



# **JILALAN**

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Monthly Circular of the  
**BRISBANE CATHOLIC  
BUSHWALKING CLUB Inc**

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Under the guidance of Our Lady Of The Way

## **AUGUST 2003**

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PO BOX 151, BRISBANE ALBERT STREET, QLD 4002**

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

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

**leonardi@gil.com.au**

**GENERAL MEETINGS**

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

**OUTINGS**

- (a) Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
- (b) Walk departures are usually from Red Hill Parish Hall, Musgrave Rd. Check "Jilalan" or phone the leader to determine the location.
- (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.
- (f) **Visitors who have done more than 3 walks must sign an Assumption of Risk form for insurance.**

**EMERGENCY OFFICER**

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

**EQUIPMENT HIRE**

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

**PERSONAL EQUIPMENT**

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

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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

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

## CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS 2003

DATE 2003	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
<b>July</b>				
21	Meeting	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	
22	Colonial Ball Practice No. 2			
26	Historic Shepherd's Walk	Terry Silk	3355 9765	D/W
29	Colonial Ball Practice No. 3			
30	Coffee Night	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social
<b>August</b>				
3	Barney Creek	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	D/W
5	Colonial Ball Practice No. 4			
9	18 <sup>th</sup> Annual Colonial Ball	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	Social
13	Barney Mass	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
17	Bike Ride	Gabe Romaguera	3856 3842	Social
18	Meeting	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	
23-24	Mt Superbus (Site Monitoring)	Christine Harrison	5429 5494	O/N
27	Coffee Night	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social
30-31	Girraween	Kerry Mulligan	3876 8125	B/C
<b>September</b>				
6	Father Ed Memorial Walk – Moreton Island	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
13-14	Pilgrimage – Glen Rock (BOSQ)			
15	Meeting	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	
21	Wildflower walk – Mt Maroon	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
24	Coffee Night	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social
26-28	Acacia Plateau			2 D/W's
<b>October</b>				
3-5	Training Weekend	Iain Renton	3371 4672	B/C
11	Social	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social
12	Hike to help Nepal			
19	Sandstone Pt to Beechmere	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	D/W
20	Meeting	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	
25-26	Sylvesters Lookout – Hole in the wall	Phil Murray	3841 0254	O/N
29	Coffee Night	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social
<b>November</b>				
2	Island Hop, Lamb – Macleay – Russell			Social
8	Mystery Progressive Dinner	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social
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14 - 15	Coomera Crevice	Iain Renton	3371 4672	O/N
17	Meeting	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	
21-23	Sunshine Coast			B/C
26	Coffee Night			Social
28-29	Christmas Party			O/N

**PROVISIONAL CALENDAR TO MARCH 2004**  
**(Suggestions, volunteers for alteration, additions and leaders welcome!!)**

DATE 2003	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
<b>December</b>				
6	Fountain Falls			D/W
6	Fountain Falls			O/N
13-14	Club Hut Working Bee			B/C
15	Meeting	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	
19	Christmas Carols			Social
24	Coffee Night	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social
26	Boxing Day – Lawton's Road – Bris. Forest Park			D/W
31	New Years Eve Party			Social
<b>2004</b>				
<b>January</b>				
10	Mt Courdeaux Night Walk			Night Walk
17	Social			Social
18	Obi Obi Gorge Li-Lo			D/W
19	Meeting	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	
24 – 26	Australia Day – Long Weekend			B/C
28	Coffee Night	Carolyn Ivanac	3379 9486	Social
31	Mt Warning			D/W
<b>February</b>				
14 – 15	Training Weekend			B/C
16	AGM Meeting	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	
22	Toooloona Circuit			D/W
25	Coffee Night	Carolyn Ivanac		Social
<b>March</b>				
5-7	Club Hut			B/C
15	Meeting	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	
20	Booloomba Creek			D/W
27 – 28	Stinson Wreck – Point Lookout			O/N
<b>April</b>				
	Easter Weekend			
<b>31 – May 3</b>	Labour Day Weekend - Yurayngir National Park (Northern New South Wales)			B/C and T/W
<b>May</b>				

**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 Gratings**

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

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

**Club Web Address:**

[www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/](http://www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/)

email: [briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au](mailto:briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au)

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

**PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE**

The best form of publicity is first hand experience. The best way to get visitors to the Club is for you to mention your bushwalking experiences to others. Wear your pastime out on your sleeve for all to see. People who know you will come along to meetings, and probably onto trips because they believe you, understand what you say and know your capabilities.

They do judge themselves by you – they have already measured you from knowing you for years, and thus know how they rate beside you – “If you can do it, so can I”. So, don't hide your bushwalking from relatives, friends, work mates, neighbours, fellow parishioners, acquaintances – yell

your BCBC membership from the nearest highest hill.....

**ABOUT MEMBERS**

**Birthday wishes** to Iain Renton, Tony Young, Cliff Olsen, John Carter, Margaret Cooper, Nursen Guresin, Liz Little and Con Vink



Congratulations to **Ruth Kallman** who is our latest new member. At the August committee meeting we welcomed Ruth into the club. She lives in Allora, in the heart of the good walking country (should be a bit cool there at the moment). Ruth

has already done four walks with us, Hole-in –the –Wall comes to mind. (It is about time that some of our "old" members did some walks so that they can meet all our new members.)

**Iain** is heading up to Townsville and Magnetic Island in mid August for ten days of Tropical sunshine.

In June **Bill Butler** went to Vancouver, Canada, to race his radio controlled sailing boat in a big competition. The Australian team came 2<sup>nd</sup>. Now that he has had a good taste of wind, water and waves maybe we'll see him back on the track again, soon.

### HELLO

This is a big Hello to Graham Walters, who was up in good old Brissie over the school holidays.

At 30 minutes past midnight, the Endicott adults came out of the Hilton Ball Room and hopped into one of the glass lined lifts – face to face with GW. We had a coffee in the Mall and an old fashioned chin wag, as only old bushies can. It was good to catch up.

Any trips passing Dubbo that he can join???

### HELLO, AGAIN

This time "Hello" is to Peta Matthewman and Drew O'Brien who braved the cold came along to the July meeting –Welcome. We all had a bit of a talk with her. Hope to see you along on a trip. (Did you ever teach at Mitchie High?)

AND, a "Hello" to L Inwood, S Courtney, M Perrins, C Cornish, Bruce Kent, Michelle Martinez and Sue Simpson, all of whom made enquiries during June. Glad to hear from you. We will be looking forward

to seeing you on an outing – there are a variety coming up, one should suit you. You do not need all the latest gear yet – wait till you do a walk or two and see what is around.

June Greenaway has renewed her subs.

### Footnote

What has our President of Vice got against bearded, be-spectacled, board (committee) boys as the only two names he missed in his report on our Annual Mass and Dinner were Iain and Terry? Sorry boys!!

## TREASURERS REPORT

<i>Balance 16/06/03</i>	<i>\$ 1804.88</i>
<i><u>Plus Receipts</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 234. 00</u></i>

*\$ 2038.88*

<i><u>Less Payments</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 1216.00</u></i>
<i><u>Balance 16/06/03</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 1216.30</u></i>

<i>Term Deposit</i>	<i>\$1,643.82</i>
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*I am still selling tickets in our latest club raffle which has a choice of three great prizes. By buying a ticket for one dollar you could win a beautiful blue light weight travel umbrella or a diary/planner, or a book of Australian National Parks' Maps. Once again good luck and thank you to all ticket buyers.*

*Terry*

## INSURANCE

The policy for the next 10 months seems to have been agreed on with the broker. The policy is a national one agreed on by all Australian bushwalking clubs, and negotiated on our behalf by the Victorian Federation of Clubs.

The changes to the policy include:

Visitors are not covered. Thus, if a visitor is injured at a club event (social, meeting, outing) they cannot claim on the policy. However, if they sue the Club or a Club member for damages, the Club and/or member is covered by the policy and the insurance will pay. If a visitor causes an injury to a member, the member can claim against the policy.

The Club, committee, leaders or members cannot sign away our rights to claim damages from any third party - we cannot say we waive our right to sue for injuries - this voids the policy.

The premium has gone up by 33%. It is now one third of your yearly subscription.

Insurance is something we must have these days - Incorporation Laws say we must, but it is something we do not want to use. The company giving us the cover is the only one in the country willing to do so.

## COMING WALKS

### Advance Notice Training Weekend 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> October 2003

Come along for a relaxed fun weekend with social stuff mixed in and you might even learn something. There will be simple exercises to help increase confidence in rock-scrambling and rock-hopping. We will also be looking at maps and hints at finding your way about (along with others).

I'll be setting things up for a range of interests and abilities. I'd love to see both new and experienced walkers. It won't be too far out of Brisbane so people can make it out just for the day.

Iain Renton

### Mt Superbus Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sun 24<sup>th</sup> August Overnighter

**Leader:** Christine Harrison  
(5429 5494)  
**Meet at:** The Head, Teviot Gap or  
by arrangement  
**Time:** Sat 23 11:00am  
**Grading:** M 4 4  
**Emerg Off:** John Carter (3290 3621)

This is the fifth year of our wilderness campsite monitoring and now we have an additional site totalling three for this area. So it will be necessary to stay overnight, enjoy the night skies and creatures of the night.

Mt Superbus although at 1385m and is the 2nd highest peak in Qld, it has little views. However, the surrounding rainforest is unique and always a joy to be in the natural beauty. As this is a limited campsite area, don't miss out.

Please contact me early by phoning  
5429 5494. Christine Harrison

### Girraween Fri 29<sup>th</sup> – Sun 31<sup>st</sup> August Basecamp

**Leader:** Kerry Mulligan  
(3876 8215)  
**Meet at:** 6 Emerson Street  
Toowong  
**Time:** 7:00pm (Friday Night)  
**Cost:** \$50:00 approx  
**Grading:** TBA  
**Emerg Off:** Valerie Palmer  
(3366 5660)

Girraween offers some of the best granite country you can ever see and at this time of the year I expect we will see plenty of wildflowers in bloom.

We will explore many of the interesting features in this area - Underground creek, Dr Roberts waterhole, First Pyramid or Sphinx rock over the two days. During the day it will most likely be beautifully warm but at night you will need clothes and gear to keep yourself warm.

So for those of you wanting to get a break from work, the city or whatever, come along for a relaxing weekend. There seems to be a number of people interested in coming to this basecamp to have an enjoyable time in each other's company.

Cheers, Kerry.

**Fr Ed Memorial Walk  
Moreton Island  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September  
Daywalk**

**Leader:** Maxine Brophy  
(3203 4699)  
**Meet at:** Scarborough Boat  
Harbour Combie Trader  
Thurecht Pde  
Scarborough  
**Time:** 5:30am  
**Cost:** \$45:00  
**Grading:** M 3 4  
**Emerg Off:** Mike Brophy (3203 4699)

Our walk for Fr Ed will take us to one of his favourite places, Moreton Island. Many school and camping trips saw Fr Ed enjoying time in this beautiful area.

We will travel across to Bulwer, making our way along the beach to the Lighthouse at Cape Moreton. There we will have time to explore the Northern Point of Moreton with a swim before lunch to refresh us for the afternoon trip.

We will walk down the eastern side of the Island passing fresh water lakes to

complete our walk at Blue Lagoon. Many varieties of wading birds, such as the Royal Spoonbill, may be sighted along the shoreline as they rest from their migrating journey from many parts of the northern hemisphere.

The Blue Lagoon is known as a 'window lake' formed when the water table meets the ground surface, and there are 'perched lakes' also present on the Island. The scribbly gum dominates the sandy forests with the pink bloodwood and the banksias will be ready to bloom for spring in the heathland areas between Bulwer and North Point.

If anyone is unable to make this date you are most welcome to join us on the pre-outing later in August. Please call me for further details.

Looking forward to exploring Moreton with you and viewing Brisbane from across the Bay. Cheers Maxine

PS: We will be traveling back to the boat by taxi to enable this to be completed as a day walk.

**Federation Pilgrimage  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Sept to Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2003  
Basecamp**

**Leader:** Justin Tobin (3366 3193)  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**Time:** 7:00pm  
**Cost:** \$35:00 (children 5-11 \$25)  
**Grading:** Variable  
**Emerg Off:** Greg Endicott (3351 4092)

This is the once-a-year where all the clubs of SE Qld meet for a group weekend of walking, education, entertainment and camaraderie. Each year a different club gets to organise the weekend's activities,

and it is in a different location each time. This year the BOSQ club is the one.

The location is Glen Rock – in the hills behind the Main Range, just beyond & south of Gatton. It is a mild 2 hour drive from town along the Warrego H'way, half way to Toowoomba. This is a normal basecamp from an equipment point of view – tent, clothing, pack, food & etc. If you are coming in Club transport, the normal one pack only please + a collapsible chair. Cars will not be beside the tents, but roped off in the parking area. The camp area includes a large flat camping area, tap water, composting toilets and an area to have the big campfire both nights.

BOSQ will provide the supper on both Friday & Saturday nights, pre-dinner nibbles on Sat night, entertainment and the "Map & Compass Challenge" for those who enter. If you have a compass, bring it along.

The aim of a pilgrimage is to get members from different clubs walking together. On Friday night, after you settle in, you can look at the trip boards for the description of all the outings put on over the weekend. BOSQ have arranged a large variety of walks from basic to difficult – there is one to suit all tastes, even one for you. Have a read of the descriptions over a cup of cocoa, talk about it, look at the map, ask the leader, then decide and nominate. The laid on supper will help you decide. In fact, you can choose earlier since the trips will be posted on the BOSQ web site – [www.geocities.com/bosqau/pilgrimage.html](http://www.geocities.com/bosqau/pilgrimage.html)

This area is in a part of the map with creeks, hills, mountains waterfalls and everything you need for a good trip (not all are found on the same trip). This is a not-so-often visited area, at the back of our normal walking locale. You will have good views, see one mountain after another from the tops, go up ridges, walk through

grasslands, through forests, may even visit rainforest if you are lucky. If you have gone to the Goomburra Valley, Mt Castle, Hole-in-the-Wall or the Mistake Mtns (Mt Zahel or Blackfellows Falls), you have been on the other side of the hill to this Pilgrimage.

After nibbles on Sat night, you prepare your own meal (and eat it of course), then wander over to the entertainment – camp fire (bring a folding chair), bush poet + other things, and another supper.

On Sunday morning there will be a car boot sale of bushwalking equipment – you too can sell your unwanted wares, while buying what you are missing from your own line-up. Then comes the "Map & Compass Challenge" for everyone – its fun, so you don't have to be an expert. You will be in a team of three, issued with a map and a set of clues, and then navigate through a list of controls – sounds a bit like orienteering. After lunch, you pack up and go home.

Always a good weekend. Meet people from other clubs. Walk in an area you have not been in. Learn how to use a compass. SEE YOU THERE. Greg E.

## COMING SOCIALS

### Coffee Night

Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> August

**Where:** Café Da Cappel  
Cnr Macgregor and Kedron  
Brook Rds Wilston  
**Time:** 7:15 – 7:30pm

For further information please contact me on Ph: 3379 9486. Carolyn

**Brisbane or Bust Bike Bash"**  
**Nudgee Beach to Brighton**  
**Walkers welcome also!!**  
**Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> August**



**Leader:** Gabriel Romaguera  
 (3856 3842)  
**Meet at:** Bayside end of Fortitude  
 Street, Nudgee Beach  
**Time:** 9:00am  
**Cost:** Free!!  
**Grading:** Easy

Its time for the annual BCBC bike ride and there are heaps of wonderful bike tracks to choose from thanks to our Council who are expanding the network every year. I have selected an easy flat route, for those who are out of shape, with the flexibility to ride further for those who are keen. The departure and destination point are both near train stations, so anyone can come. In fact, you don't even need a bike to join us.

The plan is to tour the best of north side Brisbane beaches, explore protected wetland wilderness, and admire beach homes and pre-war architecture of a bygone ere. We meet at Nudgee Beach and head off along bike tracks through the Boondall wetlands, past the Brisbane entertainment centre, along Cabbage Tree Creek to Shorncliffe looking out over Bramble Bay. Non bike riders could meet us here (nearest train stations are Sandgate or Shorncliffe). Those feeling the effort could rest here while the enthusiastic ones push on along the coast down to Sandgate and Brighton with a detour to Dowse Lagoon. We will allow time for all to break here for morning tea.

Then we head back on the same route to Nudgee Beach for a picnic lunch looking out over the mangroves on a beautiful clear winter's day, watching sailboats glide by. It will be great, so please come along and share a great day with me. People of all

fitness levels are welcome and will be able to manage this.

Dust off your bicycle. If you don't have one, beg, borrow or steal one. Still no luck - then bring your skateboard, scooter or "plates of meat" (feet for those not of Cockney origin!!).

Cheers. Gabriel

## **PAST SOCIALS**

### **Coffee Night**

The last coffee night was at Fish53 Café. Those who joined in for the night were Terry, Greg Endicott, Liz Little, Elizabeth Richards, Pat Mackie, Iain Renton, Barbara Eastoe and Pat Lawton.

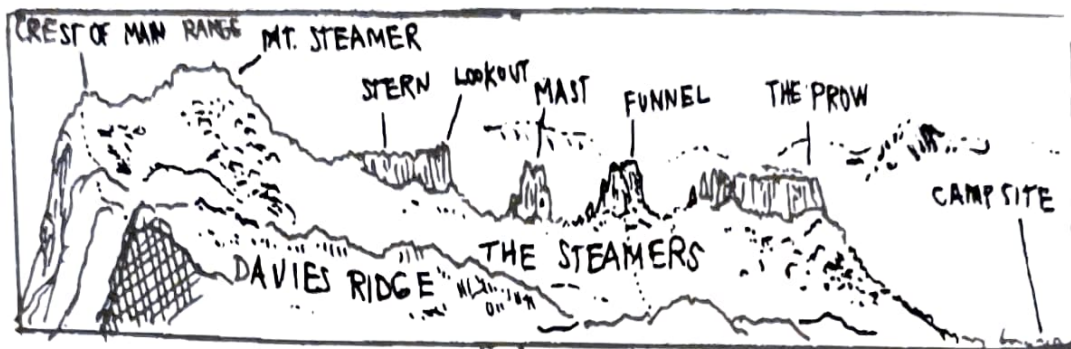
Half of the people bought meals and said the seafood was excellent and would highly recommend it. You never know we might be back.

Cheers! Caroline.

## **PAST OUTINGS**

### **Emu Creek Basecamp 6-9 June**

What a weekend! It didn't all work out to plan; I got geographically misplaced a few times and consequently dragged the group through rougher terrain than need be. Even so, everybody said they had a great week-end. It was a great bunch to walk with, all helped out and there was a wonderful spirit. There was always somebody to lend support or encouragement, or make a wise crack and plenty of time to stop and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. And the weather was brilliant. Once the chilly breezes of



*Davies Ridge/The Steamers from Emu Creek  
Sketch by Iain Renton*

the first day or so had died down, we had cloudless blue skies and a stillness that was almost mystical. Everything was fresh and clean after recent rain, even the distant horizons had a crystalline clarity. For those of you who weren't there, you missed the Main Range at its best.

All was going well on Friday night until about the third creek crossing on the Emu Creek Road. Gabe and Ray were on board and Ruth was in her car (she met up with us at the Gap service station). After the crossing (a rather long and deep one) my car started to lose traction. The clutch was dying and soon I was going nowhere. We manoeuvred the car to the side of the road and loaded the 3 of us and much of our gear into Ruth's car. Fortunately it was a roomy Camry, even so it was quite a squeeze. In the transfer I forgot to note the kilometers which would have helped us find the campsite turnoff in the dark.

After two more creek crossings (where all the passengers got out and waded) we came to a third crossing. It didn't look at all crossable. Three males were standing around with very cold feet. It was dark, cold and late at night in the middle of nowhere. The troops were getting unsettled and some were murmuring about pitching camp there and then. I pulled out the map and spent a good deal of time looking at it and muttering (a performance that was to be repeated several times on the

week-end). It looked like we had missed the turn-off. The next problem was to find a spot where we could turn the car around. Gabe helped by doing the reversing, turning etc, and we all piled back into the car. The turn-off was found and we arrived at the campsite at midnight. We passed Justin and his through walkers already bedded down and put up our tents a short distance away.

The next morning we caught up with the throughwalkers over breakfast. Gabe dropped them off at their walk's starting point and returned to go with us to visit Bessie (which is what the walkers had christened my car). Well, Bessie still wasn't going anywhere, so after the RACQ came out to take her to Killarney we head back to camp with the rest of the stuff that had been in my car. We still had time for a walk, so started for Asplenium Gorge. I headed up a ridge, ignoring a farmer's 4WD track seen out of the corner of my eye. We had lunch half way up. After going through the rainforest and some prickly stuff (with me looking at the map and muttering at various intervals) we did a very long awkward contour across a very steep slope to gain the crest of the Gymer-Asplenium ridge. A footpad along the ridge top made for easy walking as we looked for a better ridge down (it was too late to get to the gorge). We found the ridge and it had the farmer's 4WD track on it. Having missed taking the easy way up, we could at least go down that way.

With plenty of daylight back at camp we got a good fire going and set up a loo (complete with a shelter rigged up with poles, tarps etc). Dave Cory turned up from Walloon. We ate tea, yakked around the campfire and took turns at being smoked out as a fitful breeze pushed the smoke in all directions.

The next morning was cold and frosty as we set off for the Steamers. Dave gave us a lift the first few kilometers in his 4WD. After a bit of gentle walking, it was the usual steep slog to the base of the Funnel. As we headed towards the Stern walking under the cliffs of the Funnel and Mast, Able-Seaman Rowe wanted to know where the lifeboats were, so he could jump ship if the going got too much. He went on to tell us something of his many years on Australian merchant ships. Gabe told us, that as a kid, with his families' Spanish peasant heritage, there was always the fear that some pet bird may end up in the cooking pot (though I don't think it ever happened). At the Stern Lookout we enjoyed the usual spectacular view back across the Steamers. Back at the Steamers saddle, everybody was keen to do the full circuit via Davies Ridge but we would have to keep moving to be out by dark. On the long steep climb up Mt Steamers, the blokes helped Ruth out, taking turns carrying her pack (somehow the leader managed to avoid doing this). Ruth was doing very well on the walk. It being only her 3<sup>rd</sup> walk with the club and tougher than anything she had tackled so far.

The view at the top of Mt Steamer was well worth the effort, I had forgotten what a wonderful spot it is. After lunch at the edge of the main range and a steep decent off Mt Steamer, we enjoyed easier walking along the Divide with the sweeping views through trees dappled by afternoon sunlight. We met up with the throughwalkers heading the other way and had a bit of a chat. At Davies Ridge we headed west. As we waded through acres

of waist high bracken (laced at times with blackberry) I veered off course. So a bit later on I was doing my usual trick of looking at the compass, looking at the map and muttering. This went on for some time while the sun sank lower in the west. Some were starting to get worried and those lacking faith in esteemed leader were fearing the prospect of a very cold night out on the range. I was relieved when we reached the crest of a definite ridge going the right way. It was definitely Davies Ridge and walking from here on would be fairly easy. We got back to Dave's car before dark.

Around the campfire that night conversation turned to Bessie all alone in the workshop in Killarney. There was a ribald suggestion that she would be mortally offended when the mechanic got to her crutch....oops, clutch. It was a still night full of stars and later a  $\frac{3}{4}$  moon. We were all slow to leave the hypnotic flickering warmth of the fire and head out into the cold. There was a good solid white frost the next morning, so we stayed in bed a little longer. Once up we headed for the nearest sunny spot for breakfast. Dave fried up a lot of bacon which was most welcome.

We then went off and had a look at the Prow. Once we got to the cliff line, Ruth sensibly found a nice sheltered grassy spot in the sun, while the blokes bounded off like a bunch of crazy puppies heading off along the Prow under the cliffs. We didn't go anywhere in particular, went for a short scramble to get a bit of a view and then returned to where Ruth was. It was pretty up and down walking and we were glad we weren't carrying heavy through packs. We had a long, slow relaxed lunch and brewed a cuppa. Then it was back down to camp to pack up and leave. With my car out of action, Ruth kindly offered the use of her car to get us to Brisbane. Gabe drove it down to Brisbane, then at the end of the day Ruth had to drive back to her place on

the Downs. Thank you to everybody for making it such a happy successful weekend in spite of the dramas, and particularly thanks to Ruth who freely made her car available after mine died, we would have been a bit stranded otherwise.

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**Whites Hill Reserve  
Sunday 20th July  
Daywalk**

Some met at Jerome St and some gathered at Whites Hill Recreation Reserve but finally we joined forces and under the leadership of Patricia Powell, 16 happy trippers plus a little 'stranger' rambled into the bush and took a journey back to the 1930's when Whites Hill was a venue for family picnics as Mt Cootha is today.

Our walk took us over Whites Hill, onto Sankey Mountain and up to the quarry edge on Pine Mountain where views to Mt Gravatt and to the bay were enjoyed. A morning tea break was called for at this stage.

Carrying on we descended Pine Mountain and headed for the football fields. Another stop and this time, a vote - to carry on or adjourn to Jerome St for a BBQ lunch.

The 'Ayes' won and an enjoyable time as had by all as we christened my new BBQ.

The walk around urban Coorparoo will be held at a later date with another BBQ lunch to follow.

Thanks to all who attended. Patricia

**Historic Shepherd's Walk  
Saturday 26th July, 2003**

Once again the Beaudesert Historical Society and their helpers did them proud by conducting another successful Historical Shepherd's walk. Weather-wise, it was another perfect day in the great outdoors, being crisp and clear, ideal for walking. The countryside was looking much better than last year with some green grass actually in evidence.

So much for my "No excuses will be accepted". Some of the excuses I ended up accepting were: my mother is arriving from New Zealand, my brother is visiting, I have a hairdressers appointment!, and I took a thirty (30) metre tumble at Springbrook,(this rather extreme excuse was from a non club member). These excuses will not be accepted next year. Consider yourself forewarned.

Anyway, I ended up with five more walkers than last year, four of whom were repeat participants. There were seventeen of us included in the 140 who did the walk. A big reduction in the record number who did the walk last year. The society was quite pleased with the numbers and once again everyone had a great time. I already have some nominations from people who want to return next year. Next year's date has already been set, so please make a note of the 17th July, 2004. I will not give up until I get everyone in the club on this great walk. Just ask anybody how doable this walk is.

As usual we boarded our buses at the Beaudesert Historical Society to be taken to the monument in the Christmas Creek Valley. At the monument we were given a brief account on the circumstances which led up to the walk which we were to do. After this talk it was back on the busses to travel back down the valley to the private property from which the walk was to start. As usual the society had organised leaders

and tails for the walk and we quickly moved off across the flat paddocks to our first regroup. Shortly after this the climbing started with a couple more good breaks taken on the climb to the saddle which marked the site for morning tea.

After a lengthy break it was a gentle stroll down the other side to the Albert River and the Kerry Valley. At the river Brian Ward and his ever faithful tractor were waiting to ferry us across. Surprise, surprise there was an improvement to the tractor in that the platform attached to it on which we stand now has safety rails! A sign of the times I guess. The river had a good flow this year thus ruling out rock hopping like I did last year.

I must be slipping as I fear that I did not eat as much at the sausage sizzle as last year. As I was enjoying the home made biscuits and delicious green cordial everyone else was taking full advantage of the three different types of damper. So much so that by the time I arrived there was only one type left, but I managed to have a few pieces of it before I ran out of time and stomach capacity. Unfortunately there was not any cake this year.

Towards the end of lunch an interesting account was given on early Chinese migration by a distant descendant of one such immigrant. All too soon we had to board our buses for the return to Beaudesert, bidding farewell to the very friendly locals. On our return to the Historical Society some of our group spent some time looking through the museum whilst as I was leaving I spotted some of the B.O.S.Q. Club heading to the local coffee shop. (How could they after lunch included tea, coffee, cordial and water etc.)

Congratulations to Peta Matthewman who survived her first walk with us and a few others. Could this be the best walk of the year? Come along next year and judge for yourselves. Terry.

### Bridge To Brisbane Fun Run 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

This year I know of 4 Club members who did the Run – Mary Nolan, Russ Nelson, Phil Murray (With Sue) and myself (Greg E with son Stephen). A year or two ago, we organised it as a Club even and another handful went. Our times are up on the Net – type in “Bridge to Brisbane”, find the site and look under “results search”. All you need to do is type in a surname only & select 2002 or 2003 (And soon you will be able to see some photos of us). Voila, you will find our times. We all have a personal best now to beat next year – will have to run it as we all walked this time – Shame, Shame, Shame. Greg Endicott

### Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs

Federation meetings are held at 7:30pm on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Little Kings Movement. 33 O’Keefe St, Buranda.

Federation web site address is:  
<http://www.geocities.com/qfbwc/index.htm>  
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### FEDERATION MOUNTAIN RESCUE

## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

### Hike to Help Nepal

**When:** Sunday, 12 October  
**Meet at:** Simpson Falls, Mt Cootha,  
Brisbane  
**Time:** 8:00am

Join State of Origin legend Trevor Gillmeister for a fun walk for a great cause, followed by Nepalese food, entertainment and festivities. Also there are prizes to be won. Funds raised will sponsor Remote Eye Cataract Camps in Nepal.

To obtain a registration form, please contact Jim Drapes Ph: (07)3854 1022 or Ross Hazelwood Ph: (07)3906 9234.

This event is being conducted by the Nepal Australia Friendship Association (NAFA) [www.NepalAust.org](http://www.NepalAust.org)

### \* A THOUGHT TO PONDER.....\*

*"The greatest human problem is aloneness and abandonment."*

*Mother Theresa*

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### A note from the Editor.....

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"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened, or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."  
*Joshua 1:9*

Yours in Christ Louise



## FEDERATION PILGRIMAGE

2003 

SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>



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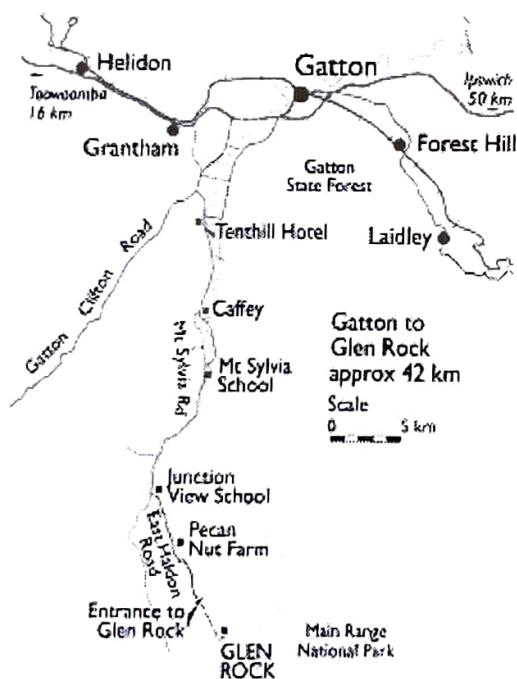
Will be held at  
**Glen Rock**

Don't miss this great weekend - the annual gathering of all the bushwalking clubs in Queensland, organised by the Bushwalkers of Southern Queensland (BOSQ). It will be one of the best ever.

- **Where.** Glen Rock Regional Park, Casuarina Camp Ground, 145 km west of Brisbane and 45 km south of Gatton - about 2 hours from Brisbane. Turn off the Gatton Bypass from the Toowoomba highway, then left in the centre of Gatton, left into Mt Sylvia Road and follow the 'Glen Rock' signs.
- **When.** Friday, 12 September – Sunday, 14 September 2003. Come for the weekend.
- **Cost.** \$20 weekend, \$10 day rate, children aged 5-11 half-price. This covers camping fees, suppers, pre-dinner nibbles on Saturday, entertainment, and the 'Map & compass club challenge'.
- **Bring.** Camping gear; hat, water bottle, boots/shoes with grip, gaiters (for long grass and grass seeds) and perhaps a walking stick; a compass for the 'Map and compass club challenge'; any walking and camping gear you'd like to sell at the market and some dollars to purchase bargains; your food for all meals.
- **Facilities.** A large flat camping area, tap water, composting toilets, an area to have a campfire.

## Program

- **Friday** – register and pay from mid-afternoon till late, set up camp, have supper (tea/coffee and biscuits provided), read the descriptions of walks and other activities and nominate (from 7:30 pm). The list of walks, their start times and their grading will be posted on the BOSQ website.
- **Saturday** - a range of walks, both full-day and half-day, from very easy to challenging, with start times varying – a couple as early as 7:00 am and a couple as late as 9:30 am; then pre-dinner nibbles (provided); DIY dinner; then a social evening that will include a camp fire, a bush poet and other entertainment, followed by supper (provided). In a brief ceremony, the Pilgrimage 'boot' will be handed over to the Toowoomba Bushwalking Club, who will host the 2004 event.
- **Sunday** – DIY breakfast; a market of second-hand camping and walking gear; 8:45 am (sharp) - a short, fun 'Map & compass club challenge' for everyone, where bushwalkers form teams of three from the same club, are issued with maps and list of clues, then navigate to control flags placed on features that are easily found, to be back by 11:00 am, and with the team and the club scoring most points to be announced and prizes awarded at 11:30 am; break camp about lunch time.



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