



JILALAN

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CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB INC.
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Articles for "Jilalan", post to Cecilia Doherty 2/32 Stanley Terrace, East Brisbane. Please note different deadlines for submitting articles on paper and on disk 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, being scheduled to commence at 7.30 p.m. (although they usually start about 15 minutes later). The location is currently in the basement of the Catholic Centre (near St Stephen's Cathedral) with entry via Charlotte Street. The door is usually staffed up to about 8.00 p.m. If you arrive after this time, please ring the bell and wait for someone to let you in. Parking is NOT available on site and free parking can be difficult to find nearby. Parking is available close by at \$4.00. **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. (SEE NEW BY-LAW IN COMMITTEE REPORT).

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.

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.

1996 BCBC CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS**MARK YOUR DIARY NOW!**

APR	17	Outings Meeting (Jul - Dec)	Ed Thistlethwaite	3374 2198	MTN
	20	Intermediate Rope Day	Bill Butler	3351 1588	FMR
	21	Navigation BFP (YHA)	Bill Butler	3351 1588	FMR
	25	Bike Tracks Ride (Anzac Day)	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	D/W
	25-28	Fraser Island	Matthew Palmer	3279 4490	T/W
	26-28	Edward's Gap to Mt Castle	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	T/W
MAY	28	Flinder's Peak	Anthony Dolan	3899 1785	D/W
	12	Running Creek	Bill Butler	3351 1588	D/W
	17	Federation Bushdance	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	SOC
	18-19	Training Weekend (Hell-hole Gorge)	Bill Butler	3351 1588	FMR
	19	Aracaria Circuit	Patricia Broughton	3341 7509	D/W
	20	Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN
JUN	24-26	Moreton Island	Ed Nally	3857 2021	B/C
	24-26	Moreton Island	June Greenaway	3358 5295	T/W
	27	Jilalan Deadline (Paper Articles)			JIL
	1	Ten Pin Bowling	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	SOC
	2	Monseratt Lookout	Barry Ellerington	3886 3451	D/W
	4	Management Committee Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN
JUL	5	Jilalan Deadline (Computer Disk Articles)			JIL
	7-10	Sundown	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	B/C
	7-10	Sundown	Ken Fraser	3852 1607	T/W
	10	Mt Maroon	Trevor Kelly	3357 5046	D/W
	14-16	Watson's Creek	Matthew Palmer	3279 4490	O/N
	16	Watson's Creek Falls	Ken Fraser	3852 1607	D/W
JUL	17	Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN
	21-23	Forest Tops - O'Reilly's	To be announced		T/W
	21-23	Green Mountains (O'Reilly's)	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	B/C
	22	Green Mountains (O'Reilly's)	Bernadette Dolan	3899 1785	D/W
	23	Green Mountains (O'Reilly's)	Geoff Egert	3356 2163	D/W
	24	Jilalan Deadline (Paper Articles)			JIL
JUL	28-30	Glasshouse Mtns Epic	John Carter	3290 3621	B/C
	1	Management Committee Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN
	3	Jilalan Deadline (Computer Disk Articles)			JIL
	6	Colonial Ball	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	SOC
	12-14	Mt Glorious - Lake Manchester	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	T/W
	14	Rescue Leaders	Bill Butler	3351 1588	FMR
JUL	15	Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN
	20	Christmas in July	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	SOC
	21	Shipstern	June Greenaway	3358 5295	D/W
	22	Jilalan Deadline (Paper Articles)			JIL
	27-28	Lightning Falls			D/W
	3	O'Reilly's Dinner	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	SOC
AUG	4	Post Dinner Walk	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	D/W
	5	Management Committee Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN
	7	Jilalan Deadline (Computer Disk Articles)			JIL
	9-11	Lizard - Bangalore - Bell			T/W
	11	Mt May			D/W
	13-14	Barney Mass	Con Vink	3814 3545	O/N
AUG	16-18	Spicers			B/C
	19	Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN

	24	Cougals				D/W
	26	Jilalan Deadline (Paper Articles)				JIL
	30-1	Stretcher Track - Wyangaree				T/W
SEP	30-1	Forest Tops				B/C
	2	Management Committee Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN	
	4	Jilalan Deadline (Computer Disk Articles)				JIL
	7	Mt Sampson				D/W
	8	To be announced	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	SOC	
	13-15	Pilgrimage	Ed Thistlethwaite	3374 2198	B/C	
	16	Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN	
	21	Social Bike Ride	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	SOC	
	22	Reynolds Gorge-Mt Edwards				D/W
	23	Jilalan Deadline (Paper Articles)				JIL
	28	Progressive Dinner	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	SOC	
OCT	4-6	Girraween				T/W
	4-6	Girraween				B/C
	7	Management Committee Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN	
	9	Jilalan Deadline (Computer Disk Articles)				JIL
	12-13	Rocky Creek				O/N
	19	Beginner's Rope Day - Blackwall				FMR
	20	Coomera Circuit				D/W
	27-28	Mt Warning	Cathy Thistlethwaite	3374 2198	O/N	
	21	Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN	
	28	Jilalan Deadline (Paper Articles)				JIL
NOV	1-3	Con's Plain				B/C
	4	Management Committee Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN	
	6	Jilalan Deadline (Computer Disk Articles)				JIL
	9	Intermediate Training - Burnett Creek				FMR
	9-10	Numinbah				T/W
	14-17	Kaputar (requires day off)				B/C
	17	Boondall Wetlands				D/W
	18	Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN	
	24	Dianna's Bath				D/W
	25	Jilalan Deadline (Paper Articles)				JIL
	29-1	Cooloola				T/W
DEC	29-1	Cooloola				B/C
	2	Management Committee Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN	
	4	Jilalan Deadline (Computer Disk Articles)				JIL
	6-8	Christmas Party	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	SOC	
	15	To be announced				D/W
	16	Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN	
	22	Bribie Island				D/W
	23	Jilalan Deadline (Paper Articles)				JIL
	26	Boxing Day - Kondalilla Falls				D/W
	28	Mt Tamborine				D/W
	31	New Year's Eve Party	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	SOC	

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JAN	24-26	Mon Repos (Requires day off)				B/C
Easter		Bundjalung - Yuraygir NP				B/C

KEY

D/W - Day Walk	1/2 DW - Half-day Walk
T/W - Through Walk	S/T - Safety & Training
O/N - Overnight	FMR - Federation Mountain Rescue
B/C - Base Camp	Soc - Social

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In order to make it easier for leaders, the closing dates for Jilalan articles have been listed in the Association Calendar. Note that there are different closing dates for written articles vs computer disk articles.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Once again, all members are invited to the next meeting of the Management Committee. It will be held at Cecilia Doherty's place at 2/32 Stanley Terrace, East Brisbane on Tuesday 4th June starting at 7.30 p.m. Please note that it is on a Tuesday because of the public holiday on Monday. The dates of future Committee meetings have also been listed in Jilalan.

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

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| 1. Distance | Short | Under 10 km 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 | <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 |
| 4. Activity | Base Camp, Day Walk, Through Walk, Social Activity, Safety & Training, Federation Mountain Rescue, Miscellaneous. | |

COMING WALKS

Fri 24 May - Sun 26 May
MORETON ISLAND
(Base Camp)

Leader: Ed Nally (ph 38572021)
 Time: 5.15 pm
 Meeting Place: Bray Park. 17 Gloucester Cres. (Paul McDonald's place) or pick up at Railway Station can be arranged.
 Cost: \$35 - \$40 depending on numbers. (Includes \$20 return ferry charge. \$3 camp fees.)
 Emerg. Off. Patrice Nally Ph 38408163
 Grade: Medium, 3,3

A "not-to-be-missed" week-end at the Blue Lagoon!

This is not the Blue Lagoon in a film of that name but a top spot on the surf side of Moreton Island. There will be a walk to Cape Moreton on the Saturday with exploration of the old lighthouse site (12-14 km return), a walk across the island on Sunday to the ferry (11-12 km) and energetic people may be able to fit in a walk to Mt Tempest, explore Blue Lagoon, swim(?), fish(?).

Camp fire (conditions permitting) and Eucharist Saturday night. It will be all sand walking. The plan is to meet at Paul's place at Bray Park and travel from there to Scarborough for the 7pm ferry to Bulwer on Friday night. From there we will travel across the Island to the camping ground at Blue Lagoon.

Because of transport problems there will be a limit to the number going. Paul will have his 4 wheel drive which will mean minimum pack carrying. He will also have his stove, light, extra water containers etc. So please try to travel light concentrating on essentials - food, clothing etc. We hope to be back in Brisbane around 5pm Sunday.

P.S. If you are coming and have a mobile phone, it could be very useful for communicating with Paul who is bringing his.



On a recent club trip along the Bruce Hwy a road sign that normally reads PASSENGER IS YOUR DRIVER ALERT? had been modified slightly with the L now a J and the T now a K. In one car, it was decided that they should have a vote on the issue.

Fri 24 May - Sun 26 May 1996**MORETON ISLAND****(Throughwalk)**

Leader: June Greenaway (Ph 3358 5295)
Time: 6.00p.m. at Hawkins Boat
Meeting Place: Terminal, Howard Smith Avenue
 Whyte Island (just before Fishermans
 Island)
Cost: \$18.00 barge, \$3.00-\$5.00
 camping, \$8.00 fuel
Emerg Officer: Anthony Dolan
Grade: Medium,3,3

We will be leaving Brisbane early on Friday in time to catch the 6.30p.m. barge, Moreton Venture, from Fisherman's Island. It is a 2 hour trip across to Moreton Island. Have your torches handy for the walk across the beach up to our campsite for the night. On Saturday, we will have the expertise of two fellow bushwalkers to lead us on this two day throughwalk. We will walk along the beach past the Wrecks and Tangalooma Resort then across the Desert to the other side of the island and Rous Battery. At the old fortifications we will have good views. We also pick up water here for Saturday night/Sunday morning. Camping will be in the bush. Sunday we cross back over the bay side, walking past the Big Sandhills (who's game for a slide down them?), and then walk approximately 12km along the beach, catching the 4.00p.m. barge back to Brisbane. Bring sunscreen, insect repellent, wine bladder for extra water, and all the usual other things.

Sunday 2nd June 1996
MONSERATT LOOKOUT
(Day Walk)

Leader: Barry Ellerington
Meeting Time: 7.00 a.m.
Meeting Place: Charlotte Street, City
Emerg Off: Janet Ellerington Ph: 3886 3451
Cost: \$12.00
Grade: Medium



Monseratt Lookout is a small peak and is in the general region of the Mt Ballow Massif and the general area of Mt Barney. Monseratt and its many ridges are covered with open eucalypt forest and are reasonably easy going. Our route will take us up the north ridge starting from Grace's Hut. Its not a steep ridge and should take us 1.5 hours to 2 hours to reach the lookout. The lookout provides us with the most spectacular and rewarding views of Mt Barney in all its splendour. We shall see the peaks of Bippoh, Barrabool, Leaning, West Peak and many other features of the mountain. It is a photographer's delight where landscape pictures can be taken. Don't miss out on this opportunity to capture one of nature's landscapes. Have a nice day!

Fri 7 June - Mon 10 June 1996**SUNDOWN****(Base Camp)**

Contact: Paul Mc Donald 3205 1984 (H)
Time: Leaving S&N by 7.00 PM SHARP
Meeting Place: Sullivan & Nicoladies Taringa
Cost: \$30.00
Emerg Officer: Louise Jones ph. 3399 4472
Grade: Medium

On Friday night we will camp at the site of the old Sundown Homestead (now gone), where any conventional vehicles will remain for the weekend. On Saturday morning, there will be a walk to Red Rock Falls, while our gear is transported to Burrow's Waterhole, the campsite for the weekend. If time permits, there may be a trip to the base of the falls, and thence a walk/drive to Burrow's. After camp is established, we'll follow Sundown Creek to visit the spectacular Rat's Castle, and then return. Sunday will see us follow the Severn River, visiting Donovan's Waterhole, Rat's Castle Waterhole, The Hell Hole (another waterhole), before exploring Blue Gorge as far as time/difficulty permit.

Monday will be a leisurely day, to allow time to pack, return to the cars, and thence to Brisbane.

This walk provides the opportunity to visit areas of Sundown that Club Basecamps have never (?) visited, and provides an ideal introduction to this rugged area. Being winter, expect cold nights, but the days are usually pleasantly warm. Toilets are available at Burrow's. Please remember that if you volunteer to drive, your vehicle will be left at the old homestead site (essentially in the middle of the bush) for the weekend.

Due to transport arrangements, numbers have to be limited, so nominate early.

Monday 10 June 1996**Mt Maroon****(Day Walk)**

Leader: Trevor Kelly PH 3357 5046
Meeting Time: 7.00 a.m.
Meeting Place: Behind the Cathedral, Charlotte St
Cost: \$12.00
Emerg Off: Anthony Dolan PH. 3899 1785
Grade: Medium

For those of you not fortunate enough to be able to go to Sundown, never fear, I will be leading an assault of Mt Maroon. Clanmorris was the original name given to Maroon back in 1827 by Captain Logan but was later renamed after our successful state of origin teams in the 1980's "the Maroons".

Mt Maroon lies in the area just north of Mt Barney. We will be taking the normal route to the top where we follow a ridge until we near a cliff line and then drop into the valley on the right before ascending to the top. On top, Mt Maroon has many remarkable areas to explore - the terrain is similar to the top of Barney but on a much smaller scale. If it is a clear day, we will see stupendous views of Mt Barney, Mt Ballow and nearly the entire length of the Main Range.

I am doing the pre outing on May 31st and I have exams up to this week so nominate at the meeting or give me a call after this date.

Sunday 16 June 1996 **Watson's Creek Falls** **(Day Walk)**

Leader: Ken Fraser
Time: 7.00 a.m.
Meeting Place: Behind the Cathedral, Charlotte St.
Cost: \$12.00
Emerg Off: Anthony Dolan PH. 3899 1785
Grade: Medium

We will head towards Boonah from the city, drive to Burnett Creek Road and leave our cars at the old Sawmill site. We will be going off track and walking up a ridge system (look out for cattle pads!) to the top of the Falls, heading down a spur to the creek and following Watson's Creek back out to the Sawmill site. It will be a good round trip of about 14 or 15 kms. The Falls are spectacular - about 150m high! They are about the best Falls I've seen and they are even more attractive because they are not very well known - very appealing! To get to the base of the Falls, there is a bit of creek hopping. All in all, a very scenic trip and a coffee at The Cheesy Grin at Boonah to round the day off. We should be back in Brisbane about 5.00 p.m. More details at the meeting. Looking forward to seeing you then.

If you're interested in planning a trip somewhere different or just curious about what's out there, the Club has a good collection of topographic maps as do many of the Club members. Contact any of the Committee members or Matthew Palmer for the list of maps held by the Club.

Membership Officer's Report

A very warm welcome to **Gabrielle Sladden** who recently became a member. Congratulations, Gabrielle! We look forward to seeing you on future walks and socials! (Remember ... *The truth is out there somewhere!*)

It was a pleasure to welcome a number of visitors to the last general meeting - Tracey Laing, David Heit, Barry Staples, Gabriel Eusman, James Prato, Don Keating and Bruce Normyle. We look forward to see you again !!

14-16 June 1996 **WATSON'S FALLS, MT CLUNIE** **(Overnighter)**

Leader: Matthew Palmer PH 3279 4490
Time: 4.30 p.m.
Place: TBA
Emerg Off: Cathy Palmer PH 3366 5660
Cost: \$12.00
Grade: L87

This walk is going into the same area that Ken's walk is in but we are doing a little more for what will be a fairly challenging day.

To prepare ourselves for the rigours of the walk on Saturday night we will go to Mass at Boonah and have Tea at the Duggandan Hotel.

We will camp at the Boonah Border gate on Saturday night and start the walk from here next morning. Taking a spur to Watson Creek and the Falls, we cross the creek and follow the ridge up to knoll 886. Our next step is to take the saddle and up to Stags Head, another hour or so and on to Mt Clunie where we have a nice gentle stroll down the border fence back to the cars.

Because of the terrain that we are walking through, gardening gloves and gaiters are highly recommended. This is an area that the club has rarely got to and this circuit may even be a first - so I hope you will join me in what promises to be a great day.

SOCIALS *Majella Robertson*

Saturday 1st June

Bowling  Night (Take 2)

Firstly, my apologies for having to change the date of this activity. I hope it did not inconvenience anyone too much. The good news is that its on again - same place **Kedron Ten Pin Bowl** on Gympie Rd, Kedron; different date - **Saturday, June 1st**; and at a different starting time - **7pm**. We will meet at the Kedron Ten Pin Bowl at 7pm, bowl a game or two then wander across the road to **Cafe Majella** and have a coffee or two to finish the night. Please let me know, either at the meeting or over the phone (☎ 3359 8311), if you are coming as I have to book lanes for the evening.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

COFFEE NIGHT**Wednesday, May 29th**

7:30pm

Details at the meeting or phone Majella
(☎ 3359 8311)**MOVIE NIGHT****Tuesday, June 11th**We'll decide what movie and where closer to the time, so if you are interested please give Majella a call.
(☎ 3359 8311)**Saturday 6 July 1996****Leader:** Greg Endicott PH 3351-4092
Time: 7.00 p.m.**★ Colonial Ball 1996 ★****Morris Hall at Anglican Boys' Grammar School ("Churchie"), Oakland Parade, East Brisbane**

The club is once again attending the Annual Colonial Ball and all members are invited to join us for this good-night-out-with-a-difference. Non-club-members are welcome too, so if you have some friends you would like to invite along for this special event, feel free to show them this article or study it yourself and pass the information on to them.

For ten years now the Colonial Ball has been held in Brisbane, allowing people to take a step back into the 1880's and celebrate the part social dancing has played in our history. City folk, country folk, old and young, rich and poor, all danced in places such as: railway sheds, the school of Arts, convict ships and town halls. The new arrivals from the old world brought with them the dances of their homeland, be it Scotland, Ireland, England or the Continent.

Dress standards for the evening are either Colonial Style or semi-formal (at the very least). Costumes may be hired, but this is not absolutely necessary. You should be able to find in a wardrobe at home, or at the grandparents, something to suit this theme e.g. Governor and Lady, officers, soldiers, sailors, convicts, maids, squatters or rural workers.

Colonial dancing is similar to square dancing, bush dancing or Scottish country dancing. It is sometimes energetic but always genteel, not fast and violent. Types of dances include: Waltzes, Schottisches, Mazurkas, Polkas and various jigs and reels done in different formations (quadrilles, longways sets, circles and couples). On the night, dances are walked through and the steps are called as you dance. Knowing how to dance is not necessary - you don't have to be Fred and Ginger! You can learn at the practices or on the night.

Free practices will be held at "The Paint Factory", 10 Donkin Street, West End. This year, the practices will be on four Tuesdays: 11th, 18th and 25th June and 2nd July, all starting at 8.00 p.m. Come along to one or more practice sessions if you wish.

In keeping with the tradition of nineteenth century balls, everyone receives a Dance Card when they enter the hall on the night. For the next half hour the gentlemen are supposed to ask a variety of ladies to partner them for the sixteen dances. It is polite to have only two dances with the same person; any more and it will be thought that you are too familiar! So this ensures that everyone mixes. If you want a full dance card, don't come late. The advertised starting time is 7.00 p.m. and it is important to be there at that time to work at filling your dance card for the evening.

The Ball usually goes until midnight. For your \$30 (\$25 for members of the Queensland Colonial Dancers), you get a champion band, including dance caller, sixteen dances and a quite substantial 2-course supper about 9.30 p.m. Some people still like to have a light snack at home before coming and/or bring a few nibblys to share at their table. There is a licensed bar but you may like to bring a flask of cold water, because many of the dances are energetic and it is easy to work up a thirst. Even though the Ball takes place in mid-Winter, you will probably get hot and stay that way.

Arranging a partner before the night is not necessary. You can come along, since the ball rules state you cannot have more than 2 dances with the one partner anyway. So, feel free to nominate as a single. Over half of the dances are progressive, so the ball provides an opportunity to meet at least fourteen other people.

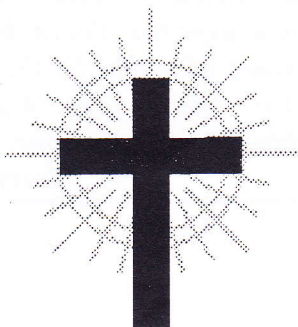
We normally have about thirty people in our BCBC party, out of a total attendance of one hundred and sixty. Remember, it is not restricted to BCBC members, so ask a few friends to come with you. Please nominate to me as soon as possible, so I can order the right number of tickets (which you can then buy from me closer to the Ball). My phone number is at the top of this article, or you can catch me at the next meeting.

Hope to hear from you soon or see you at practices.

Helga wishes a certain Swedish boy a very Happy Birthday held recently !!!

PREVIOUS WALKS

E A S T E R 1996



EMU CREEK - BASE CAMP THUR 5 APRIL - MON 8 APRIL 1996

After months of planning and preparation by Bill, it all paid off with a wonderful Easter base camp. Bill and Ed T. set up camp all day Thursday and made an excellent job of it with a deluxe pit toilet, shower and a big camping area next to Emu Creek. Bill welcomed us all in late at night to Tent City with a lovely campfire going. All the walks were really good (separate reports of those) and having a shower after walking all day was so refreshing. We also enjoyed perfect weather, blue skies and excellent views.

Good Friday evening Father Ed involved us all by giving the Stations of the Cross and also reconciliation. Some celebrated this earlier in the day on the Steamer Range. Saturday night we had Mass, a very moving experience, around a campfire and under a starlight sky.

The evenings around the campfire were such good fun and Sunday night became a real cultural experience with poetry, singing, stories and lots of laughs. It was one of the best Easter camps I have been on - well organised, lots of walks, friends, sharing food, Easter eggs, and very enjoyable.

Thank you Bill for all your thoughtfulness and effort; to Father Ed, who helped us celebrate the spiritual aspect of Easter in a bush setting which deepened our appreciation of God's creation; to everyone who helped and those who joined the Easter weekend for anywhere from 1 to 4 days -

Bill	-	Hot camp Commandant
Ed T.	-	Chief dunny digger
Jim	-	Head stirrer
Bill's co leaders	-	Majella, Patricia, Tony, Con, Joe, Iain
Geoff	-	Captain of the Steamer
Paul & John	-	4WD chauffeurs
Walkers and	-	Father Ed, Christine,
good-timers	-	Denise, Gabe, Anne, Paul T.,
		Cathy, Don, Glenn

June

Good Friday April 5th MT STEAMER RANGE - THE STERN LOOKOUT

The goal for Friday's walk was The Stern Lookout on the Mt Steamer Range. The day dawned fine and clear and we were on our way walking by about 7:45am.

We set off walking along the road for a time, then started heading up the ridge towards The Funnel. We reached the base of The Funnel at about morning tea time and, as the going had been quite steep on the way up, we settled down for a well-earned rest.

While we rested, Bill scuttled up the rocks at the base of The Funnel and did some exploring. He returned in about ten minutes and enthusiastically encouraged us to follow him and see the spectacular views. We did so, following the base of The Funnel around to the razor-back that we thought might connect The Funnel and The Prow. The views were simply fantastic! We were able to look out to Mt Superbus and indeed the whole panorama of the area - it was spectacular. By this stage we had discovered that the razor-back come to an abrupt halt and left a huge chasm between where we were and The Prow.

We spent about an hour admiring the view and then made our way back to where we had morning tea and set off around the base of The Funnel towards The Mast. The going was hot and seemed to get hotter and hotter as we progressed. Coming to the end of The Funnel, we traversed the saddle between it and The Mast.

We walked around the base of The Mast towards The Stern. As we were making our way around the base of The Stern, we met up with a few members of the other group on their way back from the lookout. Following their advice, we decided not to continue on to the lookout and instead started heading back towards home.

On the way we met up with the rest of the other group. In the saddle between The Stern and The Mast some of this group stayed behind and celebrated Stations of the Cross, we continued on our way. It was at times fairly slow going, but we all arrived back at camp safely and having thoroughly enjoyed our day.

How disappointing for one Club member on Anzac Day to find that a "Golden Pash" was only a *drink* !

EMU CREEK - EASTER 1996

"Great attention to detail by Bill Butler. Everything went right on the weekend mainly due to this. Glad to have the Stations of the Cross and Easter Mass said on the weekend. Good exercise, good views and plenty of sharing."

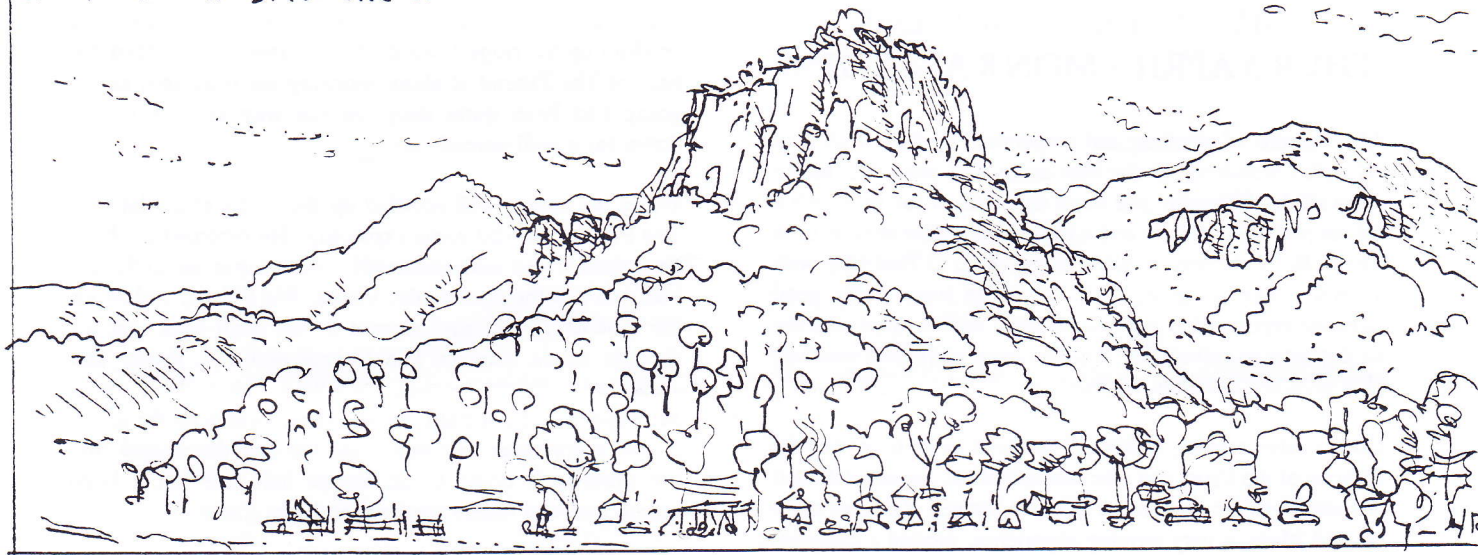
Tony Young



"Toilet, shower, campfire, running creek, chocolate Easter eggs, great walks, wonderful friends - what more could one want. A very enjoyable weekend made possible by the efforts of Bill. Couldn't have done without the excavation expertise shown by Ed T. Without the presence of Father Ed the whole experience would have been lacking. Made special by the friendship shown by everyone."

Patricia B.

CAMP SITE OF EMU CREEK.



"So far I've loved this weekend, mucking around exploring and having a sticky beak in all the nooks and crannies is just about my favourite occupation. I was even able to join in the action and join the other leaders in leading people astray. Our lunch spot above Asplenium Gorge must be one of the hidden treasures of Emu Creek. Usual great bunch of people. Thanks to Bill and his helpers for organising a great weekend with the best facilities and a chance to go to places most people don't go to"

Iain Renton

"As a guest on the Easter weekend I found the trip strenuous, challenging and physically exhausting, particularly the first day walk to Mt Steamer. The friendship and banter helped to make the weekend a memorable experience"

John Bristow

"I did the Friday and Saturday walks only. Great views on the Friday walk and a good hard walk to the Lincoln on Saturday. Great walks!"

Ed Nally



E A S T E R 1996

Good Friday 5 April 1996

MT STEAMER

(Con Vink)

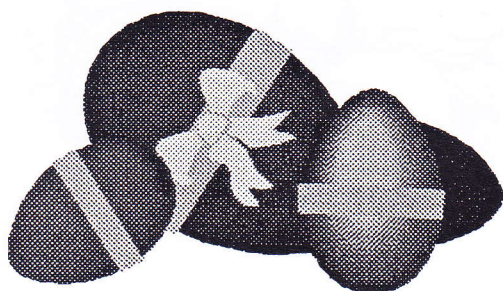
Seven walkers departed the Emu Creek base camp at 7:30 am on a beautiful cool morning. We had intended to walk to Lizard Point via Mt Steamer, but a wrong turn (the leader relying on memory instead of checking the map in his pocket) cost us half an hour. John suggested we take the direct route towards the Steamers Prow, which turned out to be quite a bit more rugged than the original planned route towards the Funnel saddle. This

cost us some more time, and we met the group which had left the base camp after us, at the base of the Funnel. After pleasantries were exchanged, we continued on to the saddle between the Funnel and Mast, disturbing two owls from a cave on the way.

At the saddle it was decided not to make the attempt for Lizard Point, since we were running so late. John, Patricia and Christine (who appeared to be suffering the after-effects of a vampire attack the day before) decided to wait for the other group and to go up to the Stern lookout with them. The rest of us (Ann & Paul Tracey, Jim and myself) then headed off. We arrived in good time at Mt Steamer, where we had lunch with great views of Mt Superbus. We then continued to the Northern cliff face, where we had a good view from Knapps Peak to Mt Greville with Lizard Point in between.

We retraced our route to the Steamer Stern and the Stern lookout for some great photos before continuing on to meet the main group at the Funnel saddle at 2:50 pm. It had been intended to have a Stations of the Cross service at 3pm, but Fr Ed suggested that the service be held at the camp that evening instead, to ensure that we returned before dark. Since I was not staying the night, six others and I elected to hold our own small service at 3pm, while the main party set off back to camp. We caught up with them soon afterwards.

Despite the setbacks at the beginning it turned out a very enjoyable walk in beaut country.



What exactly is a "de-virginised" chair? Ask Majella

Saturday 6th April

LINCOLN WRECK WALK

(Day Two)

(Iain Renton and Bill Butler)

After some stern words about discipline from Bill, eighteen of us set off. Most of us got a ride for the first few kilometres in the four-wheel drives of Paul and John. At one spot, I did a little dance, hopping over a small snake I saw at the last minute.

Morning tea was where we turned off to go uphill. The route is up a dry and rocky creek bed. The wreck is near the top of one of the peaks of Southern Queensland's highest mountain, so it is quite a long haul. The creek goes virtually straight up and gets rather steep and scrubby towards the end. Some of us would have found this rather difficult, so it was fortunate we avoided the worst of it by taking an easier route. Not that I can claim credit for that, I had a feeling I didn't turn off the creek last time, but that was a year ago. So I was swayed by Bill's compass reading and the general consensus of opinion.

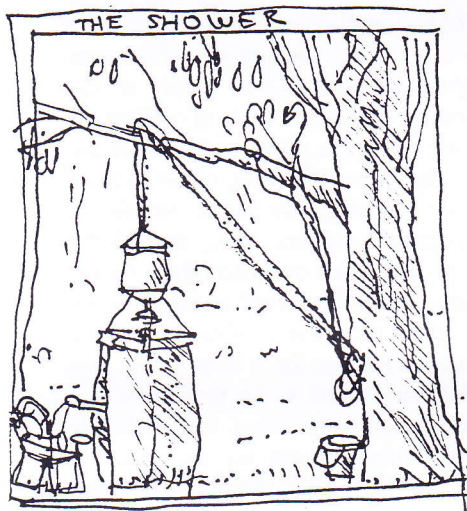
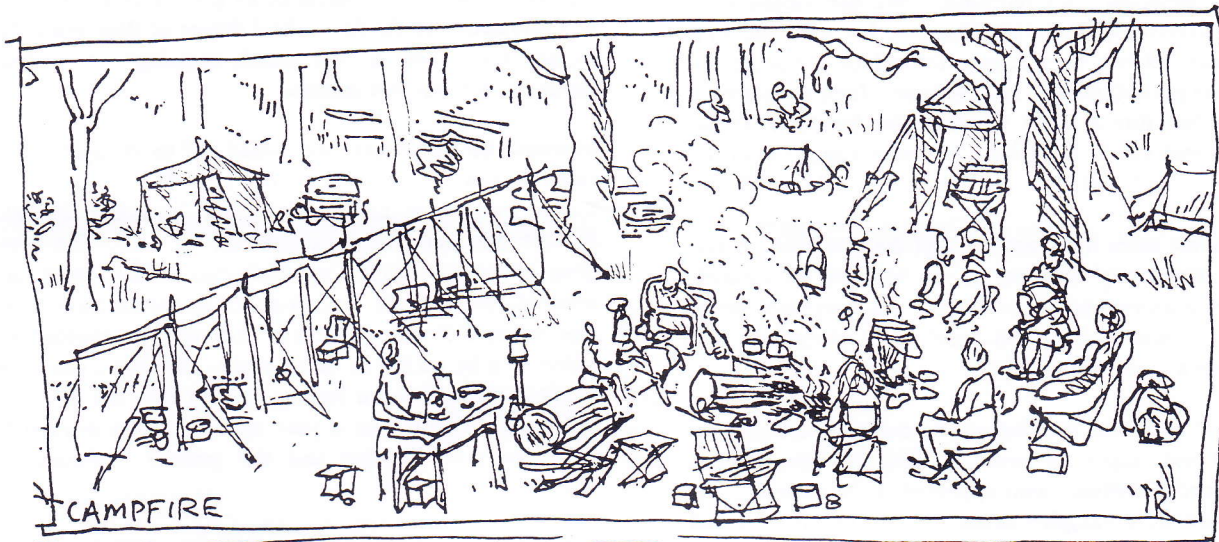
Later, when we came to a rocky outcrop (this wasn't here last time!) I knew for sure we were going a different way. We worked our way around it and found ourselves on the shoulder of a ridge. Chaos reigned for a while as we tried to communicate down our rather extended line. This was because two other groups (about eighteen people in all) chose to come through at this time. Lots of yelling all over the place, all sorts of people popping up out of the undergrowth and the other groups heading off in another direction. Anyway, our tail caught up and it was then a short, gentle stroll (almost horizontal even) to find the wreck. Lunch at the top was rather crowded (about thirty-six people) and Denise proved her social connections by knowing two of the others (one was a relative). Majella then proceeded to show us the bus she'd been saying was on the mountain. Not much good to us though as this "super-bus" was only a few centimetres long. Majella must be the only bushwalker who can say she's taken a bus to the top of Mt Superbus. Following lunch it was straight down the creek (the steep way). Bill led the faster group, while I accompanied those that travelled at a more leisurely pace. We used ropes in a few places so that those less sure-footed would have something to steady themselves with. As we were coming down, Joe Finn passed us on the way up (he'd arrived at Emu Creek that day) and then he passed us again going back down. Don slipped over a few times and did some remodelling (not permanent fortunately) to one of his fingers. Some of the group were fantasising about a cold beer and 'lo-and-behold' Paul was at the track end with an esky full of cold beer. Greatly appreciated by those that partook of such pleasures. Then most of us squeezed into the vehicles for a drive back to camp. It had been another beautiful day, though we didn't see much sun as it was in rainforest most of the way.

"Easter at Emu Creek was a wonderful experience - the weather was beautiful, the scenery spectacular, and the company witty, enthusiastic and enjoyable. The opportunity to celebrate the spiritual aspect of Easter in such appropriate surroundings and with such good friends and companions was an experience I will long remember."

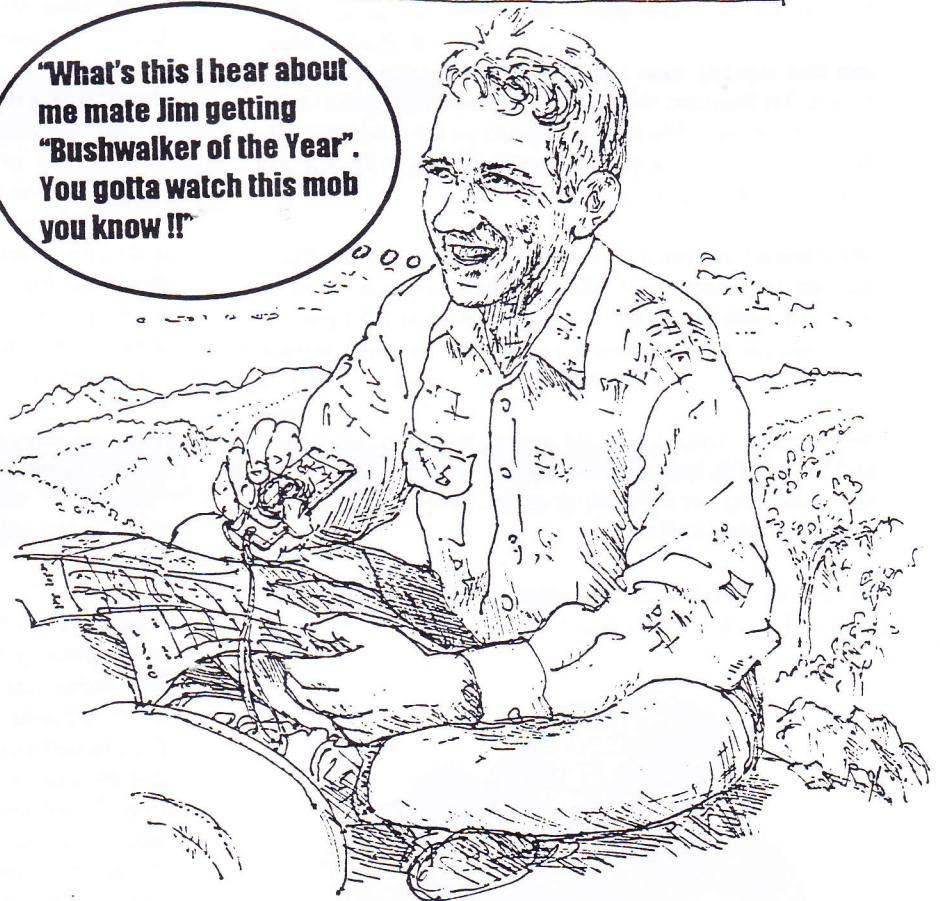
Majella Robertson

"It was certainly exhilarating walking. The Steamers views of Superbus have enabled me to experience all the photos I have seen of this place. Then the Lincoln wreck, which was also a rolling success. Ropes were used and minders were half clever! All the organisation was splendid. Another day of Eastern Guymer completed."

Cathy T.



"What's this I hear about me mate Jim getting 'Bushwalker of the Year'. You gotta watch this mob you know !!"



EASTER 1996



Easter Sunday 7 April 1996 EAST GUYMER - ASPLENIUM GORGE EXPLORATION by Patricia Broughton (*apprentice leader !!*)

Hoped for a 7.00a.m. start but the Camp Commandant exercised his authority and we set out at 7.30a.m. (Jim wasn't ready at 7.00a.m. anyway). Across the creek, up the ridge, (oops, wrong one), down the ridge, up the next ridge to the east, up, up, up, to the cliff line. Decided to climb up where we were but Glenn needed to toss a rope down to one not-so-intrepid walker (me!).

Had morning tea just below the top of East Guymer then set out down the other side towards Sentinel. We came to the top of a cliff line and followed it eastward but it turned out to be higher up than the one we were looking for that runs along the top of Guymer Gorge. Eventually the correct cliffs were found and followed around until we were on the opposite side of the Gorge looking back to the false cliff line we had followed earlier.

We followed the top of the cliff until we came to Asplenium Gorge where we had lunch facing a huge rock wall on the opposite side of this Gorge.

After Jim entertained us by trying to jump off the cliff, Geoff went to sleep with his feet up a tree, Ann yelled long and loud in her search for the missing Paul T., and Iain did his usual flamethrowing exercise when trying to put out his Trangia, we gathered up our stuff and set off along the cliff again for a short distance.

Just after 1.00p.m. we turned to head back to camp. A gentle climb led us to a rough road that we followed back to the base of East Guymer peak. Then we headed down, contouring towards the west but staying high enough not to head off on the wrong ridge. Arrived at the road back to camp and gladly aimed for the comforts awaiting us. The first person was in the shower by 3.30p.m.

This adventure was led by Jim. I waved my compass around and peered at the map constantly but didn't have a clue where we were most of the time. I did get to decide when lunch was over, though. Thanks to my 10 companions who shared the day.

Easter Monday 8 April 1996 THE PROW - STEAMER RANGE by Joe Finn

The night before, sitting around after the big bon-fire, the discussion about which way to get to the Prow was under way - many more ways were suggested than there were participants.

On the day though, all advice was ignored and a bee-line was made from the camp to the western tip of The Prow. Easy going? Not quite! The grade was steadily up hill, a nice warm up for the 10-15 minutes worth of seriously up-hill before the base of the cliff line. The cliff line attained, a breather was deserved and taken.

The objective was to find a break in the cliffs, or a lesser incline, in order to reach the top of The Prow. Skirting around the base of the cliffs was easier as it was horizontal, although not what one would call flat, lots of single steps up and down. Interesting cliffs to look at, differing overhangs, rock structures, different colours due to weathering, water seepage, fungi etc. Some interesting prickles and sharp bushes too.

It took a while to find a place to get up through the cliff line and the first attempt got us very close to the top and in fact, got one of the group on the top, but considering the safety of the whole team including the leader, we stopped short, had a break, enjoyed the view and tried for somewhere else more suited to bush walking rather than rock climbing. So close but...

We descended the cliff and kept moving anti-clockwise around the cliffs. Within ten minutes a likely ascent was found and after a long scramble we made it to the top for a quick lunch and some unusual views. Looking along The Steamers, we could see The Funnel, The Mast and The Stern almost in line, in between The Funnel and The Mast, Lizard Point could be seen and it all looked spectacular.

The top of The Prow was heavy with growth. It seemed that there had not been a fire on top for a long time, but as our obligation was to be back at camp at 1 o'clock, we didn't have time to investigate further. Next time.

A brisk walk back along the cliff base with an even quicker walk down the slope (or was it a controlled slide?) Not only did we get back exactly on time to the astonishment of a disbelieving crowd, but I managed to catch my self on some sharp vine at the cliff base. This produced a long gash above my right knee (and another behind my left) that streamed enough blood to make a great impression as we walked back into camp. If I had cut it earlier the blood would have dried and not been nearly as impressive. A leader has to take this into account.

EASTER 1996

It was a fast paced trip with good company. Thankyou to Glen Morely, Christine Harrison, Iain Renton, Geoff Wright and of course me. A thankyou of at least equal magnitude needs to go to Bill Butler for his organisation of the whole weekend, Ed Thistlethwaite for digging *that* hole and Ed Nally for a sermon well thought out, in a majestic setting.

25 April - 28 April 1996

FRASER ISLAND THROUGHWALK

by Matthew Palmer

One comparison came to mind when contemplating the walk, if it were a test match it would have been abandoned without a ball being bowled. But being throughwalkers we revelled in being saturated.

Unfortunately due to technical difficulties the original itinerary became impossible to achieve so plan B was put into action.

Eight of us disembarked the 10:15am Barge at Wangoolba Ck and slogged along the track toward Lake Boomajin We took the Ungowa Rd then turned off onto the disused Rocky Ck - Lakes Rd, this was reasonably overgrown but still provided for enjoyable walking. The road ended up coming out in between Lake Birrabeen and Lake Benaroon. A reef heron was spotted on the lake by experienced heron watcher Mr J Tobin. We had lunch at the picnic tables on Birrabeen eating in the rain. We now followed the walking tracks to Boomajin for the first nights camp. The walking track to Boomajin had become very overgrown in the two years since I had been along it and our progress was slow at times. Tea was cooked in the rain and an early camp that night.

The next day dawned wet with the howling sound of June running across the camp yelling "the dingo took my sock". Today was to be an exploratory trip to find Yankee Jack Lake. We followed Deep Creek Road, Dillinghams Road and Yankee North Road with no major impediments. We saw a macrozamia in fruit and I believe I saw a ground parrot. We also travelled through some quite beautiful rainforest. We took a side track to Yankee South Road and this is where we ran into trouble. The road was so overgrown that progress became horrific, it reminded me of some of my famous pre outings. So unfortunately we had to abandon Yankee Jack Lake but we will return. Everyone was in bed by 6:10pm that night listening to the sound of rain on the tent and to German tourists violating a guitar and many acoustic English songs.

Saturday was not raining immediately so we headed off to Dilli Village seeing a flock of yellow tailed black cockatoos on the way. The weather looked grim as we waited for the Taxi so a vote was taken and it was off to Central Station and back to the barge a day early. As we approached the barge blue sky and sunshine came out but we were able to see our planned destination where it was raining heavily.

Thank you to my companions who walked with me in the rain for three days not always the most pleasant experience but we still had a good time. Thanks to J.C. and Justin for navigational assistance, Patricia for driving all that way in her little car. Congratulations to Bruce and Joe on their first club throughwalk hopefully many more to come.

Anzac Day 25 April 1996



BIKE RIDE

by Majella Robertson

It had rained for two or three days prior to Anzac Day and THE BIG WET set in just after, so our day of sunshine was a blessing for which we were all very grateful. We meet at about 8:30am at the top of the cliffs at Kangaroo Point and set off at about 8:50am. We peddled our way through South Bank, over the Queen St bridge and onto the Coronation Drive bike path. We coasted along beside the river, stopping for a short time at a little rotunda on the river side at Toowong.

From here our path took us onto the road for a while, past some very impressive looking units and houses along the river bank at St Lucia, and onto the University. We sopped beside the lakes for morning tea and, as usual, had a feast of fine food and drink.

We then made our way to the coffee shop for a well-earned drop of caffeine. It was here that my well laid plans went off the rails - the coffee shop was closed!!! What were we to do? How were we to make it back without having had a cup of coffee? I took a deep breath, turned to my companions, shrugged my shoulders, got on my bike and bravely set out *without* having had a cup of coffee.

Faint as I was from lack of caffeine, I managed to lead my companions to the St Lucia ferry where we wheeled all nine bicycles onto the ferry (just as well there were no other people wanting to get on) and enjoyed a leisurely trip across the river to West End. We disembarked and began making our way back along the river to South Bank. Once at South Bank we stopped for our very well-earned cup of coffee, some titillating conversation and a few laughs.

Fr Ed, Don and Gab left us here and the rest of us set off back to Kangaroo Point. On the way we decided that rather than go home straight away, we'd have a BBQ lunch at the cliffs. Between Jim and Bill, a quick stop at the corner shop and another quick stop at the Storey Bridge Hotel, we had the makings of a satisfying lunch.

It was close to two-thirty by the time we eventually decided it was time to go home, and on our way back up to the cars at the top of the cliffs we happened to run into a couple of people from the club, enjoying a quiet lunch and a little anonymity (sorry guys!) [no you're not!]

All-in-all, a great day was had by all. Thanks to Liz, Jim, Bill, Fr Ed, Don, Gab, Con and Chris for their company, stimulating and titillating conversation and general joviality. I look forward to doing it again next year.

30 March 1996 **BUCHANAN'S FORTE** by Barry Ellerington

We could not have asked for a better day, with sun and clear blue skies - it was perfect weather. Eleven walkers set out and after a brief stop at Beaudesert for morning coffee, we arrived at Christmas Creek where our walk began. Buchanan's Forte is some 821m in height - it offers some of the most superb views of this beautiful valley not only from the summit but from vantage points on the ascent route.

The walk started from the Stintson Memorial Park and began with a creek crossing of Christmas Creek itself before crossing the paddocks to the start of the route up the northern ridge. The ridge is very steep and is covered with very long grass, but with plenty of time on our hands we had the advantage of being able to have plenty of rests. The first stop was on a knoll at the end of this ridge - here we had some good views of the recreation camp and of the valley winding its way north, and to our right the first views of Little Widgee began to unfold.

The route now turns east and crosses a long saddle to the beginning of the Western Ridge, the more height we gained the more the views unfolded before and behind us. Buchanan's is a spectacular cliff-lined bluff. The scenery takes in the Albert River Valley with views to O'Reillys, Lost World, Mt Widgee, Mt Westray and to the west Neglected Mountain.

After a long lunch we made the descent following the same route, and were back at the park in the middle afternoon. Thank you to all who came along to make this a very pleasant day, for the great company, and many thanks to those who offered to drive. Looking forward to our next walk together.

A Peasant Idyll

Love, like trouble, steps out of the thick forest
and stands in our presence, gentle and trembling.

We were strolling along, our axe on our shoulder,
grumbling the rough lyrics of peasantry,
the blade of the sun slicing the boughs,
the song of the birds like the song of small thieves
who have absconded from the counting-house
to tally henceforth only leaves.

2-3 March 1996 **ANNUAL MASS, DINNER AND SUNRISE WALK** by Paul McDonald

This year's Mass was once again at Kedron, ably performed by our very own Fr Ed, followed by dinner at Crushers Leagues Club. Mass as usual, seems to bring members "out of the woodwork" and it was great to see some old faces there. Thanks once again to Ed for saying Mass.

Dinner was a smorgasbord - help yourself - and everyone certainly did. Richard seemed especially hungry (perhaps to fill up for his overseas trip?). The quality and quantity of the food available provided great value. This year saw a return to an old tradition, with dinner followed by a walk. And what a walk it was! Only the hardiest of our walkers were present (or at least those who could stay awake!).

Departing dinner, we made our way slowly towards Cunningham's Gap. After a few stops, and lots of coffee, we finally arrived at 3am to start walking. The glow worms along the track provided entertainment, along with those who forgot spare batteries for torches. As we slowly made our way up, it appeared that it was raining, but it wasn't - we were simply walking in the clouds.

The summit was reached in plenty of time for a dawn. More coffee and goodies ensued as we waited, and waited for a dawn that never came! The feeling of being in the clouds was somewhat eerie, especially with the cliff edges, where one simply saw rock, and then grey mist. The grey certainly appeared as if there was something just underneath, instead of the very long drop below. Gradually the peak lit, but so diffused that no source of the light was apparent. Obviously it was past dawn, and time for our tired party to descend.

Back to Aratula for breakfast (thanks to all who provided our nourishment), then slowly back to Brisbane. Thanks to all who came - hopefully it can be repeated next year ■

In our nostrils, the broth of the air
was delightful, murmuring of home,
when there, in a sudden clearing, on the soft grass,
you stood, your eyes sweet as spring water,
the birds fallen silent, the air still, only the sunlight
bothering us with its wry syllables.

Bruce Dawe
"Towards Sunrise" 1979-1986 Longman Cheshire Melbourne

Birthday Greetings



Many Happy Returns to club members Therese Abernethy, Colleen Brown, Anthony Dolan, Patricia Lawton, Terry Sheehan, Pamela Walters and Chris McCaffrey who celebrated birthdays in April or this month !!

aries

21 March to 20 April

The lure of an Aries

What is likely to draw you to an Aries is their initial impact: their raw energy, their outgoing nature, their air of self-assurance. Aries have an all-out approach to life and sex. They are achievement-orientated dynamos who love nothing better than a challenge. Once they are genuinely interested in anyone or anything, they look for immediate results – especially in sexual matters, which hold a particular satisfaction for them. Their sexual drive is raw and primeval.

Aries find it very hard to ignore a dare. Perhaps you are exhausted from the hunt and want to be chased for a change. Aries prefer to chase rather than be chased. If you

hanker after an incandescent, *brief* affair that creates so many sparks it lights up the night sky, Aries is certainly the sign for you.

taurus

21 April to 21 May

The lure of a Taurus

If you're looking for a relationship that is safe, with no nasty surprises, if you are looking for someone reliable and predictable, someone who will not cast you aside for another, someone who will be loyal and will not hear of others criticising you, Mr Taurus could be your ideal. Taurus is the first Earth sign of the zodiac. They are often great nature lovers and are one of the few signs that will accept a cheap camping trip as a romantic event. Constancy, consistency, devotion, reliability: if these are qualities you desire, look no further than Mr Taurus.

DO	DON'T
✓ Feed them.	✗ Come between a Taurean and food.
✓ Keep in mind that they love the rut they are in.	✗ Try to change them.
✓ Agree with all their values and tastes.	✗ Criticise their family.

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