marvellous day with good company. Thanks to all who came.

### Mt Walker Sunday 29 March Matthew Palmer

Sunday morning dawned ominous with very dark skies, initially I thought we were in for another wet walk but the dark was from a thick fog. Thirteen of us headed along the Cunningham highway, a drive from which you normally see Mt Walker all the way, today there was nothing in sight. Had

someone moved the mountain on us as an early April Fool's Day joke?

As we started walking from the farm the mist lifted to reveal the mountain ahead of us. We contoured around to the south before ascending by the ridge. Just as we reached the top a Wedge Tailed Eagle soared from below the cliffs and effortlessly glided off into the horizon without flapping its wings once. A new club record for early lunch was set as we sat down to eat at 10:35am.

After lunch the razor back required to be crossed which everyone handled remarkably well. It was then just a short stroll back to the cars about 1:45pm.

A very easy walk except for one thing, it was the second hottest walk I had ever done after McIntyre Gorge. Everybody was in need of a drink and one person was even tempted to swim in a cow trough to cool down. We then headed to Rosewood for some hot pies and hot coffee before home.

Thanks to those who drove, Terry, Richard and Barry. Congratulations to Lisa and Guy on their first club walk and full points to Madonna who did the hardest walk of her life. Great effort by everyone who came, Christine, Amanda, Michael, Trevor and Justin.

### Federation Bushdance 21 March

It was a very hot night for the Federation Bushdance, and before long we were all a lot hotter once we donned our dancing boots and hit the floor, to the encouraging beat of Band O Coots music. There were about 100 people at the dance this year, a nice number. We were at the Wynnum Municipal Hall so had the benefit of any seabreeze that might decide to float landwards. It was really a fun night.

With all dances being called it was not too hard to follow, even for slow uncoordinated people like myself. I think the BCBC group were generally regard as the two-left-footers, but we had a lot of fun. There was a shortage of men (where were you fellas) so some girls happily role-played and this added to the fun. Don was very enthusiastic and almost fell on to the floor at one stage he was moving so quickly!! We had a Canadian exchange teacher in our group and she thought it was a "great Australian experience" - she was so keen she was going to take the music back home for her students to dance to!!



We had a nourishing supper at half time - excellent cakes and pastries and cold drinks. Thanks to Liz McCaul, Pat Vaughan, Mary, Chris and others for bringing your baked goodies, and Justin for arranging the lucky door prize on behalf of the club - a large chamois towel. However, graft and corruption hit the drawing of the prize - Pat Lawton won it again! What's her secret? The towel came in very handy to mop the perspiration off her brow - a combination of heat and embarrassment.

There were over 20 people from BCBC there, too many to mention. Thanks all for coming and making it a memorable night. We'll work on those two left feet for next year....

Gabe

## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

### First Aid Hints

#### BLISTERS

Blisters are the most common First Aid problem for walkers but also one of the most preventable. Wear two pairs of socks and make sure your walking boots are worn in before any long walks. At the first sign of blisters stop and protect the sore area - use adhesive tape to fully cover the site. If blisters form they can be pricked with a flame sterilised needle. Drain fluid, apply antiseptic and tape the site, this will usually allow you to finish the walk. For bad blisters tape a foam pad around the blister to protect it from abrasion against the boot.

(from *Tasmania Parks, Wildlife and Heritage*)

### The Recruits

They come from the city counter;  
They come from the sandy west;  
They come from the South Sea Islands.  
Our bravest and our best.

They rush from the pen and the tiller;  
The shearing machines and the plough;  
And the star of Australasia;  
Is high in the heavens now.

Riding, tramping, and sailing -  
From home or never a home;  
Over distance and hardship prevailing;  
With money or not they come.

And each with his secret story;  
and all with a common aim;  
To sail to a foreign country;  
and fight for England's name.

Henry Lawson 1915

## What about this for thoughtfulness...

With Pat winning two raffles in the past month, the first aid kit from the O'Reillys' weekend and the towel at the Federation Bushdance, the raffle organiser is now talking directly to her in order to ensure the next raffle prize will be something she wants!!!

### FOR SALE

**Outgear Backpack** with a waterproof liner bag (75 litre) -- excellent condition -- \$220

**Bike and Hike** 2 person tent -- very good condition -- \$120

**Fairydown Dacron** sleeping bag -- very good condition -- \$40

**Carribee self-inflating mattress** (backpacking size) -- very good condition -- \$30

**Phone:** Mike Sherman (3355 5227) after 7pm

### A note of thanks...

Thank you to all who contributed articles, thoughts and ideas to this month's magazine. Thanks also for getting them to me in plenty of time.  
Happy reading!

## QUESTION: WHY DID THE CHICKEN CROSS THE ROAD?

### ANSWERS:

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER.. To get to the other side...

PLATO.. For the greater good ...

ARISTOTLE: It is the nature of chickens to cross roads.

KARL MARX: It was an historical inevitability ...

TIMOTHY LEARY: Because that's the only trip the establishment would let it take...

SADDAM HUSSEIN: This was an unprovoked act of rebellion, we were quite justified in dropping 50 tons of nerve gas on it..

RONALD REAGAN.. I forget...

ANDERSEN CONSULTING: Deregulation of the chicken's side of the road was threatening its dominant market position. The chicken was faced with significant challenges to create and develop the competencies required for the newly competitive market. Andersen Consulting, in a partnering relationship with the client, helped the chicken by rethinking its physical distribution strategy and implementation processes. Using the Poultry Integration Model (PIM), Andersen helped the chicken use its skills, methodologies, knowledge, capital and experiences to align the chicken's people, processes and technology in support of its overall strategy within a Program Management framework. Andersen Consulting convened a diverse cross-spectrum of road analysts and best chickens along with Anderson consultants with deep skills in the transportation industry to engage in a two-day itinerary of meetings in order to leverage their personal knowledge capital, both tacit and explicit, and to enable them to synergise with each other in order to achieve the implicit goals of delivering and successfully architecting and implementing an enterprise-wide value framework across the continuum of poultry cross-median processes. The meeting was held in a park-like setting, enabling and creating an impactful environment which was strategically based, industry-focused, and built upon a consistent, clear, and unified market message and aligned with the chicken's mission, vision, and core values. This was conducive towards the creation of a total business integration solution. Andersen Consulting helped the chicken change to become more successful...

CAPTAIN JAMES T. KIRK- To boldly go where no chicken has gone before...

HYPOCRITES.. Because of an excess of phlegm in its pancreas...

LOUIS FARRAKHAN: The road, you see, represents the black, man. The chicken 'crossed' the black man in order to trample him and keep him down...

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.. I envision a world where all Chickens will be free to cross roads without having their motives called into question..

MOSES: And God came down from the Heavens, and He said unto the chicken, "Thou shalt cross the road." And the chicken crossed the road, and there was much rejoicing...

FOX MULDER: You saw it cross the road with your own eyes. How many more chickens have to cross the road before you believe it?

RICHARD M. NIXON: The chicken did not cross the road. I repeat, the chicken did NOT cross the road..

MACHIAVELLI: The point is that the chicken crossed the road ... Who cares why? The end of crossing the road justifies whatever motive there was...

JERRY SEINFELD: Why does anyone cross a road? I mean, why doesn't anyone ever think to ask, What the heck was this chicken doing walking around all over the place, anyway?"

FREUD: The fact that you are at all concerned that the chicken crossed the road reveals your underlying sexual insecurity...

BILL GATES: I have just released the new Chicken Office 2000, which will not only cross roads, but will lay eggs, file your important documents, and balance your chequebook...

OLIVER STONE: The question is not, "Why did the chicken cross the road?" Rather, it is, "Who was crossing the road at the same time, whom we overlooked in our haste to observe the chicken crossing?"

DARWIN: Chickens, over great periods of time, have been naturally selected in such a way that they are now genetically disposed to cross roads...

EINSTEIN: Whether the chicken crossed the road or the road moved beneath the chicken depends upon your frame of reference...

BUDDHA: Asking this question denies your own chicken nature...

RALPH WALDO EMERSON: The chicken did not cross the road .. it transcended it...

ERNEST HEMINGWAY: To die. In the rain..

COLONEL SANDERS.. I missed one?





RESTING (Russell Code making good use of the border fence.)