



JILALAN

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**BRISBANE CATHOLIC
BUSHWALKING CLUB Inc**



Under the guidance of Our Lady Of The Way

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Please have all Jilalan articles to Desley Pedrazzini by the 1st of the month., otherwise they cannot be included. Articles (if not using Microsoft Word), if on disk need to be submitted in RTF (Rich Text Format) with a hard copy included, otherwise a handwritten or typed copy will do. Alternatively, you can e-mail your articles to: **DPedrazzin@aol.com**

GENERAL MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, at 7:30pm. The location is **St Brigid's Parish Hall, Musgrave Rd, RED HILL. VISITORS are always welcome.**

OUTINGS

- (a) Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
- (b) Walk departures are usually from Red Hill Parish Hall, Musgrave Rd. Check "Jilalan" or phone the leader to determine the location.
- (c) The club will usually organise transport for each outing, but you must nominate in advance to the leader. Contacting someone else may lead to your nomination becoming "lost". Nominations should preferably be made by the Monday prior to the activity (Wednesday at the latest) so that transport etc. can be arranged. Note that nominations for some walks may close well in advance of this. Late nominations may not be accepted.
- (d) Walkers are responsible for their own transport to and from the departure point.
- (e) Walks are rarely cancelled – if they are, all nominees will be notified. Should you change your mind and decide not to come to a club event, please notify the leader as soon as possible.
- (f) **Visitors who have done more than 3 walks must sign an Assumption of Risk form for insurance.**

EMERGENCY OFFICER

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

EQUIPMENT HIRE

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

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

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

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

WARNING All persons, adult or child, member or visitor, undertake all activities of the Club at their own risk. The club is not in a position to even state that all care will be taken.

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS 2004

DATE 2004	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
April				
4	Training Day	Iain Renton	3371 4672	TRN
3-4	FMR - First Aid			FMR
9 - 11				
11	Easter Sunday			
12	Mt. Greville (Joint walk with BOSQ)	Pat Lawton	33661956	D/W
17	Bush Dance at Morningside	Phil Murray	3841 0254	Social
17	Mt. Barney - North Peak	Justin Tobin	33663193	D/W
19	April Meeting			
25	Anzac Day - Dawn Service & Breakfast BBQ	John Carter	32903621	Social
25	Mt. Castle	Phil Murray	38410254	D/W
26	Riverside walk - New Farm to Southbank	Iain Renton	33714672	D/W
31 - May 3	Labour Day Weekend - Yuraygir National Park (Northern New South Wales)	Desley Pedrazzini	3369 5530	B/C
May				
3	Mt Hobwee	Greg Endicott	33514092	D/W
9	Mt Alford	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	D/W
15 - 16	Barrabool (Mt Barney)	Iain Renton	33714672	T/W
17	May Meeting			
22 - 23	FMR Weekend	Patricia Funnell	33666767	FMR
23	Daisy Hill - Venman's	John Carter	32903621	D/W
29	Annual Mass and Dinner	Phil Murray	3841 0254	Social
30	Mt. Coot-tha	Justin Tobin	33663193	D/W
June				
5	Kin Kin Tracks	Jean Gowans	3256 6140	D/W
12 - 14	Fraser Island	TBA		B/C
12 - 14	Fraser Island	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	T/W
13	Sentinel Point	TBA		
19	Bushdance at Morningside	Phil Murray	3841 0254	Social
21	June Meeting			
27	Pat's Bluff and Luke's Bluff	Kerry Mulligan	3876 8125	D/W
July				
3 - 4	Social - ???	TBA		Social
11	Mt Ernest	Anthony Dolan	3342 0386	D/W
17	Shepherd's Walk	Terry Silk	3355 9765	D/W
19	July Meeting			
24	Downfall Creek to Nudgee Beach	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
31/Aug 1	Lizard Point	Matthew Palmer	3876 8125	T/W
August				
1	Bridge to Brisbane	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	D/W
8	Mt Beerwah & Tibrogargan	Gabe Romaguera	3856 3842	D/W
11	Mt Barney Mass	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
14-15	Federation Pilgrimage at Girraween (hosted by Toowoomba Bushwalking Club)	TBA		B/C
14	Colonial Ball	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	Social
15	Burbank Wildflowers	Phil Murray	3841 0254	½ D/W
16	August Meeting			
22	Mt Byron	Patricia Funnell	33666767	D/W
28				

27-28	Mt Ballow Circuit	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	O/N
September				
4	Fr Ed Memorial Walk – Boondall Wetlands	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
5	Father's Day			
12	Binna Burra to O'Reilly's	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	DW
18	Progressive Dinner	Barbara Eastoe	3555 3639	Social
20	September Meeting			
26	Dave's Creek	TBA		D/W
October				
2-3	Moreton Island Basecamp	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	BC
10	Point Lookout and Stinson Wreck	TBA		DW
16-17	FMR Training Camp at Mt Clunie	TBA		FMR
18	Meeting			
24	Noosa Heads Circuit	Desley Pedrazzini	3369 5530	DW
30	Mt Coot-tha Nightwalk	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	NW
November				
7 th Sun	Bike Ride -	Gabriel Romaguera		Social
14 th Sun	Mt D'Aquilar	Greg Miller		DW
15 th Mon	November Meeting			
21 st Sun	Byron Bay	Kerry Mulligan		BC
28 th Sun	Lightning Falls Circuit	Paul Evans		DW
December				
4 th Sat	Xmas Party	T.B.A.		Social
12 th Sun	Club Hut - Barney Gorge	T.B.A.		BC
19 th Sun	Coomera Creek Circuit	Phil Murray	3841 0254	DW
20 th Mon	December Meeting			
26 th Sun	Boxing Day Mt Tamborine	TBA		DW

KEY – Walk Types

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

KEY – Walk Gradings

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

1. Distance

Short Under 10km per day

Medium 10-15 km per day

Long 15-20 km per day

EXtra Long Over 20 km per day

2. Terrain

1-3 Graded or open terrain. No scrub

4-7 Bush. Minor scrub rainforest, rock creek Rock hopping, scrambling

8-10 Bush. As Above+ thick scrub, major rock scrambling using hands, technical

3. Fitness

1-3 Easy. Suitable for beginners

4-7 Medium. Reasonable fitness required.

8-10 Hard Strenuous, fit walkers required.

Club Web Address:	www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/
email:	briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au

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

PRESIDENT'S PROSE

I notice from talk at the meetings that a lot of us have been very active over the last six weeks.

There were almost record numbers on Warrie Circuit outing, members as well as visitors. They had a good day walking around Springbrook. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Then came Tooloona Circuit which was equally well attended. People came out of the woodwork to attend. And if this was not enough, an off-track walk like Booloomba Creek had half the numbers we have been seeing on graded track trips – again a reasonable number of visitors added to this success. Good to see. And then came the re-named West Canungra Creek outing – excellently attended. It is only 4 months into the new Club year, and some members & visitors have already done 4 trips – perhaps the Bushwalker of the Year award is in their sights.

And not only outings are bringing in the numbers – Coochie Mudlo & the River Social (New Farm to Southbank) were highly successful. Everyone wants to enjoy themselves. Not to be outdone, Iain had over 12 on his MT Coot-tha day, two of whom were on their first Club event & two more visitors as well.

Lastly, we have a lot of visitors coming through the Club at the moment. It is good to see new faces appearing among the crowd, and more pleasing on Club events. The only way to get to know us is to come on outings or socials – we are natural out there. Meetings are important, but can be dry – not really the place to see the Club regulars, but visitors come along none the less.

Finally, since the last Jilalan, we have about 5 new members join. Visitors, come along, sample out events, talk to our members and see if you like our pastime.

Greg E

ABOUT MEMBERS

My club records show that Eric Steeden is having a birthday in April.

Claude Quaglieri, Wendy Nielsen, Graham Glasse and Rosemary Stafford were welcome visitors at our March Meeting.

Tanya Van Kalken, Shana Paik, Nora Betschneider, Vincent Lo and Claude Quaglieri have been seen on recent walks. We hope that you had a good time and that you will join us again soon. In fact Nora has already done two walks with us.

Congratulations to our latest new members:- James Buultjens who has already done four walks with us, Chester Cheng who has done three walks and Mary Tucker who has done several walks with us over the past few years. Mary, is yet another club member who has been walking in New Zealand this year.

Congratulations also to Bob and Fay Mollison who clocked up fifty years of wedded bliss.

Welcome home to the Carters who have just returned from a brief holiday in California where they experienced the joys of Disneyland and by all reports had a great time.

The Club wishes to express its sympathy to Michael, Geoffrey and Anna Egert on the recent passing of their father.

COMMITTEE NEWS

As advised in last's month's Jilalan Patricia Funnell and Barbara Eastoe had expressed their willingness to take on the roles of General Secretary and Social Co-ordinator for the Club. The March General meeting endorsed their nominations. The members warmly welcomed them with a round of polite applause. But wait there's more. Then Carolyn Ivanac asked about the position of membership officer. She indicated she was interested in the position and as quick as you could clap your hands she was duly elected into the position. The club was very grateful for the 3 women taking on these important roles in the Club.

Phil

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 16.2.04	\$	1566.65
<u>Plus Receipts</u>	\$	600.00
	\$	2166.65
<u>Less Payments</u>	\$	506.85
Balance 15.3.04	\$	1659.80
Term Deposit	\$	1681.32

The club currently has fifty-three financial members which means that quite a few members have yet to renew their membership.

If you know of any unfinancial members please encourage them to renew their membership as soon as possible.

Barbara hopes to order our club T-shirts in the next couple of weeks. When we pay for them our bank balance will not be looking so healthy

Terry.

COMING WALKS**NORTH RIDGE / ROCKY CREEK**

Mt Barney Daywalk
Saturday 17 April 2004

Leader:	Justin Tobin. 33663193
Meet at:	St Brigid's Car Park, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time:	6am
Cost:	\$15.00
Grading:	L 6 6
Emerg Off:	Susan Tobin (3366 3193)

Mt Barney's North Ridge takes us to North Peak, one of the peaks and ridges that we don't do that often, something different and it's worth doing. It is scrubby, rocky and has views the higher you go, nothing too difficult by Barney standards.

After lunch in the East North saddle (a pretty little spot), we will drop down Rocky Creek, an interesting descent from the saddle.

Barney is calling. Answer the call. Hopefully we will be home in time to go to the Bush Dance.

MT. CASTLE

via Sylvester's Lookout and Hole in the Wall
Sunday 25th April
Daywalk

Leader:	Phil Murray (3841 0254)
Meet at:	St. Brigid's Car Park, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time:	6.00 am
Cost:	\$15:00
Grading:	L 77
Emerg Off:	Susan Murray (38410254)

This is a great daywalk for the long weekend. Mt Castle is a very prominent plateau on the Little Liverpool Range. It is about 15 kilometres north of Cunningham's Gap. We will stop just south of Aratula to have a quick look to try and identify the pinprick that is 'hole in the wall'. We will be driving through the Goomburra Valley to commence the walk.

We will have an appetizer to the trip, with a quick little walk of 5 minutes to the Mt Castle Lookout to enjoy the view of Mt Castle. Then we will drive back 2 km to the start of the walk on the Sylvester's Lookout track. We will have a quick stop at the dismantled lookout platform at – the 'pretend Sylvester's Lookout.' We then follow the old track through the rainforest to the 'real Sylvester's Lookout' where there are spectacular views and we will have our morning tea here.

Then it is along the rainforest goat track to the nameless peak and down the ridgeline until we come to Laidley Creek Falls. We will clamber down past the falls and walk along below the cliff line to get to Hole in the Wall. There will be time to take photos and write in

the visitors' book. Then we will continue out along the narrow ridgeline to Boar's Head where there are spectacular 360 degree views of Mt Castle, Flinders Peak, Mt Barney and the panorama of the multitude of peaks that form the Main Range. We will have 'Little Lunch' here. We then drop down to the old farmers track and head up to Mt Castle for a late lunch. We then retrace our steps and return to the cars.

It is a long walk with at least 8 hours of walking and hence the early start time. The place has a real wilderness feel with a sense of remoteness. There are several vegetation types and a variety of landforms and terrains to traverse.

The views are spectacular. The commercial bushwalking magazine "Wild" has used a photo of the ridge line from Hole in the Wall to Mt Castle as the cover photo for their magazine. See the January-March 2003 Issue, No. 87.

It is a must do trip for all self respecting "real" bushwalkers. The trip actually goes past 3 places on Ross Buchanan's list of 100 walks. The 3 places are Laidley Creek Falls, Boar's Head and Mt Castle.

It should be a terrific day in the great outdoors with sensational views, so come along and enjoy a wilderness trip.

There is a limit of 8 for the trip so nominate early.

Phil Murray

NEW FARM TO SOUTHBANK **1/2 DAY WALK**

LEADER: Iain Renton
(3371 4672)
Meeting Place: New Farm Park
Ferry Terminal
Time: 1.30PM
Cost: Free (You need
ferry fare if
catching ferry)
Grading: M22
Emergency Officer: TBA

For those of you who missed Barbara's twilight walk from New Farm to Southbank here's another variation. We'll be meeting at New Farm Park near the Ferry Terminal, then a short street walk to walk along riverside park and then the boardwalk to the city. Then it will be past the gardens and over the Goodwill Bridge to Southbank for afternoon tea. Then we will drop below the Kangaroo Point Cliffs and have a barbeque tea at the Captain Burke Park at Kangaroo Point.

Then you have the choice of a ferry ride back to New Farm or walking over the Story Bridge and then back to New Farm Park. The walk will be in three sections so you choose which part of it to do (or you can just join us for tea at the park).

See you there,
Iain

YURAYGIR NATIONAL PARK **31 APRIL TO 3 MAY, 2004** The May Day long weekend

Leader: Desley Pedrazzini
(3369 5530)
Meeting Place: 3/44 Lemnos
Street, Red Hill
Time: 7PM
Cost: Approx. \$80 - \$90
Grading: Various
Emergency Officer: Terry Silk
(33559765)

Yuraygir National Park is just south of Yamba in New South Wales. It is beautiful pristine beachfront that stretches for miles south of Angourie.

Unlike my recent trip to Mt. Aspiring, numbers are not limited on this one. Because we are unable to pre-book camping sites, I am hoping at least one car will be leaving early to take up squatter's rights on a suitable spot. There are quite a few camping sites scattered throughout the park with varying grades of facilities available. Water for the whole 3 days will probably be needed, so if people can

bring containers (full - or we may be able to fill them closer to Yuraygir).

Camping fees are \$6 per day for each car and \$5 camping fees per night per adult (\$3 per child).

I have all the maps (Thanks, Justin & Phil) and it will depend on our site as to where we walk and on which day.

Saturday night we will go into town (Yamba probably) for Mass and dinner afterwards.

Don't tell Iain, but after looking at the one colour photo I have of the area, James and I have decided we are taking our folding chairs and just sitting on the beach all weekend.

Please join us.
Desley

MT HOBWEE

Monday Labour Day Holiday
3rd May 2004.

LEADER: Greg Endicott (3351 4092)
Meet at : St. Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time : 7am
Cost : \$15
Grading : M65
EO : Susan Murray 3841 0254

This is a combination trip - with some brush-trail walking, going up a scree slope, some climbing up a steep ridge for 30mins, and then a long 10km walk back along the graded track to Binna Burra.

We start walking at the Numinbah Border Gate and follow the tick fence to the escarpment, then do a rightie to Bushranger's Cave. This is an overhang overlooking the road. It is a 20 minute stroll from the gate. Here the troops will look for wee little bats. Then it's a short walk to the edge of the ridge, where the party will find the slope up to Wagawn. You will find the slope is loose scree (gravel) and mud if it is wet. This lasts approx. 30 minutes. From

Wagawn to Mt Hobwee is only a short walk.

Did you know that, at 1170m, Hobwee is 6m higher than Mt Warning? The tops here contain the Antarctic Beech. The commentary on the map says you will notice the increase in moss on the trees, Qld Waratah and bushes right near the summit. The country here is home to the Lyrebird, the Rufus Scrub Bird and the Olive Whistler. All is true subtropical rainforest.

Views are to the south west - the Tweed Range, to the south - the Tweed Valley dominated by Warning with the Nightcap Range in the background, and to the south east - to the Coast and over to the east to Springbrook.

Now for the walk along the graded track system to Binna Burra - note you do not finish where you start.

It is a good walk, and one for those who want more than the usual stroll along the tracks. It is also a good one to do during those crisp May days. The walk will take all day, and now with the shorter days, you will get back home after dark.

Come to the April meeting to nominate to me, or phone me by Wed. 28th.

Greg

MT. ALFORD

SUNDAY, 9 MAY, 2004

LEADER: Pat Lawton (33661956)
MEETING PLACE: St. Brigid's Car Park,
Red Hill
TIME: 7AM
COST: \$12.00
GRADING: M 4 5
EMERGENCY OFFICER: TBA

Mt. Alford has not been climbed by our Club before and I have been able to obtain the owner's permission to access it from the northern side.

It will be a circular ridgetop walk with great views. To reach the main summit

we will have a fairly short steady climb up a spur with views unfolding. On the way we will pass Glennie's Pulpit (an interesting rocky outcrop) and then on to the top for morning tea.

We will then continue along the ridge tops to another view overlooking Mt. Moon before descending steeply and then climbing back up to complete our circular walk.

This is a great walk and a chance for members to visit a new area with scenery.

Come along a join me for a great walk.

Pat

BARRABOL (MT. BARNEY)
THROUGHWALK
FRIDAY 14 - SUNDAY 16.5.04

Leader: Iain Renton (3371 4672)
Meeting Place: St. Brigid's Car Park,
Red Hill
(limit 4 walkers)
Time: 7PM
Cost: \$24
Grading: M76
Emergency Officer: Matthew Palmer
(38768125)

Come and enjoy wilderness walking on the less travelled side of Mt. Barney. Barrabool Peak is on the way up to West Peak on the north western side of Mt. Barney. We'll be able to drive up to Cleared Ridge and then walk down into Barney Creek, up Barrabool Creek and then ascend shorter Barrabool Ridge. There is a small but stunningly beautiful spot to camp on Barrabool.

Then it 'll be up West Peak and down Midget's Ridge and back to the cars.

There will be quite a bit of rock scrambling and some heavy undergrowth, Walkers will need to be quite fit, agile and have a head for heights.

Come and join me for a great throughwalk.

Iain

PAST WALKS

Purlingbrook Falls 25.1.04

Spot on 7AM, Carolyn arrived at the Beenleigh Court House to pick me up. From there we continued on to Springbrook, one of my favourite places for reflection.

One thing we all made note of was how pleasant the temperature was. Eventually we came to the bottom of Purlingbrook Falls. Due to the recent heavy rains, and a name like that, Boy! Was she a "Purler"! We arrived back at the cars where I offered my homemade jam drops for morning tea.

From there we drove to the Tallabana picnic area. "Tallabana" means out of the rushes - but in no rush were we.

Deeper and deeper down we went until we came across several fallen branches and logs blocking the track. These were not there when Carolyn, Robyn and I did the pre-outing.

We tumbled over and then continued passing by Blackfellow and Gwongorella Falls. On one occasion Carolyn turned around asking was I tired, or not well. "Just paying close attention to what is around" I said.

Returning from Canyon Lookout, I noticed a land mullet in the tall dry grass. When I quietly told the others, Carolyn was so suprised how I could have noticed it. We all continued until we reached the cars and then headed back through Nerang.

Many thanks to Carolyn for organising this walk as it is one of my favourites and also for the company of David Hill and Michelle Johns.

Louise Leonardi

WEST CANUNGRA CREEK

Sunday 28.3.04

Light rain was falling as we arrived at O'Reillys in the Green Mountains, all looking forward to a day down around Canugra Creek. But it was not to be, notices on the information board and a visit to the Ranger informing us that there were 19 tree falls on the Canungra Creek track.

So here was a leader facing 19 eager walkers waiting for an alternative plan. Lizzie's suggestion of movies and coffee shops had gone down well but the Leader held her ground and slipped in the back up plan of Moran's Falls, Castle Crag and Moonlight Crag. Our troops were soon on their way enjoying damp fresh forest and cool temperatures as we made our way to Moran's Falls for morning tea. A great photo shot was taken by Louise L. of the group in the hollowed out base of a huge tree that had been down a long time. Good flow over the falls with our visitors busy taking photos. Our Chinese visitors were made welcome with fluent Mandarin conversations from Robyn, Jie and Eva.

Up the red road to the ridge overlooking Lost World and Buchanan's Fort. The West Albert River could be heard down in the gorge on its way down to Kerry and Beaudesert valleys.

We had been informed of Balancing Rock being closed off, and closer inspection showed us how precariously balanced it was. Up to Moonlight Crag for more great views and back to our great lunch spot overlooking Lost World. We enjoyed a long lunch before heading down over the fields to the Wishing Track taking us back up to O'Reilly's.

Barbara gave us the history of the Box Brush and wishes were made before moving on. Antarctic Beeches along the track with some of us stopping to climb Mick's Fire Tower - up into the tree tops with closer views of King Orchids, Pencil Orchids, and many bush ferns flowering up high. Small finches and wrens were busy up here feeding and fluttering amongst the branches. Little Eva was

enjoying the sights still fit and eager after walking all day.

Back up to O'Reilly's for coffee with Lizzie doing some last minute souvenir shopping. We were back at Red Hill by 6.45PM after a great day's walk with a top group of people making it so enjoyable. Thanks to the drivers - Terry, Lizzie, James and Carolyn.

Walkers were: Carolyn, Terry, Lizzie, Barbara, Robyn, Claude, Dave, Phil, Louise L. Mary, James, Nora, Vincent, Chester, Iain, Jie, Eva and Desley.

Cheers, Maxine

MT. ASPIRING

April 1st.

I limited the numbers to 20 persons, and was surprised when 28 nominated - sorry to turn the last eight away. The outing went off like clock work. Almost everyone turned up on time, but that did not matter as I planned some slack into the timings.

We all go into Christchurch airport near midnight, and turned off the lights and closed the doors for them in the terminal as we left. But hardly anyone got any sleep - all too exciting really. Warners Hotel was a historic as usual - that NZ old-world charm. The day in Christchurch was a bit flat - because of the anticipation built up for the walk - we all couldn't wait to get our boots on and start the trek.

The flight on Mt Cook Airlines in the HS126 was exciting - seeing those big propellers spinning so close. They had to put on the bigger plane just because of us. And the landing at Queenstown I will never get used to - that hill seems so close. Too bad we had no time to scout around the scenes where they shot the mountainous parts of Lord of the Rings - disappointment all around and almost a mutiny. Dinner at the Skyline was no compensation.

Then it was the bus trip over the Crown Range - always exciting in something

bigger than a Mini Minor. Wanaka was as picturesque as usual – the sight of that Lake as you enter the town, the deep green grass at its shore and the snow capped mountains reflected on its glassy surface – a sight to be treasured for the rest of my life. When you talk excitement, you are really talking about a jet boat ride – even better than the walking. Up that shallow rock strewn river, with its twists & curves, boulder banks, fly fishermen, narrows, white water – the Matukituki is permanently etched into my memory.

Shovel Flats is aptly named. The walk to Scotts Biv ironed out the stiffness caused by being cramped up in the boat – just a long enough walk. There was not much snow at this point – there had been some a month earlier. We were approaching the tree line, the bush disappearing and the grasses, Mt Cook Lilies & Snow Daisies becoming predominant. However, it was not too hot though the sky was clear – lovely country to walk in as you do not get sweaty and “dirty”.

The crossing of the Joffire/French saddle was good, though we got a bit strung out. The party regrouped before the Boner Glacier. This would have happened anyway, as we saw majestic Mt Aspiring for the first time – that shaft of white capped rock towering above us. The ice axes were needed to cross, though we did not have to rope up to another – luckily none got confiscated at the security checks at Bne Airport. Getting up the Pope's Nose was harder than I remembered, with too many little short stubby bushes in the road. But, I managed to pick my way through. It was almost midday and still not at the top – but not much further ahead. Soon at the top, each of us dug our own snow cave to get out of the wind, strong at the top, to sit with our lunches. Those of us too tired to dig in deep had a tremendous view over the Southern Alps, looking down on all those little normally towering peaks, at all those white peaks to the horizon and listening to the cracking sound as the icy glaciers crawled their way down to the valleys far below. Could not stay

and dream for too long – had to go home.

It was an anti-climax going down – nothing to look forward to – just Colin Todd Hut (still well maintained and now with a gas stove, so we brewed up) and Mt Bevan – no Bevan jokes please. It was a pretty circuit back to Scotts – a gradual descent (except for The Bevan). The jet boat was on time, the taxi was waiting and the 4WD XCountry Shuttle was at the stop. This time it went across country and along the rivers to Queenstown. Then sadly we went home.

Thanks to all those whom came to make this outing memorable for me – all too numerous to name individually. Desley P

PS Thanks must also go to our very creative President for this whole episode, it was the easiest walk I've ever led or done - I just want to know what credits my 19 fellow walkers and myself will get in this year's stats.

Desley

MBS

At the Training Day, Desley learned to loop the compass cord through the button hole.

Is it true that there is a new walks grading being bought in - based on the footwear worn on an outing. Seen recently on the same Coochie walk, bushwalking boots, sandals and bare feet.

COMING SOCIALS

Coffee Night

Wednesday 28.4.04

GOODWILL BRIDGE

7.30PM

Contact - Maxine Brophy (32034699)

At last we will experience our coffee from the Goodwill Bridge overlooking the beautiful city heights, the river busy with water transport and Southbank, alive at night.

It will be a night of fun sitting up high sipping your "lattes, flat whites and short blacks". The waitpersons will be standing by to take your orders from a nearby coffee shop so remember to bring extra money for tips .

The seating area is on the city side about 50 metres up from the start of the Bridge and facing Southbank.

Don't forget warm jackets.

Cheers, Maxine

BUSH DANCE

Saturday 17th April

Where: Morningside School of Arts
Cnr Wynnum & Thynne Rds
Morningside

Time: 8:00pm to 11.00 pm

Cost: \$12. 00, supper included

Contact: Phil Murray - 3841 0254

This bush dance is organised by the Queensland Colonial and Heritage Dancers. Many of the people involved have a bush walking background. Our Club was previously very involved in the bushdances in Brisbane and the interest is slowly building again.

So come along and experience the music and dances of waltzes, polkas, quadrilles, longways sets and progressive dances. The caller will tell you the steps so you won't lose your place and beginners can learn on the night. Dress is casual but make sure you wear comfortable shoes.

I suggest you bring your own bottle of chilled water as the dancing gets a bit exhausting at times. Tickets are purchased at the door.

Phil

I have had several members state they are coming to the dance. I expect that we should have about 10 members there.

Anzac Day Dawn Service

Sunday 25th April

Meet at: Ann St. War Memorial

Time: 4:15am

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

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

Elizabeth Richards will be attending the service at ANZAC Cove, this year. Lucky girl!

Ring John (3290 3621) if you can make it.

ADVANCE NOTICE

ANNUAL MASS & DINNER

Mass Venue: The School Chapel at
Padua College at Kedron

Date: Saturday 29th May 2004

Time: 6-00 pm

Priest: Father Finian Perkins

Dinner: Stafford Tavern

From 7.30 pm

PAST SOCIALS

RIVERWALK DINNER

Saturday 13 March

Ten of us, Viv and Cheryl Layzelle, Julie and Dennis Hoey, Robyn and Ross Jones, Jean Gowans, Terry Silk, Elizabeth Richards and myself met at Sydney St. at New Farm at 5.30 on a perfect Autumn afternoon and set out to walk to Southbank. We set a cracking pace along the new floating walkway up to Riverside where we met Liz Little and Maxine (who, not being able to make it to New Farm by 5.30, had cruised past on the City Cat and walked back to meet us).

By the time we reached the Gardens it was beginning to get dark, especially through the mangroves. Barbara and Terry showed that they were very good bushwalkers by pulling torches out of their packs to light the way. Then it was over the Goodwill Bridge (with beautiful views of the city at twilight) and into Southbank. There we met up with the Endicott family who had chosen a less energetic way of getting to Southbank (note to Greg...it is the Brisbane Catholic BushWALKING Club). Soon after, Don Keating and Robyn Pugh turned up followed later by Majella and Mark Deegan and Isabelle (who passed her first BCBC outing with flying colours, managing to sleep throughout the whole experience).

We had dinner (the kebabs proved a hit both for the friendliness of the service and their taste) and sat around catching up with each other. It was a warm evening and it was very pleasant to be sitting outside with good friends.

People headed home at different times, Dennis and Julie had brought a change of clothes in their backpacks and went off and changed to go to a Symphony Concert where their son was playing the viola. At almost 10 PM (so much for the advertised early night) there were 14 stayers. Maxine, Elizabeth and Jean (the mad ones) set off to walk back to New Farm. Terry and Barbara (the

sensible ones) took the City Cat back to New Farm. The Endicotts, Deegans and Robyn and Don headed to their cars.

Thanks to all those who came and made it such an enjoyable evening. Twenty people (21 counting Isabelle) is a great turnout for a social evening. And a special best wishes to all the people who were celebrating March birthdays, Stephen Endicott, Don Keating, Robyn Jones and the birthday twins, Dennis and Barbara, whose birthday it was that day.

Barbara Eastoe

COOCHIE MUDLO

"The little tropical island in our own backyard"

Sunday 21 March

We met at Victoria Point at the very civilized (for bushwalkers) time of 9.30. It's only a five-minute trip over the water to "Coochie" but it's like stepping into another world. As we walked down the jetty, we all knew it was going to be a great day.

After stopping to look at a map of the island we set out in an anticlockwise direction along the road going around the island. The nice thing about Coochie (which you don't find in other bay islands) is that no houses have water frontage so it's easy to see Moreton Bay without houses in the way.

Our first stop was the point at which Matthew Flinders landed and almost (but not quite) discovered the Brisbane River. From there we zig zagged our way diagonally across the island, looking at the houses which ranged from fibro beach shacks to old Queenslanders (cut up and shipped over on the vehicular ferry) to modern architect designed beach places painted in all sorts of primary colours. Jean stopped at the estate agent's and came back gasping "Do you know what the price of a house is here?" Obviously, Coochie hasn't missed the real estate boom.

We ended back opposite Victoria Point on top of the red cliffs that give Coochie its name. Matthew Flinders stood here and didn't quite see the Brisbane River (it mustn't have been his day). From there it was down to the golf course and we stopped on edge of it (which was a strip of sand on the bay) to have morning tea. Refreshed, we headed across the course and into the path through the mangroves (you see, this was a real bushwalk and this was our bush). We saw the remains of an old jetty where boats used to moor to load the fruit and vegetables that were then shipped back to Brisbane. Sometimes the boats brought day-trippers who came to have Devonshire teas and buy fruit and vegetables (obviously the forerunner of the Brisbane farmers' markets)

The mangrove track came out at a lovely beach just in time for lunch. We found a shelter which fitted all of us and many enjoyed peeling off their clothes and going for a refreshing swim (don't get too excited, they did wear swimsuits). After a leisurely lunch, we set off along the beach back to the other side of the island where the ferry was. A quick stop to look at the local pottery (the pieces were much admired and it was noted that the prices were very reasonable) then it was on to the ferry an back to Victoria Point where we indulged in ice creams and hot chocolate before heading home.

There were fourteen of us on the walk, Desley, Carolyn, Michelle Johns, Terry, Robyn, Gabe, Jean and Eva as well as our intrepid leader, Barbara made up the Club members. In addition we welcomed our visitors, Graham Glass, Murray and Denise Taylor, Rosemary Stafford and a special welcome to Rosemary's friend Jean Sinclair who must take the prize for the person who has come the furthest to go on a bushwalk (she comes from Monto). We hope to see you on another walk next time you come to Brisbane. We also hope that our other visitors enjoyed their day and will come and do another walk with us soon.

PS It's often said that bushwalks are about more than bushwalking and this was no exception. On the way home, the car carrying Barbara, Terry, Desley, Michelle and Carolyn stopped to look at some hand-reared cockatiels. Consequently, there is a new member in the Pedrazzini family, Coochie Victoria Mudlow, a very pretty little cockatiel. The word is that she has settled in well and apart from being the same colour as the curtains (which makes her very hard to find) she is absolutely perfect.

PPS Message to Iain. It was the walkers' definite opinion that this was a WALK and not a social. We request that the designation be changed immediately. There is a rumour going around that the Jilalan Editor will refuse to list walks any harder than a M33 if this does not happen. Are you prepared to never have a walk on MT Barney again? We await your speedy answer.

Barbara Eastoe

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

SATURDAY 6.3.04

We were early birds doing our clean up a day before the official C.U.A.D. March 7th, but not quite early enough! Some good Samaritan had gone before us and cleared a dozen large bags of rubbish from along Enoggera Creek. There were many old boots, endless plastic bottles and containers, rubber mats and even a green frog! He was saved from going to the tip by a whisker, and hopped back down to the mangroves after being released from a container in a large bag. Six of us waded and slipped along the creek edges now swollen by the night's cyclone. The higher water mark hampered our salvage expedition as lighter items floated out further and at some stage our taller pair Gabe and Joe T. were up to their waists. Joe's gumboots were emptied regularly.

As we neared Ballymore Grounds two beer kegs were retrieved, but hopes

were dashed as they were empty! They were rolled and maneuvered out from the water and back to our collection spot.

Morning tea was a welcome rest under a shady poinciana tree in the company of a horse grazing nearby. He was receiving endless visitors as the local community dropped by with their children, each lot bringing goodies for him - he has a good thing going each Saturday morning.

We rebagged some of the rubbish and moved and dragged it all the way along 100 metres to our collection point at the end of Bishop Street and thanked our unknown helpers.

A quick trip over to the other side of the creek to remove some items Patricia had found earlier and by 12 o'clock we had called it a day. Sadly having to leave a few inaccessible items amongst thick mangroves.

A big thank you to Terry, Gabe, Joe T. Matthew, Aiden and Patricia F,

Cheers, Maxine

APOLOGY

My apology to Michelle Johns who was a hard working collector for Little King's Movement on 14.2.04. I accidentally left her name off the list in last month's magazine. Thank you, Michelle.

Maxine

THANK YOU

To all the people who expressed their pleasant surprise at my attempt at doing last month's Jilalan - I have passed your compliments on to the person really responsible - Phil Murray.

The last time I was editor, it was typed on a manual typewriter onto a stencil and then hand printed by Gestetner - and that doesn't seem that long ago. How times change!!

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs

Federation meetings are held at 7:30pm on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Little Kings Movement. 33 O'Keefe St, Buranda.

Federation web site address is:
<http://www.geocities.com/qfbwc/index.html>.

The email address is
qfbwc@yahoo.com.au

Ω..... A THOUGHT TO PONDER.....Ω

Quote from a textbook on mental disorders:

"It is nice to know that as we grow older we become saner, even if we become cognitively less competent"

A note from the Editor.....

Please forward your magazine articles by the 1st of the month. You may forward your articles to either:

P.O. Box 18
Royal Brisbane Hospital, 4029 or

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Monthly Calendar

April/May 2004

Of CLUB Events

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
16	17 Bush Dance at Morningside - Cnr Thynne & Wynnum Rds. Ring Phil M	18 Mt Barney/North Peak/Rocky Ck - Ring Justin T	19 Club Meeting, St Brigid's Hall, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill, 7.30pm	20	21	22
23	24	25 ANZAC DAY 1. Dawn Service & BBQ B'fast. 2. Mt Castle - Ring Phil M	26 Riverside Walk - Humbug Reach to Sth Bne Reach - Ring Phil M	27	28 Coffee Night - on the Goodwill Bridge - Ring Maxine B	29
30 The MAY Loong Weekend - Yuraygir National Park - Ring Desley	1 Yuraygir National Park, in northern N.S.W. 3 Days - Sat, Sun & Mon, Plus Fri Night	2 Yuraygir National Park Base Camp - Ring Desley P	3 1. Yuraygir National Park. 2. Bushranger's Cave/Mt Hobwee /Binna Burra - Ring Greg	4	5	6
7	8	9 Mt Alford - Ring Pat L	10	11	12	13
14	15 Barrabool on Mt Barney - Ring Iain R	16 Barrabool Through Walk - 2 days of walking	17 Back to another Club Meeting Night, this time the May one.	18	19	20

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