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# JILALAN

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CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB INC.  
UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY

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GENERAL MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, being scheduled to commence at 7.30 pm (although they usually start about 15 minutes later). The location is currently in the basement of the Catholic Centre (near St Stephen's Cathedral) with entry via Charlotte Street. The door is usually manned up to about 8.00 pm. If you arrive after this, please ring the bell and wait for someone to let you in. Parking is NOT available on site and free parking can be difficult to find nearby. Parking is available close by at \$4.

**VISITORS are always welcome.**

OUTINGS

- (a) Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
- (b) Departure of walks is usually either from the rear of the Cathedral in Charlotte Street or at Sullivan & Nicolaides (134 Whitmore Street, Taringa - enter via the upper driveway and drive down to the upper level of the carpark). Check Jilalan or phone the leader to be certain.
- (c) The Club will usually organise transport for each outing, but you must nominate in advance to the leader. Contacting to someone else may lead to your nomination becoming "lost". Nominations should preferably be made by the Monday prior to the activity (Wednesday at the latest) so that transport etc can be arranged. Note that nominations for some walks may close well in advance of this. Late nominations may not be accepted.
- (d) Walkers are responsible for their transport to and from the departure point.
- (e) Walks are rarely cancelled - if they are, all nominees will be notified. Should you change your mind and decide not to come to a club event, please notify the leader as soon as possible.

EMERGENCY OFFICER

If, within the hour prior to an 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 9.00 pm, your family may ring the Emergency Officer - but please don't panic.

EQUIPMENT HIRE

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

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

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

WARNING

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

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KEY

D/W	Day Walk
T/W	Through Walk
O/N	Overnight
B/C	Base Camp
1/2DW	Half-day Walk
S/T	Safety & Training
FMR	Federation Mountain Rescue
Soc	Social

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## CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Type</u>
AUG 6	Buchanan Fort	Sue Herron	366 3193	D/W
13-14	New Members & S/T Weekend	Chris McCaffrey Cliff Harrison	349 5730 378 0264	B/C B/C
15	MEETING			
16-17	Annual Mass - Mezzanine	Barry Ellerington	886 3451	O/N
	- Midget	Phil Murray	841 0254	O/N
	- Peasants	Fr Ed Nally		O/N
20-21	Rogaining	Cliff Harrison	378 0264	S&T
21	Wildflower Walk No.1	Phil Murray	841 0254	D/W
26-28	Killarney to Stanthorpe	Pat Lawton	366 1956	T/W
27	Leaders' Day - Rescue (Tamborine)	Cliff Harrison	378 0264	FMR
28	Wildflower Walk No.2	Phil Murray	841 0254	D/W
SEP 4	Back Creek	Matthew Palmer	366 5660	D/W
6	Operation Centre	Cliff Harrison	378 0264	FMR
10-12	Pilgrimage - Bigriggen			B/C
17	Progressive Dinner	Bernard Ivers	865 1032	Soc
19	MEETING			
25	Araucaria Circuit	Gabriel Romaguera	369 7330	D/W
OCT 9	Border Loop to Lindesay	Greg Endicott	351 4092	T/W
15	B-B-Q	Bernard Ivers	865 1033	Soc
16	Coomera Crevice	Christine Harrison	378 0264	D/W
17	MEETING			
22	Beginner's - Glasshouse Mts	Cliff Harrison	378 0264	FMR
23	Intermediate - Timberwah	Cliff Harrison	378 0264	FMR
28-30	Bookookarara Creek			T/W
28-30	Boonoo Boonoo			B/C
NOV 6	South Kobbie Creek			D/W
12-13	Club Hut	Paul McDonald	205 1984	B/C
19	Rock Sports			Soc
20	Dine-in at Diana's			D/W
21	MEETING			
27	Stradbroke Is	Bill Butler	351 1588	T/W
27	Stradbroke Is			B/C
DEC 4	Pine River	Justin Tobin	812 1518	D/W
11	Christmas Party	Bernard Ivers	865 1032	Soc
17-18	Black Canyon	Matthew Palmer	366 5660	T/W
17-18	O'Reillys	Justin Tobin	812 1032	B/C
19	MEETING			
JAN 8	Illinbah Circuit	Chris McCaffrey	349 5730	D/W
15	Goomburra	Nathan Tobin	202 2690	B/C
16	MEETING			
22	Northbrook Gorge	Kerry Mulligan	870 8564	D/W
26	Mt Gougal			D/W
FEB 5	Echo Point - Beginners Throughwalk			T/W
12	Obi-Obi	Phil Murray	841 0254	D/W
19	Ballanjui Falls			D/W
19	Ballanjui Falls Abseil	Christine Harrison	378 0264	



## COMING EVENTS

ARAUCARIA CIRCUIT (DAY WALK)

**Contact** : Gabriel Romaguera (Ph: 369 7330)  
**Date** : 25 September  
**Meeting Time** : 7.30 am  
**Meeting Place** : Charlotte Street (behind the Cathedral)  
**Grade** : Easy  
**Emergency Officer** : Nathan Tobin (Ph: 202 2690)  
**Cost** : \$12.00

The Araucaria Circuit is an easy graded track walk at Green Mountains - 17.8km return.

Its name is from the hoop pines (Araucaria Cunninghamii) growing there, which you can see at first hand, as well as the many bird varieties found in the area, the fire orchids and rock faces with magnificent views.

This will be a relaxing and enjoyable walk. To nominate and find out more about the walk, contact Gabriel or come along to the September meeting.

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BORDER LOOP TO LINDESAY (THROUGHWALK)

**Leader** : Greg Endicott (Ph: 351 4092)  
**Date** : 7-9 October  
**Meeting Time** : 7.30 pm, Friday 7 October  
**Meeting Place** : Sullivan & Nicolaides, Taringa  
**Grade** : Easy (for old hands) - Medium (for beginners)  
**Emergency Officer** : Michele Endicott (Ph: 351 4092)  
**Cost** : \$15.00

**Location:** South of Brisbane, along the border fence from the NSW railway line to the highway at Mt Lindesay.

**Maps:** Grevillia, Woodenbong, Tyalgum - 1:50,000

You will notice this throughwalk, when you do it, as being relatively simple. You will camp beside the border gate (the "Lions Road" from Rathdowney to Kyogle) on top of the rail tunnel under the border.

In the morning you will notice the vista before you - looking down the Running Creek valley to your north, Mt Gipps and to your right, Mt Chinghee in front of you, Mts Maroon, Barney and Gillies further away and the ever present distinctive Mt Lindesay off to your left. And behind you is the Grady's Creek valley, soon to be lost as you move along Levers Plateau.

You start at the 400m mark and follow the track beside the border fence - yes, they do maintain a fence between Queensland and NSW! This you keep to your left all weekend as you move west, initially through open eucalypt, then into rainforest. Along the way, you climb up to 700m and stay between this height and 500m.

You will pass the only water at Long Creek Falls - unexpected and in a pretty setting. You continue on your way, up and down between 500m and 700m. By lunch, you will be at the Helipad and avocado farm - no free samples - and then along to the Mt Tanna Rabbit Board Hut to camp (beside and not in!). The view northwards is spectacular and you overlook all the good walking territory - a never to be repeated view (don't forget your camera).

Sunday will take you around to Glennies Chair, Collins Gap and beside Mt Lindesay to the other border gate. Along this stretch, you will get excellent views of Mts Barney and Lindesay from unusual angles. You overlook pine plantations in the Palen Creek valley.

Bring:

- (1) a friend;
- (2) a camera;
- (3) 4-6 litres of water (none after Long Creek);
- (4) goodies to eat and share - but don't overdo it;
- (5) beg, borrow or share a tent;
- (6) some warm clothing - but don't let it weight your pack down.

I'm happy to take beginners.

Greg.

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#### COOMERA GORGE (DAY WALK)

Leader	: Christine Harrison (Ph: 378 0264)
Date	: 16 October
Meeting Time	: 7.00 am sharp
Meeting Place	: Charlotte Street (behind the Cathedral)
Grade	: Easy - Medium (Lamington 1:25000)
Emergency Officer	: Cliff Harrison (Ph: 378 0264)
Cost	: \$12.00

We are required to leave Brisbane on time for an enjoyable long day in the Binna Burra region.

Going from Gwongoorool Pool, up Coomera River, passing waterfalls, to the Gorge for lunch. Up through the rainforest to meet the Coomera Circuit track back to Binna Burra.

An easy, long walk with perhaps a tempting swim will be a rewarding day. We may be able, as 3 years ago, capture the sunset from the Caves Circuit track on the way back to our transport.

Hope you can spare this day to relax and enjoy happy walking.

Christine.

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Who wanted to know at a recent committee meeting, on hearing of Cliff being unwell: "Is he in the Ambulance?"



## PAST OUTINGS

MT FRASER (10 July)

Eighteen eager walkers waiting at Charlotte St for cars to be organised before heading to Aratulua to meet five more eager souls. Heading to the west side of Mt Fraser via the Rosewood Road. After introducing ourselves we followed a rough stony track for a short way, then turned right over a short rise which brought us into a ploughed red soil paddock which proved to be a useful navigational aid and good vantage point to view the Ramparts and surrounding mountains, however on the way up a lot of the mountains were covered by cloud. From here we followed the fenceline which took us across a dry creek bed full of lantana, heading south over a rise until we saw an area of dry timber. Here we changed direction roughly southeast and headed towards a gate at the corner of a fenced paddock. From there followed a major ridge line, identified by rocky outcrops and numerous grasstrees.

We continued in an easterly direction, crossing one track and turning north, which took us to the foot of the last climb, where we regrouped for the last steep climb.

At about 12 o'clock all walkers had reached the top. It took a little over two hours from the beginning of the walk to reach the top. We enjoyed lunch, cup of tea, biscuits and Louise's Lady Birds which I thought were impressive and quite unique.

After quite a lengthy lunchbreak we headed back down in two groups of twelve to minimise the danger of dislodging loose rocks.

On the way down I found I had veered too far to the right and missed the track that we had come up on. After plotting our position on the map, we soon found the track and headed along the route we had climbed. We reached the cars at about 4 o'clock.

Thanks to Russell Code on the pre-outing, Nathan and Louise for their assistance and I hope everyone enjoyed the walk.

Trevor.

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## FOR SALE:

Two Billabong "Short John" Wetsuits  
"Small Men's" - six months old  
V.G.C., one owner ....

\$65 each (o.n.o.)

Phone: Therese Abernethy  
359 6473

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UPPER PORTALS BASE CAMP (29-31 July)

It's another Friday night, The pack is packed and another journey begins. Mark and I heading to Boonah and meeting the other car at the Mt May water reserve. We were soon at the top of Graces Hut road, looking over the Maroon Dam and lights of Boonah. Our wilderness experience was waiting so with seven on the track to Yamahara Creek., we were off. Bill was heard to say "We should be doing this under a full moon". Sorry Bill we gave that to the throughwalkers last week-end. A few crossings of the creek and an hour later we were at the campsite boiling the billy and telling a few yarns before bed.

Saturday we woke to overcast skies, the forecast change had arrived. Our walk on Saturday took us up the ridge to Monseratt Look-out., Barney under cloud looking windswept- forlorn and menacing, from here it was off to Focal Peak, through rainforest, beautiful in the wet, peaceful, calm and enjoyable walking. Smoko here and the weather was clearing. Then down into Cedar Pass, yes we saw three cedars., the rest logged long ago. From here up to Durrumlea and that fantastic view of the Main Range, Wilson Peak, Greville, Mt Moon and the Panorama spread out before us. Fantastic! Lunch at Mowburra Peak and Barney had come out behind the cloud and was displayed in all its glory the days walk could also be seen. Then down the ridge to Graces Hut and camp.

Saturday night after tea was trivial quiz Russell knowing those songs and singers - What a rock and roller he must have been. A few drops of rain scattered the camp, but it was nothing and the rest stayed for another cuppa and more yarns.

Sunday we went to the Upper Portals and rock hopped down to the Barrabool Creek Junction. Barney Creek was beautiful. Rock slabs, Cascades and summer swimming holes. Back to the Upper Portals for lunch where we lay in the sun like lizards on a rock, someone did go for a swim, but it was only a quick one, the water was freezing. Then up the ridge to the fire break, views of Mt Barney all the way up. What a rugged and incredible mountain it is Then a leisurely walk out, although we nearly got blown away in a few places. The view just before the cars of Mt Maroon, Mt May and across the dam was a good way to finish an enjoyable week-end walk.

Average Age of the walk was thirty-six point eight, we did have it below thirty-five but one old fellow pushed it over. Thanks to Matthew, John, Russell, Trevor, Bill and Mark for the company. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. May the journey continue.

Justin

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BUCHANANS FORT DAY WALK (6 August)

After meeting at the Cathedral and regrouping at Beaudesert, it wasn't long before we were at the Steinhearts in the Kerry Valley ready and eager to conquer Buchanan's Fort. So was Jack, a late starter who showed his delight by wagging his tail and found it easier to walk on four legs rather than two!

It was a beautiful winter's day and with views of Lost World. Yes, I do remember that razor back on Barry's walk, Mt Widgee behind and to the left following the old 4WD road to the top of the ridge. A few stops at the steep pinches - or was it one steep pinch? Through the gate and smoko - a well appreciated one! Even Amanda enjoyed the view when she got her breath back!!

A leisurely stroll along the ridge to Buchanan's Fort itself, more views across to Neglected Mountain and across Lost World to O'Reilly's and Mt Warning could be seen. Lunch was a leisurely one. Some basked in the sun, others found time to draw, a few followed the ridge towards the Christmas Creek valley for more views. The leader talked, then a return the same way cutting across to the house and meeting Mr Steinheart on the way out. His plea, like so many other farmers, was to pray for rain.

A milkshake stop at Beaudesert, then home early to complete an enjoyable day's walk. Thanks to my drivers and my fellow walkers - especially Amanda on her first walk.

Susan.



LOST WORLD FROM THE START OF THE BUCHANAN'S FORT WALK

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# ROOM FOR RENT -

SHARE WITH TWO MALES .... NON SMOKERS

\$50 + share expenses

Phone: 341 2468 and ask for Ross

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THE BARNEY MASS (17 August)

Exhibition Wednesday and another trip to Mt Barney for the Mass - a Club tradition since 1961. Some, like Laurie Kearney (a member of the Club in the early seventies) keep returning, bringing friends and finding something in the journey year after year. Even Anthony got a leave pass!

This year, it was South-East and Logans. The majority on South-East with Father Ed having a change from Peasants, and eight on Logans. The usual fantastic views of Mts Lindesay and Ernest, although the ridge seemed longer this year! On to the rocky bits and then East Peak. Down to the Mass site to wait for the South-East party. When Father Ed regained his breath, although his heart was still thumping, Mass was said, offering it for Father John Power. In his Homily, Father asked in a world of change did we consider anything unchangeable. "Love one another as I have loved you" is what he considered unchangeable - something to reflect on as we finished Mass and journeyed down.

Peasants - another Mass over - goodbye to friends and we'll see you next year. Thanks to all who came, especially Father Ed for Mass and the big effort up South-East. May the Mass Journey continue.

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**SOCIAL****BBQ - SATURDAY, 15 OCTOBER**

**WHERE:** Ross Fels, 5 Lanfranco Street, Rochedale South.

**TIME:** 5.30 pm.

**CONTACT:** Ross (Ph: 341 2468) or Bernard (Ph: 865 1032).

Ross has invited us to his place for a BBQ - a chance to get together and have a good time.

It's "bring your own everything" - cup, plate, knife & fork, chair and meat. Salad and bread rolls will be provided.

Come on over to Ross's and throw a steak on the barbie.

Everyone is most welcome.

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AFTER ALL!

BY FR. JOHN POWER

Have you ever noticed how a situation that was particularly miserable and cheerless, can seem almost hilariously funny when viewed in retrospect? Take for instance the situation that developed on the Lost World throughwalk.

I can still see that group of throughwalkers now, perched on the steep south-eastern slopes of "Lost World" mountain, setting up camp in the last light of a perfect winter's day, water supplies almost exhausted. Then there was that wild scramble down ridges, which all seemed to end abruptly in semi-cliff face, in a vain endeavour to reach the left branch of the Albert, which flowed a thousand feet below. We returned, Keith Farrelly, Bob Forsyth and I, to that hardy band of stalwart optimists, with nothing to offer for our efforts but "toil and sweat, and blood, and tears". At this juncture our water supply was nil. Well not quite, Frank Brown had one bottle which was shared amongst this group of 18 odd walkers next day.

Next day! Vivid scenes spring to mind of people wildly chopping down anything that even remotely resembled a water vine. If one had not known before how much water one may expect to drain from water vines growing on steep ridges one soon found out; then too the happy discovery of a hollow tree bole, which held a small quantity of water, the happy home of numerous bugs and wogs. But it wasn't long before one of the thirst crazed company proceeded to break up the happy home to get at the water, which was a deep brown in colour, and tasted just as water that has been resting in the hollow bole of a tree for weeks and weeks should taste.

After what seemed an eternity we reached the graded tracks and were scurrying off to a spring. It was high noon. Popular legend has it that Keith Farrelly distinguished, or should I say almost extinguished himself that day by drinking several billys full of water in one session.

As we stood around that pleasant little spring we thought one and all "after sport, after walk, after all, cool sparkling clear mountain water is the best".

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*Who is that man with the No.8 Blade Haircut!*

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*Who was showing ALL THAT SKILL on a scooter on a recent throughwalk!*

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MATES

I and you, and you and me,  
 We walked the mountains merrily.  
 Our legs were strong, our senses keen,  
 The likes of us you've never seen.

We knew no fear, at danger smiled;  
 Young and foolish, sometimes wild.  
 Our minds were one, our hearts were too,  
 Mates for life, friends through and through.

And then she came that red haired trap;  
 You had her sitting on your lap.  
 Your eyes were bright, your hair combed back,  
 You even carried her haversack.

I walk the ranges half a team,  
 I hear your footfalls in the stream,  
 And turn around, but no one there,  
 Your phantom coo-ee fills the air.

Then I fall into that snare,  
 Five feet three and face so fair.  
 My legs are weak, my heart beats fast,  
 The walking life is something past.

It's not so bad this wedded state,  
 Happy, sad, and sometimes great.  
 We walk together now and then,  
 And bring the children, eight, nine, ten.

I and you, and you and me,  
 We walk the mountains merrily.  
 Our minds are one, our hearts are too,  
 Mates for life, friends through and through.

Jim Teys.

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*We would like to invite members and friends to be a part of our  
 Nuptial Mass at St Michael's Church, 250 Banks Street, Dorrington,  
 on Friday 23 September at 5.30 pm.*

*Justin and Susan.*

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Leo Power  
14 Constancia Street  
Mitchelton  
BRISBANE Q 4053  
12th August, 1994

Dear Members,

Sincere and heartfelt thanks for your message of sympathy following John's sudden death in Moscow. Your 'presence' meant so much and was greatly appreciated. I still at times believe he will phone soon and let me know his latest change of plans.

We, as a family, found the numerous messages and attendance of so many people, both at John's Memorial Mass at Wilston and his funeral Mass at Minto, supportive and consoling. So many people, so many old friends, some known only to John, each one giving testimony to his rich life which touched and influenced people in so many ways. Each person has their particular story about our precious brother and relating those stories to us has provided great comfort.

We were also very happy that he was able to be buried among his own in the beautiful and very Australian monastery grounds at Minto where he first worked after ordination and where he was Prior for a time. We were grateful to have seen his body before the very moving funeral Mass after which two family members and two priests carried John to his final resting place adjacent to the chapel.

John's Provincial, Father Roly Tirona, from Manila, came from the Philippines to attend the mass at which he preached the eulogy. He brought with him the heartfelt condolences of John's community and all the people with whom John had lived and worked so hard for 15 years of his priestly ministry.

Although John has completed his allotted span, his beloved work among the poorest will continue. We have been advised that two memorial foundations are being set up to continue his work specifically in providing funerals for the poor and in educational and health support for the same squatter people. We as a family will be able to continue to be involved in the work to which he devoted himself.

I was to meet John at Brisbane airport about this time. He was to stay with Lyn and I for a short while before returning to Manila. Instead we mourn this good and gentle man and attempt to come to terms with our very deep grief.

Please keep John in your prayers (and us as well if you would). Thank you again most sincerely for your support.

Leo Power

## ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S BUSHWALKING QUIZ .....

Little Crowded	Big Lonely
Mt Nathan	Mt Barney
Boatport	Shipstern
Polyester Blunt	Tweed Pinnacle
Skinkfront	Lizardback
Dieseltruck	Superbus
Mt Accurate	Mt Mistake
Ripe Expedition	Cherry Venture
Mt Rifle Rifle	Ngun Ngun
Hensbrush Designate	Cockscomb Point
Mt Turfout	Mt Coochin
Mt Powerswah	Mt Beerwah
Blurry Valley	Focal Peak
Nose of the Thread	Eye of the Needle
Hill of Breezes	Valley of the Winds
Greendash	Yellowpinch
Eastplatters Tomb	Westrays Grave
Higher Gates	Lower Portals

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The winner of the movie ticket was Mr Justin Tobin of Basin Pocket with 16 of 18 correct. Congratulations Justin!

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