



JILALAN

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CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB INC.
UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY

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Articles for "Jilalan" should be posted to Cecilia Doherty 2/32 Stanley Terrace, East Brisbane. **Please note there are different deadlines for submitting articles on paper and on disk as shown in the monthly calendar.** The Editor is currently using MS WORD 6.0 but can convert from most programs. Please submit a hard copy of the article just in case there are problems with your disk.

GENERAL MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, at 7.30 p.m. (although they usually start about 15 minutes later). The location is The Little King's Centre, 33 O'Keefe Street, Buranda. Contact the President for details. **VISITORS are always welcome.**

OUTINGS

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

EMERGENCY OFFICER

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

EQUIPMENT HIRE

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

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

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

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

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

	21	Mt Bangalora	Barry Ellerington	3886 3451	D/W
	22	Coochi Mudlo Island	Liz Richards	3393 5545	SOC
	28	Advance Rescue Training	Bill Butler	3266 8330	FMR
	29	Mt Byron	Greg Endicott	3351-4092	D/W
JULY	5	Cyclegain 1997	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	
	5	Colonial Ball	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	SOC
	6	Middle Kobbie Creek with Sydney Catholics	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	D/W
	12-13	Condamine Gorge	Russ Nelson	3378 5200	O/N
	19-20	Glass House Mountains	John Carter	3290 3621	O/N
	21	Meeting	Richard Kolarski	3341 7509	
	25-27	Club Hut - Tom's Tum and Isolated Peak	Jon Brunot	3209 9598	B/C
AUG	2-3	1st Aid Course	Bill Butler	3266 8330	FMR
	9-10	O'Reilly's Dinner	Liz Richards	3393 5545	SOC
	9	Lyrebird - Castle Craig Lookouts	Richard Kolarski	3341 7509	D/W
	10	Toolona Creek Circuit	Gabriel Romaguera	3369 7330	D/W
	12-13	Mt Barney Annual Mass - SE Ridge	Anthony Dolan	3843 4116	O/N
	12-13	Mt Barney Annual Mass - South	Ed Thistlethwaite	3374 2198	O/N
	16	Luke's Bluff	Kerry Mulligan	3279 4490	D/W
	17	Daisy Hill	Jon Brunott	3209 9598	
	18	Meeting	Richard Kolarski	3341 7509	
	23-24	Mt May to Mt Maroon	Jonus Bernotas	3288 3826	T/W
	24	Mt Maroon via Caves	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	D/W
	30-31	Rainbow Beach/Lake Freshwater	Richard Kolarski	3391 7509	T/W
SEPT	5-7	Cottonvale to Bald Rock	Pat Lawton	3266 1956	T/W
	7	Father's Day			
	12-14	Pilgrimage - Toowomba Club	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	B/C
	15	Meeting	Richard Kolarski	3341 7509	
	19-21	Barney Lodge	Justin Tobin	3266 3193	B/C
	28	Back Creek Abseil			D/W
	28	Killarney Glen	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
OCT	3-5	Border Loop to Lindesay			T/W
	5	Mt Lindesay	Paul McDonald	3205 1984	D/W
	27	Progressive Dinner	Elizabeth Richards	3393 5545	SOC
	18	K.P. Beginners	Bill Butler	3266 8330	FMR
	18	6 and 12 Hour Rogaine			ROG
	19	Mt Moon	Iain Renton	3395 7665	D/W
	20	Meeting	Richard Kolarski	3341 7509	
	24-25	Nightcap National Park	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	B/C
	24-25	Nightcap National Park Base Camp	Anne Tracey	3395 2559	T/W
NOV	1-2	Beginners at Manorina	Paul McDonald	3205 1984	B/C
	4	Night Navigation	Bill Butler	3266 8330	FMR
	8-9	Bulimba Creek 26 km Canoe			CAN
	15-16	Metrogaine			ROG
	15-16	O'Reilly's to Binna Burra	June Greenaway	3358 5295	D/W
	15-16	Binna Burra to O'Reilly's	Chris McCaffrey	3349 5730	D/W
	17	Meeting	Richard Kolarski	3341 7509	
	23	Shipstern/Ballenjui Falls	Mary Nolan	3355 6851	D/W
	30	Mt Tibrogargan Anniversary	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
DEC	5-7	Christmas Party	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	SOC
	14	Summer Creek/Jimna SF			D/W
	21	Pinnacle and Meeting of the Waters			D/W

KEY - Types

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

Key - Walk Gradings

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

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

Belated Congratulations to
John and Majella Carter on
the birth of their first child
"Thomas John"
born 29 May 1997
5 pounds 5 ozs



Pray for Mary Nolan's mother who passed away recently.

***** AUGUST JILALAN DEADLINES *****

HANDWRITTEN ARTICLES: 28 JULY 1997

ARTICLES ON DISK: 4 AUGUST 1997

COMING WALKS

Sat-Sun 26-27 July 1997

Club Hut - Tom's Tum & Isolated Peak (Overnighter)

Leader: John Brunott (PH : 3209 9598)
Time: 7 a.m. Saturday
Place: Beenleigh Transit Centre
Grade: M 7 5
Emerg Officer: Nathan Brunott ph 3209 9598
Cost: \$12.00

Saturday's walk into the Club Hut from Lower Portals carpark will be the hard walk for that day. Sunday early rise 7 a.m. to walk up the ridge to Tom's Tum - good views down the Lower Portals and gorge. From there we will be contouring around the ridge to Isolated Peak - 919 metres for lunch, down to saddle to descent to Moonlight Slabs, then scrambling around Barney Waterfall into the creek. Rockhopping back to the Club Hut. Packing up the gear and a nice walk to the cars. Hope to see you.

John Brunott

LYREBIRD LOOKOUT - CASTLE CRAIG (DAYWALK)

Saturday 9 August 1997

Leader: Richard Kolarski (Ph. 3341 7509)
Time: 10.00a.m.
Place: O'Reilly's car park
Grade: S43
Cost: \$3.00 from O'Reilly's
Emerg. Officer:

This is a short scenic walk on the day of the O'Reilly's dinner. As some people may be going up Friday night to camp and others arriving Saturday morning, there will be no meeting place in Brisbane.

For those who need transport, phone me, and I will try to put you in contact with someone who can take you up and bring you back.

The walk is partly on fully graded tracks and partly on less defined tracks. From Lyrebird Lookout we are on the edge of a ridge overlooking the left branch of the Albert River with views of the Lost World, Mt Widgee and Mt Throakban. We then continue along the ridge with views from Orchid Grotto Lookout and Moonlight Crag lookout.

Lunch will be at either Balancing Rock or, for the more adventurous, Castle Craig which has magnificent views all the way to the Main Range. There is a short tricky rock section to get to Castle Craig but there will be many helping hands to assist.

The return to O'Reilly's will be via the Red Road, with plenty of time for a hot shower and a rest before the dinner.

Richard

Sunday August 10 1997 Toolona Creek Circuit (Day Walk)

Leader: Gabriel Romaguera
(Tel 3369 7330 after 7.30 pm)
Time: 9am
Place: O'Reilly's Carpark (Lamington National Park)
Cost: \$3.00
Emerg. Officer: Anthony Dolan (3343 4116)
Grade: L 1 3

We decided to change the walk from Box Forest Circuit as this walk is longer at 17.4 km and it is a while since the club has done it. A good walk for visitors - the only matter to consider is the distance. The circuit branches from the Box Forest Circuit near Elabana Falls, then follows Toolona Creek past its headwaters to emerge on the Border Track near Wanungara Lookout. There are many waterfalls and cascades along the way. It is an enchanting walk with an attractive beech forest and Mt Wanungra if we have time, offers excellent views of Mt Warning. The return trip is by the Border Track passing Toolona and Bithongabel Lookouts. For the partygoers, it will be a reasonable walk to help recover from the revelry of the Annual Mass and Dinner the night before. If you can't make it to the dinner, please come for the day and we'll see if we can arrange a car pool from Brisbane for you.

Gabriel

VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

For a moment of quiet contemplation

A short span you have made my days, and my life is as nought before you; only a breath is any human existence. A phantom only man goes his ways; like vapour only are his restless pursuits; he heaps up stores and knows not who will use them.

Tues - Wed 12 and 13 August 1997
(Show Holiday)
Mt Barney Annual Mass
(Overnighter)
South-East Ridge

Leader: Anthony Dolan (3343 4116)
Time: Tuesday p.m. (Contact Leader)
Place: Sullivan & Nicolaides, Whitmore Street, Taringa
Cost: \$12 plus camping fee
Grade: M 6 6
Emerg Officer: Bernadette Dolan (3843 4116)

If you come along to the Barney Mass this year, one of your walking options will be the ascent via South-East ridge.

This route takes you "directly" to the top of Barney's East Peak. Along the way, you will get some excellent views to the south. Most of the technical challenge of this walk is in the last hour of the ascent with a bit of climbing and clambering required. However, if the day is fine and dry, these sections can be negotiated reasonably comfortably.

Lunch on East Peak is always a very satisfying experience. After drinking in the views, we'll then take our bearings and head down to the saddle to join in the celebration of the Club's annual Mt Barney Mass. Come along and be part of this great Club tradition. Nominations greatly appreciated. Please indicate whether you'll be camping on the Tuesday night or arriving (early!) on the Wednesday morning. Anthony Dolan.

Tues - Wed 12 and 13 August 1997
(Show Holiday)
Mt Barney Annual Mass
(Overnighter)
SOUTH RIDGE

Leader: Ed Thistlethwaite (3374 2198)
Time: Tuesday 7p.m.
Place: Sullivan & Nicolaides, Whitmore Street, Taringa
Cost: Contact Leader
Grade:
Emerg Officer: Bernadette Dolan (3843 4116)

Here is a chance to join Father Ed on our annual pilgrimage to Mount Barney. We leave Brisbane at 7p.m. Tuesday night and travel via Beaudesert to Yellowpinch to set up camp for the night. We commence the trek at 7.30 a.m. Wednesday and will meet up with those from South East Ridge before celebration of Mass in the wild rugged surrounds of the Barney Masiff.

Those who would like to join us on Wednesday morning are welcome to set an early alarm in order to do the walk with either group.

Saturday 16 August 1997
Lukes Bluff to the Wishing tree track
(Daywalk)

Leader: Kerry Mulligan (3279 4490)
Time: 7.30am.
Meeting Place: Sullivan & Nicolaides, Taringa
Emerg. Officer: Dolans (3843 4116)
Grade: M 4 4
Cost: \$12

Outstanding views and a variety of graded track and off track walking characterise this walk through Lamington National Park. We will commence strolling down the rainforest driveway to Lukes Farm to cross open paddocks on our way to Lukes Bluff. We continue along the Western cliffs (northern section) overlooking the Kerry valley with widespread views from Flinders peak in the north to Mt Chingee in the south. We will cross over the top of Horse Shoe Bluff falls and the Raining Cliffs as we visit Pats house one of the historic sites left by the early pioneers. Onto Pats Bluff, Python Rock and Morans falls. Here we travel along a road and up to Castle Crag. We will return through beautiful rainforest along the Wishing tree track back to O'Reilly's Guesthouse. Adventurous souls in the group might like to climb Mick's tower before having a coffee at the cafeteria. On a true winters day the walk will be superb. I hope you can come.

Kerry



Sunday 17 August 1997
Daisy Hill Forest Park
(Day Walk)

Leader: John Brunott (ph: 3209 9598)
Time: 9 a.m.
Place: Daisy Hill Forest Carpark Daisy Hill Road
Grade: S 3 3
Emerg Officer: Nathan Brunott (ph: 3209 9598)
Cost: \$12 (limit 20)

A very easy track walk in Daisy Hill forest. A short stroll up to the Koala Centre for a look around, and then 6.5 km walk on the National Rocks Shinybark track returning back to the carpark. More details available at the meeting.

John Brunott.

SOCIALS

Maxine Brophy and Liz Richards

Social Calendar - July



July 30 Wednesday: Coffee Night

Time: 7.30 p.m.
Place: Le Scoops
 Paddington Tce (Cnr)
 Paddington

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August 9 -10th: O'Reilly's Dinner

Time: 6.30 p.m.
Place: O'Reilly's Guest House
 Green Mountains via
 Canungra
Price: \$25.00 - Dinner
 \$ 3.00 - Camping fee per
 night

It's that time of year again when we shed our bushwalking gear and scrub up for a great night of good food and entertainment - usually a Bush Dance with the O'Reilly's guests. Dinner is a 3 course

meal. We attend Mass in the chapel before our night of festivities.

There will be walks organised for both Saturday and Sunday to complete an enjoyable weekend away.

Deposits (\$15.00) and bookings taken at our next meeting - July 21st.

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NO AUDITIONS NECESSARY!!

**'RED FACES'
 IS COMING TO TOWN**



At this years Progressive Dinner (with a difference) we will be presenting a 'Red Faces' segment. 7 - 9 acts are required to appear during the night.

This will be your chance to show us what you are really made of.

Do you play an instrument, sing or act? - good or bad, what does it matter just get a group together, a duo or just yourself and DO IT.

The date of the Progressive Dinner is 11 October 1997. You have a few weeks to perfect your act. Please nominate to me by 15 September 1997. Thanks

If you are prepared to have the dinner in your home please let me know also.

Elizabeth



PAST SOCIALS

ANZAC DAY 25 April 1997

Memorial Service at ANZAC Square at 5.18am

It was a cool morning when 8 of us met at the rotunda in Ann Street to hear the 1997 ANZAC Memorial Service. We were surrounded by a crowd of thousands for a very moving service.

Breakfast at Kangaroo Point

After leaving the city, we re-grouped at the base of Kangaroo Point and after warming ourselves with some rum toddies, a delightful breakfast was cooked up on the barbecue. Others, who found the dawn service tooooooo early for them, joined us for a late breakfast.

From our vantage point we watched the city wake up. It was an amazing sight.

We spent a few hours here before heading off for the BIG BIKE RIDE.

Bike Ride to UQ and back

At 9.30am a group of 12 left Kangaroo Point on our bikes. We headed off through Southbank, across the Victoria Bridge and along the bike track to Toowong. Once at Toowong, we followed the bike track through the back streets to the University grounds. We found a good spot to rest by the lake. After a short break and toilet stop, we were off again for the return journey. We arrived at the new ferry terminal only to find that the ferry couldn't fit us in and it was going the wrong way.

At this point Greg was hoping to swap his very sore bike seat for the car seat. Michelle had driven the car from the university around to West End in anticipation. Sorry Greg.

We flew back along the track the way we had come and arrived back at Southbank in one piece. Well nearly anyway. Some had the usual coffee stop while other headed home. It was a relatively uneventful trip except for the time when Stephen ran into the post and fell off, Liz Little's front

wheel fell off (luckily we were stopped at the time) and Greg's very, very sore b...side.

An ANZAC Day well spent - Thank you.
Elizabeth

COOCHIEMUDLO SAFARI

Sunday 22 June 1997

With \$2.50 in hand we boarded the ferry for a very fast 2 min. crossing to Coochie. After a short coffee rest we ventured out under inclement skies to walk along the southern Main Beach and then around to Norfolk Beach on the eastern side. Light showers began to fall and as it became heavier we left the beach and entered the Melaleuca shrub. One heavy downpour saw us sheltering under a large tree for quite some time. We ate our lunch under shelter at the Morwong Beach picnic area and returned to Main beach through centre of the island.

We then headed out toward the s/w corner of the island where we found the 'Red Rock'. Coochiemudlo is an aboriginal name meaning 'red rock' symbolised by a steep bank on the s/w corner of the island. The rest of the island is fringed by clear blue water and golden beaches.

By mid afternoon the weather had fined up and we left Coochie under a clear blue sky for another drink stop back on the mainland.

Thanks to Mum & Dad and brother Gabe for a lovely day. I hope our 3 visitors, Kathleen, Greg and Michael also enjoyed their day. *Elizabeth*

Trev's Inaugural Fishing Competition - 1997

Held on Saturday 31 May 1997 at the Northern End of Old Hornibrook Bridge

By 4.30 - 5pm we had a fishing contingent of about 15 throwing their lines off the old Hornibrook Bridge. The remaining 7 chose to walk the length of the bridge - a distance of 6 kms return.

Trev, the true fisherman, started early at 1pm. Red slivers of squid, worms and other secret baits were selected by the contestants to enhance their chances of catching THE WINNER. The

competition was fierce and there were a few tense moments.

Concentration was taken away from the fishing for a short time to watch the glorious sunset but by the end of the day, the total sum of fish caught was:

1 undersized Brim (thrown back of course and not in contention) and a rather large number of toad fish, which were unhooked, kissed and thrown back.

The competition closed at about 6pm and we moved across to the picnic area at Woody Point for a BBQ tea followed by the Presentation of Prizes.

Prizes were awarded for, and won by :-
BIGGEST FISH AWARD Thomas Chadwick (Maxine's Grandson)
BOOT AWARD Cliff Harrison - for the one that got away - it really did, I saw it!!!!

A special thank you goes to Jim Hall (Carol's Dad) who put his time and effort into the making of the Biggest Fish Award and to Trevor for supplying and polishing the 'boot'.

Thank you to all the participants - fisherpersons and onlookers - and I look forward to seeing you all at next year's award - **TREV'S FISHING COMPETITION - 1998.** Elizabeth

"SPIN US A YARN"

Here's your chance to put on paper what many of you do so well on the track ! SPIN US A YARN choosing one of the towns listed below and giving your interpretation of how its name was derived.

BOB'S FARM	NSW
BUTLER TANKS	SA
BLIND BIGHT	VIC
BLOW HARD	VIC

Post or hand deliver entry/entries to Elizabeth Richards by 31 August 1997. All entries will be published in the Jilalan. Please limit your yarn to 500 words. Elizabeth
 68 Mountjoy Terrace
 Wynnum 4178 ph: 3393 5545

PAST WALKS

Fraser Island Throughwalk

6-9 June 1997

by Justin Tobin

Monday afternoon looking back on Fraser from the barge, leaving behind an Island paradise but taking with us three days of wonderful walking, fun, friendship and new discoveries. The journey through Fraser's Central - Northern Lakes, White, Bowraddy, Allom, Boomerang, Coomboo and Hidden Lakes and out through the Yidney Scrub was magic indeed. We will return.

To those who shared this great weekend of walking with me - June, Gabriel, Pat, Maxine (who believes who dares wins), Trevor, Iain, Anne and Terry whose driving made the trip possible.

Thanks very much Justin.

AWAY FROM IT ALL

Oh, let me discover an island
 Untouched and uncluttered, and pure,
 A haven from all demonstrations,
 From smouldering hatred, and war.
 With a clear, lovely view of the heavens,
 That no one may grasp and destroy,
 My own special Garden of Eden,
 With simple and "close-to-God joy".
 Where sea-birds fly high o'er the ocean
 To float on the breeze in their glee,
 Then, settle to rest when they're wearied
 To be rocked in the arms of the sea.
 Where the "rat-race" of modern-day living,
 Shares no part of this haven I've found,
 Where the hype of a thousand tomorrows,
 Is born in the wonders around.
 Where butterflies flirt with the flowers,
 And when comes the night ... way up there
 The stars hang, suspended from Heaven,
 Like diamonds to touch if I'd dare.
 No "keeping-up-with-the Jones."
 That tired, worn-out game "Let's Pretend",
 To be loved for one's own simple virtues,
 and no "dangling strings" to a friend.
 No discord, no noise of the city,
 No discontent born out of greed,
 Just peace, perfect peace, and fulfilment,
 No crazy demands one must heed.
 Oh, let me discover my island,
 Where trees tower stately and tall,
 To escape, in one Heaven - sent moment,
 And ... just get away from it all!

Grace Burford,
 East Bentleigh
 Victoria

changing a flat tyre on the
back of Fraser Island.



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NOTE:

If anyone who was on the Central Traverse Walk has lost a pair of size 7 KT joggers and a stainless steel mug, I have them at my home and will bring them to the next meeting. If you will not be at the meeting please ring Barry on 3886-3451.

Pine Rivers Ramble
24 May 1997
by Maxine Brophy

It surely was a sight to be seen, twelve BCBC walkers dancing the "Mozzareni" beside the Pine River! The guard dogs at the Paper Mill paled as we took on the huge swarms of mozzies.

Our day had begun at Northgate Station as we joined the train carrying home the all night revellers from the city. We set out from Petrie Station in the early morning light and were soon over the fence and passing the "Petrie Ponds" (not Golden Pond) covered in dozens of species of waterbirds including a family of Black Swans out with their tiny cygnets and all oblivious to their place of abode. A camera shot for the enthusiasts - the happy group standing in front of a pond covered in thick white ... snow???

A bit of a scrub bash down at the bottom of Barry's Garden at John Oxley Reserve and time for a snack but no Barry to join us for a cuppa - he was out on Central Traverse with Ed. We enjoyed the sights on the River - bird life and fishermen and a contingent of Army Reserve sweeping up the River - a bit premature - we weren't lost yet!

We rambled on beside the Pine River to meet the highway and made a rather hair raising crossing beside the traffic, and coming down on to Tichi Tamba Wetlands. A quick head count and all the group were safely across. We were lucky enough to enjoy a bird's eye view (no pun intended) of the "Osprays" up guarding their nest and today they were busy fending off annoying crows, trying to attack their young. The nest has been in the dead tree for many years and is quite prominent out in the open.

We toddled on over the wetlands crunching on salt bush and enjoying the peace as the distant sounds of the Gateway traffic faded away.

Early lunch at Deepwater Bend with many delicious goodies shared around and a belated Birthday Cake for Christopher quickly consumed.

A short walk on the newly laid boardwalk before crossing the fields to the Bird Hide to shelter from a heavy shower. A bit of searching and we found the spot to cross Bald Hills Creek. Lilo inflated and old gear on, we scrambled through the mangroves to find a brave few already in the water, with others following fast as yours truly tried in

M B S ssssssss is back

Who was the lady seen recently washing the men's legs on a walk!

Which woman said to an eligible man "I'm glad I've got your son"

Quintable quote: "You did it and you're a man!"

A bushwalker when asked how much water could carry, replied "I have a 1 litre water bottle and a 2 litre bladder."

Mt Bangalora
Saturday 21 June 1997
by Barry Ellerington

Sadly, this walk did not go out as there were no nominees for the day. A total of four enquiries were received for the walk with only one possible who would have joined me for an enjoyable day. I would like to thank my fellow bushwalkers Ed and Cathy Thistlethwaite for their great assistance on the pre-outing, and to the four persons who made enquiries. My apologies to Mary Cartwright for not being able to continue with the walk.

Best wishes
Barry

vain to offer a ride across on the lilo! Getting out the creek proved a problem as one by one we sunk deeper into the soft mud and with much hysteria tried to remove Liz Richards from a difficult position.

Progress at last and we made our way out to the clearing. It was a sight indeed - wet muddy bush walkers carrying large suspicious looking garbage bags across the mud flats to the local park for a welcome clean up.

Next stop was the third lagoon at Sandgate - a tranquil place in the middle of suburbia. Aboriginal art work has been carved and a corroboree formed beside the Lake. We followed the bikeway down to the second lagoon abundant with bird life eager to be fed.

Footsteps hastened as we neared the first lagoon and the call of the cafe down on the seafront came to us. Twelve thirsty walkers enjoyed afternoon tea and a chat before catching the train back to Northgate and our cars. A great day with lots of fun - thank you to everyone who joined us including Jeff and Eric - new walkers and for the generous help and planning of the walk by Justin.

Cheers - Maxine.

Walkers were Majella, Chris, Justin, Louise, Christine, Eric, Gabriel, Nathan, Ray, Jeff, and Elizabeth (Richards).

Binna Burra to O'Reilly's Central Traverse (Overnighter) 14-15 June 1997 by Ed Thistlethwaite

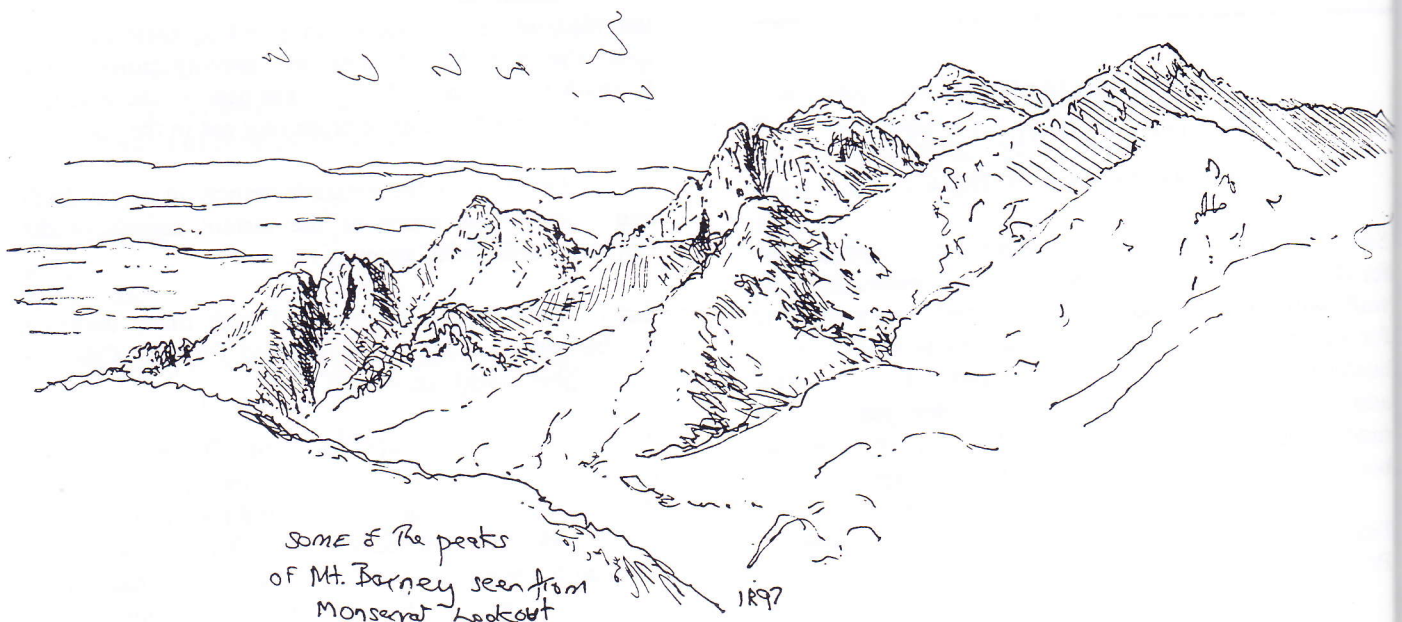
Twelve members made this journey leaving the Information Centre at 7 a.m. We followed the track to Gwongoorol Pool, crossed the Coomera River and proceeded up the eastern face of the Darlington Range. Shortly, we came to remnants of the old Illinbah Track where the leader was persuaded to follow this rather longer route to Fountain Falls. (On the pre-outing, Barry and I tracked up through the scunge to the top of the Darlington and then along the crest to Noowongbill Lookout. From here, some pathfinder accuracy on Barry's part took us down between steep cliffs and a goat ledge to join the old Illinbah Track (near Fountain Falls). Several people on the walk required assistance at the goat ledge and thanks to Jon Brunott all crossed safely. We had lunch at the idyllic surrounds of Fountain Falls. After lunch we proceeded up Middle Ridge to the cairn, along the ridge and down to the Stairway Falls track near Blue Pol. From here, we followed the graded track back to O'Reilly's all arriving there before last light. On the pre-outing, it became dark half way along the graded track and when one torch bulb packed it in we made it through on the light from one torch. Thanks to Richard, Patricia, Ray, Perine, Barbara, Suzanne, Jon, Ken and Paul Smith and to Barry, Richard and my son Ed for driving. Ed

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- Write your past trip report as soon as possible after the walk and post it to the Editor.
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