



JILALAN

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OF THE

**BRISBANE CATHOLIC
BUSHWALKING CLUB Inc.**

UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY



JUNE 2000.

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JILALAN

Please have all articles to Louise Leonardi (25 Harburg Drive, Beenleigh 4207) by the 1st 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. Alternatively, you can e-mail your articles to: leonardi@gil.com.au

GENERAL MEETINGS

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

OUTINGS

- (a) Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
- (b) 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.
- (c) The club will usually organise transport for each outing, but you must nominate in advance to the leader. Contacting someone else may lead to your nomination becoming "lost". Nominations should preferably be made by the Monday prior to the activity (Wednesday at the latest) so that transport etc. can be arranged. Note that nominations for some walks may close well in advance of this. Late nominations may not be accepted.
- (d) Walkers are responsible for their own transport to and from the departure point.
- (e) Walks are rarely cancelled – if they are, all nominees will be notified. Should you change your mind and decide not to come to a club event, please notify the leader as soon as possible.

EMERGENCY OFFICER

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

EQUIPMENT HIRE

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

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

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

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

WARNING

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

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
May 15	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
19	Ten Pin Bowls Kedron	Graham Walters	3861 1939	Social
20	Mt Coot-tha	Don Keating	3878 7296	½ DW
19-21	FMR Weekend Maroon Dam	John Carter	3290 3621	FMR
27	Noosa NP	Kerry Mulligan	3270 4490	D/W
2/3/4 June	Club Hut Weekend	John Brunott	3209 9598	B/C
4	Barney Creek Site Monitoring	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
9-12	Point Pure/Glen Rock	Iain Renton	3395 7665	T/W
18	Mt Bangalore	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
19	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
25	Mt Glorious - Pilgrimage Preouting	Matthew Palmer	3270 4490	D/W
26-29	FMR Remote Area First Aid Course	John Carter	3290 3621	FMR
July 1	Colonial Ball	Graham Walters	3861 1939	Social
8	Mt Moon - West Ridge	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	D/W
14-16	Bald Rock NP	Gabe Romaguera	3856 3842	B/C
15	FMR Navigation & Equipment Day	John Carter	3290 3621	FMR
17	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
23	Mt Glorious - Pilgrimage Preouting	Matthew Palmer	3270 4490	D/W
29	Garden of Eden - Pt Danger	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
6 August	Fun Run & Picnic	Graham Walters	3861 1939	Social
11-13	Mt Glorious - Pilgrimage Preouting			B/C
15/16	Barney Mass - 40 th Anniversary	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W-O/N
20	Quinzech Rocks / Wild flowers	Phil Murray	38412 0254	D/W
21	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
27	Stradbroke Island			D/W
September				
3	Buchanan's Fort-Fr Ed Memorial Walk			D/W
8/9/10	Federation Pilgrimage	Matthew Palmer	3270 4490	B/C
16	Social	Graham Walters	3861 1939	Social
18	Meeting			
24	Edinburgh Castle			O/N
October				
1	Social	Graham Walters	3861 1939	Social
6/8	Mt Maroon Monitoring	Trevor Kelly	3269 4795	B/C
8	Barney Creek Monitoring	John Carter	3299 1032	D/W
10	FMR Media evening			FMR
15	The Twins / Mt Beerburum			D/W
16	Meeting			
21	Social	Graham Walters	3861 1939	FMR
21	FMR Intermediate Abseiling			FMR
28-29	Ramparts			O/N
November				
4	Kinnannes & Teviot Falls			D/W
11	O'Reillys			B/C
16	FMR Legislation evening			FMR
18	Social			Social
DATE	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
20	Meeting			
24	Boonoo Boonoo Falls			B/C&T/W
December				
2	Christmas Party	Graham Walters	3861 1939	Social
9	Larapinta Falls			D/W
18	Meeting			

23/24	Christmas Carols			Social
26	Dularcha National Park Train Tunnel			D/W
31	New Year's Eve	Graham Walters	3861 1939	Social
January 2001				
6	Odessa 2001 Beerwah Night Walk			D/W
12-14	Border Ranges	Gabe Romaguera		B/C
12-14	Christmas Creek			T/W
15	Meeting			
20	Boghaban Falls			D/W
26-28	Bunya Mountains	Gabe Romaguera		B/C
February				
3	Social	Graham Walters	3861 1939	Social
10	Meeting of the Waters Springbrook			D/W
18	Little Kings Walk	Gabe Romaguera		D/W
19	Meeting			
24-25	Mt Mitchell Night Walk			D/W
March				
3	Social			Social
4	Tinchi Tamba Clean Up Australia			D/W
9-11	Conondale Range			T/W
17-18	Running Creek			O/N
19	Meeting			
25	Cronans Creek			D/W
	Mt Superbus Monitoring			D/W
	Fountain Falls			T/W
	Binna Burra			B/C
	Obi Obi Li-Lo Trip			D/W

KEY – Walk Types

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

KEY – Walk Gradings

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

1. Distance

Short	Under 10km per day
Medium	10-15 km per day
Long	15-20 km per day
EXtra Long	Over 20 km per day

2. Terrain

1-3	<u>Graded or open terrain.</u> No scrub.
4-7	<u>Bush.</u> Minor scrub rainforest, rock, creek, rock hopping, scrambling
8-10	<u>Bush.</u> As Above + thick scrub, major rock scrambling using hands, technical

3. Fitness

1-3	<u>Easy.</u> Suitable for beginners
4-7	<u>Medium.</u> Reasonable fitness required
8-10	<u>Hard.</u> Strenuous, fit walkers only

REPORTS

June General Meeting

In addition to the meeting, there will be slides concerning koala conservation. Supper will be served as usual. Visitors are welcome. Come at 7.30 for a 7.45 start.

The calendar includes the proposed activities from the June meeting to March 2001. Leaders are required for a number of walks. So please contact Justin.

About Members

Sympathies are extended to Tony Smetzer on the loss of his mother.

Also we would welcome Michael Brophy and Fr. Tony Zemula as new members to the club.

Treasurer's Report

Balance 17/04 /00	2659.46
+ Receipts	403.00
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	3062.46
- Payments	351.21
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Balance 15/05 /00	2711.25

Term Deposit 1507.10

Outing's News

Leaders are reminded to contact Justin re the costing of walks and the emergency officer for their particular walk. For insurance purposes, please notify the Outings Officer when you are carrying out a pre-outing for a club trip.

COMING WALKS

Mt Glorious Pilgrimage Pre outing

SAT 24th Sunday 25 June

Daywalk

Leader: Matthew Palmer
Cost: \$5
Meet: Coles car park Stewart Rd Ashgrove
Time: 7a.m.

Grade: M66

Emerg Off

Leading up to the pilgrimage we will be doing a few pre outings to different parts of Brisbane Forest Park. For this walk we will probably be following one of the rainforest creeks and ridges. This is usually a fabulous time of year to go walking in the bush with clear crisp mornings and blue skies. We will be exploring an off track area that I hope some one can lead for the pilgrimage.

Matthew

Mt Moon-Western Ridge

Day Walk

Saturday 8 July 2000

Leader: Justin Tobin (3366 3193)
Meet at: Red Hill 6:30am (Sharp.)
Grade: M 6 6
Cost: \$12.00
Emerg Off: Susan Tobin (3366 3193.)

Normally climbed from the East. We'll try something different and tackle this double peaked mountain from the Western Ridge and come down the Gorges that's plainly visible from Mt Greville. As the pre-outing hasn't been done yet the challenge is unknown but I'm sure it will be an interesting trip. The usual great views and the chance to do the Mt Moon Gorge will be enough incentive to join me for some great winter walking.

Bald Rock National Park.

The Brass monkey Basecamp.

14-16 July 2000.

Leader: Gabe Romaguera (3856 3842)
Time: 7:00PM
Meet at: Sullivan and Nicolaides.
Grade: S 4 4 M 4 4
Cost: To be advised
Emerg Off: John Carter (3290 3621.)

Its Brass Monkey weather amongst the Granite Country and we're going to Bald Rock National Park on the N.S.W. border. Bald Rock N.P. is next door to Girraween and is Granite Country, boulders, rock slabs and heath. Bald Rock itself is a huge granite dome. Saturdays walk will follow the Border Fence to South Bald Rock where we can explore the caves, climb over the boulders and sit on the summit before returning to the camp and campfire. After dinner we'll do a night walk to Bald Rock where the moon should be out and the stars shining in the clear winter sky. A cup of tea on top before returning to the campfire for story telling and poetry reading (bring your favourite poem) before bed and that cosy sleeping bag. Sunday we'll return to Bald rock to see the view in daylight. Leaving for Brisbane

after lunch. A base camp and walking for everyone. Join me amongst the granite down on the Border.

**Mt Barney Mass
40th Anniversary
Wednesday, 16 August**

Book this date in your diary! We plan to climb at least two routes up Mt Barney and celebrate mass at the mass site, in the saddle. Come for the day or camp overnight. The club first undertook this walk in 1960. Within the abilities of most members.

FEDERATION MOUNTAIN RESCUE

FMR meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Baroona Special School, Milton at 7.30pm.

SOCIALS

**Coffee Shop Night
Wednesday 28th June
Somamas On Wilston
83 Kedron Brook Rd, Wilston
7:30pm**



For further details contact Graham (3861 1939).

Past Socials

Coffee Night - Eiffel Tower

Gabe and Graham braved the cold winds for a cuppa. Hopefully we will have a better attendance next time.

Friday Night Bowling Kedron

11 people joined in for a fun-filled night of ten pin bowling. A perfect opportunity to warm



ourselves up and keep out of the winds. We then all chipped in to enjoy some delicious pizzas. Thanks to those who came. Graham.

PAST OUTINGS

Mt Ngun Ngun Nightwalk Saturday, 15 April

It was a fine autumn afternoon that greeted the eight walkers and one hitchhiker on their way up Ngun Ngun. A gentle climb over the rock slab, past the cave soon had us at the saddle admiring the view over Tibrogargen and the Pumice stone passage. Susan and Mary stopping here to organize tea while the rest continued climbing to the summit to see the sun setting to the right of Crookneck. A different view of the Glasshouses in the fading afternoon light. Beerwah, Crookneck, Tibrogargen and the Twins could all be seen. Greg, Michele, Stephen and Lucy joining us before dark after their mad dash from Louise's wedding. Sitting on the edge watching the darkness cover the sky before returning to the saddle for tea. Susan and Mary had the billy boiled, the usual cake, biscuits and lollies were shared and bushwalking stories told. Too soon we wound our way back to the cars. A different but enjoyable trip to Ngun Ngun. Thanks to Mary, Elizabeth, Cecily, Terry, Garth, John B, Justin, Jan, Michele, Greg, Lucy and Stephen for sharing Saturday night on Ngun Ngun. Susan

Blackdown and Yeppoon Easter Trip

Five of us went to Blackdown and Yeppoon for Easter and the week that followed. Blackdown was a very pretty place that you could spend plenty of time exploring. Unfortunately for us it was freezing cold and raining the whole time. We left early and went to Yeppoon. We hoped to explore Great Keppel Island but the weather prevented this. Our trip to Byfield National Park and state forest became untenable as more rain prevented exploration. The only dry walk was inside the Olsen Caves at Mt Etna. After a week of almost continual rain we headed home but did not get very far as the car packed it in and we hired a car to get home.

Matthew

Mt Maroon Daywalk Saturday, 29 April

With the whole week of wet weather, only Pat & Jonas joined us to monitor the campsite on Mt Maroon. The northern gully was completely 'dry as a bone' with only a little moisture on top. Having completed the two monitoring sites, which were well covered with a dense

leaf litter, we went and sat at the summit cairn for lunch. I must admit it did not offer much of a view other than rain clouds all around. Jonas and Cliff talked about the various climbing routes they had experienced over the numerous years, whilst Pat & I sat and looked at the immense climbing wall in awe, on the way down. It was a short day with a cuppa at the cars to end the magnificent day. Thank you Cliff, Pat and Jonas.

Christine

**Mt Superbus
Daywalk
Sunday, 30 April**

Cliff and I spent a very peaceful night at Biggigen Park, then drove to Teviot Gap to meet John, Terry and Graham at 9am. Well I did bring poles, gaiters and good strong boots and by golly you needed them. Compared to Mt Maroon this walk was quite different. It had rained heavily overnight, so the trees and vegetation were constantly dripping on us. The climb to Rabbit Proof Junction was so slippery, two steps up and one step down and side ways. So much for some person's white socks and sandshoes, although he did manage to keep his crisp ironed white shirt clean. On Mt Superbus, we have two sites, the first named Rabbit Proof Junction now has a large tree fallen across the side of the exposed area. The second site (the summit) is shown to have vegetation regenerating. We did meet 10 other very wet throughwalkers belonging to no bushwalking club, who were young and adventurous and keen to continue the May Day long weekend no matter what the weather.

We were finished early and at the cars by 2pm. We stopped at Boonah for a hot chocolate and milkshake in the new Flavours Café (formerly the Cheesy Grin). Even though a wet day no rain fell and the sun did shine several times. I am sure the four fellow bushwalkers did enjoy Mt Superbus and will come again. Christine

**Mt. Edwards Reynolds Gorge
Labour Day
Justin Tobin**

With the Sunday Night weather report for Monday forecasting increasing rain and a South Easterly moving in, the walk for Labor Day Monday did not look promising. To the surprise of the nineteen walkers at Moogerah Dam it was overcast but fine. We decided to do Mt Edwards in the morning in case it did rain and have lunch in the shelter over looking the dam. So across the Dam wall stopping to admire the great view of Mt Greville and the Main Range. On to the track and a steady

climb to the top. The gorge and creek below us, we continued to the summit for smoko overlooking Aratula. Fine weather was still with us as we headed down to lunch and a cuppa. After lunch we took Pat's suggestion to walk down to the Gorge and have a look. Stopping when the slabs got too slippery. The walk below the dam was very pretty, waterholes and cascades, the rock slabs were amazingly dry so on we continued until we found a rock gully to take us up to little Mt Edwards and back down the ridge to the dam. An interesting little circuit. A coffee, hot chocolate, tea break at the kiosk finished off an enjoyable day walk on one of Moogerah's isolated peaks. The rain not arriving until we got closer to Brisbane where it had poured all day. Thanks to John B, Cecily, Terry, Jean Louise, and first timers June, Stewart, Maria and David The B.C.B.C. Connection. Geoff, Ellen, Marion, Keith and Christine from BOSQ. and Pat and Jonas. BOSQ. and B.C.B.C. for ignoring the weather reports and joining me above the dam.

**Mt Mee State Forest -Somerset Trail
Sat. 6 May
Mary Nolan**

With the threat of rain, we set off from the Gantry Day Use area to walk this trail as a club for the first time. Light rain did come early in the walk and the raincoats came out. Don had his trusty brolly ready but the light drizzle stopped and the day was fine. Early in the walk one nature lover was seen hugging a hoop pine. We heard bells along the track ahead and found not the ice-cream man but a group of bulls with cowbells jingling. Carolyn leapt into action with her jillaroo skills, yelling and waving. Faced with this fearsome display the bulls moved on. We walked on from the pine area into the eucalypt forest where one member showed her botanical knowledge by exclaiming "Gee, there's a lot of graffiti on the trees here", referring to *E. racemosus* or scribbly gum. The banksia was a lovely golden show throughout the morning and the colours of the gum trees, stripping, were lovely. There was some mud, some leeches, some water to negotiate, but this cheerful, chatty group managed it all. After some slightly steep climbs and a bite of morning tea and bonding ceremony, we reached the escarpment. Here we enjoyed misty views of Somerset Dam and environs. (Mt Mee may be derived from Mia Mia meaning views or lookout). It was a little windy up there so we could not enjoy the views for too long. The bellbirds were very faint because of the wind.

With 6kms to go we numbered off and found that yes, we still had 20 people despite the fact that blues supporters were close to the edge. On the way back we passed some pretty little creeks. Back at the picnic grounds we enjoyed a sausage sizzle and were joined by the rest of the Dolan family. Some of us wandered around the Gantry area while others watched the antics of a family of kookaburras dive bombing the food. Altogether a very enjoyable day. Thanks to all the drivers, cooks and to Ian for being the TEC and keeping the troops in order.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Pilgrimage 2000

June, Anne, Matthew and Kerry from BCBC along with representatives from Ipswich Catholic, Village and Queensland Bushwalking clubs are together organising the pilgrimage where we will be hosts to 150 - 180 bushwalkers from other clubs on the 8th to 10th September. It is shaping up to be a busy and enjoyable weekend with the opportunity to meet new people and represent our club to the bushwalking fraternity. After researching a number of locations, Camp Constable was chosen because of the facilities and walks it offered. Each club has taken responsibility for walks in certain areas and our club has included walks in our calendar so that club members can gain experience for our particular walks. We are going to need leaders so that we can do our share of the walks. As a club we need at least 10 people to co-lead a walk, so if you are interested in co-leading a walk please speak to Matthew (ph. 3279 4490). We also need members to help out at supper on Friday and Saturday night. Maxine has kindly offered to help organise the catering and again we need to do our share. **We will need club members to help set up coffee and tea facilities. Please see Maxine if you can help out.**

Remember to keep the second weekend of September free (September 8,9,10) for the PILGRIMAGE!

Colonial Ball

Here yee. Here yee. Once again it's time for the Colonial Ball with the Champion Moreton Bay Bush Band. Come one, Come all! Dressed in your colonial costumes. Light refreshments and supper will be available on the night.

**Where: Morris Hall, Church of England
Grammer School.
25 Oakland Parade
East Brisbane 4169**

Arrive at **7:00 pm** and swap your ticket for a dance card. Book your partners and be ready for the Grand March at **7:30 pm**.

Learn the genteel bush dances at the ball practices which will be held:

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

**When: 8:00pm on Tues-June 6, 13, 20, 27
And Sat-17th.**

Tickets - \$40.00 or Group of 8 - \$200.00
For further enquiries contact Graham or Greg.

Lapland to Spain

For anyone interested in a wilderness hike from Swedish Lapland to Spain commencing June 21 you may contact either Carl Roe on (07) 3255 9846 or visit the website www.silkroad.com.au

Other Activities - Queensland Museum

A series of workshops are being presented by the museum throughout the year.

Coming events:

Wild things in school grounds - 5 August

Birds for school children - 21 September

Butterflies - 21 October

Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs

An open day was recently held at Glen Rock Regional Park, which is located 40km south of Gatton. The property protects the upper catchment of Black Duck and Blackfellow Creeks, which are important water supplies for the Lockyer Valley. The Department of Natural Resources purchased the land in 1995. The park is 6,500ha and borders Mt Mistake National Park and Goomburra State Forest. Surveys undertaken at Glen rock have identified vulnerable species such as the brush-tailed rock wallaby, the powerful owl and the glossy black cockatoo. A small picnic and camping ground have been constructed and will be available in the near future. BFP is to manage the property. A Management Advisory Committee has also been established.
(Bush Telegraph)

It is a good thing to climb a mountain even if we never reach the summit. We get a magnificent view by going part of the way up, and the experience we gain helps us to get a little further up the next one we attempt.

(Hetty Bolton)

A BACKSLIP IN TIME

I was fortunate to be able to participate in a visit to the second Coomera slip in Lamington National Park with Ranger Ian Haig and National Parks Association of Qld members on Saturday, 20th May 2000. We walked at a good pace past the restricted access sign (which warns of a \$9000 fine for illegal trespass) to the site of the old lookout platform, which has now been entirely removed and the area fenced off. **NOTE:** Unlike other track "closures" eg Stairway Falls and Morans Falls Descent, this

area is definitely closed to the public because the risk factor is considered high.

We looked at the site of the proposed new lookout platform, which was chosen only after a geotechnical survey. We admired the restoration work which was done to the track at the first slip site – an impressive and expensive repair carried out with special Commonwealth funds.

The second slip occurred between the third and fourth creek crossings, just below Nahnangboola (Little Brother) Falls. Our track came to an abrupt end at a point about 4m above the creek and maybe 25m below the top of the ridge to the right. (My height estimations are very unreliable.) Immediately ahead lies a new scree slope which tumbles to the edge of the creek. "Not too difficult to negotiate, nor even to construct a track across", was my first thought. I then glanced upwards and it is there that the problem lies. The slip has exposed a threatening area of cliff and rock which appears very unstable. One big boulder well above us on the right hand side had a spindly sapling growing on top of it, the thinness of which seemed to me to emphasise the fragility of its position.

We were all impressed by the magnitude of the repair task, and spent much time discussing options. One possibility was to blast the unstable cliff line which could result in more instability in the area and which would certainly send masses of rocks into the creek. Another was to cross the creek at that point and recross it just above the lower falls. This would require finding four points of entry and exit in the next 50m or so, and a possible route on the opposite bank was not immediately obvious. The third suggestion was to re-route the track some distance back to the top of the ridge to our right. This could result in the construction of several hundred metres of new track. It was obvious that no solution was an easy one, and that all would be beyond the financial scope of the normal annual budget for the Park. Ian listened courteously to our suggestions although they were not those of professional track builders, and said that the first probable step was a risk assessment possibly costing \$20 000.

The thought came to us all of the ingenuity of the original track architects and workers, who would have overcome this problem in the same spirit as they did all others. However, we have to remember that they worked in an era when such labour intensive work was comparatively inexpensive; that the standards of track construction have risen greatly since then; and that we now live in an atmosphere of public liability and fear of litigation.

It is possible that the track could be reopened as a one-way route to the lookout. I feel that this would be acceptable only as a short-term measure. Why should the Coomera Circuit as we knew it be abandoned forever? This circuit was one of the most popular longer walks in this World Heritage area. It offered a unique opportunity to see such views as the Coomera Crevice, to walk beside

the creek enjoying a series of cascades and to have a full day's exercise.

Why should we in this era have to put up with a track system that is less than that enjoyed by our fellow walkers in the forties and fifties? We have seen the degradation of the dangerously exciting Mystery Track (understandable in the atmosphere referred to earlier); the non-maintenance of the O'Reilly's to Binna Burra track via the Darlington, and now even from Blue Pool to Stairway Falls; the unsafe grading given to the stairway down Moran's Falls; and the non-opening of the Lower Caves Circuit. When will the track system of Lamington National Park be restored to its former glory? Decades of neglect through insufficient funding require a massive injection of funds. A tenth, or even a hundredth, of the \$128 million allocated to Lang Park would be very welcome. Sports stadiums are replaceable. Our National Parks are not. Let us begin to accord them the value and the funding that they deserve. Ann Tracey

Birthday Corner



*Happy Birthday to our Tiny Tots:
Jack McDonald-2, Mary Tobin-2,
Thomas Carter-3, Ethan Palmer-1*

MORE BEAUT SCANDAL

- Who were the nude bathers seen on a recent day walk.
- Has Justin's reputation for scunge got so bad that the walkers are bringing their mowers on daywalks.
- Who was the club member seen amongst the crowd outside Buckingham Palace.

A note from the Editor...

You may forward your magazine articles to Either:

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My e-mail address: leonardi@gil.com.au

God Bless!

The Leaf

A little boy opened the big family Bible and was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages.

Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible and he picked it up so he could get a closer look.

What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed between the pages.

Momma, look what I found! The boy called out excitedly.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked. With astonishment in his voice, the boy replied, I think it's Adam's underwear!



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