



# **JILALAN**

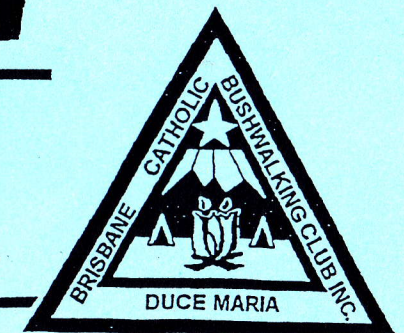
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MONTHLY CIRCULAR  
OF THE

**BRISBANE CATHOLIC  
BUSHWALKING CLUB Inc.**

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**JUNE 1999.**



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#### JILALAN

Please have all articles to Majella (11 Montrose Place, The Gap 4061) by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. Articles, if on disk need to be submitted in RTF (Rich Text Format) with a hard copy included, otherwise a handwritten or typed copy will do.

#### GENERAL MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month, at 7:30pm. 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 Old Windmill on Wickham Tce 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 own 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 9:00pm 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 \$20:00 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 30+ 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 attend a meeting of the Management Committee, but please contact the President beforehand. This means you can be advised of any change of date/venue. If you feel strongly about an issue, bring it along to the Committee Meeting and we'll put it on the agenda.

#### WARNING

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



## CALANDER OF CLUB EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
21	Trivia Night	Joe Finn	3848 4642	FMR
21 - 23	Richmonds to Collins	Christine Harrison	5429 5494	T/W
23	Mt Lindesay	Trevor Kelly	3269 4795	D/W
30	Barney Creek Site Monitoring	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
June 5	Imax Theatre	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	SOC
6	Train Trip to Gold Coast	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	SOC
10 - 14	Fraser Island	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	T/W
11 - 14	Fraser Island	Trevor Kelly	3269 4795	B/C
20	Paradise Ck/White Mt	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	D/W
21	Meeting			
July 3	Colonial Ball	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	Social
4	Mt Beerwah	Nathan Tobin	3282 8904	D/W
9	Movie Night	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Social
9 - 11	Kennilworth Bluff	Christine Harrison	5429 5494	O/N
16/17/18	Leadership/Medical Weekend	Joe Finn	3848 4642	FMR
16 - 18	Mt Barney Throughwalk	Iain Renton	3395 7665	T/W
19	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
24	Pages Pinnacle			D/W
30/31/1	Girraween	Joe Finn	3848 4642	B/C
August 10/11	Barney Mass	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	O/N
13	Witches/Warlocks Games Night	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Social
14	Lake Manchester	Don Keating	3878 7296	D/W
16	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
22	Burleigh	Pat Lawnton		D/W
28	Abseiling KP	Joe Finn	3848 4642	FMR
27/28/29	Stradbroke	John Brunott	3209 9598	T/W
27/28/29	Stradbroke			B/C
September 4/5	Carnival Flowers	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Soc
10/ 11/12	Pilgrimage B.B.W	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	B/C
18	Karawatha	Susan Tobin	3366 3193	D/W
19	Mt Maroon Site Monitoring	Trevor Kelly	3269 4795	D/W
20	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
24/25/26	Mt Castle			T/W
26	Beau Brummel			D/W
October 10	Flinders Peak	Matthew Palmer	3279 4490	D/W
16	Abseiling K.P. (Beginners)	Joe Finn	3848 4642	FMR
16	Progressive Dinner (Red Faces)	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Soc
18	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
22/23/24	Spicers Gap			B/C
30	Boyd's Butte	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	D/W
November 2	Climbing Gym	Joe Finn	3848 4642	FMR
6/ 7	Lake Wivenhoe	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Soc
13/14	Club Hut			B/C
14	Barney Creek Site Monitoring	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
15	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
21	Mt Byron Gorge	Ann Tracey	3395 2559	D/W
December	Harrys Hut			B/C

3/4/5				
11	Christmas Party	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Soc
20	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
Dec 31 - Jan 1	Millennium Party	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Soc
9	Larapinta Falls			D/W
14/15/16	Nightcap	Chris McCaffrey	3349 5730	B/C
17	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
23	Tooloona Falls CCT			D/W
26	Australia Day			D/W
29	Wynnum Fish and Chips Boardwalk	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Soc
February 13	Little Kings	Gabriel Romaguera	3369 7330	
18/19/20	Binna Burra	Nathan Tobin	3282 8904	B/C
21	AGM	John Carter	3290 3621	
26	Springbrook			D/W
March 5	Clean Up Aust			D/W
11/12	Mt Devlin			O/N
17 - 19	Boonoo Boonoo			T/W B/C
20	Meeting			
DATES TO NOTE				
Floating Date	Obi Obi Lilo			
21- 25 April	Easter / ANZAC Day.			
28 April - 1 May	Gibraltar Range			B/C

## KEY - Walk Types

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

## KEY - Walk Gratings

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

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



A helping hand - Maxine + John C.



## REPORTS

## President's Report

We are now well and truly into the walking season with great walks coming up over the next couple of months. Some walks for later in the year do need leaders so please consider leading one or more walks. You will receive support and advice from Justin and other committee members.

Thanks to Christopher and Barbara for contacting Sullivan & Nicolaides regarding car parking. Our club can continue to use the parking area, which is patrolled after hours. It was suggested that the leader contact the company's switchboard to let them know prior to each walk that is meeting there).

To make meetings a little more interesting we will try to provide an occasional feature. For example a couple of months ago, Matthew gave a talk about the RAOU and the national bird survey. At the June Meeting, a representative from the Wilderness Society will present a short slide presentation and talk about the proposed Regional Forest Agreement in SE QLD. This will be held before the meeting at 7.45 pm and run for about twenty minutes. The presentation on our native forest has been professionally produced and two projectors will be used together. It should be very informative and entertaining.

John

## Treasurer's Report

Balance 19/4/99	2 239.86
+ Receipts	370.00
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	2 609.86
- Payments	281.08
Balance 17/5/99	<hr/>
	2 328.78
Term Deposit	1 475.80

## Membership Report

Welcome to new members Patsy Funnell, Garth Tomkinson and Libby and Chris Donovan. We hope that you enjoy your membership within the club.

A reminder that for new members, membership fees are discounted as the year progresses. See Chris or Terry to calculate the reduced fee. Current club membership is 80.

## News about members...

Congratulations to Iain Renton, who recently had a public showing of some of his paintings at the Merthyr Road Uniting Church. Iain's sketches occasionally are illustrated in the magazine.

Pat had a rather 'shocking' experience on a recent day walk. Ask her about it.

## Outing's News

Leaders are reminded to contact Justin re the costing of walks and the emergency officer for their particular walk.

## COMING WALKS

Ashgrove To Mt Coot-Tha  
Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup>  
Day Walk

**Leader:** Maxine Brophy  
(3203 4699)

**Time:** 1pm

**Meet at:** Coles Carpark  
Stewart Rd Ashgrove

**Grade:** M-L 45

**Cost:** \$12

**Emerg Off:** Mike Brophy  
(3203 4699)

This will be a walk filled with fun, adventure, great views, good food and much excitement!!! Come and join us for a walk that will start in the afternoon and finish at night. We will climb

up beside the old quarry at the Gap, follow the track up onto Mt Coot-tha and walk the scenic drive around to the Lookout Kiosk where we can enjoy dinner overlooking the city and a fairyland of lights.

From the kiosk we will walk by torch light down the JC Slaughter Falls Track and out onto the road, around Toowong Cemetery under a bright moon we hope, and back to the cars at Ashgrove. Coffee at the Ashgrove Café will complete the trip for the journey home.

If anyone has Saturday commitments they may like to meet us at the kiosk for dinner and join in the last half of the journey. So bring your torches, warm jackets and lunch /afternoon tea for an afternoon and evening of much fun.

MT BEERWAH  
Sunday 4 July  
Day Walk

**Leader:** Nathan Tobin  
(3282 8904)

**Time:** 7:00am

**Meet at:** Old Windmill,  
Wickham Tce

**Grade:** M55

**Cost:** \$12.00

**Emerg Off:** Susan Tobin (3366 3193)

After dancing the night away at the Colonial Ball, come with me on Sunday and climb the Glass House's highest peak, Mt Beerwah. At 556 metres it provides great views of the other peaks and the Pumicestone Passage, views forever. Although there is exposed rock at the beginning of the walk it's not difficult and I'll get you to the top for those great views.

Nominate at the meeting or by phone.

KENILWORTH BLUFF  
July 9<sup>th</sup> - 11th  
O/N, B/C or D/W

**Leader:** Christine Harrison  
(5429 5494)

**Time:** 7:00pm Friday  
8:00am Saturday

**Meet at:** Friday TBA  
Saturday - Kenilworth Town  
Park

**Grade:** M55

**Cost:** \$12.00 + \$3:50/person camping

**Emerg Off:** Dolans (3842 4116)

We shall be visiting a new walking area which is approx 1½ to 2 hours drive north of Brisbane and 8 km north of the township of Kenilworth.

It has extensive views towards Mt Cooroora, Black Mountain, Mt Cooroy, Mt Berwah and the Mary River. The Bluff is a little climb to 456m, then flat ground along to Mt Bonown 606m.

The overnigher or base camp will be at Charlie Moreland S.F Friday and/or Saturday nights. If you don't like camping here is a great opportunity to join as a day walker. Join us at 8am on Saturday to visit Kenilworth Bluff. Perhaps afternoon tea and/or dinner at Kenilworth later. Sunday to Mt Allan or Piccabeen Circuit to complete the weekend. Hope you can join us.

MT BARNEY THROUGHWALK  
July 16 - 18  
Throughwalk

**Leader:** Iain Renton  
(3395 7665)

**Time:** TBA

**Meet at:** TBA

**Grade:** L66

**Cost:** \$12.00

**Emerg Off:** John Carter (3290 3621)

The pre-outing hasn't been done yet, so the route is still to be finalised (more details later). It will probably include Barney Creek, Barrabool Creek, Barrabool Ridge and West Peak of Mt Barney.

This is a very interesting and less travelled corner of Mt Barney away from well worn tracks. I'm



sure those who were on Savages Ridge last year will tell you how spectacular this side of the mountain is.

Join me for a wonderful walk the club hasn't done for quite a while.

## SAFETY AND TRAINING

### Federation Mountain Rescue

Next training day is on Saturday 26 June at 8:00am. There will be training for rescue leaders, navigation and rope skills. BCBC endorses FMR as it provides members with opportunities to enhance their skills with training from experienced personnel and with the necessary insurance.

### Leadership and Medical Weekend

The next FMR event is on 16-18 July, which is a Leadership and Medical weekend. More information at the meeting.

## SOCIALS

### Coffee Night

Wednesday June 30th  
7pm

Le Scoops Of Coorparoo  
200 Old Cleveland Rd  
CORPAROO

### Dinner Night

Friday July 9th

7pm

Earth & Sea Pizza & Pasta  
BYO Restaurant  
Cr Kedron Brook Rd And McGregor St  
Wilston

Contact Maxine (3203 4699) for details and to book.

## Colonial Ball

Remember the Colonial Ball is on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. For more details contact Greg (3351 4092)

## PAST OUTINGS

### Goomburra Forest Base Camp Maxine Brophy

We arrived to find Lizzie and Nathan had done their job, setting up camp beside the creek in a quiet corner of the park. Tents were soon up, and the billy boiled for an early lunch while we decided on the afternoon walks. The weather helped us decide!! We would leave the lookouts for Sunday and hopefully clearer skies. We set off for the Cascades following the Ridge track up the steep slope before branching off near the top and were soon in lush rainforest (listed for World Heritage in 1995) many grand species including some huge Hoop Pines. The track down to Dalrymple Creek was grassy and fairly easy, we could hear Bell birds and Whip birds as we descended, along with heavy dark clouds that were moving all around us. The air was nice and cool, great for walking. The track crossed the creek and we followed its course through the forest and weaved our way back to the camping area. The last hour brought countless creek crossings on fairly slippery rocks. We were back at camp at 5pm to find Lizzie had chopped all the wood and set up a beautiful camp fire. Ian and his through walkers had joined us after cutting short their weekend, it was nice to have extra company for the night. Greg, Lucy and Stephen arrived as we finished tea and soon had their camp set up and was ready for night by the fire as we all headed for bed and the rain got heavier. Sorry Greg, we would make up for it Sunday night. Sunday morning started out looking promising and we headed off on the North Arm Branch of Dalrymple Creek, Lucy was out in front with Lizzy and did a great job of announcing creek crossings and fresh cow pats, otherwise known as "Ha Ha's" !!! We followed the creek up into a beautiful gorge with steep grassy slopes rising up to the ridge above. The area was lightly wooded

with New England and Manna Gums the main species in this area. No koalas around, they must have heard us coming. Nathan braved the cold creek as we ate morning tea and going back Stephen mastered the crossings to beat us over every time along with Lucy. We had lunch back at camp and a short break before we departed for the Lookouts - up the steep winding road in the luxury of vehicles, passing some, making the journey on horseback. Sylvesters Lookout was our first stop with a cool walk in through thick rainforest, to come out on the edge of the cliff line on the Great Dividing Range, over 1000m up with clear views right around the Scenic Rim, Mistake Mt's Region and Middle Range. Further up the road to Mt Castle Lookout with a similar walk into superb views down onto Mt Castle, the western escarpment giving off delightful colours in the afternoon sun. It was an impressive sight looking at the back of the mountain and left along the top of the ridges to Blackfellows Knob where many great throughwalkers have trodden. Back at the cars Lucy had a camera shot for Dad as she sat proudly up on the one of the horses as he rested before the journey back home. Araucaria Falls had to be passed over for anyone staying on Monday as it was 4pm already. Back to camp and after dinner we sat around the fire under clearer skies and an almost full moon shining down on us. Lizzie's pancakes for supper were delicious, while Greg entertained us with stories of classic wettest weekends on BCBC's records, and Gordon's stories of great digging experiences out West. All in all a top evening to complete a most enjoyable weekend. Jean and yours truly left Monday morning to meet the day walkers from Brisbane up at Cunningham's Gap and Gap Creek Falls was waiting for us. The others enjoyed another day at camp before heading home. Grateful thanks to Lizzie for helping with the preouting and for the lovely camp fires all weekend, Nathan for valuable advice and guidance and keeping the billy boiled, Gordon and Louise for all their help and to all who came and contributed to a great weekend. We missed sighting the Tiger Quoll but we will return!!!!

## Black Snake Ridge Day walk John Carter

The day dawned fine after the recent wet weather. Ten of us headed down through Beaudesert and the Christmas Creek into the Running Creek valley. It felt like leaving the world behind, once through Chinghee Gap. Mt Gipps lay impressively before us as we parked the cars. The first stage of the walk was walking up the valley for an hour to the base of Black Snake Ridge. This is a long and in places steep ridge, which takes you out of the valley onto the state border. Cattle pads are evident for a long way up its steep slopes.

After a couple of hours we had smoko and enjoyed the views toward the nearby Mt Neglected, Collins Gap and the head of Running Creek valley. Soon after we entered the margins of the rainforest and we were confronted by massive eucalypts as well as rainforest tree species. By about 1 pm we had reached the border fence and turned westwards. It was not long before we reached a rabbit board hut for a relaxing cuppa and lunch.

As we continued towards Mt Gipps, the condition of the track deteriorated and in places the fence had fallen down. Once in the open forest, the track was overgrown by bracken fern, blady grass, vines and in places lantana. This slowed our progress significantly. As the hours passed, it became clear we had to return to valley before dark. At peak 788 we dropped off the range into the valley. We then returned to the cars by torch light. Pat discovered that the property owners use electric fences for cattle control.

It was a long day but we enjoyed each others company. Thanks to Terry, Louise, Dale, Christine, Suzanne, Barbara, John B, Gabe and Pat for coming along and making it good day.

PS On the pre-outing several bird species were seen on the slopes of Mt Gipps including grey fantail, red browed finch, thornbill, yellow robin, two honey eaters and glossy black cockatoo.



### Mt Barney Creek Day walk John Carter

A glorious autumn day greeted us as we left Brisbane. After an uneventful drive, we met Iain at the Lower Portals Carpark and started our 4.5 kms walk into the club hut. The bush showed evidence of good summer rains. We arrived at the hut for morning tea where Christine, Cliff and Christine were waiting, after spending a cool night at the hut. They had already given the hut a clean. Barney Creek had a good flow of water.

We stopped briefly at the Lower Portals. QPWS plan to close the camp site here and move it further downstream to a place that is already being used for camping. Following the ridge we enjoyed the crystal clear views of Barney massif (the sky was coloured a deep blue). The trail led to the campsite at the junction of Barney Creek and the Gorge. During a leisurely lunch we completed the site monitoring survey.

Breaking into two groups, one returned via the ridge and the other rock hopped down the creek and regrouped at the hut. We said our good byes to Iain, as he was staying for a couple of extra days. The walk back to the cars by 4.30 PM and was done in good time. We then returned to Brisbane. Thanks to Iain, Christine, Cliff, Patsy, Christine, Dale, Gerry and Anne (who did very well on her first club walk) for coming with me. It was also great to see past member Gerry Rosanova, who was up from the Gold Coast for the weekend on a club trip.

Monitoring will occur again in October so come along to enjoy the beauty of this park.

PS The vine found near the club hut growing over a brush box, is known as Native Wisteria (*Callerya megasperma*). It has a velvety hairy seed pod about 15 cm long.

### Point Pure Throughwalk Iain Renton

A couple of late cancellations (one an anxious prospective dad) meant there weren't going to be a lot of us. After camping overnight at Goomburra Forest Park, we started walking on Saturday morning. At the crest of The Great Divide we were able to admire the impressive view across

Blackfellow Creek Valley. We could see virtually our entire route from Point Pure to the Amphitheatre and Blackfellow Creek Falls and right up to the head of the valley.

There was quite a noisy thunderstorm rumbling around in the distance with the lower part of the valley (beyond Point Pure) veiled by rain. We decided to return to Goomburra, making this a day walk carrying somewhat heavier packs than usual. We had an enjoyable evening around the campfire with the base campers and left for Brisbane early Sunday afternoon after a rather relaxed morning.

Thanks to Christine and John for joining me on this walk, maybe next year we'll actually get to Point Pure.

### Gap Creek Falls Terry Silk

Seven of us assembled on time at the Old Windmill on Wickham Terrace on a beautifully clear morning. We made a pit stop at Aratula on our trip to Cunningham's Gap and it was here that we were unexpectedly joined by Robyn and Don. I expected the base campers to be waiting for us at the Gap, but it was some forty minutes before Maxine and Jean joined us as the only two starters from Maxine's base camp.

After introductions Maxine led us on a pleasant, leisurely walk down to the falls where we found a small flow of water tumbling over the rocks. A relaxed lunch was enjoyed beside the water at the top of the falls. To compliment our lunch Maxine shared a delicious home-made fruit cake which I naturally, had agreed to carry in.

Before heading back to the cars some of us made a small exploration of a tributary above the falls. The climb back up to the cars was not too difficult as the sun was mostly hidden by clouds. Everyone survived the walk and I am sure that they all enjoyed the surroundings and each others company.

To conclude the day we made our obligatory coffee stop at Aratula on our way home. Congratulations to Chris and Libby Donovan and Bev Gaffney who were on their first walk with the club. Thank you to Denis Hoey for helping with the driving. Also on the walk were Bob and Louise R. who bravely rode in the mighty Datsun

which, naturally, survived another trip. Once again thank you all for your company on yet another successful day walk.

### Little Kings Movement Collection Gabriel Romaguera

Once again the regulars together with a new face massed together to attack the streets of Graceville in search of treasure. There was pillaging and ransacking and a general riding roughshod over the local populace. Hagar the Horrible had taught us well. (We had been reading his cartoons over the last 12 months). The rewards were there for us and we were ready to grab them wholeheartedly in support of our favourite charity. Graceville will never be the same again.

We raised the princely sum of \$930.60 so it was well worth the effort. The locals were kind to us and the weather was good. The local dogs laid low. The money raised will pay for many meals at the Little King's Movement. As this is there main source of fundraising, the collection is absolutely essential to its survival. Thanks to all those who helped - Maxine, John C, Chris, Jean, Terry, and Louise. Hope we see you there again next year.

If you missed the opportunity to donate to our collection, you can either pass on a donation to me, or send it directly to the Movement at 33 O'Keefe St, Buranda QLD 4102.

### Valley Pavement Cultural Stroll Gabriel Romaguera

The day got off to a roaring start at The California Cafe at 8am. The 50's style milk bar had a great open area under cover at the rear where the faithful congregated. A great variety of meals were offered. It would make any truckie proud. Small meals including sausages, toast, bacon, and beans started with 5 eggs!! Large meals had 7!! This was too much for most so everyone wanted to vary what was on the menu to the distress of our waitress. She was a classic 50's belle herself - blonde and vivacious with a quick wit - apparently she was a TV star in her heyday but we were happy to have her at the cafe in the 90's. She flirted and joked with the group and came to the conclusion (quite rightly) that most of us were not the eldest in

our families - eldest children are never fussy according to her theory!! We proved her right. We were served with anodised steel glasses and milk shake containers, and original brown coffee service more than 30 years old. It was a very nostalgic trip for most of the group (baby boomers excluding myself). Luckily we had plenty to eat - the day was still young.

We wandered the streets of the valley, taking in the markets and stores and the atmosphere - it was packed with people from all walks of life. There was heaps of bric a brac on offer underneath clouds of incense smoke, as well as clothes, second hand goods, plants etc. We ducked into the Chinese supermarket and among us picked up tinned quail eggs, jelly drink, dried prawns, green tea, and other goodies. Then across to the pagoda in the Chinatown mall to practice some Fa Lun Gong (Spiritual Qi Gong) - similar to Tai Chi. We were given a crash course by a charming Chinese lady who spoke little English but had a big smile. Look out for their free classes in the mall on Saturdays between 10 and 12, or at New Farm Park on Sundays between 9 and 12. We left Trevor and Carol (who I think had inhaled too much incense) to have a massage (in the outdoors), and we pushed back to McWhirters for lunch.

We walked up to New Farm in the afternoon, stopping at art galleries and the potters gallery along the way. We were privileged to view some works by Arthur Boyd and Picasso as well as other artists, but nothing quite took our fancy. Being Catholics, we all had a good laugh at ourselves in the potters gallery, when we saw one work of art comprising a circle of magpies (in clay) dubbed Sisters of Mercy.

Around New Farm we wandered far and wide down to the river and back taking in many beautiful 19th century and early 20th century Queenslander homes, as well as Art Deco purpose built flats (we even inspected the interior of one for sale) and some quite unusual styles also such as La Scala on Brunswick Street. We also admired Wynberg (the archbishop's home) and Holy Spirit Catholic Church, as well as former homes occupied by such famous people as Iain Renton and Pat Mackie. There were some interesting stories you missed about their youth which will never be repeated... In between all this walking along beautiful tree lined streets we



stopped for an afternoon coffee to mix with the glitterati in New Farm.

It was a tremendous day packed with fun and exercise from morning until we finished around 5.30 in the arvo. Thank you to all who came - I hope I mention you all - Liz Little, Liz Richards and visiting friend (Eithe?), Justin, Sue and Mary, Carol and Trev, Pat, Desley, Michael, June, Jean, Terry and Iain. We must do it again sometime!!

## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

### Captions for that photo...

"BARNEY FOR THE MASS!"

"EASY RIDER"

"EAT YOUR HEARTS OUT

BUSHWALKERS, I'M DOING BARNEY  
MASS THE EASY WAY"

### June general meeting...

Presentation by Wilderness Society on the Regional Forest Agreement and what it means for south east Queensland. *Slide presentation and short talk.* Members are encouraged to attend.  
Date - 21 June at 7.45 pm.

### Rally to support regional forests...

Members are invited to attend a rally to show support for regional forests. Date - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 12pm in King George Square.

### News from QPWS...

The Coomera Circuit near Binna Burra is closed again due to another land slip, which buried 35 metres of track. The track will be closed for some time.

All camping permits for Lamington NP are to be issued through Green Mountains, where an administration officer has been employed.

There was an seminar recently on the Eastern Bristlebird. The proposed Lamington Draft Management Plan will address issues for this

species, which has been listed as endangered. Recent surveys show very low population numbers.

The remainder of the rabbit fence on the slopes of Mt Superbus is to be removed.

New regulatory and warning signs are being place at entry points along the Scenic Rim to provide clear information to park visitors. It also allows rangers to issue on the spot fines for non-compliance eg \$300 for illegal camp fires.

Redevelopment work is continuing at Green Mountains at the carpark and day use area. There will also be work on upgrading walking tracks in the area.

### A note from the Editor...

My apologies to those who submitted items to be included in this month's magazine, but have not seen them appear. Unfortunately I had a little (!!!) trouble with the magazine this month - my disk went kaput and I lost everything and so had to re-type the whole magazine and I'm afraid I just ran out of time.

I shall certainly include them next month.

Thank you to all who contributed to this month's magazine. Your disks and e-mail make life much easier so please keep them coming.

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Happy reading!!

# Millennium warning to would-be climbers

Phil Bartsch

A WORLDWIDE lottery is set to be conducted for the right to be one of only 60 people to see the dawn of the year 2000 from the "millennium mountain" of Australia's east coast - Mount Warning.

Tens of thousands of people are expected to enter a proposed ballot to climb the northern New South Wales World Heritage-listed peak, which is regarded as one of the best places in the country to see the dawn.

It is predicted that hordes of hopeful climbers from around the world will throw their names into the hat via the Internet for the millennium sunrise at Mount Warning.

And although only 60 people will get to watch the new millennium's first rays of sun peep over the horizon from atop the mountain, dozens of other names also will be drawn in a bid to satisfy the masses.

"Some people want to be up there to see the last sunset of 1999, some want to be there when midnight ticks over, some want to be there when the sun comes up and others just want to be up there on the first day of the new millennium," said National Parks and Wildlife Service Murwillumbah area manager Nigel Greenup.

But those wanting to enjoy the Mount Warning millennium experience will have to pay for the privilege.

It is proposed a "nominal fee" - between \$5 and \$10 - will be charged to enter the lottery in a bid to cover additional administrative costs for the occasion.

Tickets drawn in the ballot are likely to entitle the winner to take a companion or some members of their family on the two-hour climb to the top.

As part of its draft policy to manage the millennium festivities, the

NPWS has recommended that groups of 20 climbers be led up the mountain and a maximum of only 60 people be allowed on the summit at any one time.

"It'll be a staggered process. We'll have one group on the summit, one group on the way up there and another group just starting off. They'll each spend about 20 to 30 minutes on top," Mr Greenup said.

Mr Greenup said the rainforest-covered mountain - a 2210ha national park - would be closed from sunset December 30 to sunrise January 2 to all but those people whose names were drawn from the ballot.

"The ballot will be open to everybody and marketed nationally and internationally. It'll allow anybody to have a go so it'll be a bit of a lottery, I suppose, where people will purchase a ticket and then take pot luck as to whether they actually get a guernsey," he said.

He said it was planned the ballot would open on July 31 and close on November 1 with the winners drawn on November 8.

"It's inevitable that a lot of people are going to be disappointed but there's no way in the world we can accommodate everybody who wants to be up there," he said.

"The bottom line is that these areas need to be managed properly. The principal reason for national parks is for nature conservation so our main interest is that the area is conserved and protected.

"We also have to address the aspect of public safety. If we just opened it up to whoever wanted to go up there, it would be a recipe for disaster."

Although the draft policy on the lottery was endorsed this week by local tourism, environmental and community groups, it had yet to be approved by the NPWS executive and NSW Environment Minister Bob Debus.



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