



JILALAN

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**BRISBANE CATHOLIC
BUSHWALKING CLUB Inc**



Under the guidance of Our Lady Of The Way

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Please have all Jilalan articles to Louise Leonardi by the 1st of the month. otherwise they cannot be included. 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:

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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

- Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
- Walk departures are usually from Red Hill Parish Hall, Musgrave Rd. Check "Jilalan" or phone the leader to determine the location.
- 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.
- Visitors who have done more than 3 walks must sign an Assumption of Risk form for insurance.**

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 2003

DATE 2003	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
May				
19	Meeting	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	
24	Annual Mass & Dinner	Phil Murray	3841 0254	Social
25	Mt Ngungun Train Trip	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
28	Coffee Night	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social
June				
1	Mt. Greville	Majella Deegan	3300 0229	D/W
6-9	Emu Creek	Iain Renton	3371 4672	B/C
14	Ferries of Brisbane Walk	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	D/W
16	Meeting	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	
20	Dinner at Southbank – COTAH	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social
21	Mt Mitchell	Geoffrey Egert	0412 781306	D/W
25	Coffee Night	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social
27-28	Savages Ridge	Iain Renton	3371 4672	O/N
July				
4	Tenpin Bowling Night	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social
6	Mt Zahel	Nathan Tobin	3282 8904	D/W
11-13	Bald Rock	Elizabeth Richards	3393 5545	B/C
15	Colonial Ball Practice No. 1			
18-20	Mt Mistake to Glen Rock	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	T/W
20	White's Hill Reserve	Pat Mackie	3398 7041	½ D/W
21	Meeting	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	
22	Colonial Ball Practice No. 2			
26	Historic Shepherd's Walk	Terry Silk	3355 9765	D/W
29	Colonial Ball Practice No. 3			
30	Coffee Night	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social
August				
3	Barney Creek	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
5	Colonial Ball Practice No. 4			
9	18 th Annual Colonial Ball	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	Social
13	Barney Mass	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
17	Bike Ride	Gabe Romaguera	3856 3842	Social
18	Meeting	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	
23-24	Mt Superbus (Site Monitoring)	Christine Harrison	5429 5494	O/N
27	Coffee Night	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social
30-31	Girraween	Kerry Mulligan	3876 8125	B/C
September				
6	Father Ed Memorial Walk – Moreton Island	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
13-14	Pilgrimage – Glen Rock (BOSQ)			
15	Meeting	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	
21	Wildflower walk – Mt Maroon	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
October				
19	Sandstone Pt to Beechmere	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	D/W
20	Meeting	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	
November				
8	Mystery Progressive Dinner	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social

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 Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club uses the following Walk Grading system, which is referred to under each coming walk. If uncertain, please consult with the walk's leader.

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

Club Web Address:

www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/

email: briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au

The club's calendar can be seen at this site under the heading Event Calendar. (The web site can be located through the Yahoo search engine. Also, there are links from the Federation website.)



PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

Why not spice up your Monday nights, come to the Monthly Meeting held on the 3rd Monday of the month.

Come along and add your say to the management of Your Club. A club is the sum of the members and the spirit of the past years. You make the Club, the other person doesn't. The Committee is your representative; you elect them to do the day-to-day work. The membership directs the Club in the direction to go and the Committee implements it. By coming to a meeting, you can have your say. If meetings are slow – I would never say boring; it is because not enough people come along to discuss matters (no blood letting please).

Also the meeting is often the first time Visitors see us. It is important they see a lot of faces – a big meeting shows success and people like joining a successful club. Free discussion by a number of people lets them see the Club running properly – another sign of success. Especially, visitors need to talk in order not to run out of conversation, have quiet periods or leave early because no one else spoke with them.

Anyway, those regulars who come along need to hear from others about trips so as to heighten their enjoyment of the night – hear more than one description of an event. Your friends want to catch up with you – you are missed. Have you those holiday photos to bring along? How is the job? How was that last trip? You can add to a coming trip by telling friends about how it was when you went last time. You have valuable views & opinions to share.

So, come along and start a REVOLUTION.

Besides, there is a lot of parking space

Greg Endicott

ABOUT MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our newest members:- Jie Chen and her daughter, Eva who have already done three walks with the club, including a Base Camp (well done!); and Michael Egert who is the brother of Geoff Egert, a long term club member. As usual we look forward to seeing you all on future walks.

Also, welcome back to Patricia Funnell who has rejoined the club after a brief absence due to work commitments. It's good to have you back on board and we sincerely hope that you can manage the time to fit in some walks.

Birthday wishes to June Greenaway, Susan Tobin, Bernard Ivers and Elizabeth Richards



TREASURERS REPORT

Balance 14/04/03	\$ 1278.53
<u>Plus Receipts</u>	<u>\$ 709.00</u>
	\$1987.53
<u>Less Payments</u>	<u>\$ 390.75</u>
<u>Balance 19/05/03</u>	<u>\$1596.78</u>
Term Deposit	\$1,643.82

Finally, the Travel Combination Book Light/Torch/Digital Alarm Clock raffle will be drawn at the June meeting. If by some chance I have not sold you a ticket or two,

I still have some left which I will only be too pleased to sell to you at the meeting before the draw. Good luck to all who have purchased tickets and thank you for your support. Terry.

Walks Waffle

Things have greened up nicely after the rain, the air is crisper and cleaner, and creeks are flowing nicely. Wonderful winter walking weather is well and truly upon us. So get those boots out, make the most of it and join us on one of our walks (or two or three or four.)

Gabe did a great job in deciding to have his Easter Basecamp at Washpool/ Gibraltar Ranges National Parks. Not only was it a great spot but we had fine weather. Toowoomba bushies were walking in New England National parks (not far away) and reported inclement weather, and a friend of mine went to the blues festival at Byron bay and it rained there as well.

Also, to plan the walks calendar from September onwards there is going to be an OUTINGS MEETING on SUNDAY 29TH JUNE AT 1:30PM. Location to still be organised.

If you have any ideas for walks, or better still, walks you would be able to lead, please contact me or (Greg Endicott, Phil Murray or Justin Tobin) before the meeting, (or turn up yourself).

Many thanks, Iain

INFORMATION FOR VISITORS

All visitors who have participated in more than three walks and yet are to become a member must sign the 'Assumption of Risk Form'. This is to occur before commencing a walk. This is a requirement of the

Insurance Scheme so that the visitor will be covered by the policy.

COMING WALKS

Mt Mitchell Saturday 21st June Daywalk

Leader: Geoffrey Egert
(3864 1096) (W) Voicemail
until Thursday 19th June
7:00pm or 0412781306
(after 7:30pm)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7:15am
Cost: \$15:00
Grading: S 3 3
Emerg Off: Louise Leonardi
(32871372)

We will regroup at Aratula for a brief stop. We will leave our vehicles in the car park at Cunningham's Gap. The track is a graded one. It is 5-6 kms to the top of Mt Castle. We will be having lunch there.

The views include the valleys below Spicers Peak and the Cedar Plateau, Mt Cordeaux and the Ramparts and perhaps even the Hole in the Wall.

Bring the usual equipment for a day walk noted on page 1 of this magazine. On a fine day this is a very rewarding walk for not a lot of exertion.

Geoffrey Egert

Savages Ridge
Fri 27th – Sat 28th June
Overnighter

Leader: Iain Renton (3371 4672)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7:00pm
Cost: \$25:00
Grading: L 6 6
Emerg Off: Louise Leonardi
 (3287 1372)

It is now five years since the club has been up Savages Ridge. That was my first encounter with the ridge and I was most impressed. It remains one of my top favourite walks. It's a long day's walk (last time – 6:15am to 6:30pm) but the rewards make it well and truly worth it. The rewards are a distinctly different view of Mt Barney and magnificent panoramas of wide, wild expanses, such as you rarely see in S.E. Qld.

It is a much less travelled side of Mt Barney which further enhances the wilderness feel of this walk. We will be camping at Barney Lodge the night before because of the early start in the morning. (If you don't want to camp overnight you'll need to leave Brisbane at 4:00am sharp!)

The route will take us up Savages Ridge on the south-western side of Mt Barney, then up West Peak, down to the saddle and down Peasants Ridge. (If we make good time there is the option of climbing East Peak from the saddle and then down South East ridge instead).

Walkers will need to be fit and reasonably confident about rock scrambling. Come and join me for a great walk. Iain

Mt Zahel
Sunday 6th July

Leader: Nathan Tobin (3282 8904)
 (Between 7:30pm &
 9:30pm)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 6:30am
Cost: \$15:00
Grading: M 4 4
Emerg Off: Veronica Tobin 3282 8904

Mt Zahel is about 884 meters high and is just across the road from Mt Beau Brummell. It is located just outside the township of Mulgowie. Although I have not done the pre-outing I have met the farmer and it looks like we will be doing the walk differently to last time. We will approach Mt Zahel through the dairy head towards the ridge line and start climbing a bit further on. We will hang a right and follow a cattle pad before joining the main ridge where morning tea will be taken.

After morning tea we will continue our climb to the top slowly where a billy can be boiled and a welcome break had by all. After lunch we will head back the way we came. Once on terra firma and thanks given to the farmer we will head into Laidley for a coffee and toilet break. We will then head home with me leaving you at Blacksoil. I will not be at the meeting so if you ring me at home in the prescribed hours you will get to talk to a human otherwise you will get a machine and the machine does not always ring back.

Nathan

Bald Rock National Park
Brass Monkey Basecamp
Fri 11th – Sun 13th July

Leader: Elizabeth Richards
(3393 5545)
Meet at: As arranged
Cost: \$50.00 (All National Park
Fees included)
Grading: M 4 4 & S 2 2
Emerg Off: Terry Silk (3355 9765)

Bald Rock N.P is located in NSW on the QLD / NSW border along the Mount Lindsay Highway and is in the middle of GRANITE country. Bald Rock is the main feature of the park. On Saturday we will follow a track to South Bald Rock along the fire trail before climbing a section of South Bald Rock.

The summit walk to Bald Rock on Sunday morning is two hours return and offers 360-degree views of the surrounding granite country. On a clear day you can see The Pyramids in Girraween National Park, Mt Lindsay and Mt Barney to the north. On our return we will do a short walk behind the camping ground that will take us out onto a viewing platform. We will return to Brisbane after lunch.



Granite is 'great'.

Bonus: For those who will leave Brisbane late Friday afternoon:

If you would like to see your tent already pitched when you arrive at the Park late Friday night, I am prepared to erect them for you (I will already be there).

Elizabeth

Mt Mistake to Glen Rock Fri 18th - Sun 20th July Throughwalk

Leader: Justin Tobin (3366 3191)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7:00pm
Cost: \$15:00
Grading: L 6 6? (Pre-outing has not
been done)
Emerg Off: Susan & Mary Tobin
(3366 3191)

The walk starts at Mt. Mistake in the Laidley Valley. After a quick look at Barbara's house with no walls, it is up the ridge to Mt Mistake and along the range to camp near Point Pure before finishing at Glen Rock sometime Sunday afternoon.

The actual terrain and nature of the walk is unknown as no pre-outing has been done. This could be the pre-outing so come prepared and carry water for the week-end. If you can help with the driving either dropping off or picking up or base camping at Glen Rock for the weekend please let me know.

Thanks Justin.

White's Hill Reserve Sun 20th July Half Daywalk

Leader: Patricia Mackie
(3398 7041)
Meet at: Main Picnic Area
Near Touch Football
Clubhouse.
Time: 8.00 am
Cost: \$2-00
Grading: S 32
Map Ref UBD Map 181 Ref C 9
Emerg Off: Louise Leonardi
(3287 1372)

White's Hill Reserve is a little pocket of bushland in the inner eastern suburbs. It is a nice patch of remnant bushland for a leisurely stroll with friends. The plan is to do a circuit and take in the "3 peaks" of the reserve. Namely – White's Hill, Sankey's Mountain and Pine Mountain. So bring along some water, a cup and something to share for morning tea. There is a distinct possibility that we might round off the day with a visit to a local coffee shop.

Come and join me for a hike through the suburbs of Whites Hill Reserve and Sankey Mountain. Here we can explore the history of Coorparoo, Whites Hill and Camp Hill.

Afterward there will be a BBQ at 23 Jerome St Coorparoo. For further information phone me on Ph 3398 7041 Patricia Mackie

COMING SOCIALS

Friday, 20th June Southbank - COTAH

Where: Merivale St (cnr Tribune St)
South Brisbane
Time: 6:45pm
Contact: Carolyn Ivanac - 3379 9486

Come along and join me for a great night of fun & food. The 3 course meals are cooked by apprentice chefs. I am looking forward to you coming and sharing a meal in a relaxed atmosphere. Dress – Smart casual.

There is ample parking and the place is wheelchair accessible.

Coffee Night Wednesday, 25th June

Where: The 3 Monkeys Coffee and
Tea House
58 Mollison Street
South Brisbane
Time: 7:00 – 7:30pm

If the weather is getting you down then come and join us for a great night and find out what you have been missing out on.

For further information please contact me on Ph: 3379 9486. Carolyn

Friday, 4th July Tenpin Bowling Night



Where: 278 Gympie Rd
Kedron
Time: 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start
Games start at 7:45pm
Cost: \$18:95
Contact: Carolyn Ivanac - 3379 9486

The cost for this night will give you a triple B (BBB). Go Bowling/Burger/Beer or soft drink if you prefer.

This price also includes shoe hire.

Contact me by Tues 1/7/03 for booking of numbers. Cheers, Carolyn

COLONIAL BALL

Saturday, 9th August

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

Time: 7:00pm

Cost: \$20:00, if paid before July 15th
or \$30:00 after 15th July

Contact: Greg Endicott – 3351 4092

Practices: Tues July 15th, 22nd, 29th, and
Aug 5th from 7:30pm to 9:30pm at the
School of Arts. - \$2 for each practice

Recreate a bygone era, dress in colonial costume and enjoy the music of the 19th century.

Arrive at 7pm, swap your ticket for your dance card in which you write down the names of the partners of each dance. In polite company, you cannot dance with the same woman more than 3 times during the night. The first 30 minutes are spent by the gents asking the ladies for dances.

The Grand March starts at 7.30pm. Enjoy dances from our early days of settlement that came from our heritage to those uniquely Australian, and to those that have evolved over years and in different parts of the country.

Experience the music of waltzes, vasovianas, schottisches and polkas. Learn about quadrilles, longways sets and progressive dances.

Practices are highly recommended. As most dances are in sets of 4 couples, you need to know enough of the steps not to hinder the other dancers.

I have been to fifteen of these balls and they are a top night. The fun starts at the practices, which are a social in themselves – fun nights where you are learning with your friends. The enjoyment continues when you go around the costume hire shops searching for that gown or suit. Then there is the ball itself, really enjoyable –

going like clockwork, a sense of achievement when you do it right.

If you have something suitable at home/mums/aunts/uncles, it is a good costume. It is preferable we have even numbers of females/males, but don't be shy so ask.

Tickets are purchased at the practices, or by sending your cheque, made out to the Queensland Colonial & Heritage Dancers, to PO Box 3011 Yeronga Q 4104.

Thanks, Greg E.

PAST SOCIALS

Coffee Night

Congratulations to all those who went out and battled with the forces of the elements and had a cappuccino. Sorry I could not be present but heard it was a great night.

Thanks to those who joined in: Greg, Terry, Mark, Majella, Jean, The Tobins, Tony Young, Mary Nolan and Liz Little.

Well done troops. The Boss (Carolyn)

Annual Mass and Dinner

The Annual Mass at Padua College was a very nice celebration of the Eucharist. The celebrant was Father Finian Perkins. He did an excellent job and was very chatty. When he started the mass he introduced himself and then asked us who we were.

During the sermon he asked us who we were again and what do we do as he knew very little about us. He also asked us why we go bushwalking etc etc. We had a lovely chat for a few minutes. I presume he was after information so he could fine tune his sermon. He gave his sermon about

loving one another and accepting those who are different. Fr Finian mentioned that he was a classmate of Father Ed Nally many years ago. He has spent years down south in Launceston, Melbourne, Bendigo and Campbelltown. He only returned to Qld as recently as January this year

There were about 30 people in attendance, counting children. Relying on my hazy memory they were:- Pat Lawton, Majella Deegan, Mark Deegan, Don Keating, Robyn Pugh, Trevor Kelly, Paul Evans, Justin Tobin, Sue Tobin, Mary Tobin, John Carter, Majella Carter, Thomas Carter, Matthew Palmer, Ethan Palmer, Peter Dore, Kathy Dore, Michael Dore, Anthony Dolan, Bernadette Dolan, Greg Endicott, Michelle Endicott, Stephen Endicott, Lucy Endicott, Jean Gowans, Liz Little, Liz Richards, Phil Murray and Sue Murray. Many of the above people went back to the Stafford Tavern where we had an excellent meal and relaxing drink.

I need to send a special thanks to Maxine Brophy for organising the venue, the priest and the reservations at the hotel. All this and she wasn't able to attend. Thanks to the Dore family for providing the music and leading the singing. Also thanks to Louise Leonardi for providing the Mass Booklets. Phil Murray.

PAST OUTINGS

Mt D'Aguilar

The day dawned overcast, though warm. The 12 walkers set off from Red Hill and went up to Mt Glorious via Samford. Once we got to the top we did a leisurely visit to each of the lookouts on the way to the start of the walk – Jolly's, Wivenhoe & etc. Views from these were not too bad – the weather did not cloud us out. We could see right over the northeastern areas of Greater Brisbane to the bay.

Then to the walk. The start is the gate into the state forest just before Wivenhoe Lookout. Once over, we did a sharp right through re-growth to the old timber track. In most parts this was still a good road you could get the family car over – broad and hard underfoot, though boggy in places as it had been raining non stop for weeks. The track took us along the crest of the ridge in rainforest – thus there were limited opportunities for views. But when there were views, we had a peephole out to the mountains and plains towards Esk.

The rainforest was its normal lovely cool deep green – I just love rainforest. The leaves were every shape, the trunks tall and straight, staghorns hanging from the fork and the occasional orchid was in sight. The ground underfoot was covered in fallen leaves, bracken and some tall scraggly grass. In some places we left the track and came across little rocky knolls (that we could sit on). In one or two places, we came across old rusting timber jinkers and other logging equipment.

However, we did not dodge the rain as it periodically came over – annoying but not heavy enough to keep wet gear on. We arrived at the trig point deep into the forest in time for a latish lunch – a little cool once we would stop walking. The troops were eager to move on even before I had stopped munching on the vegemite sambos.

The return was over the same path as the outward – and still with the 2 boys in the lead. There seemed to be a competition between them to find the way – both 12y.o visitors. Somehow the return seemed quicker than the outward. The hoped for stop at the café up top was curtailed as it was closed.

Thanks to all for coming – the visitors, the 2 boys (who did an excellent job), those

who helped navigate and the “old” hands.
Greg Endicott

Believe in Yourself

* *Believe in yourself and in your dream* *
* *Though impossible things may seem.* *
* *Someday, somehow you'll get through* *
* *To the goal you have in view.* *
* *Mountains fall and seas divide* *
* *Before the one who in their stride* *
* *Takes a hard road day by day* *
* *Sweeping obstacles away.* *
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Northbrook Creek

This promised to be a good off-track walk through the mountains, valleys and gorges of the Mt Glorious part of the D'Aguilar Ranges. The day was fine and the sky reasonably clear. The temperature was comfortable for walking and the party fit & happy. I like the contrasts of the D'Aguilar's – the rolling green plains of the picnic areas, the cool rainforest tracks of the forest and the tremendous endless views from the many lookouts. Also in the back country are the steep sided river valleys with the crystal clear waters flowing far below in the ever shady bottoms. Three visitors made up a good portion of the team; this included the two 12yo lads

Anthony broke out the map and showed us the way – marked in yellow hi-lighter. Looked like a good plan and did not seem too far, as the map goes. We parked one car down by Northbrook Bridge and the remaining just past the Mt Glorious township. We sneaked past the beehives,

with their occupants, and descended the side of the ridge toward the valley below. Anthony led the way, with the two lads close behind. The oldies dragged the tail.

It was a long way down to the valley floor, through the mulch and scree of the steep sides of the ridge. We spread out. There were the occasional slips and slides. The troops attempted to dodge around the worst of the vines. At last, a rocky creek underfoot, though no water, but flatter than the ridge side, and more solid. It was a pretty little gully, with occasional mini waterfalls – if there had have been more water flowing. The team rested, had biscuits and lollies, got our walking legs back on, and pushed on – sliding down logs, climbing down rocky slopes and dodging through the bush around waterfalls. Looking up, the ridge tops, peaks and sky looked a long way away.

Back to the map every few minutes, trying to relate the surrounds to the paper. Where were we on the “yellow line”? Guesstimates were made, skyline checked, peaks counted and side creeks noted. Then for lunch, we arrived at Northbrook creek proper, the real thing. Then what was it we just left? Only a side creek! There was no mistaking the real thing – broad flat, full of boulders and rocks with a good flow of water. Did this mean we were behind time?

The going was easier, but we had become quite tired. Anthony was up ahead trailblazing, the boys in between shooting ahead, and the tail following, still. The exit routes still looked steep, side creeks flowed in to join the main one. An occasional cairn or tape marker was seen disappearing into the rainforest and the peaks still looked a long way up. But there was no vine to tangle us. Creek bends came and went, pools came and went, rapids came and went. Late in the afternoon it was decided to climb out via a suitable ridge that looked good on the map,

with the road (read car instead), not far away.

Something went wrong with the counting, as the ridge did not go where it should have. We had to climb through a lot of scunge to get to the spine of it, but once there, it was clear to the top. Then magically, the road, but not the car and Anthony still had a good walk to get to it.

In all, a rewarding day, good hard walking – more than expected and planned, but a real challenge. All those who went showed fortitude, good humour and staying power – qualities of bushwalkers. This will be the hardest walk of the year for those who went – Anthony Dolan, Yvonne Argent, Clyde Argent, Stephen Endicott and Greg Endicott. A trip that will forever be remembered by us all.

Greg E.

Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs

Federation meetings are held at 7:30pm on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Little Kings Movement. 33 O'Keefe St, Buranda.

Federation web site address is:
<http://www.geocities.com/qfbwc/index.htm>
l. The email address is
qfbwc@yahoo.com.au

FEDERATION MOUNTAIN RESCUE

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

*** A THOUGHT TO PONDER.....***

The power of accurate observation is frequently called cynicism by those who don't have it. George Bernard Shaw

A note from the Editor.....

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