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GENERAL MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, being scheduled to commence at 7.30 p.m (although they usually start about 15 minutes later). The location is currently in the basement of the Catholic Centre (near St Stephen's Cathedral) with entry via Charlotte Street. The door is usually staffed up to about 8.00 p.m. If you arrive after this time, please ring the bell and wait for someone to let you in. Parking is NOT available on site and free parking can be difficult to find nearby. Parking is available close by at \$4.00. **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 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 car park). 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 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 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.

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

JUN	21-23	O'Reilly's - Binna-Burra Traverse	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	T/W
	20-23	Green Mountains (O'Reilly's)	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	B/C
	22	Green Mountains (O'Reilly's)	Bernadette Dolan	3899 1785	D/W
	23	Green Mountains (O'Reilly's)	Geoffrey Egert	3356 2163	D/W
	24	Jilalan Deadline (Paper Articles)			JIL
	28-30	Glasshouse Mtns Epic	John Carter	3290 3621	B/C
JUL	28-30	Glasshouse Mtns Epic	Joe Finn		B/C
	1	Management Committee Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN
	3	Jilalan Deadline (Computer Disk Articles)			JIL
	6	Beginner's Abseil Morning	Bill Butler	3351 1588	TRN
	6	Colonial Ball	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	SOC
	12-14	Mt Glorious - Lake Manchester	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	T/W
	14	Rescue Leaders	Bill Butler	3351 1588	FMR
	15	Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN
	17	Outing's Committee - Calendar to July 97	Ed Thistlethwaite	3374 2198	MTN
	20	Christmas in July	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	SOC
AUG	21	Shipstern	June Greenaway	3358 5295	D/W
	22	Jilalan Deadline (Paper Articles)			JIL
	27-28	Logan's Ridge	Bill Butler	3351 1588	O/N
	3	Lightning Falls	Patricia Broughton	3341 7509	D/W
	3	O'Reilly's Dinner	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	SOC
	4	Post Dinner Walk	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	D/W
	5	Management Committee Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN
	7	Jilalan Deadline (Computer Disk Articles)			JIL
	9-11	Lizard - Bangalore - Bell	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	T/W
	10	Beginner's Abseil	Bill Butler	3351 1588	TRN
SEP	11	Mt May	Con Vink	3814 3545	D/W
	10-18	Club Hut - Working Bee	Jon Brunott	3209 9598	B/C
	13-14	Barney Mass	Con Vink	3814 3545	O/N
	16-18	Spicers	Jim O'Meara	3838 3356	B/C
	19	Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN
	24	Cougals			D/W
	26	Jilalan Deadline (Paper Articles)			JIL
	30	Springbrook Pinnacle	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	D/W
	30-1	Stretcher Track - Wyangaree			T/W
	30-1	Forest Tops	Russell Code	3245 4803	B/C
SEP	2	Management Committee Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN
	4	Jilalan Deadline (Computer Disk Articles)			JIL
	7	Progressive Dinner (Fairy Tale Character)	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	SOC
	8	Map Reading Afternoon	Bill Butler	3351 1588	TRN
	13-15	Pilgrimage	Ed Thistlethwaite	3374 2198	B/C
	16	Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN
	20-22	Girraween (Medium/Hard)	Barry Ellerington	3886 3451	B/C
	20-22	Girraween (Easy & Medium)	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	B/C
	22	Reynolds Gorge-Mt Edwards	Jim O'Meara	3838 3356	D/W
	23	Jilalan Deadline (Paper Articles)			JIL
SEP	28	Mt Sampson	Jim O'Meara	3838 3356	D/W

KEY

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

JILALAN

In order to make it easier for leaders, the closing dates for Jilalan articles have been listed in the Association Calendar. Note that there are different closing dates for written articles vs computer disk articles.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Once again, all members are invited to attend the next meeting of the Management Committee. It will be held on Monday 5th August starting at 7.30 p.m. You are very welcome to attend the meeting but please contact the President beforehand. If you feel strongly about an issue, bring it along to the Committee Meeting and we'll put it on the agenda. The dates of future Committee meetings have also been listed in Jilalan.

OUTINGS MEETING

A meeting of the Outings Committee, where the walks until July 1997 will be decided, will be held at Majella's place on the 17th of July. All members are invited, but once again please contact the President beforehand if you wish to attend so that Majella is not confronted with a larger than expected attendance.

GENERAL MEETINGS

In order to try to make General Meetings run smoother, members are must notify the Chair before hand of any items of General Business they might wish to raise.

WALK GRADINGS

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

1. Distance	Short	Under 10 klm per day
	Medium	10-15 klm per day
	Long	15-20 klm per day
	EXtra Long	Over 20 klm 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

COMING WALKS

Wednesday 17 July
OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Outings Committee, where the walks until July 1997 will be decided, will be held at Majella's place on 17 July. All members are invited, but please contact the President beforehand if you wish to attend so that Majella is not confronted with a larger than expected attendance.

Sunday 21 July 1996

SHIPSTERN
(Day Walk)

Leader:	June Greenaway
Meeting Place:	Cathedral, Charlotte St.
Meeting Time:	6:30am
Cost:	\$12
Emergency Officer:	Bernadette Dolan (3899 1785)
Grade:	L34

Shipstern is one of the nicest walks from Binna Burra. It is graded track and approximately 20kms in length. On the pre-outing there were many obstacles across the track after the heavy rains, but they were easily negotiable. We pass some huge trees at the beginning of the track and later dense groves of Piccabeen Palms. On the pre-outing

we weren't sure which were Red Cedars but finally came across one that actually had a sign on it, and we think we saw some flooded gums - they were beautiful. The track drops down to Nixons Creek - we didn't even get wet feet here, and there are many lookouts, with great views. We'll detour to Ballenlui Falls. There was a lot of water flowing here. Another detour to Charraboomba Rock - it was certainly worth the 80 odd steps to get to this, then onto Shipstern for lunch, more great views of Numinbah Valley and Mt Warning.

The return track skirts along the eastern side of the range, above spectacular cliffs with views of Numinbah Valley. Past the cascades and other water falls, eventually joining the Border Track back to Binna Burra. It is an early start as it's a fairly long day and there won't be a goodies stop on the drive to the walk. We can have one on the way home at Yahooz - Canungra, who have offered us 10% discount if we let them know we will be coming. Thanks to Patricia and Geoff for helping me with the pre-outing.

Saturday 27 July - Sunday 28 July 1996
LOGANS RIDGE (MT. BARNEY)
(Overnighter)

Leader: Bill Butler (PH: 3351 1588)
Meeting Time: 7pm Saturday
Meeting Place: Sullivan & Nicolaidies, Taringa
Cost: \$12
Emergency Off: Andrea Butler (PH: 3351 1588)
Grade: M 87

After a short stop at Beaudesert we will head to the "Yellowpinch" camping area near Mt Barney and set up our tents. The walk commences at 6.30 a.m. on Sunday, which should give us plenty of time to take in the views and obtain some good photographs on the way up. We will follow in the footsteps of Captain Logan who made the first European ascent of Mt Barney via this ridge on the 3rd August 1828.

After lunch on the East Peak Summit we will descend the mountain by South East Ridge.

So please join me for what promises to be a very relaxing walk.

Saturday 3 August 1996
LIGHTNING FALLS
(Day Walk)

Leader: Patricia Broughton (PH: 3341 7509)
Time: 7:30am
Meeting Place: O'Reilly's camping ground
Cost: \$12 transport + \$3 camping
Emergency Off: Cathy Wood (PH: 3398 8228)
Grade: L22

To quote Ross Buchanan, "Many people regard this as the most beautiful track walk in the Green Mountains area. It features a variety of serenely beautiful cascades set amid tranquil forest groves, with a glimpse into the mysterious depths of Black Canyon from the top of Lightning Falls. Higher on the circuit, the track passes through a number of areas of superb beech forest, while Echo Point provides good views of Mt Warning."

There are several creek crossings and there will not be enough time to spare for removing boots, etc at each crossing so it would be a good idea to wear old sneakers and be prepared to walk in wet shoes IF the creeks are up.

This is a 21km circuit - just enough exercise to work up a good appetite for dinner. We should be back at the camping ground in plenty of time for showers before Mass and dinner.

Saturday 3rd Aug - Sunday 4th Aug
O'REILLY'S OVERNIGHTER AND
ANNUAL DINNER

Leader: Majella Robertson (PH: 3359 8311)
Meeting Time: 7.30 a.m. (If walking on Saturday)
Meeting Place: O'Reilly's Camping Ground at 7:30am (If coming later for dinner and overnight ring me and we will arrange something)
Emergency Off: Cathy Wood (PH: 3398 8228)
Cost: \$12 transport plus see text below

This year we will start the annual dinner weekend with a day walk on Saturday which is being led by Patricia (see her write up). This will be finished in plenty of time for a shower before Mass and dinner. We will have dinner on Saturday night up at the guest house, followed by an evening of dancing and fun, and on Sunday morning we will head out for a short walk along one of the tracks at O'Reillys (don't panic, this will only be a short, non-strenuous walk) followed by, you guessed it, coffee at the coffee shop before we head home.

The annual dinner comprises a three course evening meal at the O'Reillys Guesthouse, which normally costs \$25. It comprises soup, choice of four main dishes, dessert buffet, and tea and coffee. The cost of the weekend will be: \$25 for the dinner, \$3 per person camping fees and \$12 transport costs.

I will need numbers at our next meeting (July 15th) and a small deposit of \$5 as I have to pay the camping fees and a deposit at the guesthouse before the date.

If you wish to only come for part of the weekend, either just for the Saturday walk or just for the dinner and overnight, this is not a problem. Let Patricia know if you are coming just for the walk (the cost will be \$12) and let me know if you are coming just for dinner and overnight. This is always a great night, so come along and join us.



THE expedition came to a clearing, and suddenly there it was ... the legendary place where all the missing socks go!

NOTICE TO WALKERS

This is a reminder to all walkers that you should have certain minimal basic equipment with you on every trip. Always carry a hat, sun screen, at least 2 litres of water, a first aid kit, torch, shirt and parka/raincoat.

Fri 9 August - Sun 11 August 1996
LIZARD - BANGALOW BELL
(Throughwalk)

Leader: Justin Tobin (PH: 3366 3193)
Time: 7:00pm
Meeting Place: Sullivan and Nicolaides
Cost: \$12
Emergency Off: Susan Tobin
 (PH: 3366 3193 or 3203 5540)
Grade: L88
Limit: 8

When you're driving up the Carney Creek - Head road, if you look to your right you can see Bangalow, Bell, Roberts and Lizard Point all joined by connecting ridges. Those ridges and peaks will be our journey for the weekend.

On Friday night we will be camping below the head. There will be an early start Saturday from the Teviot Gap, along the road to the middle ridge which takes us up to the range and a view of the Steamers, over Roberts to Lizard Point and that amazing panorama, a vista that will take your breath away. Unfortunately we won't be camping here - that will have to be left for other trips.

Dropping off Lizard point to Lizard Ridge, down the ridge, there will hopefully be enough time to drop into Reynolds Gorge to camp above the Falls - a beautiful spot to rest the body and replenish the soul.

Sunday up to Bangalow to look across to Lizard and the ranges, along the ridge to Bell and back to the cars via the road or the Teviot Falls escarpment to finish what should be an interesting and enjoyable two days. Come along with me.

Saturday 10 August 1996
BEGINNERS ABSEIL DAY AT
KANGAROO POINT

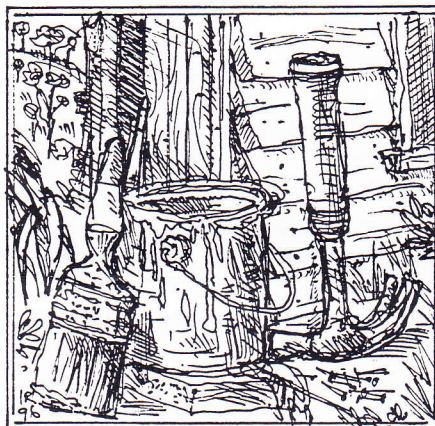
Leader: Bill Butler (PH 3351 1588)
Time: 8.00 a.m. to Midday
Meeting place: Kangaroo Point
Cost: \$4.00 rope and equipment levy

Meet at the Story Bridge end of the Kangaroo Point Main cliffs near the stairs. I'll start with a talk on equipment, then get you used to the feel of the abseil gear. After a number of abseils off the 20m cliffs, and after everyone is happy with their progress, we will try out some "petzl" type rope ascending devices.

At finishing time around midday we will test out the Council BBQ's. So come along for an enjoyable and rewarding day.

10th - 18th August
CLUB HUT WORKING BEE

Leader: Jon Brunott (ph 3209 9598)
Time: TBA
Meeting Place: TBA
Cost: \$FREE
Grade: Easy Walking



Jon has generously donated his time (and a lot of effort) to help organise a working bee to repair the Club Hut. What is required are a few "handy-persons" to come to the hut on the weekend of the 10/11 August for the main working bee (Jon, however, will be there until the 18th, excepting for the Barney Mass).

If you're able to help, please contact Jon well beforehand, as he (and the Club) would appreciate any help.

Sunday 11 August 1996
MT. MAY
(Day Walk)

Leader : Con Vink (PH 3814 3545)
Time : 7:00 am
Meeting Place : Behind Cathedral, Charlotte St, City
Cost : \$12
Emergency Off: Anthony Dolan (PH 3899 1785)
Grade : M 4 5

Mt May is located halfway along an arc drawn from Montserrat Lookout to Mt Maroon, with Mt Barney at the centre. It has two peaks (788m and 833m), and offers tremendous views of Mt Barney from the North West. If you have done the recent walks to Montserrat and Maroon with the club, you won't want to miss this one.

We will be starting from the Mt May water reserve, which was the starting point for the Montserrat walk. The normal ascent route is straight up from the camping area, but we will be taking a different route around to the North-East which is much less eroded and has gentler grades. As you climb this ridge you can look down into steep gullies on either side and across at the normal ascent

route on your right. It is lightly forested, so you can look back at Maroon Dam when you take a breather on the way up. We will ascend 400 metres to a saddle where we have morning tea. We will then climb a further 140 metres to the top of the North Peak, down 80 metres to the South, and then up 130 metres to the South Peak for lunch. After lunch we head South West down a fairly steep ridge until we meet the dirt road which leads to Grace's Hut, and return along the road to our starting point.

Weather permitting, you will be rewarded by views nearly all the way, so don't forget your camera. There is a small amount of rock scrambling, so it isn't a beginner's walk. We should have time on the way back to check out a pretty waterfall near the Mt May water reserve. I look forward to your company for a really enjoyable walk.

13-14 August 1996
MT. BARNEY MASS
(Overnighter)

Leader : Con Vink (PH 3814 3545)
Time : 7:30 pm
Meeting Place : Sullivan & Nicolaides, Taringa
Cost : \$12
Emergency Off : Louise Jones (PH 3399 4472)
Grade : varies (M55 to L88)

For 36 years it has been the Club tradition to climb Mt Barney on Exhibition Wednesday, to celebrate Mass on our altar, which is located on the saddle between the East and West Peaks. This year will be no different, and it is an event which is looked forward to by many for months in advance. It is also an occasion when we meet many past members on what has become an annual pilgrimage for the Club.

Mt Barney has many ascent routes, and as with previous years there will be a choice as to which group you may wish to join. I will be leading a group up Peasant's Ridge, which is the most commonly taken route (I hesitate to say "easiest", as there is no "easy" way to climb a mountain the size of Mt Barney). Father Ed has volunteered once again, and will be going up that route. Justin Tobin will be leading a small party on a route which includes Isolated Peak. This is a long and difficult route, and only very fit and experienced walkers should nominate for this walk.



We also propose to have one or more additional walks up other routes of intermediate difficulty. The actual routes will be chosen at the next meeting depending on availability of leaders and suggestions by members. So please come to the meeting or call me beforehand to let me know which route you would like to take.

You may wish to come down early on the Wednesday morning to Yellowpinch rather than overnighing on Tuesday. If you plan to do so, let me know so I have an idea of numbers.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you there.

Fri 16 August - Sun 18 August 1996
SPICERS
(Base Camp)

Leader: Jim O'Meara Ph. 3838 3356
Meeting Time: 7.00 PM
Meeting Place: Sullivan & Nicolaides
Cost: \$18
Emergency Officer: Jan Nelson Ph. 3378 5200
Grade: M 55 (Mt Mathieson S 23 refer text)

The Spicers Base Camp will be at the National Park camp site at Spicers Gap. We will set up camp on the Friday night and thus be able to start Saturday's walk early (7.00-7.30 am.).

This walk will go from the camp site out along the 4WD road to the western ridge where we will ascend to the western peak of Spicers Mountain. From here we will cross to the eastern peak. There are a multitude of exotic views from the many lookouts along this section, and the clear winter's days will be rewarding for anyone who brings a camera. This walk also has the beauty of no near roads so that the only sounds we will hear are those of nature and ourselves (Could the leader be silent for a whole day). We hope to return the same way.

On Saturday Evening after returning from the walk there will be a B.Y.O. Happy Hour. The rest of the night will belong to the walkers as the leader will be off to bed early.

Sunday morning at a more civilised hour we will have breakfast and then walk the Mt. Mathieson track circuit which is about as nice a track walk as one could wish for on a winter's Sunday stroll.

After packing up we will head for home in the early afternoon, with the customary stop for coffee along the way. Do yourself a favour and try this base camp as Adolf has gone and only Jim remains.

Who were the walkers who had trouble navigating the way back to their pew in church ?

SOCIALS

Majella Robertson



Christmas in July

Contact: Either Carol (Ph: 3269 4795) or Majella (Ph: 3359 8311)
Date: Saturday, July 20th
Time: 7:30pm
Place: Carol's place - 10 Townsend St Brighton

Come and celebrate Christmas in the middle of winter with us. Enjoy an evening of Christmas cheer, good company and lots of laughter and fun.

Bring along a supper plate to share (Christmas type food!), a small gift (\$2-\$5) for Santa to share around, your winter woollies as we plan to sit outside around a couple of wood burners, your own chair and drinks and anything else you think might add to the 'Christmassy' feel of the night.

Hope to see you there!

PS I'm still searching for Santa - any volunteers!!



COFFEE NIGHT

Wednesday 24 July 1996

Time: 7:30pm

For details: Majella PH: 3359 8311



PROGRESSIVE DINNER **Saturday 7 September 1996**

This year's Progressive Dinner is coming up fast and its time to start thinking about costumes, locations and what we are going to eat.

To begin the ball rolling, at the next meeting I will be asking for volunteers to provide dishes for the night. You may wish to volunteer to provide nibbles, entree, supper, dessert or a main meal or part of a main meal. Give it some thought and let me know either at the next meeting or give me a call.

I've had some offers of houses but need some more, so if you are able to help out please let me know ASAP.

Many thanks
 Majella (Ph: 3359 8311)

Membership Officer's Report

A very warm welcome to Mary Nolan and Geoff Wright who recently became members. Congratulations to you both! We all look forward to seeing you on future walks and socials!

It was a pleasure to welcome a number of visitors to the last general meeting. They were Pat Vaughan, Rose Raadschelders, Paul Smith and Barry Stapples. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

Birthday Greetings



We wish club members Richard Kolarski, David Murphy, Andrew Pittkin and any new members who celebrate birthdays in July a very Happy Birthday.

MBS

- Half eaten sandwiches are not the best for lunch - just ask the Club's tallest member!
- Who failed to catch the flying stove on a recent walk? Was the owner trying to get rid of it after it tried to "light up his life" on Bunya Mtns??
- Why did certain prominent members decide to join the daywalkers, after travelling with those on the overnigher??
- Fellow campers happiness on a recent walk turned to gloom when the "couple" that just arrived began unpacking a huge load of equipment. Obviously they were going to have more than two neighbours for the long weekend!
- Is a certain ex-taxi driver taking up tree hugging as a hobby?
- Who will wait until he's checked well upstream before drinking creek water again? The dead goats appeared to have little effect however!
- Which newcomer to the Club arrived at 7pm for a walk instead of 7am?

PREVIOUS WALKS

21-23 June 1996 CENTRAL TRAVERSE THROUGHWALK by Christine Harrison

Friday night we arrived at O'Reilly's camp ground with a welcome by Ed who had reserved our camps site for the night. Not a cloud in the starry night skies, however a ten minute light rain fell making us wonder what the weather for the weekend would be for us.

Breakfast - downhill to the Blue Pool by 8.00 a.m. No "Mr Eel" to be seen, so across the reasonably low but swift flowing West Canungra Creek. Then it was a 2nd leg of the trip for today - uphill to the ridge passing a sleepy South Angle-headed Dragon, who didn't mind a gentle stroke of attention. Following the ridge to about 700m we sidled across and down through the rainforest again before reaching above Fountain Falls at morning tea time, 10a.m. The recent deluge of rain could be seen with high watermarks, fallen logs, debris washdown etc. The track to Fountain Falls itself is covered in weed and almost non existent on the eastern side. Curtain Falls above were spectacular and even more photographic than the falls below.

Half hour rest over, packs up, continue on to the 4th leg which happened to be uphill again, this time to Noowongbill Lookout. I think this is the worst section of the trip and I'm sure a few of the party (total 4) would have "thrown in the towel". Yes it was steep, soft mulchy ground, wait-a-while vine reaching out everywhere, but at least it was not raining, no leeches, no lantana, and when we reached the Lookout, it was very pristine, peaceful, with views to Binna Burra, Slip Rock and beyond. A perfect idyllic lunch stop. So we spent a hour here.

5th leg -downhill to Gwongoorool Pool on the Coomera River. We went a vastly different way which I hadn't attempted before, no problems with the vegetation, a little steep in parts, and you could follow a dry creek bed down after you climbed down the side of the dry as a bone 25m waterfall. We reached the old track near the Pool by 3p.m. Here we had an afternoon tea break feeding the party with some energy chocolate to make the last and 6th leg uphill to Binna Burra camp ground for overnight.

Hot showers, tea and a camp fire by Ann, although the weather was really mild, not at all cold. Bed by 8.30 p.m. Anne and myself arose to watch a 40 minute sunrise over Surfers - unbelievable - only wished we had time exposure film for our cameras.

We left Binna Burra at 7.45 a.m. along the Border track to O'Reilly's. Easy going walking, Patricia was in front and almost running to her waiting Iced Coffee. Morning tea was enjoyed at Biby Lookout overlooking the Tweed

Valley, Mt Warning and the Nightcap Ranges.

Absolutely clear views from here however, by 11 a.m. the rain came (only lightly), the wind was stronger and by the time we reached the lunch stop at Wanungara Lookout, it was a "White-out". We continued on and by the time we reached O'Reilly's at 2 p.m. there was no wind and it was sunny.

Patricia, Ann and Myself (the short people) enjoyed ourselves along with Ken who steps over logs so easily and drove. Many thanks for the company to make this walk a success.

MT MAROON DAY WALK 10 June 1996 by Trevor Kelly

After meeting with 17 fellow walkers in Charlotte Street, we were on our way by about 7.10 a.m. A very brief stop at Boonah then on towards Mt Maroon arriving at about 9.00 a.m.

Good to see a few new faces on the walk as well as some old familiar faces who I had not seen for a while.

We introduced ourselves to each other and set off towards the summit of Mt Maroon. The day was rather cool and overcast but nevertheless, we still managed to enjoy glorious views to the northeast into the valley.

We paused for a short time and had morning tea at the base of the spectacular cliff line which marked the beginning of the final ascent to the top of Mt Maroon.

We Arrived at the old camp site at about 11 a.m. where we met some fellow walkers who were exploring the mountain via a different route. We took the opportunity to climb to a nearby lookout and enjoy the wonderful views on offer, then it was on to the peak of Mt Maroon for lunch.

We waited patiently for the cloud to lift off Mt Barney hoping to photograph the major peaks, however this wasn't to be. Good views could be seen of Maroon dam and Mt May to the west. On the way back down the mountain we came across a clump of banksias out in full bloom; absolutely superb.

We made our way down the mountain arriving at the cars by about 2.45 p.m.

Thanks to Bill for being tail end Charlie, Matthew for the pre-outing and everybody who came on the walk.

Happy hiking, Trevor.

[more on Mt Maroon overleaf]

AN ODE TO MT MAROON

Like a reigning monarch in command,
Your noble features embrace this land;
With dignity, eminence and grace,
You cast your spell upon this place.

O venerable mountain you sit so calm,
Like wise old Solomon of ancient Psalm;
So impregnable and rhyolite tough,
Topographically described as "rough".

The Ugarapul tribe revered you so,
You see history come and go;
Ashamedly white man to plunder,
Your fragile cloak to tear us under.

A wild bush fire thru your realm to race,
To spread like a mantle and blush your face;
Flannel flowers so rare you grow,
Grasstree and wattle in exciting show.

High above in azure sky,
Floating fleeces passing by;
An eagles flight to admire,
O'er lofty heights to aspire.

Footsteps trespass and soon to test,
Do climb upon your rocky breast;
The sanctity of your crown to grace,
There to claim a pride of place.

Entranced to stand and view with awe,
North, south, east, west and more;
Distant enchantment minus fences,
Reward and fulfil the senses.

A glorious moon glows upon your face,
Lighting up your lines of grace;
A sleeping legend of spirit thine,
As you resist the march of time.

Jack Marshall

MT MAROON**Easter Mon Day Walk 8 April 1996****by Pat Lawton**

To avoid the busy highways on Easter Monday, I decided on Mt Maroon for the walk. It was a joint walk for both Binna Burra and the Club and after a few cancellations, we ended up with a group of 10.

We re-grouped at Boonah to find Anne and Brian enjoying their breakfast. It was a fine sunny day and Maroon stood out in all its glory. Six were tackling Maroon for the first time and I know Mary, Gabrielle and Cecilia were thinking "Gosh, are we really climbing that". However, I assured all it was no problem. Our route was via the gorge and once we started Steven took off like a mountain goat. We all made good time (particularly the new members) and stopped for a break at the lookout rock. Jonas pointed out the climbs he had achieved on the rock face, such as "Ruby of India" etc. Cecilia expressed an interest in doing "Phaedra" some time in the future." [death wish ?] Also tested our echoes from the lookout.

A traffic jam was encountered in the gorge, however we soon got ahead and arrived at the saddle for morning tea. We climbed a rocky outcrop nearby to enable us to look down into the gorge and our route up. As it was a rather hot day, we returned to the saddle for lunch.

The highest peak was then climbed and all were suitably impressed.

It was then back to the saddle for a drink before our descent. Somebody's pack had disappeared!! Surely one could trust bushwalkers - Jonas was the culprit!! Due to the loose rock and recent rock falls, care was required on the descent. Congratulations to all - not one rock was dislodged. Steven overshot the turnoff spot and his orange shirt could be seen disappearing further down the gorge. "Is he one of your group" said another party. A few heybobs brought him back on track.

Cecilia said her legs were wobbly [surely a lie]. I turned around at one stage to see her rolling around on the ground [just enjoying the view!]. Colin went to her aid - no broken bones etc. She was soon back on to her wobbly legs again.

Mary came down like an old time bushwalker. Joycelyn kept looking for Jonas under logs - also he wasn't there! Mary got tangled up in the barb wire fence back near the car park - no cuts or blood.

Safely back we looked back in awe at the mountain before heading off to Boonah. Steven assured Cecilia if they had to spend a night in the haunted house together that she would be safe!

We spent a lovely half hour at the "Cheesy Grin" at Boonah - cappuccinos were off - then they were on. Anne and Brian enjoyed iced coffee. All wished Colin the best on his coming trip to Nepal before heading back to Brisbane. It was a most enjoyable day and those who made it possible were Joycelyn Ohl., Ann O'Connor and Brian Cummins, Jonas Bernotas, Colin Farley, Steven Darday, Mary Nolan, Gabrielle Sladden, Cecilia Doherty and myself.

MORETON ISLAND
THROUGHWALK**(24-26 May)****by June Greenaway**

Moreton island - 20 miles from Brisbane, 1000 miles from care! A few hours before our departure, four people, including our intended guide, pulled out. Thankfully we had Ken and we gave him the treat of guiding us to make up for his missing out on leading the Sundown Throughwalk, and we knew he'd enjoy the challenge.

For some, it was a big rush to get to the barge for the 6:30pm departure, but it was well worth it. Ten of us enjoyed the 2 hour trip across to Moreton Island, eating, catching up, cards, and Joe caught up with some former students. We had a big 40 metre walk across the beach to a nice deserted campsite.

Saturday morning we started walking at 7:45am, we were next to the wrecks where it seems five ships had run

aground. We walked down the beach past the Tangalooma Resort (that's certainly grown). A little way past the resort we turned into the forest. It was a bit steep at first, but we had great views from the top. Then we headed to the Desert, where some tried sliding down the sandhills, but didn't get too far on the wet sand. Across the Desert to the car park (no cars), where we had a leisurely tea break, then on to the inland forest track, which took us all the way to Rows' Battery. This is where the old World War Two bunkers are. Ken gave us a guided tour around some of them. It was very overgrown and apparently there are more there to see than we saw.

Everyone had set a cracking pace, even though Ken had tried his best to slow them down, so we had a very long lunch break, laying in the sun, eating and looking up the beach for the base campers. There were good views up and down the coast and to the sandhills. We picked up water from The Spear. It tasted good, and then we walked roughly another 3kms down the beach and found a nice camping spot between the beach and a fresh water pool. Some rushed off for a swim whilst others set up camp and relaxed. The evening meal was a hoot - plenty of jokes, bantering, laughs etc. During the night the rain came down - torches were flashing everywhere with the big scramble to bundle their gear into the tents.

7:30am Sunday morning saw us walking down the beach again, then we cut into the sandhills. We walked up the big sandhills, great view and amazing formations in the sand, blown by the wind and other Ironstone formations, where the sand is a type of red sandstone forming many unusual shapes. We sat on the big sandhills about 90 metres high and enjoyed the views out to sea, John B gave us a geography lesson on all the islands out there. Lollies by the dozen came out, some attempted the big slide down, but once again were stopped by the wet sand. Then we all ran off down the dunes, it was fun, and funny, watching one-another not being able to stop. The boys even tried to slide on some masonite they found, but still no go. Joe found out the secret to sliding from his ex-students on the way home.

After all this excitement, tea break. By this time, we'd reached the other side of the island again. More goodies were passed around, everyone aiming for lighter packs for the 15km or so walk along the beach. There were thousands of crabs on the beach racing into their little holes. Two balls were found on the beach and it kept the walkers amused kicking them along. Justin had grown wings on his feet and was flying. John C met up with some friendly rangers and he got a rousing cheer when he appeared in front of the group via a 4WD. We had plenty of stops, and lunch saw Trangias galore being dragged out. John B got stuck into a big pasta lunch.

The 1/2 hour before Tangalooma was heavy going with the soft sand. Back at the wrecks some of us swam, then we caught the 4pm barge back to Brisbane and civilisation. It was a great weekend. Many thanks to all those who came; Patricia, Ann, John B, John C, Justin, Joe, Matthew, Nathan and Ken, who did a great job guiding us.

MT CLUNIE - WATSON'S CREEK

Overnighter

by Matthew Palmer

With the departure time imminent, the trip and the weather had a dark cloud hanging over it. With the hope of better things, we headed off to Boonah for mass and tea at the Dugandan Hotel, a lovely warm fire place and we were ready to camp there for the night. The stars had come out so the troops headed off to the Border Gate.

Sunday morning dawned grey and misty after considerable debate, we were on our way along the fence to knoll 747 and then down the ridge until we hit the creek. Watson creek was flowing well after the rain and had had a good washout. The creek is particularly beautiful with many eroded slabs and inviting waterholes (no koalas though). The falls were at their best but no one ventured in for a swim. The falls are approximately 70 metres high with three drops that form a sort of S bend. As you venture up the ridge you get a different view of the individual falls and their pools. A fire had been through the ridge to knoll 886 since our last visit which made the going a lot easier. A dingo was heard howling in the mist. Through a flock of red browed firetails, we went on to 886 for a quick smoko but no too long as it was cold. It was now map and compass work to find our way to Stags Head. The rainforest here is fairly clear, a little bit of scunge but no nasties. Lunch was had on the leeward side of Stags Head as the wind had quite a bite to it. Our major adventure of the day was yet to come - the ridge up Clunie followed by the slide down the fence. The rainforest in this section was pristine with some very large trees. We saw the largest stinging tree I have ever seen - it had a girth of three to four metres. A lyrebird was showing off its repertoire of calls. The border fence on top of Clunie was a site for sore eyes. I don't think I would like to find that ridge in the reverse direction as near the top it is indistinct and rather steep. We eagerly anticipated our descent down the fence. Fortunately the weather cleared up slightly for this bit and we were even offered views of where we had been earlier in the day. Everyone arrived at the bottom in one piece and all that remained was the slog back to the car.

Thanks to my four companions who appeared to enjoy a rather energetic trip, which was conducted in sometimes less than the best conditions. When looking at the map we ascended and descended the equivalent of Barney in the day. I am hoping for a change that the next walk I lead will be in fine weather otherwise I may be creating a reputation for wet walks.

Badly translated signs from various places
around the world:

IN ROME LAUNDRY:

Ladies, leave your clothes here and spend the afternoon having a good time.

IN A COPENHAGEN AIRLINE TICKET OFFICE:

We take your bags and send them in all directions.

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