

JILALAN

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GENERAL MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, being scheduled to commence at 7.30 pm (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 manned up to about 8.00 pm. If you arrive after this, 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.

VISITORS are always welcome.

<u>OUTINGS</u>

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

EMERGENCY OFFICER

If, within the hour prior to an 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 9.00 pm, your family may ring the Emergency Officer - but please don't panic.

EQUIPMENT HIRE

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

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

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

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.

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<u>KEY</u>

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

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SUGGESTED EXTENDED WALKS TO COME

1995 Sept	Oxley Wild Rivers
July/Aug	Skiing - Snowy Mts

1996 Feb	South New Zealand
July	Mt Bowen Circuit, Hinchinbrook Is.
Sept	Blue Mts & Canyoning

1995 BCBC CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS- BOOK YOUR DIARY NOW!!

Date	2	Event	Contact	Phone	Type
May	6 13 14 15 19-21	Barbecue & Spotlight Tour Mt Glorious Mt Alexander Mother's Day MEETING Swan Creek	Maxine Brophy Joe Finn Mum Kerry Mulligan	203 4699 848 4642 Home 870 8564	SOC D/W Soc B/C
	19-21 27-28	Cedar Mt-Spicers Ret. Training Weekend	Barry Ellerington	886 3451	T/W FMR
Jun	3-4 4 9-12 9-12 17 17	Lizard via Bell Knapps Peak Emu Creek Emu Creek Rogaining-Stanthorpe Coffee & Cards - Three Monkeys,	Justin Tobin Russell Code Iain Renton Bill Butler Christine Harrison	366 3193 245 4803 395 7665 351 1588 378 0264	O/N D/W B/C T/W
	18 19 23-25	West End Kinnanes Falls MEETING Mt Barney - Savages	Maxine Brophy Trevor Kelly Barry Ellerington	203 4699 357 5046 886 3451	SOC D/W B/C
Jul	23-25 1	Mt Barney - Mezzanine Colonial Ball	Justin Tobin	366 3193	B/C SOC
Jui	8 9 15-16 15-16 17 21-23	Rescue Leaders Advanced Minnages Mt Mitchell Circuit Mt Mitchell Spicers MEETING Edwards Gap-Mt Castle	Maxine Brophy Joe Finn Pat Lawton Paul McDonald Justin Tobin	203 4699 848 4642 366 1956 205 1984 366 3193	FMR D/w D/W O/N
	24 30	Quon Hong Chinese Woongoolba Valley	Maxine Brophy Justin Tobin	203 4699 366 3193	SOC D/W
Aug	5-6 12 16 16 16	First Aid Weekend Course Bike Ride - Barry's BBQ Annual Mass - Peasant Annual Mass - Midget Annual Mass - Logan	FMR Barry Ellerington	886 3451	Soc O/N O/N O/N
	18-20 21	Acacia Plateau MEETING	Matthew Palmer	366 5660	T/W
_	25-27	Boonah Gate-Mt Lindesay	Joe Finn	848 4642	T/W
Sep	2 3	Progressive Dinner Father's Day			Soc
	8-10 15-17 18	Pilgrimmage-Goomburra YHA Ernest Traverse MEETING			B/C O/N
	22-24 22-24	Girraween N.P. Girraween N.P.	Barry Ellerington	886 3451	B/C T/W
	26	(Wed.) Night at Climbing Gym		FMR	

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CALENDAR CONTINUED.....

Oct 1 Sentinel Point/Dungeon

- 7-8 Rogaining -Qld Championships
- 14-15 Training Weekend-Adventure T/W
- 16 MEETING

Cost

S/T FMR

COMJNG EVENTS

MT BARNEY BASECAMPLeader: Justin Tobin Ph. 366 3193 (H)Date: Friday 23 - Sunday 25 JuneMeeting Time : 7.00 PMMeeting Place: Sullivan and Nicolaides (Taringa)Grade: MediumEmergency Officer: Anthony Dolan (Ph 899 1785)

: \$15.00

Mt Barney Massif with its many peaks and ridges is superb bushwalking indeed. This week-end gives us a chance to climb another of its ridges. I plan on driving down on Friday night and walk in to the old Cronan hut site (no hut there) about an hour along the road from Yellow Pinch, but at the moment its flexible. We could stay at Yellow Pinch reserve, depending on who is coming.

Saturday, a small experienced party will tackle Mezzanine Ridge between Peasants and South-East. It has at the beginning a spectacular razorback which has to be negotiated. Well worth seeing . From here the ridge continues and stops at the wall below East Peak where we can attempt to find our way on to East Peak or contour around to the saddle.

The other ridge to conquer by the rest of the Basecampers is Savages. An open eucalypt ridge to West Peak. Although not technically difficult it is Mt Barney so a solid up and up can be expected with a short chimney on to West Peak. Hopefully you'll have time to visit East Peak from the saddle, a rare chance to do East and West on Barney. The descent will be down Egan's Creek from Rum Jungle, a pretty little creek and something different. Saturday night the normal yarn telling. Maybe we'll be able to spin our favourite Mt Barney story.

Sunday an easier day. We'll follow the old road into the Earnest-Barney Saddle and see what it is like along here. It follows Cronan's Creek. So there should be a few waterfalls and cascades.

The Week-end in the shadow of Mt Barney should be well worthwhile. A trip to Barney is not to be missed. There should be something for everyone.

Climbing Barney is a challenge but to stand on the top is worth it. Come visit the Mecca with me.

Justin

MINNAGES MOUNTAIN

Leader	: Pat Lawton (Ph 366 1956)
Date	: 9 July 1995
Meeting Time	7.30 AM sharp
Meeting Place	: Charlotte Street (behind the cathedral)
Grade	: Medium (off track)
Emergency Officer	: Bernadette Dolan (Ph 899 1785)
Cost	: \$12.00

Minnages Mountain is the prominent peak on the western ridge of Mt Ballow and is the main ridge taken when approaching Mt Ballow from the west.

The ridge is fairly long but relatively easy. It is through open forest, however the last section is through thick rainforest. Good views on the way up and once on top good views of the Ballow mass are obtained.

Descent will be via a different ridge. Water will need to be carried.

This walk is within the capabilities of most people, although it is all off track and the ridges are steep.

Pat

MT MITCHELL DAY WALK

Leader :	Paul McDonald (Ph 205 1984)
Date :	16 July 1995
Meeting Time: 7.30 am	
Meeting Place :	Charlotte St, behind cathedral
Grade :	Easy
	Bernadette Dolan (Ph 899 1785)
Cost :	\$12.00

Mount Mitchell the double peak mountain on the left as you drive through Cunningham's Gap is one of the few graded track walks on the calendar this winter. Its a gradual climb through open rainforest and grass trees past West Peak, and on to East Peak. From here the views are fantastic. Across to Spicers and down the Range. Plenty of time to relax and admire the view.

Returning to the Gap the same way we should have plenty of time to cross the road and climb Mt Cordeaux for more great views. This time westwards out to Castle along the Ramparts.

It should be an enjoyable day capable of everybody. A good walk for visitors on their first walk.

Jim

MT MITCHELL SPICERS OVERNIGHTER

Leader	:	Justin Tobin (Ph 366 3193)
Date	:	15-16 July 1995
Meeting Time: 3.00 PM		
Meeting Place	:	To Be Advised
Grade	:	Medium
Emergency Officer		Bernadette Dolan (Ph 899 1785)
Cost	:	\$12.00

The idea for this walk was to do the West Ridge of Spicers and the West Ridge of Mitchell. The two ridges are very rarely visited. How to do this as a day walk... do the two Eastern Ridges first, and return via the West. That's the story.

Leaving early Saturday afternoon we'll take our tea and have it at the Gap, sitting around under the stars. I'm sure many a story will be told.

The day's walking will be doing the graded track to the East Peak for those great views. Drop off here and follow the ridge to Spicers Gap and onto Governor's Chair and up to East Peak at Spicers, across to West Peak of Spicers and down the Western Ridge to Spicers Gap Road and the forestry gate

across the paddocks and onto the Western Ridge of Mitchell and back along the graded track to complete the circuit.

Its a walk I've always wanted to do. I've never done the Western Ridges so come along and we'll do them together.

Justin

PAST OUTINGS

MOUNT COOT-THA DAY WALK (ANZAC DAY - 25 APRIL1995)

Fourteen happy souls gathered at Kenmore. Off we set, up Cubberla Creek, along the grassy banks of this meandering creek. We passed wildlife, went under obstacles, did a spot of caving, and then the assault on the hill. We fourteen braved a new unknown route up, up, up to the heavens. Still the one to make it. We were passed on the way up by 10 persons on bicycles.

A regrouping on top for a morning tea cuppa, pit stop (a convenience you do not have on every walk so why not use it), then a stroll along the track which runs around the top.

At a spot known only to me - and now known to 14 others (on this trip we even gained a walker), we descended the mountain, down, down, down through the wild untrodden bush to the foothills below.

Navigation was now much easier so we flew to Enoggera Creek. On its banks we entered the rainforest, crossed the wild waterway, and partook of lunch on the grassy slopes by the banks. More food, more tea, more goodies.

Two more creek crossings after this, then the attack on the next one - Enoggera Hill. We raced up this undetected - tall grass, and good eucalypt vegetation. From the ridge line, the party had good views of East and South. The bay, the islands, mountains - what more. We got to the very top, then with a wet finger in the air, navigated our way along ridges, and crests, down slopes and through thick bush to the old concrete water tank - and signs that civilisation would soon be upon us.

Alas, all too soon we heard the sounds of motors, then saw the strip of bitumen and sadly the end of the walk. The only consolation was the smiling faces of friends to meet us.

Thanks to all for coming, and enjoying this rare, unusual trip not often done by anyone at all actually.

Greg

MOUNT ALEXANDER (13 MAY 1995)

A good walk with good people, good views, and a wonderful sense of direction. I'd like to say more but will people believe me? Some didn't believe me on the walk when I said "Smoko" in 10 minutes" and then half an hour later when I said it again they still didn't believe me. I choose to make the rest of it up starting fromhere.

It was a sunny day with wispy clouds as the 25 of us met in Beaudesert and then travelled the 30 kms due south through Kerry and on to Darlington Park.

Mt Alexander is on the left or Eastern side of the road and 1 1/2 hours steady walk up hill to the summit. A few fences to get through and some other obstacles along the way. (Pat Lawton in a playful mood making sure everyone collected their fair share of cobbler's pegs). Another fence with a

fresh and inconveniently placed cow pat on the far side (some interesting foot work observed as people realised why everyone already through were watching those trying to get through).

Another fence, this time on a steep bit, and Jonas not passing his pack through the fence, told us of how once his pack fell down a slope and how he could hear it rolling end over end picking up speed, bumping into trees and of the long steep walk down to get it back up. Interesting story!!

We did a bit of rock scrambling then had lunch/smoko on top. Relaxed, an hour later the group set off to the south along a ridge following surprise, surprise, another fence. The ridge became narrower and steeper as we progressed to the narrowest point and had to climb through.

Remember the last fence? The story? This fence brought it to life with one member wondering if it really did make the noise of gathering speed and bumping. It did. We watched and listened enthralled. Thank-you Trevor for fetching it. Thank you to the person (your anonymity is safe with us) for losing it. It was great.

What next? Find which ridge to go down. They all look the same after eight years. Back then I missed the turn both times too, but I missed them in different places. A whole new adventure awaited! Some steepish bits, some scunge bashing but not much and some beautiful scenery on the southern slopes. The ground and grass was still moist because of the shade of the trees and the slope, thus the growth was healthy and green and the lantana when it came had fresh shoots and was easily broken and penetrable. We spent about half an hour making good time walking on leaf mulch underneath a canopy about 2 to 3 metres above our heads and with no undergrowth. One of the places where one could spend a lot more time but not this day.

A few slight detours around lantana but the road was reached after a few stops to regroup and back at the cars about 3.30. Thanks to the 24 others who came, the new people, the Ipswich club members, and the regulars. A top day!!!

Joe Finn

CEDAR MOUNTAIN TO SPICERS MOUNTAIN (19-21 MAY)

Even with Chris's car developing mechanical problems our spirits were still high as we finally arrived at the Fat Cow. So, after refreshments, we all set off for Swan Creek. We arrived at midnight and camped on the side of the road as the nights walk up to the freestone shelf would now be abandoned.

After breakfast we set off, in bright sunshine, to climb up the freestone shelf and then up to Cedar Mountain. Four hours later we were standing where Allan Cunningham had stood in 1827. The views were fantastic and Mt Warning could just be seen in the distance as we compared his sketch with what we were looking at. We spent 30 minutes doing this as we recovered from the steep climb. Traversing to the knoll at 397906 we were afforded views of 360 degrees at 1150 metres, a truly magnificent occurrence. From here we descended to the next saddle and entered the rainforest as the clouds rolled in. Stopping for a very late lunch we were reflecting on the day so far when through the bush came a lone walker. After a bit of a chat we wished him well and he went on his way.

We progressed slowly from the West Spicers towards East Spicers as there were such beautiful views every 100 metres or so. At 5 PM we arrived at East Spicers for more splendid views and our camp site. As we prepared our evening meal light rain started to fall and we all knew we were in for a wet night. Thirty minutes of chewing the rag after dinner was enough (even for Jim..?) and we all went to bed.

The next morning at least two of us swam out of our tents to be greeted by a temporary cessation of the rain so we quickly consumed our breakfasts and packed our gear. Although cold and wet most of us were in very good spirits except for Jim who had now realised that in his haste to get going on

Friday had left his raincoat on the kitchen table (what can one say). Breaking camp in a total "white out" a rather "wet" leader was followed back across Spicers through the wet grass, thick mud and slippery rocks. We even needed the rope for climbing tow of the small cliff breaks. Being too cold and wet to stop we then pushed through the rainforest to the saddle below. The rain was now only a drizzle as we contoured across the steep slopes of the Knoll to the south ridge leading to Hell Hole Gorge.

After 35 minutes of descending the ridge imagine our surprise at meeting Bill and Ed who, knowing that there was no Base Camp to support us, had walked up with extra water in case we needed it. With so much rain we all had about 2 litres left but we did appreciate the gesture. We all descended to the bottom of the ridge for another late lunch and watched as the sky cleared. After lunch we made our way back to Helen's property and a welcome cup of tea, chips, cake and lollies. We dropped in to see Eric for a few minutes and then stopped for burgers at the Fat Cow before heading for home and a warm bath.

I would like to thank Cathy for being the Emergency Officer, Bill and Ed for their support both on the Preouting and for coming up after the Base Camp was cancelled, and also to the Through-walkers whose behaviour and attitude made my first walk as leader a very rewarding and pleasurable experience.

Jim.

LIZARD VIA BELL OVERNIGHTER (3-4 JUNE)

Another journey onto the range.....

The nominations for the walk began with Jan and Cathy (the super mums) getting a leave pass. Michael, husband of Cathy ringing to say he'd arranged a baby sitter and could he come as well. How could I say No. Michael and Cathy's first walk together without the kids for seven years.

Leaving Friday night from Jan's to Boonah for a quick stop, and then on to Teviot for the Night Camp. After being cloudy all afternoon the stars were out. Hot chocolate, biscuits, and a chat before bed.

Up early, and up to the Gap by seven o'clock and the walk was underway. Following the old Forestry Road around to the side of Mt Bell for the climb to the top. Doing our best to skirt around the little bit of scunge there was before reaching the top. Its completely covered in rainforest so no views here but still a nice quiet little summit. Down into the saddle for smoko. Beautiful rainforest between Bell and Roberts. So peaceful. (clouds were forming off to the west, please wait until we get to Lizard's for lunch I asked).

Then it was up to the Main Range and onto Mt Roberts, from here to Lizard Point. There was a bit of cloud around. The top of Barney was in cloud, but the view was fantastic. You could see Knapps Peak, Russell's walk for the next day, Mt Maroon, Moon, Greville, and along the range to Panorama Point, Huntly, Asplenum, Spicers, Mitchell, Castle, Kangaroo, Beau Brummell, and more. Its an incredible place. Try and visit it at least once in your bushwalking life.

We had a leisurely lunch, boiled the billy, watched the eagle soaring below. Didn't want to go but the first rain drops got everybody moving. It was back to Roberts, the rain not really affecting us being in the rainforest, it was a beautiful walk back along the Range. The clouds parted enabling us to see the Steamers and Superbus before deciding the fence would be too slippery so it was down the Middle Ridge to the Forestry Road. A different and interesting exit off the Range. Following the Road back to the cars to finish a very enjoyable walk made so by the company, views and such peaceful rainforest walking.

Thanks to Mike and Matthew for driving, Cathy, Jan, Iain, June, Jim, and Christine for sharing the experience with me, John Brunott and J.C. for the pre-outing, and Mark you missed a good walk.

Justin

KNAPPS PEAK (4 JUNE 1995)

Fifteen walkers accompanied me to Knapps Peak on 4 June. The day was cloudy but quite mild and proved ideal weather in which to climb this 600+ metre peak.

The route was up and along the southern ridges through open forest. The countryside was not particularly dry but quite rocky underfoot.

This access to the peak only takes an hour and a half so there were plenty of stops along the way to admire the views and refresh ourselves. Mt Maroon is a spectacular sight from this route.

We arrived at the top for an early lunch and spent some time looking at the rock faces. I believe Richard tried to find a way down into a cave half way down the face but fortunately couldn't quite negotiate the first big step.

At the northern end of the peak several of the party spent some time exploring the unusual outcrops of rock whilst the remainder enjoyed the warm sunshine. Con discovered that some of the slabs of rock made different sounds when struck, Tony spent the lunch break on his back making sleep type sounds of his own.

As usual, the descent took only part of the time taken to ascend so the party detoured to explore a high rock face, trying desperately to find the caves.

Unfortunately just as a major discovery was to be made and an easy entrance into a cave was to take place, I asserted my leaders authority and ordered that we continue the trek downwards.

A small waterway was followed and we saw some unusual patterns and colours in the sandstone. For some, the last part of the trip was the highlight when they walked though a paddock full of sharp grass seeds then they had to either roll under or jump over a barb wire fence.

The grumblings accompanying these minor inconveniences soon disappeared at the Cheesy Grin in Boonah.

Many thanks to my fellow walkers for an enjoyable day:- Terry, Terry, Mike, Mike, Ros, Tony, Jim, Liz, Patricia, Gabriel, Chris, Ray, and especially to Con, Colleen and Richard for providing transport.

COMING SOCIALS

COLONIAL BALL

Contact	: Greg Endicott (Ph 351 4092)
Date	: Saturday 1 July 1995
Cost	: \$25.00
Time	: 6.30 pm
Location	: Morris Hall, Church of England Grammar School, Oaklands Parade,
	Brisbane

The Colonial Ball is an annual event visited by your club. It is a refined night of dancing, in the colonial, country, bush, square style. (call it what you like). You are not being thrown around the room. Dances are couples, fours, or eights. Styles include Waltzes, Schottisches, Polkas, or Quadrilles.

You do not need to know how to do these dances. Practices are arranged, and it is preferred you attend one or more of these. However there is an escape clause if you are too busy, since on the

night they walk you through each dance, then call it as you go. Practices are preferred (and in themselves a fun night) but not essential.

You do not even need to know how to dance to attend - don't let lack of knowledge stop you. Come along for the enjoyment. You do not know how good it is until you try it. Don't rule it out of hand - please consider.

Having a partner is not necessary, though it would help even out the numbers. The old colonial rules say you cannot dance with the same person more than twice unless you start a scandal - so what use is a partner. When you arrive at the hall at 6.30 PM you are given a card with all the dances listed. You then seek out partners for each of the dances. (you should not wait to be asked, and certainly do not be late). With half of the dances being progressive, you even wave bye bye to your partner during the dance.

Costume is also preferred - colonial style - 1860's to 1899, and more respectable than rascal ie soldier, sailor, tinker, squatter, governor, squire, parson, fewer convicts than in the past. And for the ladies ie ladies, squattesses, maids, colonel's wives. You can hire (fun going around the shops and trying on costumes) but cheaper alternatives exist: Vinnies boutique (St Vincent de Paul), grandmother's wardrobe, your own wardrobe, old brides-maid dress, old wedding dress.

Supper is provided about 9 PM. The ball finishes soon after midnight. July is cool, but once you start dancing you soon heat up. You can buy non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks. Bring your own camera, water, nibbles, and a friend. You do not have to be a club member to attend. The night is for your enjoyment to do something you may not have done before.

Please see me at the June meeting, or phone me on 351 4092 to nominate. Post your money to me (cheques in my name) before your nomination is final. Tickets cannot be purchased at the door.

Practices are at the East Brisbane State School Hall (Wellington Road), and not where the ball will be held. Practice dates are Friday 16th, Friday 23rd, and Tuesday 27th June, starting 7.30 PM. See you at the Ball.

Greg

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WHAT:	A house, unit, or shed
WHERE:	Within 10 kms of East Brisbane.
WHEN:	Saturday, 1 July, 5.30 PM and again at 12.00 midnight
WHY:	Gathering point for the Colonial Ball, and then post Ball supper afterwards.
WORK:	Some, but not much. We can come self sufficient.
WHOM:	Phone Greg on 351 4092 to nominate your place for this important function.

PAST SOCIALS

SPOTLIGHT NIGHT WALK (MT GLORIOUS) - 6 MAY 1995

The drive up through Mt Nebo to Mt Glorious was a picture on an Autumn afternoon, the noise of the suburbs soon left behind. This is such a pretty area right on our doorstep and always an old favourite over the years.

The boys soon had the barbeques lit and billy's boiling to welcome the happy group as they arrived. Delicious food was soon cooked and we all had time to chat and catch up and welcome newcomers

over our meal. A superb collection of desserts were laid out and enjoyed by all....five star restaurant this one looking out over the lights of Brisbane in the cool evening air.

Jackets and torches in hand we walked down to meet Rangers Will and Jason at 7.30 and were briefed on the walk. Staying behind them both was important as they carried large spotlights and were able to scan the trees and bushes for wildlife, and staying quiet once something was spotted.

We walked back through Maiala Picnic Ground and found some Pademelon wallabies feeding with their babies. Quietness very important here as we learnt - if frightened while out in the open these species will abandon their offspring and flee for protection so as to continue reproduction - this is their natural instinct. Before leaving this area we heard an owl and wee lucky enough to catch a glimpse before he flew off into the trees.

Into the forest now and following the trade which was quite magical by night. We came across a number of trapdoor spiders holes - thanks to the experienced eyes of Will these spiders homes are so well concealed in the muddy bank under the trees. One rather irate fellow snapped as his door was opened we got the message - no visitors welcome in his tunnel this Saturday night!! Their tunnels are so well made and can reach down 2 metres to their home at the base - fascinating.

Further on a little forest mouse was startled by 21 faces peering into her cosy home in the hollow of a tree trunk and after hearing all about her unusual reproductive habits......no wonder she had such a cosy secluded little home! Many envious comments as we walked on !!!(from the "male species' in the group!)

Our next find was a ring tailed possum who appeared fixed to the line, we had our doubts about this little fellow! Had Will and Jason popped him up there before the walk, just in case we didn't find any nightlife?!!

Many more interesting facts were heard as we made our way back to the road, we had spent a most enjoyable few hours with lots of fun and laughter. Our thanks to Rangers Will and Jason were made(a letter of thanks was sent to Brisbane Forest Park for Will and Jason) and they were assured that we would make this a must on our yearly calendar.

Thanks to a top group for making it such a great evening - Justin and Sue, Ed and Kathryn, Matthew, Kerry and Donna, Chris, June, Majella, Carol, Bruce, Matthew Kreutz, Pat and Jonas, Gay, Maureen, Elizabeth and Paula, and Trevor.

Maxine

PS THANKS TO ALL.... I'd like to express my thanks for the prayers and kind wishes expressed by club members during my husband's illness. He is now on the road to recovery.

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FEDERATED MOUNTAIN RESCUE

FMR

First Aid Week-end August 4, 5 & 6 1995 at Mount Barney Lodge Country Retreat

John and Jenny Larkin have offered us the use of their lodge for this event; nestled at the base of **Mount Barney National Park** on the banks of the Logan River there are panoramic views of the surrounding mountains and for those who wish for more than the tranquillity of this holiday retreat the following is on offer :

Two days of hard but entertaining and worthwhile work; *Two nights* of sitting around a fire place swapping stories and maybe the odd cup of tea or other.

Queensland Ambulance Service is supplying the training for the 16 hours of practical sessions and lectures - a Senior First Certificate will be the outcome. If you already have a current certificate (it needs renewing every three years) then you may like to upgrade yours to an Advanced First Aid Certificate.

The Cost ! Eighty Five Big Ones. Little ones these days I suspose but actually it is good value for what you get. The lecturer's standard fee takes up most of this amount; the remainder is for the use of the facilities.

Forester's Hut can sleep 16 people in its three bedrooms and has cooking facilities, cutlery, crockery, and cooking utensils as well as a gas stove, gas BBQ, wood burning fireplace, frig and toaster. Hot showers and flush toilets are within twenty metres of the hut.

Participants need to bring their own bed linen, blankets, pillow & food. A folding chair will also be a very good idea

Henry's Hut is where the day time activities will be taking place and if the weather turns moist or the westerlies arrive this will be much appreciated.

Sleeping wise there is always the option of pitching your tent in the grounds and enjoying the atmosphere and beauty of the surrounds.

To assure a good teacher/student ratio the maximum number on the weekend will be twenty. This is assuming there will be some who choose to sleep in the "snore free zone" of their own tents; if not, then the Maximum is 16.

Deposits of \$20 are required to secure a place in the course; the remainder to be paid before the event. Should there be a need to cancel deposits will be refunded up to and including the 25th of July. After this date refunds will only be possible if there is someone to take your place.

For information and bookings contact Joe Finn from Brisbane Catholic Bushwalkers on 8484642 a.h. or your own club's Safety and Training / FMR person.

RESCUE LEADERS DAY - ADVANCED

Leader	:	Joe Finn (Ph 848 4642)
Date	:	8 July 1995
Meeting Time :	8.30 AM	
Meeting Place	:	Flinders Park, North Coast Highway
Cost	:	Small Donation

This is an advanced day but there is still much to be learned from watching and helping with the setting up. There is also the excuse to spend the day at Mt Beerwah and visit the caves on the western side. Not deep caves - more the wind erosion type but a spot worth visiting. These caves will be reached by ascending Mt Beerwah in the usual fashion from the north then when about half way up moving around to the west.

Call me to coordinate transport or just meet at Flinders Park on the old North Coast highway at 8.30 AM. Flinders Park has a big peeling painted sign, Public Toilets, and views of Mt Tibrogargan. Bring a few dollars for donation to F.M.R.

Why did Pat have a case of fidgets on a recent walk??

Who was that new member and recent arrival having their say at a recent meeting - welcome to the club.

Who is that walker who lets her pack get to the bottom before her? Good trick!

What was that noise coming from Joe's kitchen at a recent Committee meeting. It'll be tea next time folks.



YES!!! The club has updated its map collection - Matthew has bought most of the maps covering our bushwalking area, waiting to be laminated. Then into circulation.....

Jilalan - June 1995

1995 PILGRIMAGE WEEKEND PROGRAMME

Friday night

Arrival Camp Fire Supper provided Nominate for Next Day's Walks

Saturday

Early start for harder trips Full day walks: 3 Hard - off-track walking 4 Medium - each trip a combination of off-track & track walking

3 or 4 Easier Trips as well - track walks Saturday arvo walk to the falls on Dalrymple Creek

Saturday night

Pre-dance get together - coffee & cake provided Bush Dance Band: Supper provided

Sunday Breakfast: Billy Tea, Sausages & Damper provided BYO favourite poem or Bush story Speaker Address by Federation President Games with a bushwalking theme

Sunday LunchConclusion of Weekend -BYO Picnic lunch beside Dalrymple Creek

GENERAL INFORMATION

First Aid station on site all weekend

Camping area at Goomburra - attractive, well-established area beside Dalrymple Creek. Toilets on site

No showers

Taps at campsite - but would help if people can bring some of their own water

Fireplaces in camping area - wood provided.

Provide own meals except for: supper provided Friday & Saturday nights. Breakfast provided, Sunday morning.

Goomburra Campsite - two hours 15 minutes driving from southern and western sides of Brisbane

Rubbish: All campers to take home their own rubbish, please.

All inclusive cost, \$15 payable on arrival. (special rate for families)

T SHIRTS FOR 1995 PILGRIMAGE WEEKEND

T Shirts have been designed and printed for the 1995 Pilgrimage - a small quantity will be available for sale when Y.H.A. Bushies visit your club.

<u>Cost:</u> \$18.00 (ORDERED BY 31 JULY)

\$22.00 (FROM 1 AUGUST)

Sizes: M edium

L arge X L arge X X Large (all short sleeve shirts)

<u>Colours:</u> Bottle green (logo as per the back of the attached Memo to Clubs) Silver marle (light grey) (logo similar to that for the green shirt, however, it also includes a drawing of "Hole in the Wall" behind the lettering)

SALES/ORDERS: SALES: FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED, PLEASE

<u>ORDERS</u>: MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A DEPOSIT OF \$10 PER SHIRT

BALANCE TO BE PAID WHEN THE T SHIRT IS COLLECTED

Orders for T Shirts may be placed when YHA Bushies visit your club.

<u>COLLECTION</u>: Collect your shirt at the Pilgrimage weekend, <u>or</u> attend the August or September YHA Bushwalkers' meetings to pay the balance owing and collect your shirt.

(YHA Bushwalkers' meetings are held at 8 pm on the first Wednesday of the month at East Brisbane State School, Cnr Stanley Street & Wellington Road, East Brisbane.)

Cunningham's Gap

As I came over Cunningham's Gap A skin of time peeled off the map. The fern's green ocean overflowed The hard black surface of the road And lapped the wheel-rims of the dray And the sweating bullocks where they lay, And washed the car out of to-day. A cloud of cockatoos, snow on the hill, Shri + 1 out of distance and were still. Cedar, assafras, bunya pine, Stinging nettle and lawyer-vine Baffl d my passage and blocked my sight As I awarmed the hummocks and climbod the height. But long months' labour through wood and waste Dronged from my bones as I gazed at last Round and round, to the rim of the sun, On a world of richness not yet won: Broad fat pastures and rolling downs, Wheatfields and orchards, farms and towns, Ghosts of the future, surged at the gate Of time and being, and would not wait. As I shouted in triumph, the Darling Downs Leapt into life with farms and towns; Wheatfields and orchards, flocks and herds, Grass to the bellies, woke at my words. The cloud of cockatoos, snow on the hill, Shrieked out of distance and were still, And the skin of time crept over the map As I started my car in Cunningham's Gap.

.. H.M. Green (1881-1962)

THE EMU CK T/W By GARY LARSO



"Face It, Bill - you're lost!"



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Rick White Guest Speaker & Slide Exhibitor "The History of Climbing in SE Qld"

Displays of Early Rockclimbing Equipment

Films, Videos and other Rockclimbing Memorabilia.

Date: Friday June 30th

Time: 7.00pm - 10.30pm

- Venue: Abel Smith Lecture Theatre University Of Qld - St Lucia Campus
- Cost: \$5 for tickets at the door

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