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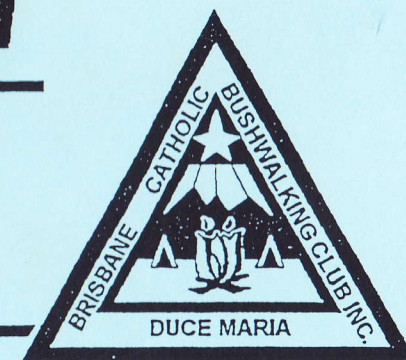


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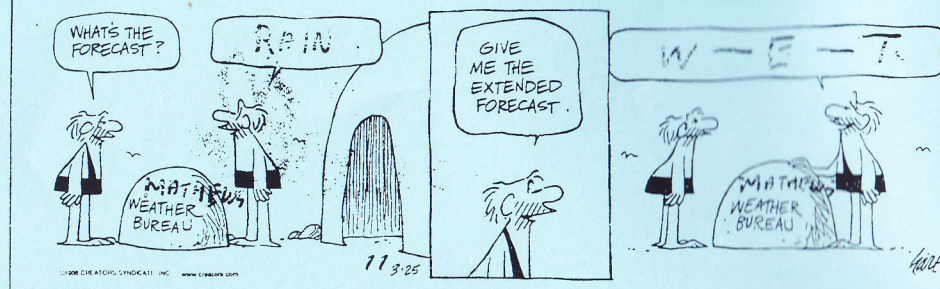
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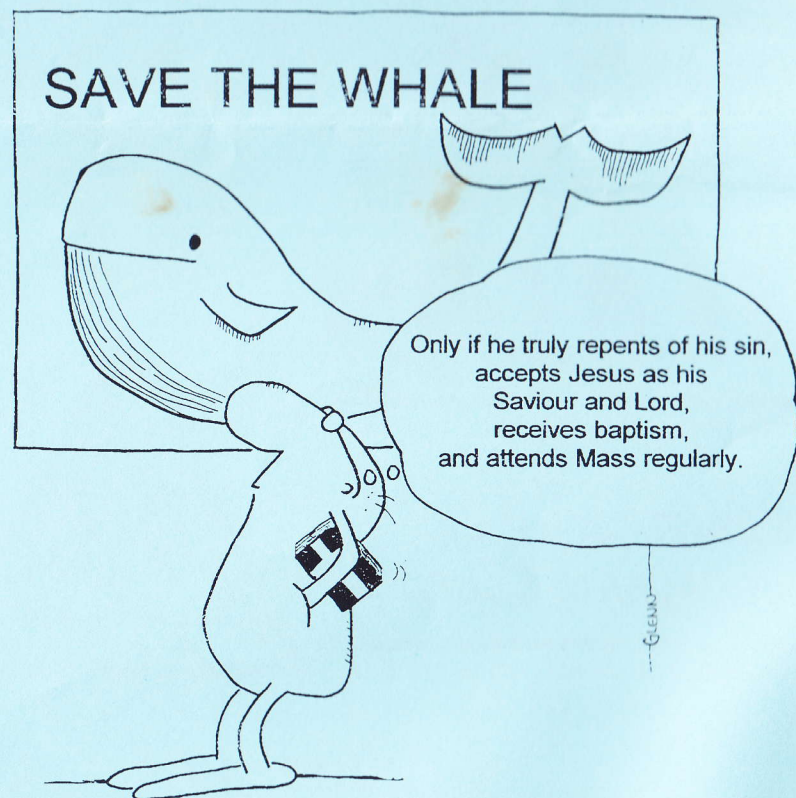


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Glenn's view



from The Catholic Leader, April 31st 1998

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JILALAN

Please have all articles to Majella (10/100 Leckie Rd, Kedron 4031) by the 1st of the month. Articles need to be written or typed as a hard copy rather than submitted on disk.

GENERAL MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, at 7.30 p.m (although they usually start about 15 minutes later). The location is *St Brigid's Parish Hall, Musgrave Rd, RED HILL*. VISITORS are always welcome.

OUTINGS

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

EMERGENCY OFFICER

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

EQUIPMENT HIRE

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

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

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

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

WARNING

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

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS

18	Meeting			
24	Mt Ngungun & traintrip	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W 40 TH Anniversary
30	Games Night	Gabriel Romaguera	3369 7330	SOC
31	Neglected Mt	Jon Brunott	3209 9598	D/W
June 6-8	Mt Walsh N.P.	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	B/C
7	Mt Zahel	Geoffrey Egert	3356 2163	D/W
14	Savages Ridge	Iain Renton	3395 7665	O/N
14	Bushrangers Cave	Russ Nelson	3378 5200	D/W
15	Meeting			
20-21	Christmas in July (in June)	Gabriel Romaguera	3369 7330	SOC
27	Adventure Gain	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	FMR
28	Bike Ride	June Greenaway	3358 5295	SOC
July 3-4-5	Alice Creek + Murphys Creek	Barry Ellerington	3886 3451	D/W
4	Colonial Ball	Greg Endicott	3351 4097	SOC
11	Bowling Night	Gabriel Romaguera	3369 7330	SOC
12	Cunninghams Gap	Anna Egert / John Carter	3356 2163/ 3290 3621	D/W 40 TH Anniversary
13	Slide and Photo Night	John Carter	3290 3955	40 TH Anniversary
18-19	First Aid Barney Lodge	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	FMR
20	Meeting			
25	Mt Greville	Nathan Tobin	3282 8904	D/W
25-26	Lizard Point			O/N
Aug 1	Ipswich Heritage Walk	Gabriel Romaguera	3369 7330	SOC
Aug 2	Logan Ridge 170th	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
7-9	Queen Mary Falls	Maxine Brophy/Elizabeth Richards	3203 4699	B/C
12	Mt Barney Mass			O/N
15-16	Table Top	Kerri Mulligan		D/W
15-16	Ballow Ranges	Jon Brunott	3209 9598	T/W
17	Meeting			
22-23	Emu Creek	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	B/C
29-30	Acacia Plateau			T/W
30	Wilson Peak			D/W
30	Townson Knob			D/W
Sept 5	May to Maroon	Jonas Bernatos	3288 3820	D/W
5	Maroon S/E	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	D/W
6	Yum Cha			SOC
11-12	Pilgrimage	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	B/C
19	Tichi Tamba	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Clean-up
20	Straddie Island Bike Ride			Bike Ride
21	Meeting			
26-27	Club Hut			B/C
26	Mt Ernest			D/W

KEY - Walk Types

D/W	Day Walk	1/2 DW	Half-day Walk
T/W	Through Walk	TRN	Training
O/N	Overnighter	FMR	Federation Mountain Rescue
B/C	Base Camp	SOC	SOC

Key - Walk Gradients

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

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

REPORTS

President's Report

It appears that Federation has located another insurance company for our public liability and personal injury, as Jilalan is being prepared. This policy will be available to clubs across Australia, which will reduce our costs of subscribing. Our current policy expires at the end of June. More information will be available at the next meeting.

While there are a number of club outings this year which are being promoted as part of the 40th anniversary, the sub-committee recently held its last meeting. The major events and preparation work have been completed. I would like to thank past and present members of the sub-committee especially for their time and work over the last 12 months - Pat Lawton, Richard Kolarski, Patricia Kolarski, Greg Endicott, John Brunott, June Greenaway, Madonna Moloney and Peter Lillis.

John

Membership Report

We have a new member this month, please welcome Robyn Boreham to our club. 25 members and six visitors attended the May meeting. Come along to the June meeting at Red Hill and find out the details of past and future walks directly from the leaders. Why not stay for supper after the meeting and enjoy some coffee and good conversation with friends. See you there.

Cheers, Carol

Treasurer's Report

Balance as per 20/4/98	1 780.72
+ Receipts	522.00
	2302.72
- Payments	1026.41
Balance as per 18/5/98	1276.31
Term Deposit	1425.96

Outing's News

Remember, if you are interested in leading a walk please contact Christine. (3378 0264) Leaders are reminded to contact Christine re the costing of walks and the emergency officer for their particular walk.

40th ANNIVERSARY NEWS

Fortieth Anniversary Photo and Slide Night
Monday 13 July, 1998

Time: 7:30pm
Location: Little Kings Centre
O'Keefe St, Buranda
Contact: John Carter (3290 3621)

Here is another opportunity to remember past walks and socials from yesteryear. Let's gather together to look at photos/slides from your collection. Bring a long photos/slides from recent trips as well. Members, please bring along a plate for supper. See you there.

NEW MEETING LOCATION

Remember, as from this month we will be meeting at
**ST BRIGID'S
PARISH HALL
Musgrave Rd
RED HILL**

Hale St travellers - it's the Musgrave Rd exit - far left lane after Lang Park - turn left. Entrance to the car park is before the walk light. If you go past just take the next left and keep turning left until you are back on Musgrave Rd.

Bus travellers - it is Bus Stop 5A. You can catch the 126 (The Gap) leaving from Adelaide St (Red bus stop) at 7:06pm; or the 18B, leaving from Edward St (Grey bus stop) at 7:15pm.

COMING WALKS

Alice Creek and Murphys Creek Sunday 5 July 1998 Day Walk

Leader: Barry Ellerington
(3886 3451)
Time: 7:00 am Sharp
Meet at: Sullivan Nicolaides
Grade: M55
Cost: \$12:00
Emerg Off: Janet Ellerington
(3886 3451)

First may I apologise for not being able to take a return trip to Minto Crags, I know some of you were looking forward to going there for the first time, so maybe next year. However it has left me with the difficult task of finding a new walk for the weekend and if possible somewhere we have not visited. I found Murphy's Creek in the bushwalks of the Toowoomba Region and seeing we had not been in this area before it seemed to fit the bill.

At the time of writing the pre-outing has not been done, I can only give you a bit of a description of what's in store. This is one of the most scenically diverse walks in the region, it takes us along creek flats through well timbered sandstone hills and through open cultivated land, and also State Forest No 546. The vegetation differs from dense shrubbery to taller Brisbane Wattle which has a distinct silver green leaf. The view will be to the Toowoomba Range, and if time permits we will visit the beautiful Spring Bluff railway station. The distance is around 15km and the walk will begin at the township of Murphy's Creek. More at the meeting. Have a good time at the ball and finish the weekend off this special walk.

Cunningham's Gap - Mitchell and Cordeaux Sunday 12 July 1998 Day Walk

Leaders: Anna Egert (3356 2163)
John Carter (3290 3621)
Time: 8:00am
Meet at: Sullivan Nicolaides
Grade: M23
Cost: \$10:00
Emerg Off: Dolans (3843 4116)
Location: Main Range NP, near Aratula

Main Range National Park is a succession of impressive peaks and escarpments to the south-west of Brisbane, with Cunningham's Gap located near the northern end of the park. On the northern side is Mt Cordeaux and to the south is Mt Mitchell. The highway to Warwick passes through the Gap. This walk provides an opportunity to climb either mountain via graded track through moist rainforest to rocky outcrops, which provide 360 degree views. The return distance is no more than 12km for either mountain and is suitable for all members. If you have climbed one peak, come along and do the other.

FMR NEWS

Adventur-Gain 26-28 June

FMR is conducting a simulated call-out for a search and possible rescue in the vicinity of Mt Greville.

The activity is scheduled from Friday evening until 10am Sunday, though attendance for part of the time may be arranged.

Cost: \$10:00
BYO: bushwalking gear for overnight, food, spare day pack.

For further information and details contact ANDREW KING (3351 3324)

First Aid Weekend Certificate Course July 17 - 19

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

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

- > classes 8am - 5pm Saturday
8am - 4pm Sunday
- > payment in full .. \$90:00 First Aid, plus accommodation, by **MAY 30** .. Cheques payable .. Federation Mountain Rescue. all bookings and inquiries to Cliff Harrison (3378 0264)
- > 19 Dumbarton Drive, Kenmore. 4069 accommodation and camping **extra** ... from Friday afternoon 17 July ... self catered Lodge & Homestead accommodation available on a first come basis ... \$20:00/person/night (\$40.00/weekend/person) camping ... \$6:00/person/night (\$12:00/weekend/person) plenty available
- > BBQ's, open fires, picnic tables, showers, toilets and water are provided ... all weather lecture facility
- > BYO all camping gear, pens and note paper, chair etc.
- > bookings filling fast ... limit of 25

Cost:

pool transport, please let me know and we will organise something.
Campsite \$6 per night (up to 4 people)
Bunkhouse \$10 per adult, \$5 per child under 14
Single Occupancy \$12 per person
A donation of a gold coin to the club would be appreciated also.
Bring: A plate of food fitting for Christmas dinner to share on the Saturday night. There are facilities to reheate hot meals. Bring your own food for other meals.

Please let me know if you are coming before Friday so we can book with the centre.

This is a great opportunity for all the club to come away for a relaxing weekend. If you hate camping or have never been away for a weekend with the club, this is your chance to do so in a relaxed environment with all mod-cons known to man available for your comfort. We are planning a big Christmas dinner on the Saturday night - we are asking all who come to bring a hot dish to share for Christmas dinner or dessert, or some Christmas sweets. Wear your favourite Christmas outfit, and don't forget to bring the trimmings - decorations, bonbons, etc. Practice your Christmas Carols. There will be plenty of fun on the night.

People can wander up on the Saturday at a time that suits. On the Sunday we will be having a walk to the Coochin Hills (a couple of hours), to unwind from the festivities. Alternatively, people are welcome to hang around camp playing games, sports, or just relaxing. If you find time, there are also some nearby lookouts which offer spectacular views up and down the coast - perfect for sunrise or sunset.

If camping deters you, we have dormitory accommodation at \$10 or rooms with just 4 beds (\$12 per bed). There is an amenity block with hot showers and toilets. We are staying at the Beerwah Field Study Centre run by the Australian Marine Conservation Society Inc - it backs on to the Reptile Park and the Wallum Wetlands - a pleasant environment to share with friends.

SOCIALS

Christmas in July - Camping the Easy Way!!! Saturday/Sunday 20 -21 June Social Overnighter

Contact: Gabriel Romaguera
(3369 7330)
Where: Beerwah Field Study Centre (Taj Mahal)
Meeting: At the centre during the day. If you have difficulty getting there or want to

We have plenty of kitchen facilities - refrigerators, freezers, electric stoves, and crockery/cutlery for 40 people. Hopefully this will not be enough! So come along and enjoy a great weekend with your friends.

How to get there: follow the Bruce Hwy - after passing the service station (Moby Vics), the turn off is the 2nd on your left (Roys Rd - approx 5mins on from the service station). Follow Roys Rd to Beerwah Field Study Centre.

Coffee Night

Wednesday 24 June

7:30pm

Bagelo's Bakery Cafe
Cnr Vulture and Boundary Streets
West End

Come with us and try out the new bagel craze while sipping on good coffee. A huge variety of savoury and sweet bagels to munch on while watching the West End scene. See you there.
For further details contact Gabe (3369 7330)

Movie Night

Tuesday 14 July

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

Social Bike Ride - Nudgee to Shorncliffe Sunday 28 June

Leader: June Greenaway (3358 5295)
Cost: \$2:00 + train fare (approx. \$4:60)
Time: 7:23am train from Central (leading carriage)
7:25am Brunswick St
7:32am Wooloowin
7:36am Toombul
arrive 7:44am Nudgee

The bike ride is 20-25km, plus cycling to your local station, NOT all the ride is on bike tracks. We

catch the train to Nudgee, leading carriage. From Nudgee we cycle out to the beach and have breakfast/morning tea. Retracing our tracks a short way back, and then cycling through the Boondall Wetlands to the Information Centre. For those that haven't been there before, they can have a browse around the Info Centre, then it's on to the Boondall Entertainment Centre. Then we make our way to Shorncliffe, via bike tracks, pathways and some roads. We'll stop for people to catch up, drinks and little snacks. We will finish the ride at Moora Park, Shorncliffe, have lunch and a well deserved break. There is the opportunity for more cycling here at Shorncliffe, or a walk along the pier. Then we catch the train from Shorncliffe to home. If anyone wishes to meet us and start the ride at Nudgee Railway Station, we will be leaving straight from the train at 7:45am. Join me for a good bike ride, with a bit of variety.

Ten Pin Bowling Saturday 11 July

Time: 7:30pm
Where: Greenslopes Lanes
Cnr Logan & Chatsworth Rds,
Greenslopes
Cost: \$5:60/game + \$1:50 for shoe
hire.
Contact: Gabriel Romaguera (3369 7330)

Please note lanes must be booked before the night so please drop me a line if you want to come.

Colonial Ball

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

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

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

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

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

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

Charter Flights

Winter time is the best time for good views as the air is crisp and clean. Coupled with more stable flying conditions, this is a great opportunity for a flight in a small plane to enjoy some scenery near Brisbane. We have been offered a chance for 6

people to fly in two planes for several hours for only around \$45 to \$50. We can choose where we want to go during this time but two suggestions were around the Scenic Rim or up the coastline to the Sunshine Coast. If you are interested in coming, please give me a call and we will try to arrange a trip that suits all. Dates are flexible. Numbers are limited to 6.

PAST OUTINGS

Tibetan Kitchen Restaurant 8 May 1998

9 eager souls headed off to The Tibetan Kitchen on 8 May with our stomachs prepared for a full assault from all sorts of Easter delicacies. We were not to be disappointed. We jumped in wholeheartedly to a banquet comprising Tibetan, Sherpa and Nepalese food.

There were all sorts of plates of unusual and tasty food to be shared - we went for the mild version and this was more than enough fire for most diners. It may not have been authentic - Michael reckoned the rice pudding Asian style was just as bad as the English versions he was forced to eat as a child - but it was enjoyed by all. It was also a very rowdy venue which added to the atmosphere but we had to shout at each other all night to make ourselves heard. Even the Happy Birthday we sang for Christopher's birthday was drowned out in the roar but I think he was grateful.

It was a very enjoyable night and I think all agreed, a nice consolation prize for not being in Nepal at this time of year.

Barney Gorge/Club Hut Saturday/Sunday 25-26 April Iain Renton

We all arrived in dribs and drabs. Justin and John Bigg set off on Friday afternoon so they could enjoy a quiet Friday night and Saturday at the Club Hut. I picked up John Brunott at midday and we arrived at the hut mid-afternoon. Two others were to make their way down in the early hours of Sunday morning. On arriving at the hut, John Brunott was flabbergasted to be shown two brooms and a rake minus their wooden handles (sawn off) What next?? I sketched by the creek

while the others potted around the hut. After tea we sat around a good crackling fire outside the hut. A thin haze of cloud made the stars overhead just a bit fuzzy.

The next day began fresh with early slanting sunlight and after waiting sometime, we decided the others weren't coming and set off. It was perfect walking weather, a flawless deep blue sky with the occasional shred of cloud scurried along by a brisk breeze. Recent rain had made everything fresh and green. We walked at a fairly leisurely pace leaving lots of time to soak it all in, with a party of four experienced walkers I didn't have to worry about doing much as a leader.

John Brunott, who prefers to walk at a brisk pace, was usually up front and would wait for us at intervals. The small party meant it was a quieter walk, almost contemplative, and there was much to wonder at and contemplate on. There were ... deep rock pools with absolutely crystal clear water, sunlight filtering through trees or the light playing on the subtle colours of rocks. The gorge had a really good flow of water (surprisingly Rocky Creek was dry on the way in - last year Rocky Creek was flowing but there was less water in the gorge). We had morning tea on a large rock slab under the cliffs of Bippin Peak. There was the usual good company and shared nibbles. Some suggested going all the way to East Peak (and we'd have had plenty of time) but not everybody was that energetic so we stuck to the original plan.

Then it was back down the gorge and down Barney Creek. We stopped for a late lunch (about one o'clock) at the falls where we came across the Ipswich Catholic Bushwalkers just finishing their lunch. Four of them had come down from the Upper Portals while the rest had come up from the Lower Portals. It was good to see some familiar faces. They then set off back to the Lower Portals car park. We then had this beautiful spot to ourselves and finished lunch. Some swam here (we'd all had a dip somewhere along the way).

On getting back to the hut we met Neville who had arrived at the car park at 3am and slept in the car. After a night of partying he found it hard to rouse himself in time to meet us and didn't get to the hut till nine. He had some trouble finding it but was guided there by the sound of two campers who had plonked themselves just upstream and across the creek from the hut (we could hear them on Saturday night). He obviously enjoyed a very quiet and restful day at the hut. We all got back to Brisbane at a very civilized

hour. Thanks Justin, John Bigg and John Brunott for an enjoyable walk, well savoured to be long remembered.

Moreton Island Base Camp 2 - 4 May 1998 Trevor Kelly

Five walkers departed for Moreton Island from Scarborough on the Combie Trader. After 12 hours of rain overnight, the weather was looking bleak to say the least.

We were met at Bulwer at 8 o'clock by the Moreton Island Taxi, then transported to our camp site at blue Lagoon where we set up camp and had an early lunch.

Following lunch we walked north up the beach to Spitfire Creek where we saw a pile of shells. I'm told these are Aboriginal Midans. We returned to the beach and made our way towards the lighthouse.

About 1:15pm we arrived at the lighthouse where a good view of Mt Tempest and other notable peaks was on offer. We headed back to our campsite into a headwind, copping a few showers along the way. Back to camp at 3:30pm.

Sunday:

After securing a lift down to the Tangalooma turn off we began our walk to Mt Tempest. We walked about 1.5km to the turn off to the 4-wheel drive track toward Mt Tempest. So far the weather was looking promising. It was another 2.5km to the beginning of the climb to Mt Tempest.

We arrived at the top of Mt Tempest about 10 o'clock and were lucky to have reasonably clear conditions, where we could see Brisbane, Bribie Island and most of the peaks on Moreton Island.

We had morning tea and descended Mt Tempest and began walking along the Old Bush Telegraph Track. The track being 6km long, we stopped for a quick lunch. The mosquitoes were very friendly, so we got moving pretty quickly.

The wildflower and vegetation were a sight to behold and everything sparkled after the recent rain. We stopped off at Honeyeater Lake and filled our water bottles then made our way back to camp. Then the heavens opened up and the rain pelted down for the first time that day. We managed to keep ourselves dry and cook tea.

Monday was a restful day as we waited for the taxi to take us back to the barge.

A great weekend for the few who came. Thanks Eric, Liz, Mary (co-leader) and Michael for making

it a great weekend.

Knapps Peak 9 May 1998 Barry Ellerington

We could not have wished for a more perfect day for this walk. Knapps Peak is only a small peak being some 650 metres in height but it has so much to offer for an easy day walk. The day started from an old long disused stock yard, from here we had some magnificent views over to Mt Maroon and Mt Lindsey. Leaving the cars we made our way down an old track and across paddocks until we joined Knapps Creek. Across the creek was the beginning of our ascent of Knapps with a half hour of low scrub to navigate through until we joined a dry creek bed. Following the creek kept us out of the scrub and made walking easier until we reached the lower slopes of the mountain. The first climb took us up to a rocky crag where we had our morning stop and admired the views to the south. A sleeping Carpet Python was spotted by Christine, it did not seem to be bothered by our presence and remained not two metres from us.

The final assault was easy going following along the Eastern Cliffs, various vantage points gave us some panoramic views over toward Lamington and to the grazing pastures below, until we finally reached the trig on the summit. The northern end of the peak has a long craggy razorback and on this there are some balanced rocks which when tapped with a stone, sounded like a hollow xylophone. From the far end of the razorback the views were across to the Main Range and the small peaks to the north, a great place for photographs. A leisurely lunch was had after which we retraced our steps and arrived back at the creek at 2:30pm.

With time on our hands we decided to search out some caves which are marked on the map, with the help of Cliff we found them about a kilometre up stream, they were small but there were a lot of them. It is a lovely mountain, great views, and an enjoyable day was had by all. Thank you to Christine and Iain for driving, to Nathan for being on the tail end, and to all who came along to make it a perfect day.

Safety and Training 16 May 1998 Greg Endicott

The last Safety and Training was an outing through the Camping Centre at Woolloongabba. We started at the entrance, looking at all the lamps hanging off the walls. These were closely examined, the points discussed, then it was on to the next one, and the next one. By the end of the morning, we all knew as much about what was suitable for bushwalking and what was not, as could be hoped. We now have more people who know about equipment.

Coffee Night Kangaroo Point 27 May 1998

We had an excellent night at Kangaroo Point sipping coffee under the stars. It was a beautiful balmy night and we all grouped together under a pergola at the base of the cliffs - open skies above, abseilers and rockclimbers behind us, and the gentle dark river in front, dwarfed by the imposing city skyline, lit up especially for us. It was a stunning view and we all were so happy to be there. We had an excellent turnout (14), and enjoyed shared goodies - home-made cakes and biscuits from Louise Rea and Louise Jones, and bun and cakes brought by others.

The conversation rolled on, interrupted by a friendly Beagle which adopted us, looking for handouts of home-baked goodies. Poor Pat (our local "friends of the animal world" rep) rang the owner to come and collect their lost dog. She was embarrassed to find out they were having a barbecue at the next picnic table at Kangaroo Point!! Luckily they didn't accuse her of kidnap. Before we knew it, it was getting late and everyone headed for home.

Thanks to all who came.

Games Night 30 May 1998

Yet another night of fun and frivolity! After enjoying coffee and nibbles and a good yarn, we settled down to a serious game of Pictionary. This brought out the hidden artistic talents of all those involved and had us in stitches laughing at the

incredible drawings people produced to assist team mates in guessing the unknown word.

This was followed up with another round of coffee and nibbles and it was then into the cards!!

A game of Seven Up and Down had us thinking serious strategies and planning out ways to win. But it is difficult to be too serious when you are rolling around with laughter!!

Needless to say we had a great night, lots of laughs, food and great company.

Please note...

In next month's magazine we will be including an updated membership list (including members' names, addresses and phone numbers). If you have changed any of these details, or would prefer your details not to be included, please contact Carol (membership officer - 3269 4795)

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

First Aid Hints

HEAT EXHAUSTION

This condition is usually caused by physical exertion during prolonged exposure to heat - your body simply overheats.

Prevention

Take it easy in hot weather, and drink plenty of water. *Symptoms:* pale, moist and clammy skin, dizziness, headache, normal or sub-normal temperature and possible vomiting. Treat by resting in a cool shaded area. Have the victim lie down with feet elevated. Give them lots of fluids. Continue until symptoms disappear.

(from Tasmania Parks, Wildlife and Heritage)

Prayer for Peace ...

O God, from Whom proceed all holy desires, all right council and just works; grant unto us Thy Servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be devoted to Thy service, and that being delivered from the fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in peace under Thy protection. Through Christ our Lord Amen.



A note of thanks...

Thank you to all who contributed to this month's magazine.

Happy reading!