



JILALAN

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**BRISBANE CATHOLIC
BUSHWALKING CLUB Inc**



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For specific enquiries, contact the committee member (from above) concerned. For outings or socials, contact the leader shown in the calendar or article. Visitors – for general enquiries contact Susan Tobin 3366 3193.

Please have all Jilalan articles to Louise Leonardi by the 1st of the month., otherwise they cannot be included. Articles, if on disk need to be submitted in RTF (Rich Text Format) with a hard copy included, otherwise a handwritten or typed copy will do. Alternatively, you can e-mail your articles to:

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GENERAL MEETINGS

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

OUTINGS

- Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
- Walk departures are usually from Red Hill Parish Hall, Musgrave Rd. Check "Jilalan" or phone the leader to determine the location.
- The club will usually organise transport for each outing, but you must nominate in advance to the leader. Contacting someone else may lead to your nomination becoming "lost". Nominations should preferably be made by the Monday prior to the activity (Wednesday at the latest) so that transport etc. can be arranged. Note that nominations for some walks may close well in advance of this. Late nominations may not be accepted.
- Walkers are responsible for their own transport to and from the departure point.
- Walks are rarely cancelled – if they are, all nominees will be notified. Should you change your mind and decide not to come to a club event, please notify the leader as soon as possible.
- Visitors who have done more than 3 walks must sign an Assumption of Risk form for insurance.

EMERGENCY OFFICER

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

EQUIPMENT HIRE

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

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

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

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

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

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS 2002

DATE 2002	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
June 17	Meeting	Desley Pedrazzini	3369 5530	
23	Mt Ommancey	Matthew Palmer	32179 4490	D/W
26	Coffee Night	Patricia Mackie	3369 5530	Social
28-30	Glen Rock	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	B/C
28-30	The Amphitheatre, Mt Mistake	Iain Renton	3371 4672	T/W
July				B/C
6	Blackall Range	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	D/W
13	Colonial Ball	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	Social
15	Meeting	Desley Pedrazzini	3369 5530	
24	Coffee Night	Pat Mackie	3398 7041	Social
21	Karawatha Forest	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
27	Historic Shepherd's Walk	Terry Silk	3355 9765	D/W
August				
3	Mt Cordeaux	Geoff Egert	3864 1096	D/W
10	Moreton Island	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	D/W
14	Barney Mass	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
18	Chermside Hills	Gabe Romaguera	3856 3842	D/W
19	Meeting	Desley Pedrazzini	3369 5530	
25	Toohy Forest	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
September				
1	Fr Ed Memorial Walk - Dave's Creek Circuit	Mary Nolan	3355 6851	D/W
6-8	Pilgrimage hosted by YHIA			B/C
14	FMR Training Day - Absciling Kangaroo Point	John Carter	3290 3621	Training
15	Mt Maroon	Trevor Kelly	3269 4795	D/W
16	Meeting <i>22/9 New Look</i>	Desley Pedrazzini	3369 5530	
29	Muscat & Bailey Creeks	Matthew Palmer	3279 4490	D/W
October				
5-6	Running Creek	Iain Renton	33714672	O/N
13	Mt Barney Creek Site Monitoring	John Carter	32903621	D/W
19	FMR Vertical Rescue			FMR
20	Ipswich Historical Train Trip			Social
21	Meeting			
	Coffee Night	Patricia Mackie	33987041	Social
27	Binna Burra	Margaret Cooper	32853599	D/W
November				
2	Oxley Creek	Carolyn Ivanac	33799486	D/W
9	O'Reilly's - Binna Burra Binna Burra - O'Reilly's <i>50M</i>			D/W
16-17	Byron Bay / Broken Head <i>22/9</i>	Chris McCaffrey	38471456	O/N
18	Meeting			
27	Coffee Night	Patricia Mackie	33987041	Social
December				
7-8	O'Reilly's			B/C
14	Christmas Party	Patricia Mackie	33987041	Social
16	Meeting			
26				D/W
31	New Years Eve	Patricia Mackie	33987041	Social
January				
11	Beach B-B-Q			
19	Northbrook Gorge	Anthony Dolan	38434116	D/W
20	Meeting			

	Coffee Night	Patricia Mackie	33987041	Social
25-27	Washpool / Gibraltar Range	Gabriel Romaguera	38563842	B/C
February				
1	Tooloona Circuit	Carolyn Ivanac	33799486	D/W
9	Little King's Collection	Gabriel Romaguera	38563842	D/W
15-16	Coomera Crevice	Iain Renton	33714672	O/N
17	Meeting - AGM			
26	Coffee Night			Social
March				
8-9	Gloworm Caves / Springbrook	Gabriel Romaguera	38563842	B/C
17	Meeting			
23	Boondal Wetlands			D/W
26	Coffee Night			Social
29-30	Condamine / Queen Mary Falls			B/C
April				
5	Illinbah Circuit	Maxine Brophy		D/w
12	Lepidozama Trail (Brisbane Forest Park)	John Carter		D/W
18-21	Bunya Mountains			B/C
21	Meeting			
	Coffee Night			Social
25	Anzac Day Dawn Service			
25-27	Club Hut			B/C
May				
3-5	Mt Castle	Phil Murray		B/C
11	Toowong/Sherwood Cross River Walk	Maxine Brophy		D/W
17-18	Border Walk			T/W
19	Meeting			
24	Annual Mass & Dinner			Social
25	Mt Ngungun Train Trip	John Carter		D/W
28	Coffee Night			Social
31	Mt. Greville			D/W
June				
7-9	Emu Creek	Iain Renton		B/c
16	Meeting			
21	Mt. Mitchell	Carolyn Ivanac		D/W
25	Coffee Night			Social
28-29	Savages Ridge	Iain Renton		O/N
July				
6	Mt Zahel			D/W
12-13	Girraween			B/C
21	Meeting			
26-27	Barrabool Ridge	Iain Renton		T/W
	Coffee Night			Social
	Historic Shepherd's Walk			D/W
August				
12	Barney Mass			
18	Meeting			
27	Coffee Night			Social
31	Father Ed Memorial Walk	Maxine Brophy		D/W

KEY - Walk Types

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

KEY - Walk Gradings

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

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

Club Web Address:

www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Carol has resigned as editor of the club magazine. The club expresses its thanks for her past efforts. Louise has nominated to be the new editor. Her nomination will be voted on at the July meeting..
Desley

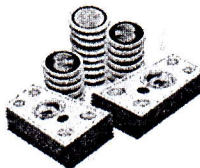
ABOUT MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our new club members:- David Simpson and Michele & Richard Johns. We look forward to seeing you out on the tracks soon. My club records show that Stephen Darday, Mark Deegan and Carol Kelly are celebrating a birthday in July.

Congratulations to **Bob Mollison** who won our "Travel Towel" raffle which was drawn at our May meeting. Louise had

better watch out as I think that Bob is after her title of "Prolific Raffle Winner". This month it is **Iain Renton's** turn to have a holiday. He is spending some time in Townsville.

Late, late news. It has come to our attention that **Justin Tobin** had a birthday in March. Due to the big day coinciding with Lent we believe that the celebrations were toned down with the cake being put on hold. (How tough.) Many happy returns "old man".

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance 20/05/02 \$1,934.33
Plus Receipts \$ 330.00

\$2,264.33
Less Payments \$ 335.70
Balance 17/06/02 \$1,928.63

Term Deposit \$1,570.36

Terry.

OUTINGS NEWS

INFORMATION FOR VISITORS

All visitors who have participated in more than three walks and yet are to become a member must sign the 'Assumption of Risk Form'. This is to occur before commencing a walk. This is a requirement of the Insurance Scheme so that the visitor will be covered by the policy.

COMING WALKS

Karawatha Forest 21st July

Leader: Phil Murray (3841 0254)
Meet at: Trinder Park Railway
 Station Carpark –
 Western Side
Time: 8:45am
Cost: \$2:00
Grading: S 3 3
Emerg Off: Susan Murray (3841 0254)

Train Times

Leave Central 8-05 am
 Arrive Trinder Park 8-46 am
 Leave Trinder Park 7 minutes past the half
 hour.
 Queensland Rail Contact Number
 3606-5555

Karawatha Forest is a remnant bushland nestled between the suburban sprawl on Brisbane's southside. It is mostly dry sclerophyll forest. There are a wide variety of wildflowers including the pink boronias, the yellow pea flowers and the native irises. There are a couple of interesting eucalypt species. Karawatha is surprising in how remote it feels yet it is only a few hundred metres from the suburban sprawl of the city.

The walk will be more than just a quick little day trip as we will do a rather large figure eight circuit through the Forest. The whole trip will be approximately 10 kilometres in length and we will probably finish around threecish.

We will enter the Forest along Elizabeth Street and initially do the graded tracks that meander through the northern sandstone boulder area. The tracks are very well made and are easy to walk along. We then walk past the huge water reservoirs and head off to Paratz's lookout. We will then head towards the prime wildflower area in the low heaths around the Wallum Track. We will then head south to Poet's Corner through the tall stands of eucalyptus. If time permits we will head down to Illaweenah Lagoons for lunch.

The trip provides a nice opportunity for a 5 hour walk and still be able to get home in time to watch the football in the afternoon or do whatever you do on a lazy Sunday afternoon. Another bonus is that it is only a few minutes drive from home (for the southsiders)
 Phil Murray

Shepherds' Walk 27th July

Leader: Terry Silk (3355 9765)
Meet at: St. Brigid's carpark
 Musgrave Road Red Hill
Time: 6:45am

Cost: \$8:00 + \$10 to Society
Grading: M 3 4
Emerg Off: Carol Kelly 3269 4795

I guess that you could say that I did the pre-outing for this walk last year along with one hundred and nineteen (119) others, seven of whom were from our club. This is an annual walk which is very well run by the Beaudesert Historical Society. Amongst other things they organise the leader and the tail with all the walkers in between so that the slowest one sets the pace.

Although there is a rather steep climb up to a ridge, numerous breathers are taken. Morning tea is had on top of the ridge from which we descend to a creek crossing and the Sausage Sizzle Lunch which is provided by the Historical Society.

I do not expect anyone will get wet at the creek crossing as the society usually has a tractor to ferry people across. After doing this walk last year for the first time, I can highly recommend it for the fine views of the surrounding mountain ranges, good company and perfect country hospitality. Not to mention the delicious Sausage Sizzle which is nearly as good as the cakes that those who are first back manage to devour before the tail gets in.

The ten dollars which the walkers pay includes lunch but non walkers can pay \$3-00 to partake in the Sausage Sizzle. There is no charge for children. This must be a good walk as I am doing it again or is it the fine food and country hospitality? Come and judge for yourself by nominating to me A.S.A.P so that numbers can be ascertained for catering purposes.
 Terry

Mount Cordeaux 3rd August 2002

Leader: Geoffrey Egert

Ph 38641096 (w) voicemail
 until 1/8/02 or 0412781306
 (after 7:30pm)

Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
 Musgrave Tce, Red Hill.

Time: 7:15am

Cost: TBA

Grading: S 3 3

Emerg Off: TBA

We will regroup at Aratula for a brief stop. We will leave our vehicles in the car park at Cunningham's Gap. The track is a graded one. It is 5 kms to the top of Mt. Cordeaux and we will be having morning tea there. We will then head off for a lunch stop at Bare Rock which is an additional 1.5 kms. The views include the Ramparts, Mt. Castle and Lake Moogerah to name just a few.

Bring the usual equipment for a day walk noted on page one of this magazine. On a fine day this is a most rewarding walk for not a great deal of exertion.

Geoffrey Egert

Moreton Island Wednesday 14th August 2002

Leader: Justin Tobin

Meet At: Thurecht Parade Scarborough
 Combie Trader Terminal

Time: 5:30am

Cost: \$39.00 - \$13.00 to be paid on
 nominating. (\$26.00-Barge
 \$13.00-Taxi)

Limit: 10

Emerg. Off: Carol Kelly (3269 4795)

Moreton Island with its wildflowers, dunes and lakes is normally visited on a basecamp or throughwalk. This walk will give the day walkers a chance to visit this island paradise. Leaving Scarborough at 6:00am for a 2 hour journey across the bay to Bulwer. Sunrise over the bay.

Then taxi to the lighthouse then down across to Lake Jabiru following Spitfire Creek to the Eastern Beach and onto Blue Lagoon and Honey Eater Lake by 3:00pm and then the 4:00pm barge back to Scarborough.

If people want to we can brave the crowds and have fish and chips at Morgans for tea. I need numbers as soon as possible to book the taxi. Justin

Mt. Barney Mass Wednesday 14th August 2002

Leader: Maxine Brophy (3203 4699)
Meet At: Yellowpinch - Mt Barney
Time: 7:00am
Cost: \$15:00
Emerg. Off: Michael Brophy

Once again we join for our yearly walk to celebrate mass together on Mt. Barney. This has been an annual event since the formation of our club. Please join with us on this special day.

For those who wish to camp overnight at Barney Lodge, please contact me for bookings. This is always a good option rather than having an earlier start from Brisbane.

We will climb peasants ridge and return the same way. Maxine.



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209 Boundary Mt
Went here

Chermside Hills Saturday 17th August 2002

Leader: Gabe Romaguera
(3856 3842)
Meet At: Coles Car Park
Stewart Rd, Ashgrove
Time: 7:00am
Grade: L 2 4
Cost: TBA
Emerg. Off: Louise Leonardi
Ph 32871372

This walk has not done by the club before. Travel in an ecologically friendly manner to and from Come along for an interesting new walk the walk. Get to know your hometown better. Discover remnant bushland stretching from northwest to north Brisbane before it disappears further. Southsiders come and see what we have to offer over this side of town.

The plan is to leave Ashgrove in a taxibus to reach the starting point of the walk. This will be the Ironbark Gully picnic park past Ferny Hills in the Brisbane Forest Park (BFP). The walk is a part of the Mountains to Mangroves route being heavily promoted by the Brisbane City Council. Unfortunately we won't get to see any mangroves on the day, but we will escape to several mountains.

Once reaching the edge of BFP we will follow Cabbage Tree Creek and new suburbia to reach Bunyaville State Forest following the Jinker track. There are excellent facilities here for lunch. Then we head further east across McDowall to reach Chermside Hills, another bushland area. Up to Milne Hill Reservoir for views and then across to the Raven St Reserve/Downfall Creek Reservoir. There is also an excellent visitors centre here with information and displays about Brisbane's natural endowment. From there we will catch a bus back into Red Hill.

The original pre-outing for this walk done with Justin started at Camp Mountain, but this was too long. Justin and I are yet to do pre-outing number 2 as detailed above. However, my mentor has advised me version 2 will be a better idea and we will road test the walk before the day and make sure we have a great walk lined up for you.

It will be an excellent walk for new walkers who want to stretch their legs a little more, and for anyone reasonably fit, it is an easy walk although perhaps a little longer than some. It is a beautiful time of year so come and enjoy the great outdoors with me. This is the weekend after the Barney Mass so a good walk to work out those tight muscles. This is a good walk for beginners who want to try a longer walk. Gabe.

COMING SOCIALS

Coffee Night

Where: Coffee Club-209 Boundary St
West End

Time: 7:00pm for 7:30pm

Please join me. Further details ring
Patricia Mackie on 3398 7041

PAST SOCIALS

Annual Mass and Dinner May 25 2002

Many voices were raised in praise as we joined together in Padua College chapel to celebrate Our Lady of the Way Feast day and another year of companionship and walking.

Archbishop Battersby very kindly gave us his time to celebrate our mass. The Dawe Family were our musicians and made

beautiful sounds to fill the little chapel. Once again a big thankyou to Louise for printing the mass booklets.

We had a capacity crowd and many good tales of past walks and experiences were shared. Archbishop Battersby especially enjoyed the chance to meet with old friends such as Pat L and Greg E. who have walked with him before over the years.

Much pizza and pasta were consumed in a very crowded Italian Restaurant making the evening a good night.

Maxine

PAST COFFEE NIGHTS

Lovely to see Majella and Mark at Alberto's as well as Elizabeth Richards who brought along her friend, Romano, from Italy, Maxine, Jean, Pat, Auntie and Patricia also enjoyed the company, great coffee and food.
Pat

PAST OUTINGS

Hole in the Wall Daywalk - Sunday 5th May 2002

It was a cool and rainy morning when I awoke at 5.00 am. I had to ask myself why was I getting out of bed to do this walk. I thought I might be lucky and have a mass pullout on the morning, but no one did. So I had to make an effort to be there and be organised. I picked Anthony up on the way in and arrived at the designated meeting spot to find Gabriel and Terry still keen to press on. So we quickly jumped in my car and started to drive out of town. But we got lost. I was only the driver and I wont say

the blame will have to fall upon rally car navigator. No, I wouldn't say that. I will blame the roadworks at Coronation Drive. It wasn't a good start. Anyhow we had a nice tour around the backstreets of Indooroopilly. Finally, we got onto the Centenary Highway and then the rain started to bucket down. It was still raining heavily as we driving through Goodna and I thought the rain had set in for the day.

The omens weren't good. I would have called it a day then and there but we had organised to meet Graham Walters and Neville MacManimm at Aratula. We rang Graham and spoke to Ruth, his flatmate and she said it wasn't raining down there, so we continued onwards with our journey. Then I got a call on the mobile from Dave Cory who had to work so he couldn't come either. I was rather envious of Dave at this stage. Anyhow we got down to Aratula and met Graham and his crew of Lynda and Ruth and Neville and his son. The good news was that the rain had cleared but the clouds were still hanging ominously on the mountain ridges. On the way up to Cunningham's Gap we stopped at the heliport and had a quick look at the ridgeline. We could just make out the Hole in the Wall. Ruth and Lynda were not convinced and Anthony gave me one of his smiling looks that say yes but mean no. I maintain the hole was clearly visible through Neville's binoculars. Terry and Neville believed me. We continued on and had another stop at the Gladfield 'driver reviver' for a quick cup of tea.

Time was slipping by so we were keen to get to the start of the walk. We drove through the Goomburra forestry area and then my plan for the day was appeared to be thwarted as the Forestry Rangers had decided to close the road as the road was supposedly too slippery. I was happy to just do a few of the graded tracks around Goomburra but the voice of the people, led by Ruth and Lynda, was that they wanted to try and do the trip we planned. So we

manfully strided up the very long hill towards Sylvesters lookout. I was most impressed as the weather had completely cleared and we made fabulous time. We reached Sylvesters Lookout by 12.30 pm. The views from here are stupendous, remarkable and awe inspiring. The place was so inspiring that after a quick discussion lead by Lynda Petersen that we decided that we should make an effort to reach Laidley Creek Falls. The track in places was very slippery and we occasionally used our bottoms as brakes. We got to the ridge above the falls by about 2-30 pm and enjoyed the superb views of Mt Castle and the Laidley Valley. As for Laidley Creek falls it was dry as usual.

After a quick break I was keen to press on to get to Hole-in the Wall as it was only another 25 minutes away. But the group was very satisfied with what they had achieved in reaching the ridge just above the Hole in the Wall. Plus there was the concern in getting back to the cars in daylight and we only had 2 torches for a group of 9 walkers. So we headed back to the cars. The walk back along the forestry road was special; as the setting sun was sending golden rays of sunlight through columns of tall trees and sparkling on the fine particles of dust in the still air. I made a promise to myself to learn how to capture these special scenes on film. One day I will.

We got back to the cars in plenty of light and things were feeling good but Murphy's Law came in to play and decided to make things go wrong at the worst possible time and hence the keys to Ruth's car got locked in the boot of her car. The guilty party will remain nameless. Three or 4 hours later with the assistance of the RACQ man the keys were eventually released from the boot. and we did finally get home. But on the bright side we had an opportunity to study the unusual conjunction of the moon and 4 of the planets in the western sky. I

never did work out which was Mars and Saturn. It was a special trip for me and I was on a high for several days after the trip. I would like to thank those who came on the trip Terry Silk, Gabriel Romaguera, Anthony Dolan, Neville MacManimm, Joseph MacManimm, Graham Walters, Lynda Petersen and Ruth Kalman who did very well on her first trip.
Phil

Mt Castle Sunday 9th June 2002

This trip was organised at the annual mass and dinner as there was a glaring hole in the program as no walk had been planned for the June long weekend. At one stage I had about 10 nominees but as usual it shrank on the day. Someone on committee who shall remain nameless had tickets to watch the Brisbane Lions.

On the day of the trip it was a lovely morning and 5 cheery walkers assembled at the Red Hill carpark for a leisurely trip to Mt Castle.

The trip down to Aratula was special as the scenery was so crisp and clear it was amazing. We arrived at Aratula and the temperature had dropped by about 10 degrees with the cold front coming through. We then drove around to Tarome and had a few photo spots as John Carter excitedly snapped off a few keepsakes of his treasured mountains.

We parked the car and started our trip in. We had a spot of bother as first we were stalked by a small group of cows. Normally they leave you alone but this lot were mainly Santa Gertrudas and they didn't move away and they got a bit threatening. They had big horns. Very big. Anyhow we finally managed shoo them away. We then had a few problems with the gates as we broke the timber splice and then the cows came back again. I thought I

was in was of those Gary Larsen cartoons with the cattle talking about what they were planning to do to the humans. We continued on and on and finally made the ridge line and then it was up and up and up and up the grassy slope.

We got to the saddle between Castle and Grass Tree Mountain by about 10-45 am. Now for the decision do we take the short hard way or the long easy way. We opted for the long easy way. Well 2 hours later it didn't seem easy any more. We were quickly running out of time and we were still headed south with Hole in the Wall and Laidley Creek Falls directly above us and Mt Castle behind us. Finally we came to the junction and started to head up o the Mt Castle saddle.

There was a problem. We had been walking for nearly 5 hours and it was nearly 2 o'clock and we still hadn't had lunch yet and we were still over 30 minutes from the top. It had become decision time. We had to leave enough daylight time to walk out in. It was with great dismay that we had to face up to a yucky choice, time to turn back without getting to the top. So we stopped and had a seven minute lunch stop. There was no time to boil the billy. I had carted my trangia stove all this way and I did not have a cup of tea. Things were grim. I was feeling a bit despondent at this point at the wasted effort. It was just after 2 and we had at least 4 hours walking to go and we had just over 3 hours of daylight left. Not a good equation.

We trudged back down the mountain and retraced our steps. We managed to get back down the grass sided hill that seemed more like a cliff then a hillside. Anthony started to play a few games and made a sardonic comment about me leading two trips and not getting to the destination either time. The purists would say that could be considered to be a failure in leadership. Greg joined the fray and indicated that I was building a reputation. In my defence

the true believers know that bushwalking is about the journey not about reaching the destination. Those overly ambitious types who are preoccupied with the competitive accumulation of peak bagging are deeply misguided by the capitalist, accumulative materialistic society we live in.

Anyhow I was the one who was most upset at not getting to the top. I was getting a bit depressed on the walk out. My third trip to Mt Castle in 3 months and I still haven't got to the top. I suppose there is always next year. We finally got back to the car by about 6pm. I was pleasantly surprised to have all the guys thank me for a great day. It was a hard day and my feet and legs took a few days to recover from the trip. I calculated we walked about 24 kilometres on the day.

I would like to thank John Carter, Greg Endicott, Terry Silk and Anthony Dolan for coming on this trip with me. A special thanks to John who took on the role of scout/navigator for the day.

Phil Murray

Mt. Edwards/Mt French 15th June 2002

We had an almost perfect day for our walk up Mt Edwards. Crossing the Moograh Dam wall we noticed the water was well down so it was pretty quiet on the water. Our steady climb to the top allowed us time to look at the views and enjoy the birds on the way. It was very peaceful on the track.

We had a leisurely morning tea at the top and Pat was busy with her camera, she was really taking shots of the highway. The Fassifern Valley was a pretty picture. Lunch was in the picnic grounds looking across to the great view of Mt Greville. An

hour later we were on Mt French looking at even more views from the lookouts.

At Boonah, (where were you Graham?) we stopped for coffee, a fitting end to a lovely day. We all agreed it was the sort of day you would like to bottle up and bring home with you. Many thanks to Don, Robyn, Pat, David and Mike for your company, and especially to Pat for driving. Mary Nolan

Mt Barney Lodge Liz's 50th June 1 - 2

The Friday night party was out on Yellowpinch Ridge and Trevor on his way up Peasants track when we arrived Saturday. Lunch and a cuppa on the famous Forester's verandah, gazing out at majestic Barney. Too good to move so the afternoon was spent reading and looking at photo's of Jeans trip to Bangkok along with Pat's fruit cake for afternoon tea.

Mary and Thomas came along to help us gather bush lemons growing along the road. We soon filled a bag before heading back to the hut to clean up for dinner. Justin had the fire under way while Caroline supervised the kitchen crew. Many inviting aromas as meals were heating, and we enjoyed Chris's tasty meat balls, a variety of nibbles, and bacon & egg pie.

Bushwalkers were transformed into very smart Black Tie Diners with many photo sessions around fire with background music thanks to Pat, as we dined on spaghetti bolognaise, fried rice, potatoe bacon bake, chicken lasagna, and salads topped off with superb desserts of chocolate pudding and apple crumble. Time to light the candles and toast Lizzy's 50th with mud cake and coffee and champers.

Susan had celebrity heads ready and we enjoyed a couple of hilarious hours guessing who was who. The fire was

keeping out the plunging temperatures. Then it was soon time to farewell Terry's trusty Blue Datsun and it's passengers back to Brisbane while the revelers made their way to bed.

Mt Gillies was climbed for those who were keen on Sunday while others relaxed after breakfast before heading home.

A great weekend and truly successful Black Tie Dinner thanks to the many generous cooks and all who joined together at Barney Lodge. Who is next on the 50 list???? Cheers Maxine

Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs

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FEDERATION MOUNTAIN RESCUE

The Federation Pilgrimage 2002 is coming to you In September

The YHA Bushwalkers has the privilege of hosting this years Pilgrimage. The Pilgrimage is being held at the Kenilworth Show Grounds over the Weekend of the 7th to 8th of September (Arrivals starting Friday evening, the 6th of September. Further information / surprises will be provided to you down the track. If you have any questions or require further information, then please E-mail us at Mail to: yhabushies@yahoo.com.au Please note

that we may not be able to provide some information at present due to us finalising our arrangements. Thanks Nick Rootsey (Social Secretary on behalf of the YHA Bushwalker's Committee.)

More Beaut Scandal!!!!!!!

What are the ambitions of our new club president as she has been observed admiring tiaras and discussing the merits of the different styles? Also, she has enquired if a whip comes with the position. (Very, very strange indeed.)

Jean made sure that she was in good company on Barbara's Mount Tamborine walk by sharing a car with four of the club's committee with three of them being the most senior. Unfortunately, there was not room in the car for the fifth committee member who also did the walk.

Which single female club member was seen going to the theatre with a married male club member while the devoted wife was at home nursing their children and a case of the flu!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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

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