



# **JILALAN**

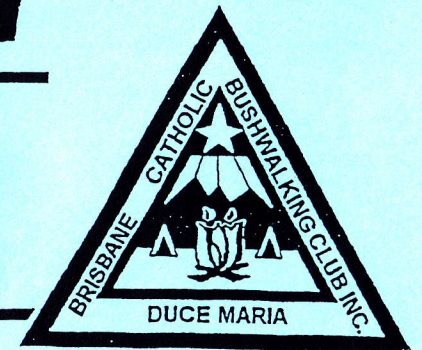
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OF THE

**BRISBANE CATHOLIC  
BUSHWALKING CLUB Inc.**

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UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY



**JULY 1999.**



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## JILALAN

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

Alternatively, you can e-mail your articles to: robertsonm@marash.qld.edu.au

## GENERAL MEETINGS

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

## OUTINGS

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

## EMERGENCY OFFICER

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

## EQUIPMENT HIRE

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

## PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

The Association requires that 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.

## CALANDER OF CLUB EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
21	Meeting			
July 3	Colonial Ball	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	Social
4	Mt Beerwah	Nathan Tobin	3282 8904	D/W
9	Movie Night	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Social
9 - 11	Kennilworth Bluff	Christine Harrison	5429 5494	O/N
16/17/18	Leadership/Medical Weekend	Joe Finn	3848 4642	FMR
16 - 18	Mt Barney Throughwalk	Iain Renton	3395 7665	T/W
19	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
24	Pages Pinnacle	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
30/31/1	Girraween	Joe Finn	3848 4642	B/C
August 10/11	Barney Mass	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	O/N
13 - 15	Emu Creek Base Camp	Christine Harrison	5429 5494	B/C
13	Witches/Warlocks Games Night	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Social
14	Lake Manchester	Don Keating	3878 7296	D/W
16	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
22	Burleigh	Pat Lawnton	3366 1956	D/W
28	Abseiling KP	Joe Finn	3848 4642	FMR
27/28/29	Stradbroke	John Brunott	3209 9598	T/W
27/28/29	Stradbroke			B/C
September 5	Mt Maroon – Mt May	Jonas Bernotas	3288 3820	D/W
10/ 11/12	Pilgrimage B.B.W	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	B/C
18	Carnival of Flowers	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Social
19	Mt Maroon Site Monitoring	Trevor Kelly	3269 4795	D/W
20	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
24/25/26	Mt Castle			T/W
26	Beau Brummel			D/W
October 10	Flinders Peak	Matthew Palmer	3279 4490	D/W
16	Abseiling K.P. (Beginners)	Joe Finn	3848 4642	FMR
16	Progressive Dinner (Red Faces)	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Soc
18	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
22/23/24	Spicers Gap			B/C
30	Boyd's Butte	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	D/W
November 2	Climbing Gym	Joe Finn	3848 4642	FMR
6/ 7	Lake Wivenhoe	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Soc
13/14	Club Hut			B/C
14	Barney Creek Site Monitoring	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
15	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
21	Mt Byron Gorge	Ann Tracey	3395 2559	D/W
December 3/4/5	Harry's Hut			B/C
11	Christmas Party	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Soc
20	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
27	Love Creek Falls			D/W
Dec 31 – Jan 1	Millennium Party	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Soc
9	Larapinta Falls			D/W
14/15/16	Nightcap	Chris McCaffrey	3349 5730	B/C
17	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
23	Toooloona Falls CCT			D/W
26	Australia Day			D/W
29	Wynnum Fish and Chips Boardwalk.	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Soc



February 13	Little Kings	Gabriel Romaguera	3369 7330	D/W
18/19/20	Binna Burra	Nathan Tobin	3282 8904	B/C
21	AGM	John Carter	3290 3621	
26	Springbrook			D/W
March 5	Clean Up Aust			D/W
11/12	Mt Devlin			O/N
17 - 19	Boonoo Boonoo			T/W B/C
20	Meeting			
DATES TO NOTE.				
Floating Date	Obi Obi Lilo			D/W
21- 25 April	Easter / ANZAC Day.			
28 April - 1 May	Gibraltar Range			B/C

## KEY - Walk Types

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

## KEY - Walk Gradients

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

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

## REPORTS

## President's Report

I would like to remind members that on page 1 of Jilalan is general information about the club, including details about outings and emergency officers. It is important that members and visitors are familiar with this information, so that activities run smoothly. Also I would like to remind members when on a walk, that the party keeps together. Individuals should not get too far ahead of the leader at any point in time unless it has been discussed with the leader. The leader should reduce the speed of the group if an individual falls behind or have an experienced member at the rear of the group. If there are any queries please discuss it with any committee member.

Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs is renewing the insurance policy through Jardine Sports. It is a national insurance scheme. The matter was discussed at the last meeting. For 1999-2000 the premium is \$4 per member and falls due in July. This covers public liability, personal accident and administration. This compares favourably with our insurance schemes.

A reminder to members that the Barney mass is on Exhibition Wednesday in August. Information on the walk is found elsewhere. The weather is normally cold and fine and it will be great to have as many as possible come along on the day. Other walks this month are Pages Pinnacle, Lake Manchester and Girraween, for those who want to really experience winter. A reminder that the Federation Pilgrimage is on 10-12 September and will be at Larkin's property near Mt Barney. On this weekend members from all clubs get together for walking and to enjoy each other's company.

## July General Meeting

Patricia Mackie will give a short presentation on the current status of road works being undertaken by Main Roads Department on the

SouthEast Freeway. She will have a brochure to distribute. So come along to hear Pat's talk.

## John

## Treasurer's Report

Balance 17/5/99	2 328.78
+ Receipts	464.80
	2 793.58
- Payments	175.04
Balance 21/6/99	2 618.54

Term Deposit 1 475.80

## Membership Report

The club membership list will be printed in the coming months and will contain member's names, address and phone numbers. Any member who wants to discuss its publication can contact Chris or John.

Current membership is 81

## News about members....

Congratulations to Kerry and Matthew on the arrival of Ethan Patrick on 13 June at 11.43 pm. He weighed 3772 gms (8lb 5oz).

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mary Nolan and June Greenaway who have undergone knee and knee/ankle operations recently. And to Bob Mollison, who also has recently undergone surgery.

Please continue to pray for Fr Ed during his illness. He can be contacted on 3263 0357.

## Outing's News

Another month has gone and with it the last of the long weekends. No more three-day walks until next year. Although next year is a bonus with Easter being five days with A.N.Z.A.C.



day on the Tuesday. So think about where you would like to go.

August is here and with it the show holiday and our Annual Mass on Mt Barney. A journey we've been making since 1960. Come and join us this year.

The Federation Pilgrimage on the 10,11,12 September is at Mt Barney Lodge so keep this weekend free and join us and the rest of the clubs for an enjoyable weekend.

Take advantage of the remaining winter and spring weather and head out on the track.

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

## COMING WALKS

### Pages Pinnacle Saturday 24 July Day Walk

**Leaders:** Maxine Brophy (3203 4699)  
**Time:** TBA  
**Meet at:** TBA  
**Grade:** TBA  
**Cost:** \$12.00  
**Emerg Off:** Michael Brophy (3203 4699)

A pleasant day's walk, not too difficult with lots of interesting aspects. More details at the meeting.

### MT SUPERBUS Emu Creek BaseCamp Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August

**Leader:** Christine Harrison (5429 5494)  
**Time:** 7.00p.m. Friday  
**Meet at:** TBA  
**Grade:** L78  
**Cost:** \$12 plus camping  
**Emerg Off:** Dolans (3843 4116)

As a volunteer for remote campsite monitoring program (a joint co-operative program between

the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) and the Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs) this is our 3<sup>rd</sup> ongoing biannual monitoring site.

We shall be base camping at Emu Creek from where we will leave at 7.00am Saturday for a long day walk to the Mt. Superbus for inspection, photo monitoring and reporting of the camp site, then return.

Sunday a shorter day, walking to Con's Plain before returning home. You will need to be reasonably fit, enjoy the wilderness and navigated mountainous rainforest terrain.

Please phone me for additional information and nomination.

### Lake Manchester Saturday 14 August Day Walk & BBQ

**Leaders:** Don Keating & Robyn Pugh (3878-7296)  
**Time:** 9 am  
**Meet at:** Old Windmill Wickham Tce  
**Grade:** S33  
**Cost:** \$10:00  
**Emerg Off:** Bernadette Dolan (3843 4116)

Lake Manchester is held back by a concrete dam built in the 1940's and supplies water to the Mt Crosby water treatment plant for drinking by you and I in Brisbane. The lake is surrounded by open wooded country. We will leave town at the civilised hour of 9AM and drive to the picnic area at Lake Manchester. At about 10:15 we will set off along the fire break at the western end of the dam wall and walk to the log cabin on the lake foreshore for morning tea. We will return much the same way arriving back at the picnic area at about 1:30pm for a BBQ lunch.

Join us for a genteel relaxing day out with peaceful scenery, excellent company and food the qualities of which are up to you.

### Girraween Friday 30 July - Sunday 1 August Base Camp

**Leader:** Joe Finn (3848 4642)  
**Time:** 7:00pm  
**Meet at:** Sullivan & Nicolaides (134 Whitmore St Taringa)  
**Grade:** M34  
**Cost:** \$25  
**Emerg Off:** Susan Tobin (3366 3193)

A cold and crispy weekend and with luck frost in the morning and ice on the tent.

Setting off Friday night to set up the tents at Girraween National Park some time before midnight. You may notice the difference between the warmth of the car and the fresh outdoors. It is an early rise on Saturday a brisk walk to the pyramids for an eat all you can carry breakfast with a view that you can do justice to with words.

Then it is back to the car for a few minutes to dump most of the warm clothes, repack the backpacks with goodies for morning/afternoon tea and lunch. On the track to Turtle Rock, it's then off track south to Wallangarra Ridge, east to Mallee Ridge and maybe to the elusive Valley of the Winds. Depending on the time we may take in Mt Norman on the way home but it may be simply follow the creek back to the track and visit Castle Rock on the way back to the camp area and the hot showers.

Rather than suffer the cold without a fire and then be forced into the sleeping bags for too early a night, a counter meal at Wallangarra seems to be the civilised alternative. This will not be a late night as it is another early start - and anyway it is not a drinking trip; it's a walking trip.

Sunday: off to the Junction for breakfast then back to the cars and off to Underground River and some exploring around Aztec Temple.

Lunch somewhere; a cuppa in Stanthorpe or Warwick and arrival in Brisbane late afternoon.

Bring lots of warm clothes, a good sleeping bag and insulation mat - you will most likely need them all.

### The Annual Mt Barney Mass Pilgrimage Wednesday 10/11<sup>th</sup> August Overnighter/Day Walk

**Leader:** Greg Endicott (3351 4092)  
**Time:** 7.00pm Tuesday night.  
Wednesday morning as arranged between drivers but approx 5.30am.  
**Meet At:** Sullivan & Nicolaides, 134 Whitmore St, Taringa.  
**Grade:** South Ridge M53, SouthEast Ridge M77.  
**Cost:** \$10.00  
**Emerg Off:** Bernadette Dolan (3843 4116)

Each year this Club has 2 annual events - the Mass & Dinner and the Mt Barney Pilgrimage. Mt Barney is the mecca for all SE Qld bushwalkers - it is a unique mountain in our area. It is a loan mountain, solid tall, excellent views and is strategically placed in our walking area so as to give excellent views of all the other walking areas. It also has an almost endless number of up/down routes, which makes it the mountain for everyone. If you want it moderately easy, you can; hard, you can; long, you can; technical, you can.

To make the day suitable for all, we put on a number of routes on this special day. SOUTH Ridge is the easier way up, though it is longer than other tracks. It is the one all the school groups use on their "wilderness" trek. It is not a graded track, but a well-defined trail leads to the top. You do not require any special skills to do this one, just "staying" power. The ridge gives excellent views to the south (believe it or not), with good views of Mt Ernest, Mt Lindsay, Mt Glennie, Leavers Plateau, and other smaller features.

SOUTH EAST provides a quicker, and might I say a steeper, route to the very top of east Peak (something which South Ridge does not as on South you end up in the saddle). This route follows a defined ridge all the way to the top - it looks spectacular from the bottom, and is so as you proceed up. You are in eye high scrub at the bottom 1/3, and then climb out into more open vegetation. Some exposed rock is experienced,



but you will be coaxed over it to the heights. As you approach the top (there are several "false tops"), you appreciate amazing views to the east, south and southwest. You take in all from Knaps Peak to the Acacia Plateau. At one point, you are amongst the eagles. A rewarding ridge with challenges and excellent views.

Mass is at the club's own "hidden" altar, carried up to the mountain by our founding parents. Those with the ancient knowledge know where it is, and pass this information on to the initiated at the ceremony. There is no Mass like our open air Mass up in the sky with the light white clouds passing by above us. Almost a Mt Siani experience. Mass & hymn sheets are handed out and we can shout out as loud as we want since no one can complain about the noise (or our out of tune singing).

With the walk, Mass, lunch and return off the mountain, this turns out to be a long day. Be prepared to get back to Brisbane after 7.00pm.

A rewarding day. You will be amazed whom we get up to the Mass on this special day that wouldn't go normally.

Nominate to me at the Meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July - the August meeting is after the event.

If you cannot make it to the Meeting, ring me.

## SOCIALS

### Coffee Night

Wednesday July 28th  
7pm

The Three Monkeys Coffee House  
58 Mollison Street  
WEST END  
(Near West End Markets)

### Games Night

Friday July 13<sup>th</sup>  
7 pm

Meet in the car park at Red Hill Catholic Church and we will travel down to Louise and Sam's place to enjoy a night of cards and any other of your favourite games. This is Black Friday so perhaps you would like to dress up and celebrate the evening to add to the fun.

Please bring something for supper and we will have coffee & tea for you. Hope to see you for a night of fun and as always good times shared.

## PAST OUTINGS

### Fraser Island Throughwalk.

#### The Journey around the Southern Lakes.

Justin Tobin

It was glorious winter walking weather and four intrepid walkers headed to Fraser island to visit the Southern Lakes. Boomanjin, Benaroon, Barga, Birrabeen, Jennings, Wabby and its Mate, McKenzie and Basin Lake.

All different, beautiful and worth seeing again.

To wake up at Lake Benaroon with the mist on the lake and bird calls was magic, to walk beside the clear water of Woongoolba Creek and stand beside the great Satinay Trees at Pile Valley reminds us of a time long past.

To walk into Lake McKenzie and find the bushwalkers campsite was taken over and to wake up to the crows was the pits. A beautiful lake but a shocking place to camp, but one bad camp out of three wasn't too bad.

An enjoyable four days on a beautiful island.

Thanks to Pat, Jonas and Russell Baker for sharing it with me, and Russell for driving.

There will be other Fraser journeys. Join me for the next one.

### White Mountain Day Walk

A beautiful day and not a cloud in the sky and seven were heading to Murphy Creek at the foot of the Toowoomba Range to visit White Mountain for the first time.

An uneventful trip to Gatton's McDonalds a short stop then up the highway and along Postman Ridge Rd and under the little railway bridge, which Terry thought was worth a photo stop on the way home. To Paradise Creek Rd where we had a car shuffle to save two hours walk in the afternoon. The walk itself was amongst Wattle, Eucalypt, wildflowers and Spotted Gum. The views were onto the creek, over to the cliffs and across to Toowoomba.

A gentle climb and ridge brought us to the base of White Mountain. A comb search found the book lost on the pre-outing. Well done Terry. We climbed most of White Mountain before being stopped by the scunge. The views across to Toowoomba on the way up made the effort worthwhile.

Lunch at the bottom before climbing around White Mountain and White Mountain Rd. The Wattle was still with us to the cars.

To finish an enjoyable easy walk new on the club's calendar.

Thanks to Margaret, Patricia, Patsy, Nathan, Terry, Maxine for sharing the day and Terry for driving.

## Socials

### Maxine Brophy

Our social events so far this year have been dominated by RAIN!!! The picnic tea on the lawns of Newstead House was a non-event due to rain, but we will keep it for another time. Anzac Day Dawn Service was as always a very moving time for all those who attended and the weather clear for our breakfast down beside the river. We ate a delicious breakfast as we watched the city come to life and revelled in the thought of a free day ahead with no work.

The outings' calendar BBQ breakfast was greeted with more rain with most members opting for a sleep in while a dedicated few mapped out the calendar year over a nice hot breakfast amongst the raindrops.

The Imax Theatre was excellent and enjoyed so much we will have to return to see the Everest Story. So if you missed out watch our calendar for another visit. The early group saw AFRICA THE SERENGETI and the latecomers EXTREME SPORTS with coffee in between. A big thank you to those who have braved the elements and come along to help make our social nights such a good time.

### The Colonial Ball Greg Endicott

This is one of our annual social events. And 1999 was no exception to the good time we all

had.

There were 15 of us. We all did all the dances, with varying degrees of proficiency. However, we did not totally muck up any of them. Overall numbers were down, which meant there was a lot of room on the dance floor (and a lot of extra food per head), and for some of the dances a lot of floor space is a distinct advantage.

We waltzed, we schottisch, we polkaed, and we kept on going. The girls looked magnificent, and the boys well scrubbed. There were skirts flowing, feet stamping, arms waving and bodies flowing around the sets.

I thank all who came.

## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

### News from QPWS...

#### Site Monitoring

The first monitoring period has been completed. Thanks to all who attended the training and the walks to Mt Maroon and Barney Creek. A third site has been included. This campsite is on the summit of Mt Superbus (highest peak in SE Qld).

#### Eastern Bristle Bird

Mt Gipps will be closed pre and post breeding season (July to November). Snake ridge (O'Reillys) is closed permanently and there is no restrictions for Black Snake Ridge.

#### YellowPinch

Beauresort Shire Council will close this site for camping on 1 February 2000. Camping fees will apply also for Flanagan's Reserve.

### Activities in State Forests

A letter from the minister clarifies activities in state forests. A permit to traverse is required for any vehicle to travel on tracks or roads. The only exception is gazetted roads or declared



Forest Drives. If a walk is planned to a state forest, the local DNR office may need to be contacted. Permits are free.

### Reflection

Every race owes certain duties to its descendants, chief among which is to preserve and hand down the great heritage, which has been given it. In what sense then can a people have performed its duty if in years to come one of its descendants can say, "Oh yes, but where are those forests you talk of, those animals which were the wonder of the world, those birds that scientists came from the four corners of the world to see, that scenery which you can say had no peer? Great that nation whose people can put their fingers on the map and say, "Here and here and here, you can see Nature undisturbed."

Romeo Watkins Lahey (1887-1968) - conservationist and co-founder of Binna Burra lodge.

### Regional Forest Agreement

At the June meeting, Wilderness Society representatives gave an impassioned plea on behalf of the forests on SouthEast Queensland. They provided a great slide presentation followed by a short talk. Club members gave support by purchasing raffle tickets and taking information on this issue. The Wilderness Society organises regular field trip to local old growth forests. They provide an experienced guide transport and lunch. For more information contact them on 3391 5591.

To support the RFA decision making process, the following form letter below can be sent by members, who want to contribute to the debate.

The Premier  
Level 15 Executive Building  
100 George St  
Brisbane 4001

Dear Sir

I congratulate you on your Government's support for the native forest of SouthEast Queensland. I urge you to hold firm to your Government's policy to support the development of a transition out of native forest logging and to oppose a woodchip industry based on native forests.

I hope that in the coming months, special forests such as the Conondales, Bellthorpe, Mapleton, Kroombit Tops, Bulburin and Bania will be immediately reserved in the first stage of a visionary program that will see the whole of our native forest estate protected for all Queenslanders for all time.

Yours sincerely

### A note from the Editor...

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

Please note my address:

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Happy reading!!

## SETTING THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE ON MT BARNEY

By Raoul Mellish

On the Saturday afternoon of May 13, 1961, a brass plaque commemorating the Mass said by Fr Hayes on Mt Barney on Exhibition Wednesday of the previous year, was set in the rock used as an altar. This rock has now come to be known as "The Mass Rock".

The inscription on the plaque reads as follows:

*"Holy Mass was said here on 17-8-60 by Rev. Fr W Hayes first president chaplain of the Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club"*

As Mt Barney is a National Park, special permission for this was obtained from the Minister for Forestry and Agriculture.

The work of setting the plaque took most of the afternoon, as the rock had to be cut back to a level recess and drilled to take the holding screws, and it was not until the last light of day was shafting golden on high battlements of the mountain, that the job was completed.

Also set in the rock just below the plaque was a metal club badge left at the site last Easter by Fr Hayes, who was paying his last visit there before going to Ireland.

A logbook in a muntz metal container was left at the site and its opening entry reads:

*"A record for all those who pass by this place on this magnificent mountain. Commenced Saturday may 13<sup>th</sup>, 1961"*

The party spent the Saturday night in the old University Hut with a roaring log fire to take the chill out of the early winter air.

At dawn on the Sunday morning, on leaving the hut, John Power and I were struck with the sight of the Morning Star shining large and bright in the grey sky just above the crest of the East Peak somewhat towards the North Peak. It was a strange coincidence for us to see the "Star" in this position behind the East and North Peaks, the reverse of the way we had visualised it for the club badge.

As we started to climb the dark slopes of the East Peak to gain the summit for sunrise, the West Peak was just beginning to turn golden under the first light of the day, while overhead two great eagles were panning in the updraught of the fresh cold air blowing up the slopes of the mountain.

This was the inspiration of the poem, which John Power wrote in Ireland, just before commencing his studies for the Priesthood at the Abbey at Loughrea, County Galway.



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