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CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB INC.
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Articles for "Jilalan", post to Cecilia Doherty 2/32 Stanley Terrace, East Brisbane. **Please note different deadlines for submitting articles on paper and on disk 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, 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 carpark). 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

	17	Outing's Committee - Calendar to July 97	Ed Thistlethwaite	3374 2198	MTN
	20	Christmas in July	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	SOC
	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
AUG	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
	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	Richard Kolarski	3345 9543	D/W
	26	Jilalan Deadline (Paper Articles)			JIL
	31	Springbrook Pinnacle	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	D/W
	31-1	Forest Tops -Stretcher Track	Ken Fraser	3852 1607	T/W
SEP	31-1	Forest Tops	Russell Code	3245 4803	B/C
	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	Iain Renton	3395 7665	D/W
	23	Jilalan Deadline (Paper Articles)			JIL
	28	Mt Samson	Jim O'Meara	3838 3356	D/W
	29	Yum Cha	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	SOC
OCT	6	Social Bike Ride/BBQ	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	SOC
	7	Management Committee Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN
	9	Jilalan Deadline (Computer Disk Articles)			JIL
	12-13	Rocky Creek	Ed Thistlethwaite	3374 2198	O/N
	18	Half Way Social	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	SOC
	19	Beginner's Rope Day - Blackwall	Bill Butler	3351 1588	FMR
	20	Coomera Circuit	Chris Mc Caffrey	3349 5730	D/W
	27-28	Mt Warning	Cathy Thistlethwaite	3374 2198	O/N
	21	Meeting	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984	MTN
NOV	1-3	Con's Plain & Prow	Con Vink	3814 3545	B/C

KEY

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

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. The dates of the Committee meetings have also been listed in Jilalan. 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.

GENERAL MEETINGS

In order to try to make General Meetings run smoother, members are requested to 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**Saturday 24 August 1996****COUGALS
(Day Walk)**

Leader: Richard Kolarski (Ph 3345 9543)
Time: 7.30a.m.
Place: Behind the Cathedral, Charlotte St.
Cost: \$15.00
Emerg. Officer:
Grade: M55

A very scenic walk in the Springbrook region. We drive past Currumbin through the Tomewin border gate and park at the end of the Garden of Eden Road. We hop over the gate back into Queensland and follow the border fence. This is the shortest and easiest route up to the Cougals. Be prepared for magnificent views on both sides of the fence and on the summits. We come back the same way to savour the views again.

Bring garden gloves in addition to your camera. New barbed wire has been strung on the border gate. The gloves will come in handy on the steep section where you may need to hang on to the fence.

There is a limit of 15 people on this walk so get in early.

Richard

Saturday 31 August 1996**SPRINGBROOK PINNACLE
(Day Walk)**

Leader: Majella Robertson (3359 8311)
Meeting Time: 6:45am for a 7am SHARP dep.
Meeting Place: Cathedral, Charlotte St
Cost: \$12:00
Emerg. Officer:
Grade: L 44

The Pinnacle provides a short side trip from the Warrie Circuit (1 - 1½ hours return to the track). The Warrie Circuit is one of the most scenic track walks at Springbrook and is approximately 17km to the Meeting-of-the-Waters. It has plenty of waterfalls and attractive rainforest, as well as some unusual features such as split boulders. It traverses along the southern cliffs and amphitheatres, both above and below many of the waterfalls, and then descends through a variety of forest types to the junction of Boy-ull and Mundora Creeks. The track passes behind three waterfalls, giving walkers an outlook through the cascading droplets.

To get to the Pinnacle we go off track for a short time, encountering some hill climbs and some rock-hopping and care will need to be taken on the final scramble up the rocks.
.... more overleaf

Please note the meeting time - it is really important that we get away at 7am. Look forward to seeing you on the walk.

Sunday 8 September 1996
MAP READING DAY
AT MT COOT-THA

Leader: Bill Butler (Ph: 3351 1588)
 Meeting Time: 10 a.m. Sunday
 Meeting Place: Simpson's Falls (car park)
 in the Mt Coot-tha recreation
 area
 Grade: S11 (easy)
 Cost: \$free

Survivors of the Progressive Dinner night are invited to attend the club's map and compass day. After a morning tea/coffee discussion, I will issue maps of the park area to the group which will then attempt to locate a number of discreetly placed way point markers shown on the map before returning to the Simpsons Falls picnic area for the 1p.m. BYO -BBQ.

This could be a fun day and you may also learn some navigation skills so bring along a chair and a compass if you have one. If you can't make the *early early* start, just drop in for the 1p.m. BBQ.

See you there - Bill.

Fri 13 September - Sun 15 September
1996

QLD FEDERATION OF
BUSHWALKERS ANNUAL
PILGRIMAGE

Contact: Ed Thistlethwaite (ph: 3374 2198)

This year's Pilgrimage is being hosted by the BINNA BURRA BUSHWALKERS CLUB and the venue we have selected is TOOLOOM FALLS which is in NSW approximately 30 minutes drive south of the border gate on the Mt Lindsay Highway.

Full details on separate insert in this magazine.
 Look forward to seeing you there. Ed

**Are you interested in learning skills to
 lead bush walking groups?
 OR wanting to enhance your
 leadership skills?**

*Brisbane Bushwalkers Club Inc
 will be hosting the Federation Mountain
 Rescue's Leadership Training weekend on
 Saturday 19 October and Sunday 20 October
 1996*

Where: "Jimmies on the Dam", Maroon Dam
 Cost: \$20

A brief program outline is below. Bill Butler (ph: 3351 1588) from our Club has more details for you.

Fri 18 October - Arrive Maroon Dam 8.30p.m.
 Supper.

Sat 19 October - Full day program including
 workshops and demonstration
 of skills learned.

Sun 20 Oct - (optional.)

This is open to all clubs and will have limited places available. See Ron Farmer (ph 3355 2895 (h) or Jim Bartlett (ph 3217 5553 (h) to pay in advance to book your place.

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.

A special Happy Birthday for 2nd August to our "artist in residence" Iain Renton.



See how much we need you Iain!!!

The Queensland Federation of Bushwalkers annual Pilgrimage

September 13 to 15th 1996

This years Pilgrimage is being hosted by the Binna Burra Bushwalkers Club and the venue we have selected is Tooloom Falls which is in NSW approximately thirty minutes drive south of the boarder gate on the Mount Lindsay Highway.

Program

Friday night: Arrive (not before 4pm please) and set up camp.
Register for walks and meet leaders.
Supper around the campfires.

Saturday: A variety of walks will be offered including North and South Obelisks, Edinburgh Castle, Glassy Mt, Battery Hill, Rock Hill Falls, Mt Ernest razor back and many more.
Social gathering before the evening meal. Bring some nibblies to share.
Musical campfire entertainment from seven thirty onwards.
Supper.

Sunday: Bike rides through the forrest, short walks, swimming etc.
An open market where you can sell any of your preloved camping gear or possibly pick up a bargain. (Garden stakes will also be on sale for \$3 a bundle of 10).
Tug of war and other activities.
Morning Tea
"Handing over the Boot" ceremony.
Pack up and leave.

The Camp: We will be camping on private property immediately adjacent to the falls.

*We will only be allowed to have fires at prepared communal sites so you will need to bring fuel stoves for cooking.

*You will need to bring all of your own water for cooking and drinking.

*There are no facilities so we will be hiring four porta loos and digging pit toilets for extra urinals.

*Campers will have to take away all of their own rubbish.

*Please note that while children are welcome they must be closely supervised at all times as there are dangerous cliffs near by.

*On the positive side there are excellent views from the site and nice swimming holes near by.

The Cost: The cost per head will be \$15 for adults and \$12 for children under 12 years of age. This cost includes:

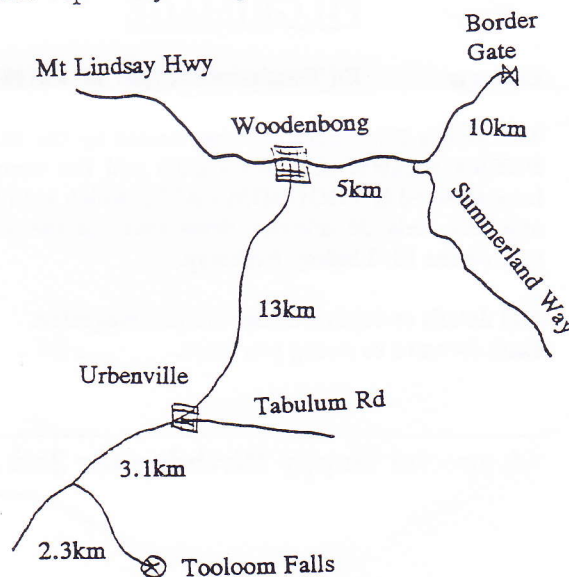
*Supper Friday and Saturday nights.

*Morning tea Sunday morning.

*Musical campfire entertainment Saturday evening.

*Provision of basic amenities.

Road directions: Coming from Brisbane the easiest route is to follow the Mt Lindsay Hwy to the Lindsay border gate and then follow the map below. Allow 2½ hours driving time from the southern suburbs of Brisbane (total distance approximately 160 km). Note that the road from Rathdowny to the boarder gate is narrow, steep, bendy and used by large trucks. Please take **extra care driving this section** especially at night.



SOCIALS

Majella Robertson



COFFEE NIGHT

Wednesday 28 August 1996

Time: 7:30pm

For details: Majella PH: 3359 8311

MOVIE NIGHT



Tuesday, 3 September

1996

We will decide what to see and where closer to the time. For details phone Majella (3350 8311)

Membership Officer's Report

A very warm welcome to Pat Vaughan, Gay Short, Deanne Armitage, Jim Prato, Helen Fitzgerald and John Caton who recently became members. Congratulations to you all! We look forward to seeing you on future walks and at future socials.

It was a pleasure to welcome quite a few visitors to the last general meeting. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

Birthday Greetings ...

We wish the following Club members and any others celebrating a birthday in August, a very Happy Birthday



<i>Mike Sherman</i>	<i>11 August</i>
<i>Con Vink</i>	<i>11 August</i>
<i>Cliff Olsen</i>	<i>12 August</i>
<i>Pamela Miller</i>	<i>21 August</i>
<i>John Carter</i>	<i>22 August</i>



PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday 7 September 1996

The social event of the year has finally arrived!! Dust off your costumes and come to the Progressive Dinner on Saturday, September 7, dressed as your favourite fairytale or storybook character. This year we will be indulging in three courses of delectable delights - enticing entrees, mouth-watering mains and delicious desserts. Thanks to all those who have already offered their culinary skills and those of you about to offer.

If you're not sure what to bring give me a call and I'll let you know what is needed.

Remember to bring your own plates, cup, cutlery, chair and drinks (and anything or anyone else you'd like).

Our journey through gastronomical gourmet delights will begin at 6.00 p.m.

SEE INSERT FOR MORE DETAILS.

*** Club's 40th Anniversary ***

The sub-committee met in early July. A master list of past and present members compiled by Paul is being circulated to ascertain correct addresses, as the anniversary's main cost will be the contacting of past members. The Club's written and photographic records are being compiled and their location identified. Snippets from this history will be placed in the Jilalan over the coming months. Most events celebrating the 40th (walks and socials) will become part of the Club's normal calendar of events. It is likely that the main activity will be held in early 1998, which would be a mass and family picnic close to Brisbane.

The Club Hut's 30th anniversary will be on 19 March 1997. It has been agreed to hold a mass and picnic at the hut on a weekend close to the anniversary date. Approval has been received from the Drynan family. John Brunott is organising a working bee in August.

John Carter.

PREVIOUS WALKS

2nd June 1996 MONSERATT LOOKOUT by Barry Ellerington

The pre-outing for this walk was brilliant. We had a most perfect day with the traditional blue skies and clear crisp air offering views to the far horizon. I was thinking at the time how nice it would be to have a similar day for the walk. As it turned out, luck was on our side.

Eighteen walkers set out at 6 p.m. on a cool Sunday morning to meet at the Mt May water reserve where our walk would begin. The first five k's were along a rugged dirt road with sections of it up some very steep hills. From this road there are some stupendous views of Mt May and of Mt Maroon and from the top of the ridge which the road follows, these mountains do present a very impressive scene. With a few rest stops, the slog up the road took us 1 hour and 50 minutes to reach the planned morning tea stop - this was a very impressive ten minutes quicker than the pre-outing team.

The sun was now warm and it was not hard to laze about and enjoy the view, but after a very pleasant morning stop it was on to Grace's Hut. Grace's presents a very pretty scene of its own, with its pastures, paddocks, horses and cattle, reminding us of an era gone by. The troops had a good time exploring the old house, seaching old cupboards where we found some type of tail made from animal hair. This gave us some fun with it tucked under Jonas' hat. It looked so funny.

The ridge to the summit of Monserrat Peak begins at Grace's Hut. This was to be the last slog of the day. This is a very pretty ridge giving a sense of peace and quietness. It is grass covered and climbs through open forest. There is a well marked track, easy to follow and after an hour's climb, we all emerged from the forest on to the summit rock where one suddenly finds the past 4 hours hard work all worth it. I do not know of any other place where one can get these excellent views of Mt

Barney. It is a photographers's delight. A very pleasant hour's lunch stop gave time for photos and for pointing out various peaks of Barney. Our return was to be by the same route and much to the relief of all, it is down hill all the way, arriving back at the cars just before dark.

It gives me great pleasure to thank all the walkers who came with me, also, to the drivers who rescued me and made this walk possible, to Christine, my excellent tail end charlie and not forgetting Con and Ed for their help in the pre-outing. Thank you all for the team work and help you gave in making this walk a success.

Best wishes. Baz

Fri 28 - 30 June 1996 GLASSHOUSE MOUNTAINS BASE CAMP by John Carter

The weather was beaut over the weekend, with the added bonus of a full moon. Being close to Brisbane, about twenty members (thirteen for two nights) turned up over the weekend to climb some peaks. After settling in at the Field Study Centre on the cold Friday night, we drove over to Wild Horse Mountain for a moonlight stroll. The wonderful clear night was most enjoyable from the Forestry lookout. Back at camp, we thawed out next to the galley campfire.

It was agreed that the first walk to Coochin Hills would be done together by both groups. The twin peaks offer close-up views of the town of Beerwah. A number of shrubs were in flower (wattle and grevillea). My team for the day (Justin, Geoff, Jonas and Louise) drove to the Tibrogargan picnic area for an east to west crossing of the mountain. On the way around the base, the party made a short detour over to Mt Cooee, where we disturbed a brush tail rock wallaby. Close-up views of Tibrogargan's east face were closely studied.

Down the saddle and then contouring around the peak's base, we came to the start of the route. Over the next three hours, the climb was absorbing with the belay rope used in a couple of places. In the cave, a brew of tea was most appreciated (where is that hat Jonas?) Twenty months ago a major wildfire devastated the Glasshouse area, including many of the peaks. Shrub re-growth is particularly thick on this mountain. The last crux was the chimney, which seems to be getting more difficult (is it age?). We were on the summit with only an hour to sunset, so it was steadily down the western route as the sun dropped behind Mt Beerwah. A peregrine falcon soared overhead.

After a relaxing night at the Centre, my team re-grouped with the loss of Jonas, but gaining Trevor and Mark. The twin peaks of Mt Tunbubudula was the morning's climb. The higher, east peak rises steeply above the plain. Then it was down, down to the low saddle, a rather pleasant area of open forest. The summit of the west is gained by passing through a rock band, which added interest. Views were enjoyed towards Caboolture during a brew. After dropping down a northern ridge to the cars, we headed over to Mt Tibberooowuccum. The climb involves only a short steep pinch and a narrow ridge to the summit, which provided another close-up view of Tibro. We wondered aloud if horse riders needed forestry permits to ride here.

We returned to camp for lunch to exchange yarns with the other group and to pack. Our plan was to climb Mt

Elimbah on our way home. This lovely park has some attractive creek frontage as well as the peak. The shrubby understorey on the way to the summit was quite thick and in flower. The climb was a great way to end a relaxing and occasionally energetic base camp. Thanks to all the members of my team for your company and also to Joe's group.

P.S Stay tuned for a possible traverse of the Trachyte Ridge.

Saturday 3 August 1996 **LIGHTNING FALLS DAY WALK** **by Patricia Broughton**

A very enthusiastic group of 5 bushwalkers was waiting in the O'Reilly's carpark well before the 7.30a.m. start time, having set out from Brisbane about 5.00a.m. Fourteen of us set out along the Border Track to the Albert River Circuit turnoff. Here we headed down to Lightning Falls. The track goes across the top of the falls so it's not possible to fully appreciate the scene.

However, from this point the track follows the stream all the way up to Echo Point with several more waterfalls and many picturesque views of the forming river.

Early lunch at Echo Point with the familiar landmarks of Mt Warning and the Cougals before us.

We rejoined the Border Track a short time after lunch and arrived back at the carpark at a very early 2.15p.m. with plenty of time for a coffee and chat and hot shower before Mass and dinner.

A special thankyou to June and Majella for coming with me on the preouting.

Sat 3 August - Sun 4 August 1996 **O'REILLY'S OVERNIGHTER** **AND ANNUAL DINNER** **by Majella Robertson**

As always this annual event was great fun. The weather was beautiful, fine and mild, the food superb, the walking enjoyable and the company, as always, great to be with and lots of fun.

The weekend had a number of possible starting points, for some, it began on Friday night, others early Saturday morning and for yet another group Saturday afternoon.

We were fortunate enough to have the Archbishop celebrate mass on Saturday afternoon, and after attending we gathered for drinks in the upstairs bar of the O'Reilly's Guesthouse. These set us in fine stead for the evening and much laughter was heard throughout the evening. Following dinner we, well most of us anyway, joined in the fun of the after-dinner dancing. Amidst much laughter, a few episodes of bodies rolling around on the

floor, Ann and Cliff won first prize in the "Knights, Mounts and Cavaliers" and received a bottle of champagne which they happily shared around. Glenys won second prize and partook of a delectable cocktail full of lots of different varieties of alcohol! All-in-all lots of fun was had by everyone.

Sunday morning we had a leisurely start and set off for Balancing Rock and Castle Crag at about 9am. We started out along the Wishing Tree Track, visiting Mick's Tower on the way and each of us making our wish as we passed through the Wishing Tree. We followed the track along to the Red Road and around past the turn off for Moran's Falls on to Balancing Rock. The views from here were wonderful, we could see south to the Lost World, southeast up the Albert Gorge, north to Python Rock and the Western Cliffs, and northeast to Moran's Falls.

After a short stop for morning tea, we set off around Balancing Rock and out along the ridge to Castle Crag. The ridge became very narrow in places and required some care to be taken, especially over the rocky sections. Once we reached the end, the views were spectacular. A panoramic view of the mountains ahead. After sitting and 'drinking it in' for about 10 - 15 mins we dragged ourselves away and headed back towards Balancing Rock, back along the Wishing Tree Track to the camping ground.

The day didn't end there though, earlier we had decided that we would have a BBQ lunch and after doing a 'loaves and fishes' we had enough food to feed all of us and some left over.

We had a great weekend and I would like to thank everyone who came for helping to make it so much fun.

Majella

21st July, 1996 **SHIPSTERN DAY WALK** **by June Greenaway**

I didn't start the day too well with this walk, with 5am cancellations and then a number of us waiting half-an-hour at Charlotte St for three walkers who didn't turn up or ring myself or the Emergency Officer. As a result a lot of us got really cold waiting around at Charlotte St and also at Binna Burra as some of the cars arrived later than planned.

For a while it looked as if I was going for a record number of 34 walkers, but ended up with a respectable 28. We split up into two groups, Geoff helping out with the 'A-Team', but we caught up with one another at lookouts, tea and lunch breaks.

At Binna Burra it was windy and extremely cold, but after half-an-hour or so of walking, most people were shedding layers of clothing. The day turned out really nice, with us getting hot and cold spots as we wended out way around the Shipstern Circuit. The track had really been cleared

from what it was like two months previous, so it made the walking a lot easier. The circuit passes through beautiful large trees and a Piccabeen Palm grove, tea break was at Lower Ballanjui Falls, a really nice spot. The track dropped down to Nixons Creek and then a gentle uphill walk.

At Charraboomba rock, most walkers took on the 80 or so steps to a lookout with excellent views, looking back to Ballanjui Falls and forward to Egg Rock. Half-an-hour later we were having lunch at the Stern/ Koloona Point with great views of the Numinbah Valley. Goodies came out, eating, catching up, chatting, photos, a good relaxing spot, till it got too cold and we moved off. We followed the Eastern Lookout track, and lost Bill, Ed and Tony, three experienced Tail-end-Charlies.

On catching up to the 'A-team', who were having a break, the three Tail-end-Charlies were given a hey-bob and responded immediately, so we were soon all together again.

There were some nice wildflowers out, a taste of what's in store in a few months, especially on Daves Creek Circuit. Joining the Border Track seemed to fire the walkers up and I couldn't hold them back, the 'B-Team' mainly beat the 'A-Team' back to Binna Burra. Must have been the promised coffee and snacks stop at Yahoos Country Kitchen at Canungra, where they had set out a big table to accommodate us all. It was a nice end to the day.

Special thanks to Geoff who led the 'A-Team', I'm sure he enjoyed it more than he let on, and grateful thanks to the drivers, Richard, Jim, Ed T, Iain, Majella and Tony. Other walkers were Patricia, Louise, Helen Fitzgerald, Cathy T, Jeorg, Fr Ed, Don, Mary Blyth, Caroline Cleever, Bill, Terry Silk (alias Denise), Trish and Jack Rennick.

Thankyou to everyone who walked, hope you enjoyed it and hopefully we'll see the new walkers on future walks.

June

6 July 1996 **BEGINNER'S ABSEIL AT** **KANGAROO POINT** by Bill Butler

Eleven people attended this event at the Nursery Cliffs. Jim, Terry and Joe helped on the day with the rope set ups and training. Alf, aged 75 from New Zealand did his first abseil and made it look so easy. Other first time abseilers were Pat and Amy. Maxine Ann Ella and Greg came along to brush up on their old skills. Weather on the day was picture perfect which made us all appreciate the lunchtime BBQ at the bottom of the cliffs when the rope work finished. Thanks again to all who attended and helped make the day successful.

Bill

27 - 28 July 1996 **"THE POSIEDON ADVENTURE"** **LOGAN'S RIDGE (MT BARNEY)** **OVERNIGHTER**

As I dutifully listened to the long range weather report on Tuesday evening, five days before the walk, the weather expert mentioned a low pressure front. It would move across South East Queensland with lightning and some storm rain - Sunday would be fine Beaut I thought, but storms and lightning in July, the middle of winter? I took that bit with a grain of salt, but it was a nagging worry in the back of my mind. Had not the long range weather reports been accurate on my two previous trips!

Around 8 p.m. Saturday evening, the 13 eager participants assembled at Beaudesert for a quiet snack. Saturday had been overcast with no rain which made me feel rather foolish, when I mentioned the strange weather report to the assembled throng. Our arrival at Yellowpinch Camping Ground at 9.45 p.m. gave no hint of the deluge which would make the night infamous. A very light shower interrupted tent assembly at about 10.30 p.m. At 11.30 p.m. the real thing arrived - **TORRENTIAL RAIN CONSTANT FOR 6 HOURS** - until 5.30 a.m. plus three storms at 12.30 a.m. - 2 a.m. and 4. a.m.. The rain simply became heavier around these periods. Rivers of water surged down the Yellowpinch Hill track which acted as a funnel to direct 4 inch deep rivers of water straight into the tent camping area.

As I peered through the porthole windows of my panel van into the murky wet darkness of the storm driven torrential rain, torch lights flickered on and off among the drenched tents. My mind pondered - What wrecked havoc had I wrought upon these innocent friends of mine? Would they still be friends in the morning? Would the morning after ever come?

Majella and Geoff abandoned tents around 2 a.m. and fled to cars. June abandoned her A frame tent which was sinking fast around 3 a.m. Christopher toughed it out in his very small bivvy tent until 4 a.m. He said the tent stood up well but by 4 a.m. he was literally in surfing mode, holding up the front of the tent against a 6 inch deep fast flowing river of water which ultimately broke through one end of the tent and out the other end. Matthew's dome tent flooded at around 3 a.m. but other tents with high tub sides stood up well.

Finally the morning after did arrive. Some very shell shocked participants emerged from tents and cars around 7 a.m. but they were still smiling. June Majella, Chris and Matthew decided to head for home and the leader almost felt like going with them. Although East Peak via Logan's Ridge was considered out of the question, I decided that East Peak via South East Ridge would be quite feasible on the day. Under overcast sky, the nine person party set off around 8.20 a.m.. As we departed it was fascinating to view the mass of white water rapids in the Logan stream beside the campsite.

Further up Yellowpinch hill, a 4.x 4 vehicle of another group had bogged attempting to make the climb - such were the conditions. Where we crossed the Logan at the concrete ford near Cronan's Creek entry, it was boots off through the .5 metre deep fast flowing Logan River. As we sat on the log pulling on our socks again the clouds rolled back, the weather was clearing fast - it was going to be a fantastic day after all. Enthusiasm became infectious as we stormed up the ridge, soaking up the fresh mountain air and marvelled at the clarity of the views.

With some invaluable assistance from Con, the party reached a point approximately 150 metres below the summit of East Peak before deciding to call it a day and descend via the same ridge. The low heath forests above 900 metres looked particularly lush after the good rains this year suggesting there will be a magnificent wildflower display on the mountain in September/October. Geoff was particularly adept at spotting some of the rare heath forest birds. The colourful "Golden Whistler" was seen high upon the ridge forest on the return journey. The group returned to the cars at 4.30 p.m. after a pleasant walk if not quite the walk contemplated. This weekend will be remembered as the ultimate tent test. Some invaluable information was obtained on the capabilities of Trekking Tents.

Bill Butler

SUNDOWN BASECAMP QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND

Friday night saw us journey to Sundown, fighting fog, and flying stoves. Finally we arrived, and set up camp. Saturday morning saw some interesting sights - Gabe trying to move June's lit stove from the 4WD track, just before it could be run over!. Finally all the gear was packed in the Jeep, and the trek in began.

The countryside was beautiful, with low dense fog in the valleys. The 17k drive to Burrows was slow, but finally the gear reached its destination. Luckily we were able to find a lovely location beside the waterhole, though the couple camped nearby looked surprised at the amount of gear two people had. After unpacking, the stragglers were picked up (some about 7k behind the leaders).

With all at camp, lunch seemed a great idea. After a short rest, the group began the walk to Rat's Castle. Slowly numbers began to drop off, there finally being only Ed, Gabe, Ann and myself who gained the objective and the reward! And what a reward. While Rats itself is not very spectacular, it is one of the few places where 360 degree views can be held. Finally with night approaching we had to leave.

On our return, we saw that Richard had not been idle, and that we were assured of a great night's campfire. One highlight was that EVERYONE had a chair!

After a fairly early night, we rose to walk the Severn, and explore Blue Gorge. The walking was relatively easy, with the recent rains and ensuing flood having cleared the banks. Under the shadow of Rat's Castle, the cold river was forded via a slippery rock slab. Finally we reached the mouth of Blue Gorge, and began our explorations.

One of the party decided to drink from the creek, but delight at the "fresh" water turned to dismay upon learning from other walkers about the dead goats further upstream. Fortunately no ill effects ensued. Several small waterfalls were skirted, however, unfortunately time didn't permit a full exploration, but this is one area I, for one, will definitely return to (but without drinking the water!)

Upon our return, we were greeted by a large pile of firewood - causing dismay to those who had lugged numerous pieces of old fences etc back to camp.

Dinner arrived, followed by plenty of nibbles, wine and port. Some conversations went on into the wee hours.

Next day, it was time to pack. A few trips saw most walkers to the old mine site (around 7k from Burrows), where the gear was packed. After a side trip to Red Rock Gorge, we returned to cars, and thence home.

Thanks to all who came, especially to the drivers.

Paul Mc

PAST SOCIALS

★ Colonial Ball 1996 ★

Saturday 6 July 1996

Again this year we attended the Annual Colonial Ball. Twenty-five of us gathered at Morris Hall, a fitting building for a late 19th century dance.

The race was on to ask partners, note dance cards, and to quickly cram the steps. Then the music, and "Take your partners for the Grand March" and the night began. Dance followed dance. We waltzed, schottised and promenaded our way around the lovely dance floor.

Supper came and came and came! Then more dancing to settle supper. We must have enjoyed ourselves as the dance finished an hour later than planned.

Then off to West End for coffee, keeping the coffee shop open. Home late! Thanks to all those who came.

Note: Next year the ball is on the first Saturday in July. The full cost will have to be paid one month in advance, then it increases \$5 per week until the ball. The moral of the story - make up your mind and buy your ticket early.

Greg



Christmas in July

Saturday, July 20th

Christmas in the middle of July was celebrated with gusto and style. We gathered at Carol's place, and with the assistance of two wood burners and a table full of food, kept ourselves warm.

Amidst the chatter and laughter, strains of Christmas chorals could be heard and at about ten o'clock a different sound was said to be heard, could it have been the sound of reindeer bells?? Probably not, but "Santa" dropped in for a visit anyway and everyone received a gift and some Christmas cheer.

All-in-all a good night was had by all, many thanks to those who came and especially to Carol for her hospitality and preparation.

Majella

Video Night at Louise & Rusty's

June 21 1996



After a few people arrived and we combined our nibbles together, we all settled back to watch Cutthroat Island - about a pirate ship. I enjoyed it. After the video, we all shared sweets with coffee and tea.

Thanks Andy Dorothy Terry and Majella for an excellent night.

Louise

Louise's Luscious Bushwalker's Biscuits

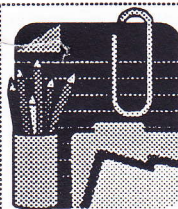
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Ingredients

1/2 a cup margarine softened, 1 cup of sugar, 1 egg, 1 tablespoon water, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla, 1/2 to 1 cup plain flour, 1/2 teaspoon bicarb of soda, 1/2 teaspoon baking powder, 1 cup quick cooking oats, 1 cup crushed cereal flakes (I crush weetbix), 1/2 cup coconut, 1/2 cup sultanas or dates chopped

Method

Mix margarine and sugar until light and fluffy, add egg, water and vanilla, beat until smooth. Stir in remaining ingredients until well combined. Mixture will be stiff. Drop mixture in rounded teaspoonfuls 2 inches apart on greased baking tray. Bake at 200 degrees until lightly brown about - 10 minutes. Remove from tray immediately and cool on wire rack. Store in airtight container. Bring on your next walk.



CC's

Bits and Pieces

Well, the new "Jilalan" layout seems to be a success! Feedback has been very positive and I hope you'll continue to submit lots of articles (on disk please) and generate ideas for future issues. Apart from a few teething problems early on, it has been a pleasure getting each issue out.

A huge thank you to all the "Jilalan" contributors so far and also to the committee members for their support and input into the magazine. Each writer's spontaneity and individual writing style has helped to make the magazine that little bit brighter and more readable. Thanks also to members who have helped to liven up things a little including Barry Ellerington with his funnies, Don Keating's inspiring and possibly accurate male/female brain drawing, Trevor Kelly's poems and cartoons and our artist extraordinaire Iain Renton, to name but a few.

Since the last issue, I have had the pleasure of attending my first O'Reilly's dinner and overnighter with the Club. Although there were a few nervous moments as I contemplated having to share someone's bedding and tent for the night, the food, company and dancing made for a memorable evening. However, it was the "torchless midnight shuffle" down a pitch black track in single file humming "the elephant walk" with a 'flu afflicted leader that will remain uppermost in my mind. Jumping up and down on the Tree Tops suspension bridges certainly cleared the head or was it imagining how we would land if we fell? A great night was had by all and thank you to the contributors of the surprise "loaves and fishes" bbq on Sunday.

Cecilia

MURPHY'S LAW PERTAINING TO THE SPORT OF TRAMPING

(thank you to "Auckland Catholic Tramping Club inc" Newsletter)

1. You will always have to cross a cold stream first thing in the morning.
2. You will always have to go up-hill after lunch.
3. No matter what the terrain, you will be going up-hill 75% of the time.
4. It will always stop raining as soon as you put your parka on.
5. It will always start raining once you take your parka off.
6. No matter what side of the fire you sit, the smoke will always blow towards you.

A bushwalker's Prayer

Thank you Father for the gift of life and the witnessing of your creation wherever I walk.

Through the intercessions of our Patroness,
Our Lady of the Way and Blessed Mary
MacKillop

I ask you to ever strengthen my love and faith
in you as I conquer life's mountains.

I am the steward of your environment.
I accept the challenge to protect it.

Give me the gift of Christ's love
so that I can reach out to all those in need,
whether spiritual or physical.

Bless all Club members, family and friends,
especially those who are sick, lonely or suffering.

Reward with everlasting life, all who have
walked with us in this Valley of Tears.

I ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

MBS

- What tall member was seen going for a roll in the grass recently - and just how did he miss all those cow-pats?
- Some people just inspire confidence. Telling someone hanging on the end of a rope - "Don't worry if it breaks, I've got a spare in my pack!"
- New definition of toughness - the "A" team drove, while the "B" team had to walk!
- Heard at recent Meeting - "Nothing better in life than Mt Barney" But his wife raised a few objections!
- Camping on a nice flat area - but those in the know had nightmares. They knew it was a helipad, and kept hearing Blackhawks with SAS on board all night!
- Overheard recently - plans for a ladies only "Bare to Bare Rock" walk!

Smile

CAR Rental Brochure in Tokyo:

When passengers of foot heave in sight,
tootle the horn. Trumpet him melodiously at
first, but if he still obstacles your passage,
then tootle him with vigour.

In a Norwegian Cocktail Bar:

Ladies are requested not to have children in
the bar.

Advertisement for Donkey Rides in Thailand:

You may like to ride on your own ass if you
wish.



Pots boiling, equipment assembled, a precious brew on
the way, more good times, more memories to take with
us on our journey.

Nature and God - I neither knew
Yet Both so well knew me
They startled, like Executors
of My identity

Emily Dickinson

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