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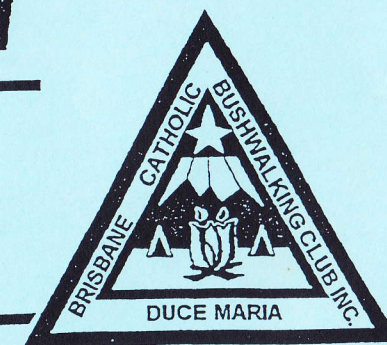


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JILALAN

Please have all articles to Majella (10/100 Leckie Rd, Kedron 4031) by the 1st 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.

GENERAL MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, at 7.30 p.m (although they usually start about 15 minutes later). The location is *St Bridg'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 Tee 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 transport to and from the departure point.
- Walks are rarely cancelled - if they are, all nominees will be notified. Should you change your mind and decide not to come to a club event, please notify the leader as soon as possible.

EMERGENCY OFFICER

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

EQUIPMENT HIRE

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

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

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

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

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

20	Meeting			
25	Mt Greville	Nathan Tobin	3282 8904	D/W
Aug 1	Ipswich Heritage Walk	Gabriel Romaguera	3369 7330	SOC
2	Logan Ridge 170th	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
7-9	Queen Mary Falls	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	B/C
		Elizabeth Richards	3393 5545	
12	Mt Barney Mass	Trevor Kelly	3269 4795	O/N
16	Table Top	Kerri Mulligan	3279 4490	D/W
15-16	Ballow Ranges	Jon Brunott	3209 9598	T/W
17	Meeting			
23	Mt Edwards/Mt French	Mary Nolan	3355 6851	D/W
29-30	Acacia Plateau	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	T/W
30	Wilson Peak	Richard Kolarski	3341 7509	D/W
Sept 5- Oct 4	North Queensland Extended Trip	John Brunott		Ext. Trip
5	May to Maroon	Jonas Bernatos	3288 3820	D/W
6	Yum Cha			SOC
11-12	Pilgrimage	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	B/C
19	Tichi Tamba	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Clean-up
20	Straddie Island Bike Ride	Christine and Cliff Harrison	3378 0264	Bike Ride
21	Meeting			
26-27	Club Hut	Nathan Tobin	3202 2690	B/C
26	Mt Ernest	Con Vink	3814 3545	D/W
27	Isolated Peak	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	D/W
Oct 3	White Rock	Elizabeth Richards	3393 5545	D/W
4	Araucaria Cct	Chris Mc Caffery	3349 5730	D/W
9-11	Girraween	John Carter	3290 3621	B/C 40th Anniv.
17	Kangaroo Point	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	FMR
18	Minnages	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	D/W
19	Meeting			
23-25	Harry's Hut			B/C
23-25	Cooloola Way	Patricia Kolarski	3341 7509	T/W
23-25	Cooloola Way	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	T/W
31- 1	Mt Warning	Chris Mc Caffery	3349 5730	O/W
Nov 7-8	Booloumba Creek	Matthew Palmer		T/W
7-8	Booloumba Creek			B/C
14	Progressive Dinner			SOC
15	Coomera Crevice			D/W
15	Metrogaine			S&T
19	Meeting			

KEY - Walk Types

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

Key - Walk Gradings

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

1. Distance	2. Terrain	3. Fitness
Short	Under 10 km per day	1-3 <u>Easy</u> . Suitable for beginners
Medium	10-15 km per day	4-7 <u>Medium</u> . Reasonable fitness required
Long	15-20 km per day	8-10 <u>Hard</u> . Strenuous, fit walkers only
EXtra	Over 20 km per day	
Long		

REPORTS

President's Report

Firstly on behalf of my mother and family, I would like to thank the club for your condolences on the passing away of my father. Thanks also for the masses being said for Dad. The support of family and friends has been a considerable help to us. The July slide night was held at Little Kings with about twenty-five past and current members attending. Quite a few brought along slides and photos from the different decades of the club's history. Thanks to home movies from the early eighties brought by Mike Wood. Thanks also to Maxine, Majella, Chris and Patricia Mackie for helping with supper. It was a most enjoyable night.

I would like to wish Christine and Cliff good luck on their move to Bribie Island this month and to Cliff's new position at the island's ambulance station. It's a big effort to move house. We hope to see you at some club functions. To assist Christine in Outings, Matthew is storing all club maps.

Welcome back from overseas, Richard, Patricia, Pat and Jonas. I hope you have some photos and stories to share with us at coming meetings. On behalf of all members, I would like to extend best wishes to Carol and Trevor for their coming wedding in early September.

John

Treasurer's Report

Balance as per 15/6/98	1 483.14
+ Receipts	565.00

	2 048.14
- Payments	810.60

Balance as per 20/7/98	1 237.54

Term Deposit	1 453.94

Outing's News

Remember, if you are interested in leading a walk please contact Christine. (3378 0264)

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

MEETING
LOCATION

Remember we now meet
at
**ST BRIGID'S
PARISH HALL**
Musgrave Rd
RED HILL

Hale St travellers - it's the Musgrave Rd exit - far left lane after Lang Park - turn left. Entrance to the car park is before the walk light. If you go past just take the next left and keep turning left until you are back on Musgrave Rd.

Bus travellers - it is Bus Stop 5A. You can catch the 126 (The Gap) leaving from Adelaide St (Red bus stop) at 7:06pm; or the 18B, leaving from Edward St (Grey bus stop) at 7:15pm.

COMING WALKS

Mt Edwards - Mt French
Sunday 23 August 1998
Day Walk

Leader: Mary Nolan (3355 6851)
Time: 7:00am
Meet at: The Old Windmill
Wickham Tce
Grade: S23
Cost: \$10:00
Emerg Off: Dolans (3843 4116)

This is a value packed Sunday excursion - two mountain experiences in the one day. Mt Edwards is the easiest of the Moogerah peaks and gives great views of the shimmering lake and surrounding peaks of the Scenic Rim. Mt French

affords magnificent view overlooking the fertile Fassifern Valley. Short walking tracks meander through heathland and wildflowers giving views of Mt Barney and across to Cunningham's Gap. Mt Edwards is reached from the dam wall from the Moogerah picnic area, and has a straightforward track to the top. Here we will have morning tea and enjoy the views. After coming down, we will have a sausage sizzle picnic lunch in the picnic area surrounding the dam (BYO barbie makings). After lunch we will get back into the cars to drive to Mr French. Here's the best news, WE DRIVE UP MT FRENCH as there is a road to the top. We can then explore using the short graded tracks which have lookouts to the above mentioned views. Care should be taken not to disturb rocks as this is a popular area for rock climbing. It will be an interesting day, with something for everyone. This civilised walk is well within the capabilities of a fit person, so beginners and new members are very welcome. Please join me for a great mountain experience.

Acacia Plateau
Friday 28 - Sunday 30 August
Throughwalk

Leader: Greg Endicott (3351 4092)
Time: 7:30pm Friday
Meet at: Sullivan Nicolaides,
134 Whitmore St, Taringa
(upper rear carpark)
Grade: M45
Cost: \$15:00
Emerg Off: Michele Endicott
(3351 4092)
Location : On the border, west of
Boonah, following the
border fence to Killarney
which is south east of
Warwick.

This is a good trip for those just beginning in throughwalking. It is steep at the start as you begin to climb Wilsons Peak at The Head, but you do not go all the way to the top. We hit the Border Fence, and then follow it all the way west. Pat Lawton is managing to follow it even further west in 2-day blocks. You will never lose sight of the wire (yes, there is a fence separating Qld & NSW). The country is undulating, as the fence does not know an easier way. You are not climbing mountains, but you do go up some steep bits - don't let this dissuade you.

Views are spectacular. On the first day, all you have to do is turn around and see most of your favourite walking territory laid out for you. It is amazing what and how far you can see. If Wilsons Peak can be seen from somewhere, you can see somewhere from it. For example, Barney, Bellow, Mt Lindsay, Lamington, Superbus, the back of the Main Range, the Boonah Plains Peaks, and more (but no Bread Knives). On Sunday, you will overlook the Downs and the western side of the Dividing Range, on which you are walking anyway.

The country through which you are walking is generally lush and green. A lot of it is in State Forest or reserved land - almost untouched. However, there is hardly any water. You will overlook the Condamine Gorge, Queen Mary Falls and see Killarney and even Warwick in the distance. You probably will see Girraween (or Bald Rock at least) if you have excellent eyesight. This is a pivotal outing, one which puts together your geography of SE Qld and most of your walks.

Wilsons Peak
Sunday 30th August
Day Walk

Leader: Richard Kolarski
(3341 7509)
Time: 7:30am
Meet at: Little Kings, Buranda
Grade: S55
Cost: \$12:00
Emerg. Off: Dolans (3843 4116)

Wilsons Peak is on the Queensland New South Wales border and marks the junction of the McPherson Range and the Great Dividing Range. We will be going up and down the north ridge which is the shortest way up. However it is quite steep with some scrambling involved near the top. You need to take care on the steep and loose sections and it's doubtful we'll go up if it's raining. There used to be an old dilapidated rabbit fence along the north ridge, but that has recently been pulled down under the direction of the National Parks with the assistance of the Brisbane Bushwalking Club. There are piles of fencing along the way which will hopefully be removed soon.

After meeting in Brisbane, we will head off to Boonah for a short stop and then on to Teviots Gap. There we can park our cars and start the

ascent. Initially we go up through fairly open country, then a eucalypt wood before entering the rainforest. The pace will be slow along the steep sections as we take frequent breaks for a rest and to admire the view. At the cliff line we contour to the right till we reach the cliff break and then scramble up. At the top we will have lunch and time to admire the view. Then a much easier walk down to the cars and of course a stop at Boonah for a final cuppa. So come along and exercise those legs!

May to Maroon Saturday 5 August Day Walk

Leader: Jonas Bernatos
(3288 3820)

Details on insert included with this magazine.

1998 Pilgrimage 11 - 13 August Base Camp (Hosted by Sunshine Coast Bushwalking Club Inc)

Leader: Christine Harrison
(3378 0264)
Meet at: TBA
Venue: Ewen Maddock
Recreation Dam
Grade: A variety to suit all persons
Cost: \$20:00 + transport
Emerg Off: Dolans (3843 4116)

This is an annual event whereby ALL clubs get together for walks on Saturday, a social event Saturday night - this year a bushdance - and then Sunday is a sausage sizzle and catching up with fellow bushwalkers. There is additional dormitory accommodation available at an additional cost of \$15:00 per person. There are hot showers, composting toilets and a bush kitchen. Sites are available from 3pm Friday.

The venue is located approx 5km south of the Caloundra turn-off on the Bruce Highway, about one hour drive time north of Brisbane.

Please nominate by phone or at the next meeting (17th August).

Tichi Tamba Clean-Up Saturday 19 September 1998

Leader: Maxine Brophy
(3203 4699)
Time: 8am
Meet at: TBA

We are returning to Tichi Tamba to complete our clean-up from March and hopefully we'll see a few of you along to help make Australia beautiful. Even if you can only offer an hour of your time it would be most appreciated. We will have a BYO BBQ lunch to follow at Deep Water Bend.

Straddie Bike Ride Sunday 20 September 1998

Leader: Christine and Cliff Harrison
(3378 0264)
Time: TBA
Meet at: Cleveland Ferry Terminus
Cost: \$10:50 (Ferry with bike)

This bike ride will be in springtime, not cold or hot weather, so come and enjoy 5-6 hours visiting the beaches and lakes on beautiful Stradbroke Island (North). Bring your togs, a picnic lunch in your day pack and include *slip - slop - slap* to make the day NO 1. Use your leg muscles in a different way - RIDE with us.

North Queensland Extended Outing September 1998

Looking for something exciting to do this September? An extended trip to North Queensland is being organised - anyone interested in coming along can contact John Brunott or Richard Kolarski.

SOCIALS

BCBC Yum Cha Sunday 6 September 1998

Contact: Christopher Mc Caffrey
(3349 5730)
Time: Sunday, 11:30am
Where: Forum Yum Cha Lau
40 Tank St, North Quay
(There is street and
offstreet parking
available in Tank St itself)

Come along and enjoy a really enjoyable Chinese ritual - Yum Cha - before Pauline tries to send all our immigrants home. If she only tried the food on offer at a Yum Cha, she would reconsider her immigration policy!!

Yum Cha is a Chinese breakfast where they wheel around trolleys laden with beautiful cooked meals. Most of it is very attractive for conservative Western foodies so come along and try it. It is inexpensive as you only pay for what you eat. Typically, they offer a plate with four serves of a particular food, and this only costs \$2 - 3, so four people can try the dish for less than a \$1 each. You will eat heaps and I would be surprised if you don't have plenty of change from \$15. For ease of calculation, the cost of the food bill will be spread equally among all people who attend. People should pay for their own drinks. Although typically a breakfast meal, we are starting around lunchtime as this is when it gets busier and more convivial. Come along and enjoy a great Sunday.

Coffee Night

Wednesday 26 August
7:30pm
Das Cafehaus
Cnr Ryans Rd and Sir Fred Schonell Drive,
St Lucia

Come along and enjoy a German coffeehouse night in the leafy suburb of St Lucia. It will be interesting to sample German type coffee and sweets to compare to the Italian style offerings we get at most Brisbane coffee shops. It is a relaxed evening and a great way for visitors or new members to get to know people in the club. Bring your friends. All are welcome. We will meet at the

coffee shop. If anyone needs a lift, please give me a call and we will arrange something.
(Gabe PH: 3369 7330 after 8pm)

Movie Night

Tuesday 15 September

Please phone the answer machine (3393 5545) from the Sunday prior to the movie night. The movie, theatre and time will be given. Please hang up once you have heard the message.

PAST OUTINGS

Murphy's Creek and Alice Creek Sunday 5 July 1998 Barry Ellerington

The Saturday before the walk was very wet and cold and I was having doubts that this walk would be able to go out. However with continual monitoring of the weather forecast and getting some positive feedback off the Teletex I held off cancelling, and for once the forecasters were right.

Sunday was still a little overcast but clearing very slowly, the area we were to visit is a first time for the club. I read about the walk in the "Bushwalks Around Toowoomba Book" and a visit was a must. Eight walkers set out for the peaceful township of Heleidon, we had a short stop for a morning cuppa and in my case breakfast, and then we drove out towards the village of Murphy's Creek and turned off for Alice Creek parking the cars in Mill Road.

Alice Creek is a very pretty creek, it is lined with rocky bluffs and open forest, it is very picturesque but unfortunately is overgrown with lantana in places. Soon we were to come to an old stockyard where we left the creek track and made our way up a small ridge and into the State Forest. The forestry tracks were very overgrown in places, but soon we were surrounded by beautiful Silver Wattle shrubs of various varieties and all were in full bloom showing off masses of yellow flowers, even the perfume of these pretty shrubs could be sensed in the air.

The forest has a maze of tracks going in all directions and there are still signs of logging

going on even today. Our morning stop was had at the junction of one of these tracks which would take us down into Murphy's Creek. The track down is a little uneven and had not been used for many years. The vegetation had now changed to open forest and the Wattle was far behind us. Arriving at Murphy's Creek we found a small bridge, a peaceful place to sit and have lunch alongside the flowing waters. We were now very close to the old Toowoomba Railway line, this we followed along a dirt property road back to the junction of Mill Road where we had left the cars.

The walk we had done was different, it is a forestry walk, very peaceful and very pretty. With them on hand we decided to visit the historic Spring Bluff Railway Station, before heading back to the busy metropolis. Thanks to all who came along, and for your excellent company. To Ed, Marilyn, Matthew and Mal for your pre-outing assistance, and to John for driving. Watch out for the next walk in this area "Paradise Creek Whites Mountain".

Colonial Ball 1998

The night was as spectacular as expected. The 10 of us turned out in our 19th century finery, genteel people us all. The girls looked splendid in their long dresses, lace, bows and all. The boys were well scrubbed and hardly recognisable in coats, ties and shiny shoes.

The Grand March started off the 14 dance programme. The practices showed as we all were quite adept at following the caller and not bumping into other dancers much. The Ball is now a well-oiled event with all enjoying themselves. This is a good opportunity to mix since you dance with "strangers" at the practices, and on the night itself you find yourself dancing with those same people.

The band was good, with good music played well and some (a lot) of humour from the stage. It is the makings of a good night when the band are seen to be enjoying themselves - who wants to play at a dance all night and not even have one dance?

We did our Waltzes, the Quadrilles, circle dances, progressive dances, the Jig, a Schottische, and the ever popular Polka. We were fast, we were slow, but we were good.

Afterwards the party descended on The Coffee Club at West End for a late night, or should I say, an early morning cuppa. A good way for our newer folk to meet us on a different occasion.

Thankyou Michele, Liz McC, Jim O'M, Pat V, Colin C, Mary & Mike Nolan, Tony Y, Don K & Robyn.

Ten Pin Bowling 11 July 1998 Gabe Romaguera

We had a fantastic night at Greenslopes Ten Pin Bowl. On top of being given a special price for the night we had "moonlight bowl" conditions for the evening.

With moonlight bowling, there are flashing coloured lights at the end of the lanes, 70's rock music blaring from the loudspeakers, and video clips playing on the screens. A lot of us went back to our teen years with the music, and were tempted to get up and boogie in the lanes. It had a great result on our scores. Scores ranged from 45 to 144, and 50% of games played scored more than 100 on the night which was excellent as most people had either not bowled in years, or never bowled. It was a relaxed fun evening.

Those who were hyped up after all the rock music, moved on to a nearby party. Hope you all behaved. Thanks to all who came along to bowl - Terry, Michael, Lyn and John, Majella, June and Iain.

Cunningham's Gap Daywalk 12 July 1998 John Carter

The members of both parties met at Taringa, before heading out to the Gap. We re-grouped at Aratula on the way. The weather looked promising as we arrived at the Crest carpark and divided into the Mitchell and Cordeaux groups. My group of twelve included local farmer Frank Brown (a 1960's member). Anna led her party up Mt Cordeaux.

The graded track initially zig-zagged through rainforest then open forest, as we climbed the mountain. NPWS rangers had repaired the major landslip about a third of the way up. There was a large gap in the forest canopy here. We enjoyed smoko in the sunshine, on Mitchell's western ridge. The track then moved into the cool southern forest, where we could hear several Albert's lyrebirds.

We reached the rocky summit for a relaxing lunch and soaked in the views towards Mt Castle to the north and Lizard Point to the south. Luckily no

rain squalls came near us. On our descent we broke into smaller groups, to walk at our own pace. Several of us explored a closed track, which led to an overhang and waterfall above the highway. This site would be a good place to visit in summer.

We reached the carpark just ahead of Anna's group. We then had a stop at Aratula to enjoy a cuppa. Thanks to June, Michael, Maxine, Liz Richards, Christopher, Majella, Patricia Mackie, Desley, Denis Hoey, Frank and especially Donna on her first club walk. A total of twenty-seven attended the day.

Safety & Training Leaders Night

This was a New Leaders night held at my home. Several new and some almost new leaders arrived. We had a discussion with the aid of some experienced leaders who attended to share the load. It was not a lecture format, but more of a discussion.

We went through leading from when you say "yes" to the request to lead, to writing the article in Jilalan after the event. The steps were gone through and explained. The important parts were covered in more detail. The mysteries of leading were rolled back to show the potential leader of the future how easy it all is.

Everyone has a unique style, and we try not to have a uniform method. I tried to bring out in my guests their own flare while explaining the important essentials.

We do need a new crop of leaders to carry on the tradition of the club. Nights like this remove the doubt and make it easier for you to say "yes" to the Outings Secretary.

Thank you all for spending your time to help the others in the Club.

Ipswich Heritage Walk 1 August 1998 Gabe Romaguera

After weeks of grey, damp weather, we had a beautiful sunny day to welcome us to Ipswich. Without a hint of a breeze, the day was ideal for a picnic in Queens Park. We ambled around the gardens to take in 360 degree views of the city of 150 000 from the rotunda, checked out the bush chapel and bush houses, the children's zoo, the

topiary garden, and a theatre, converted from an old incinerator used to burn the city's rubbish until the 60's, and originally designed by Walter Burley Griffith.

Most of us had a cold picnic while Liz Little fought off some locals to use the barbecue. After lunch we were joined by our guide, Lavina, in period costume. We set off past beautiful limestone walls built by the unemployed in the depression, lovely old homes with ornate wrought iron balconies, and some of the private schools who have preserved their older buildings. We stopped under the very same tree that Cunningham camped under for a few days before he went on to discover Cunningham's Gap.

In its heyday, Ipswich was destined to be the capital of Queensland as it was the crossroad for many travellers in the state and there was a lot of wealth there. Some enormous homes, and some of the oldest, most stately churches also. We visited its Catholic church (of course) and marvelled at the height of its towers and beautiful stained glass windows, one of which depicted the patron saint of Australia and New Zealand - something I had not heard of before. Across the road was a wall of hitching rails from the horse and buggy era.

Around the city there was evidence of how high the flood waters reached in '74 - Ipswich was more badly affected than Brisbane, there were lots of other interesting sights, too many to mention here. If you missed the day, do think about going to Ipswich some day to explore its past. It is very interesting. Thanks to all those who came: Patricia Mackie, Jean, Liz, Terry Nathan, Trevor, Maxine, Majella, June and Michael.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Please Note...

As result of motions moved, discussed and passed at the last general meeting, the following has occurred:

>> the club has donated \$50 to the PNG appeal;

>>> a motion was passed at the last committee meeting that John Carter be considered for Life Membership. (This will be discussed at the next general meeting)

An Invitation...

Trevor and Carol would like to invite all their bushwalking friends to share the Nuptial Mass on the occasion of their wedding at:

St Keiran's Catholic Church
Cnr North & Greenwood Rd
Brighton

Saturday, September 5th
3:30pm

Galapagos Islands...

The Galapagos Islands lie on the equator 1000kms west of Ecuador. They are volcanic in origin, and emerged from the seabed approximately 3-5 million years ago. They comprise of 13 major islands, 6 smaller islands and 42 islets. They were never a part of the South American continent and their isolation and separateness has led to the existence of terrestrial and marine ecosystems unique in the world.

The islands were uninhabited and unknown until 1535 when the Bishop of Panama, Fray Tomas de Berlanga, discovered the islands by chance, after having strayed from the usual route while on a voyage from Panama to Peru. Buccaneers made the islands their home in the 17th century, finding refuge, shelter, food and water there. During the 18th and 19th centuries, American and English whalers and sealers frequented the islands. In 1832 Ecuador took official possession of the islands. In 1835, Charles Darwin whilst on the voyage of the Beagle, stayed there for five weeks. He observed that each island supported its own form of tortoise, mockingbird and finch. The various forms were closely related but differed in structure and eating habits from island to island. This helped him formulate his theory of evolution published in 1859.

The Galapagos Islands were made a National Park in 1936 by the Ecuadorian government. The presence of introduced plants and animals such as blackberry, lantana, dogs, goats and rats has had a serious impact and work is now underway to try to eradicate the problems and protect and conserve the beauty of the islands. The most remarkable feature on first visiting the islands is the complete fearlessness that the animals have of humans, allowing you to approach and observe them at quite close quarters. Tourism is

the major source of income for the islands and there are strict controls and regulations to prevent further damage by human ingress.

The Galapagos Islands were one of the most memorable places Patricia and I visited on our three month holiday (not only because we celebrated our first wedding anniversary there). We saw 200kg turtles, various iguanas, sea lions, penguins, albatross and blue footed boobies amongst many other birds and animals.

To be able to see birds so close is unthinkable here in Australia. To be able to swim among the sea lions and have them occasionally nudge against you is an experience difficult to express but deeply felt. As I sat atop a hill on one of the islands overlooking the bounty spread out before me, I could only thank our Creator and wonder at His works.

Richard

Membership List...

Included with this month's magazine you will find an up-to-date membership list. There is one further addition to make:

Russell Code 10 Merrick St CAPALABA
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A note of thanks...

Thank you to all who contributed to this month's magazine. I had some difficulty converting articles, so could I ask you to please make sure you send me a printed copy as well as your disk so I can re-type the article if necessary.

Happy reading!

Share the thoughts of an 82 year old looking back.....

If I had my life to live over, I'd try to make more mistakes next time, I would relax, I would limber up, I would be crazier than I've been on this trip. I know very few things I'd take seriously anymore. I'd certainly be less hygienic. I would take more chances, I would take more trips, I would scale more mountains, I would swim more rivers, and I would watch more sunsets, I would eat more ice cream and fewer beans. I would have more actual troubles and fewer imaginary ones, you see, I was one of those people who lived prophylactically and sensibly and sanely, hour after hour and day after day. Oh,

I've had my moments and if I had it to do all over again, I'd have many more of them. In fact, I'd try not to have anything else, just moments, one after another, instead of living so many years ahead of my day, I've been one of those people who never went anywhere without a thermometer, a hot water bottle, a gargle, a raincoat, and a parachute. If I had it to do all over again, I'd travel lighter, much lighter than I have. I would start barefoot earlier in the spring, and I'd stay that way later in the fall. And I would ride more merry-go-rounds, and catch more gold rings, and greet more people, and pick more flowers, and dance more often. If I had it to do all over again -- but you see, I don't.

Anonymous

1998 Pilgrimage

Host Sunshine Coast Bushwalkers Inc
PO Box 287 Buderim Qld 4556
11-13 September 1998
Ewen Maddock Dam Env Centre
\$20.00 per person

note: Dormitory accommodation is available for a total additional cost of \$15.00 per person.

Program

Friday Evening: Arrival - Site available from 3:00 pm - Walks registration - Closes 10 pm.
Supper - BYO Cups

Saturday: Walks registration reopens 7:00 am.
Various walks offered from easy to hard.

Saturday Evening: Bush dance in the on-site hall with the "Tunnelridge Kitchen Band" featuring fellow bushwalker Michelle Freeman.
Supper.

Sunday: Sausage sizzle, Presentations, Bush Games etc. Close up between 11:00 and 11:30.

BYO cups and a sense of fun

Pilgrimage Site Details:

Venue is located approximately 5 km south of Caloundra Turn-off on the Bruce Highway about 1 hour driving time north of Brisbane.
Situated on the Glass House Mts Rd (Old Bruce Highway) 2 km north of the Landsborough turn-off. The entrance is opposite the Big Kart Track.

Facilities:

Hot Showers
Composting Toilets
Drinking Water Available
Camp Fire Bush Kitchen

Recreational activities are also allowed on the dam.

Everyone who attends a pilgrimage comments about the great social atmosphere and the enjoyment of meeting bushies from other clubs.

