

JILALAN

MONTHLY CIRCULAR OF THE BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB Inc.

UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY



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Please have all articles to Majella (11 Montrose Place, The Gap 4061) 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. Alternatively, you can e-mail your articles to: **robertsonm@marash.qld.edu.au**

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

- (a) Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
- (b) Departure of walks is usually either from the Old Windmill on Wickham Tce or at Sullivan & Nicolaides (134 Whitmore Street, Taringa enter via the upper driveway and drive down to the upper level of the carpark). Check "Jilalan" or phone the leader to be certain.
- (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 own 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 9:00pm your family may ring the Emergency Officer – but please don't panic.

EOUIPMENT 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.

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CALANDER OF CLUB EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
19	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
24	Mt Mee	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
30/31/1	Girraween	Joe Finn	3848 4642	B/C
August 10/11	Barney Mass	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	O/N
13 -15	Emu Creek Base Camp	Christine Harrison	5429 5494	B/C
13	Witches/Warlocks	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Social
	Games Night			
14	Lake Manchester	Don Keating	3878 7296	D/W
16	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
22	Burleigh	Pat Lawnton	3366 1956	D/W
28	Abseiling KP	Joe Finn	3848 4642	FMR
27/28/29	Stradbroke	John Brunott	3209 9598	T/W
27/28/29	Stradbroke			B/C
September 4	Mt May - Mt Maroon	Jonas Bernotas	3288 3820	D/W
10/ 11/12	Pilgrimage B.B.W	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	B/C
18	Carnival of Flowers	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Social
19	Mt Maroon Site Monitoring	Trevor Kelly	3269 4795	D/W
20	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
24/25/26	Mt Castle			T/W
26	Beau Brummel			D/W
October 10	Flinders Peak	Matthew Palmer	3279 4490	D/W
16	Abseiling K.P. (Beginners)	Joe Finn	3848 4642	FMR
16	Progressive Dinner (Red Faces)	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Soc
18	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
22/23/24	Spicers Gap			B/C
30	Pages Pinnacle	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
November 2	Climbing Gym	Joe Finn	3848 4642	FMR
6/ 7	Lake Wivenhoe	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Soc
13/14	Club Hut			B/C
13/14	Barney Creek Site	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
	Monitoring			
15	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	DAV
21	Mt Byron Gorge	Ann Tracey	3395 2559	D/W
December 3/4/5	Harry's Hut			B/C
11	Christmas Party	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Soc
20	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
27	Love Creek Falls			D/W
Dec 31 - Jan1		Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Soc
9	Larapinta Falls			D/W
14/15/16	Nightcap	Chris McCaffrey	3349 5730	B/C
17	Meeting	John Carter	3290 3621	
23	Tooloona Falls CCT			D/W
26	Australia Day			D/W
29	Wynnum Fish and Chips Boardwalk.	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Soc
February 13	Little Kings	Gabriel Romaguera	3369 7330	D/W
18/19/20	Binna Burra	Nathan Tobin	3282 8904	B/C
21	AGM	John Carter	3290 3621	
26	Springbrook		1.54	D/W
March 5	Clean Up Aust			D/W
11/12	Mt Devlin		Contraction of the Contraction o	O/N
17 - 19	Boonoo Boonoo			T/W B/C

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20	Meeting	
DATES TO NOTE.		
Floating Date	Obi Obi Lilo	D/W
21-25 April	Easter / ANZAC Day.	
28 April - 1 May	Gibraltar Range	B/C

KEY - Walk Types

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

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

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Under 10km per day
10-15 km per day
15-20 km per day
Over 20 km per day

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 1-3
 Graded or open terrain.

 4-7
 Bush. Minor scrub rainforest, rock,
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Fitness
1-3 Easy. Suitable for beginners
4-7 Medium. Reasonable fitness
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8-10 Hard. Strenuous, fit walkers only



REPORTS

President's Report

Recently, the club has received requests for members to support and become informed about conservation issues in SE Queensland. Last month, information was provided on the Regional Forest Agreement. This matter is still to be resolved and will impact on a number of areas where we walk, including the Scenic Rim and the Conondales. This matter can be followed in through the media. While a balance between conservation and economics is required, the decision will have long term consequences for biological diversity of forests near Brisbane.

A major tourist proposal for the Springbrook Plateau is a local but significant issue. This matter is discussed elsewhere.

The club has also received correspondence from a Beaudesert conservation group, who want the state government to purchase land in Yamhara Creek. It is the only section of upper Mt Barney Creek that is not in the national park. The owner of part of this land is prepared to sell. Unfortunately some Lots have already been sold. Opportunities to buy, only come along once in awhile. The group is also requesting that private lands near the summit of the Mt Ballow peaks should also be purchased. This area contains Nothofargus (antarctic beech) rainforest, which are only located on mountains over 1000 metres. At the last meeting, members signed a petition to the government. For further information, members can contact me.

Do not forget that the Federation Pilgrimage is on the weekend of 11-12 September. BBW is the hosting club. A large variety of walks is offered on the Saturday, with a number of social activities planned for the Sunday. Being held at Mt Barney, it is close enough to go down just for the day.

August General Meeting

Pat Lawton will give a slide presentation of her 1998 trip to the Dolomites in Italy. Pat's slides are always entertaining so come along to the meeting. Supper will be available, as always.

John

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Treasurer's Report

Balance 21/6/99	2 618.54
+ Receipts	278.50
	2 897.04
- Payments	600.15
Balance 21/6/99	2 296.89
Term Deposit	1 486.16

Membership Report

Welcome to new members Christine and Dale Hoy and Margaret Cooper. We hope you enjoy your membership with the club.

News about Members...

Congratulations to Mark Daly on his recent engagement to Belinda Boxtel.

Outing's News

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

COMING WALKS

Burleigh Sunday 22 August Day Walk

Leaders:	Pat Lawton (3366 1956)
Time:	7:30am
Meet at:	Old Windmill, Wickham Tce
Grade:	M23
Cost:	\$12:00
Emerg Off:	Kerry Mulligan (3279 4490)

It's too cold to go swimming at Burleigh at this time of year, so instead of packing your togs, pack your walking shoes and come walking in the back blocks of Burleigh. Burleigh Heads National Park will be the start of the walk and after that we will head westwards under the Gold Coast Highway to Fleays Fauna Centre. We will not be visiting the centre but may have morning tea there.

We will then cross Tallebudgera Creek via the Pacific Highway bridge and follow the creek back to Tallebudgera where we will have lunch in a park.

We will walk back to the cars via the Burleigh Heads National Park's higher track. This is an interesting walk with lots of lovely scenery and hopefully lots of lovely company. Bring your lunch and water and come and enjoy the day. It is a walk suitable for all. Total distance 10/12 kms.

Straddie Classic O/N B/C T/W Bike Ride 28th/29th August (Saturday and Sunday)

Leader:	John Brunott (3209 9598)
Time:	7.30am
Meet at:	Stradbroke Water Taxi,
	Middle Street Cleveland.
Grade:	TBA
Cost:	\$35 (includes taxi, bus, and
	YHA)
Emerg Off:	Nathan Brunott
U U	(0406 270 015 or 3720 8262)

The walk above depends mainly on the numbers of people attending. The throughwalk begins at

One Mile Beach and continues up to Myora Beach, which will lead us to a ridge, which goes eventually to Brown Lake. Here there will be time for a swim and morning tea. A road bash to Mount Hargrave for a view of the ocean and the island, after this there will be a 4km walk to Blue Lake, where the campsite is for that night. On Sunday, we will walk up the beach to Point Lookout, taking in the gorge walk, and around to Cylinder Beach. The Base Camp - Bike Ride, is basically the same as above, however there will be camping at Cylinder Beach or the YHA at Stradbroke Island.

Mt May to Mt Maroon Saturday 4th September Day Walk

Leader:	Jonas Bernotas (3288 3820)
Time:	6:30am
Meet at:	77 Church St Goodna
Grade:	L78
Cost:	\$12
Emerg Off:	TBA

This will be a combined walk with BOSQ Club. The walk will commence from Mt May campsite and finish at Mt Maroon Car Park. There will be a short distance car shuffle. After ascending the normal route up Mt May, a short distance below the smaller peak, we take a ridge heading directly east towards the western slopes of Mt Maroon. After crossing Paddy's Plain we pick up a ridge taking us up to the summit of Mt Maroon, and back down the normal route to Maroon Car Park. An invigorating and enjoyable walk with great views and wild flowers. Hope to see you there. We shall be base camping at Emu Creek from Please phone me for additional information and nomination.

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Dooavrdin/Yahndaddan - Mt Barney Lodge Pilgrimage $10-12^{th}$ September **Base Camp** Justin Tobin (3366 3193) Contact: 7:00 pm Time: Meet at: Sullivan & Nicolaides Grade: Various \$12 Petrol; \$20 camping + Cost: registration costs Emerg Off: Terry Silk (3290 3621)

The annual Federation Pilgrimage is on again. A weekend full of walking, dancing and mixing with members of other clubs. It's always a great weekend. Somewhere in the list below is a walk for you.

Nominate to me and we're off to Barney for a great two days.

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- South East Ridge
- Barney Gorge/Egans Creek
- Logan's Ridge the Long Way
- Logan's Ridge
- Lower Portals/Upper Portals
- Logan River Gorge
- Mt Ernest
- Mt Maroon
- Paddy's Plains
- Cronans Cascades
- Mt May
- Bird Watching

More details at the end of the magazine.

Mt Maroon Site Monitoring Sunday 19th September Day Walk

Leader:	Trevor Kelly (3269 4795)
Time:	7:00am
Meet at:	Old Windmill Wickham Tce
Grade:	L56
Cost:	\$12:00
Emerg Off:	Carol Kelly (3269 4795)

Instead of taking the normal route up to Mt Maroon, we will start from the Mt Barney side. Hopefully with the recent rains, there will be wildflowers in abundance and this walk will give members the opportunity to see Mt Maroon from a different aspect.

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After lunch on top, we will carry out the Site Monitoring on Maroon Campsite, then descend the gorge on the western side.

I'll be able to give more detail after the preouting, so jot this walk down as a must in your diary.

Federated Mountain Rescue

The next training day is on Saturday <u>28 August</u> <u>at 7.30am</u>, where there will be training for abseiling and rope skills.

BCBC endorses FMR as it provides members with opportunities to enhance their bush skills with training from experienced personnel and with the necessary insurance.

SOCIALS

Coffee Night Wednesday August 29th 7pm

Bay Window Cafe 45 Cambridge Street MANLY

Carnival of Flowers Saturday 18th September 8am at The Old Windmill

We will meet at the Old Windmill at Wickham Tce at 8am and make our way to Toowoomba. The morning will be spent having a wander through the gardens on display for the Carnival of Flowers. We'll then make our way to a vantage spot to watch the parade at about 12 midday.

Lunch and a further wander around followed by a leisurely coffee on the way home.

Hope you can join me for a pleasant day in beautiful Toowoomba.

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PAST OUTINGS

Mt Beerwah Sunday 4th July

This walk provided quite a challenge for some walkers but it was not without its expletives and rewards! There were views at many vantage points and those from the top were panoramic and breathtaking. How wonderful to sit on the top, look out, eat lunch and sip a cup of tea. Unfortunately our reverie was interrupted because of inclement weather so we hastened down to try and beat the rain. Those of us who stopped at various stages had some interesting conversations with other runners, walkers and climbers. In fact, at times the foot traffic was rather congested!

When we had all reassembled below near the carpark, we enjoyed another convivial cup of tea and tasting of some home baking. Poor Terry carried Maxine's cake all the way UP and DOWN the mountain! Christine and Cliff modelled their new headgear that they will be

wearing in the Himalayas. Christine could take a patent out on her design. We then processed up to the lookout in our cars and had wonderful views of the Glasshouses. The weather had cleared by this time and Margaret told us the Aboriginal legend of the Glasshouses.

Thanks to Nathan, Cliff and Christine for your leadership and to Majella, Terry, Dale and Christine Hoy, Garth, Maxine, Elizabeth R., Bob and Margaret Cooper for your wonderful company.

Mt Barney Throughwalk 16–18th July Iain Renton

The intention on this walk was to stay overnight in the hut and then walk up Barrabool Ridge on Mt Barney, camping there overnight then up to West Peak and then down Midgets Ridge and then back home.

But, like my previous throughwalk, things didn't quite work out to plan.

We started walking from the Lower Portals carpark at 7pm. There had been quite a bit more work done on the walking track and it is now in much better condition as far as Rocky Creek. A bit past Rocky Creek we stopped in the dark on the track and could hear in the distance the roar of water flowing through the Rocky Creek Portals. As we neared the Club Hut it started to rain lightly. Once cosily inside, we lit candles, cooked tea and settled in for the night. There was considerably more noise than usual coming from the creed and torchlight showed a really good flow of water coming down it.

Next morning we got cold, numb feet wading across the creek and once we had our shoes and sock back on we headed up a nearby ridge. On the way we noticed that National Parks had already started work on a new camping area to replace the one near the Lower Portals. It was a fine, sunny day (though it clouded over a little later in the day). We then had a steep slog up to the knoll at the top of the ridge (the amount of water in the creek meant my planned route of walking some of the way up Barney Creek to Barrabool Creek wasn't an option).

We arrived at the Yamahara Creek campsite at the Upper Portals at 9am and seeing the amount of water there (and the slippery state of the rest of the rocks) we decided that walking down the creek to Barrabool Creek wasn't feasible either. As most other ways up Mt Barney would involve going all the way back up and down the knoll we'd just climbed (so time and energy would be running rather short) we decided to pitch camp at Yamahara Creek. Also John had been treating us to such a sustained virtuoso performance of coughing that such an endeavour seemed distinctly unwise.

We had a good look at all the water flowing through the Upper Portals and found that the steep track to the lower section of the Upper Portals was closed while a good track with lots of natural stone steps was being put in. We did our one bit of scrub bashing contouring back across the side of the ridge to the campsite, where we put up our tents and ate lunch. We then sent for a stroll without packs along the Yamahara Creek/Upper Portals Ridge Circuit. We had a convivial evening meal with lots of goodies brought up by Justin and John and then settled in for a good night's sleep on a rather chilly night.

The next day we made our way back to the hut at a reasonably leisurely pace. It was a

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gloriously sunny day with mountains sharp and clear on the horizon. (Yes, it would have been a wonderful day to have been on Mt Barney) We had lunch at the hut and spent a relaxing hour or so there and were back in Brisbane before 5pm. It had been an enjoyable weekend and considerably more relaxed than expected. Thanks to John and Justin for driving and for the sacrifice of forgoing good seats at the Rugby Test Match at Ballimore to join me on the walk. Barrabool Ridge will have to wait for another time.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Proposed Cable Car at Springbrook...

Members maybe aware that a private company wants to build a cable car between Mudgeeraba and Springbrook. It would extend the length of the national park on the northern side of mountain. Local groups are concerned about the major impact on the national park and the community. Information is available from John on the proposal and it is requested that members write to the government about this project. Springbrook is a beautiful area, visited each year by the club. Your support is encouraged. The current situation is that the government has requested the developers to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement. It will involve a community consultation process and will meet Commonwealth Government requirements arising from the national park's World Heritage listing. Terms of Reference for the study have just been prepared. The study will review economic, social and environmental impacts.

Reflection...

Mary MacKillop Prayer

Holy God, source of all goodness, You show us in Mary MacKillop A woman of faith Who lived by the power of the cross.

Teach us to embrace what she pioneered:

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New ways of living the gospel That respect and defend The human dignity of all in our land.

We ask this through our lord. Amen.

The Curse of Pointy Poles...

to me.

The walking scene changes over the years Some of these changes reduces me to tears I refer not to the grip of the vibram sole But to the latest of curses, the point pole.

Everywhere now where walkers are found They are sticking these damn things into the ground I can understand using a pole when you ski But to use one when walking seems 'pointless'

Determined walkers across the land Striding along with a pole in each hand Every stride means two more holes Causing more damage than a colony of moles

They use them on tarmac, rocks, grass and scree Causing such damage it's easy to see The surface of paths are looking much worse As a direct result of the pointy pole curse.

I would like to ban them and the four-wheel drive

But I guess it will not happen whilst I am alive So on with motley, the powder and paint A birdie I am but a poet I ain't.

Brian Bird Malham National Park, Yorkshire Dales (Staff Bulletin)

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A note from the Editor

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

Please note my address: 11 Montrose Place The Gap 4061 PH: 3300 0229

My E-mail address: robertsonm@marash.qld.edu.au

Happy reading!!

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1999 PILGRAMAGE ITINERARY

Friday 10th:

We will start the weekend with general registration formalities and a light supper at the coffee shop.

Saturday 11th:

We will wave goodbye to those amongst us enthusiastic for a breath of fresh air and exercise, as they head off on the variety of bushwalks organised for the day. These walks will cater for all levels of walking.

In the evening, we'll be enjoy the many harmonic tones and beats of Stones the Crows Bush Band at the Bush Dance Café.

Sunday 12th:

Today is the big expo day – filled with many of those organisations you've wanted to know more about and some of your favourite outdoor shopping haunts. These organisations will range from the wilderness society, to photographic information to massage and Tai Chi

To finish the weekend off on a good note we will be providing a sausage sizzle early afternoon to fill everyone's' bellies before leaving on their respective routes home.

Other activities available on the weekend:

Bird watching; Tai Chi; Presentation of awards for the most sociable person on the weekend; Slide presentations; Laughing; Joking Relaxing and copious quantities of assorted frivolous activities.

PROPOSED PILGRIMAGE WALKS

South-East Ridge (9 hours)

We follow a road for about an hour before turning on to a track and starting the ascent. The next 3 hours are all uphill, with many sections quite steep so good fitness is required. Open rock areas provide good views of the surrounding mountains and there are a few areas of scrambling closer to the top. Lunch will be on the summit of East Peak and the return route will be via South (Peasants) Ridge and the road.

Barney Gorge/Egans Creek (10 hours)

Starting at the Lower Portals car park we will walk into the Lower Portals then take the ridge system to the start of Barney Gorge on Barney Creek. Ascent should take about 3 to 4 hours. Barney Gorge is open lower down with some fantastic rock slabs. Lunch should be in the saddle between East and West peaks.

Descent down Egans Creek (only if dry) is in beautiful rainforest with some serious rock hopping, and should take between 4 and 5 hours.

Logan's Ridge the Long Way (9 hours)

For those who have travelled all the recognised ridges on Barney, this one is a little different. It is of similar grade to Logan's Ridge (ie steep with some exposed sections) but follows a parallel ridge to the south in the lower section before joining the usual route about 2/3 of the way up.

Lunch will be on East Peak and returning via South East Ridge. Participants will require good fitness and confidence on exposed rocks

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Logan's Ridge (8 hours)

This ridge takes the most direct route to East Peak and as a result is quite steep in some areas with several exposed rock sections. There are good views to some of the surrounding ridges from many vantage points. We may join the Logan's the Long Way group for lunch on East Peak. Descent route is to be advised. Participants will require good fitness and confidence on exposed rock.

Lower Portals/Upper Portals (8 hours)

This circuit combines a ridge route to the Upper Portals, returning via a rock hop down beautiful Barney Creek. It provides a variety of terrains and many views of the spectacular northern aspect of Mt Barney, combined with some very attractive creek scenery. 3-4 hours rock hopping is involved.

Logan River Gorge (3 - 4 hours)

The reasonably short distance of this walk allows us a leisurely rock hop through the very scenic Logan River Gorge, passing many deep pools along the way. We return to Yellow Pinch camp ground via the road.

Mt Earnest (5-6 hours)

This peak can be accessed via a number of ridges. The extensive views of the southerly faces and ridges of Mt Barney, with Mt Lindesay as a backdrop in the opposite direction will reward a steepish climb of some 600 m. September is a favourite month for this peak, as the long summit ridge abounds with wild flowers.

Mt Maroon (5-6 hours)

From the lagoon a stroll across the paddocks leads to the ascent ridge, before contouring around to a gully where some straightforward scrambling is required. Once on top we traverse the summit plateau to the highest point for lunch with views of Mts Barney, Earnest, Lindesay and other peaks of the Scenic Rim.

Paddy's Plains (4 hours)

We follow a farm road into the National Park before following a series of small ridges and gullies to Paddy's Plain, an attractive clearing on Paddy's Creek. We visit the spectacular waterfall on Paddy's Creek before returning to Paddy's Plain for lunch, then retracing our steps.

Cronans Cascades (4 - 5 hours)

This walk follows an old road around to the southern side of Mt Barney, with some spectacular views of this peak on the way. A steepish scramble down brings us to the base of the waterfall and a large pool for lunch. We retrace our steps in the early afternoon.

Mt May (6-7 hours)

The ascent spur heads up directly from the carpark and make a fairly direct line to the ridge crest and the first summit. From there we cross a saddle and climb to the main summit to enjoy lunch and views of Mt Barney and other nearby peaks. The return route will descend the southwest ridge, then follow Waterfall Creek Road back to the cars.

Bird Watching (2 - 2.5 hours)

This activity will take place on Sunday morning from 6am until approximately 8:30am, this being the best time of day for bird spotting with one of our club's keen "birders". Bring along your binoculars and a Slaters or similar guide.

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