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# JILALAN

MONTHLY CIRCULAR OF THE BRISBANE  
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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### SUGGESTED EXTENDED WALKS TO COME

1995 Sept    Oxley Wild Rivers

1996 Feb    South New Zealand  
      July    Mt Bowen Circuit, Hinchinbrook Is.  
      Sept    Blue Mts & Canyoning  
      Oct    Nepal



# 1995 BCBC CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS- BOOK YOUR DIARY NOW!!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Type</u>
Aug 5-6	First Aid Weekend Course	FMR		
12	Bike Ride - Barry's BBQ	Barry Ellerington	3886 3451	SOC
16	Annual Mass - Peasant	Paul McDonald	3205 1984	O/N
16	Annual Mass - Midget			O/N
16	Annual Mass - Logan			O/N
18-20	Acacia Plateau	Matthew Palmer	3366 5660	T/W
21	MEETING			
25-27	Boonah Gate-Mt Lindesay	Joe Finn	3848 4642	T/W
27	Karawatha Wildflowers	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
Sep 2	Progressive Dinner	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	SOC
3	Father's Day	Dad	HOME	
8-10	Pilgrimage-Goomburra YHA	Ed Thistlewaite	3374 2198	B/C
16	Ernest Traverse	John Brunnott	3209 9598	O/N
16	Ernest Traverse	Paul McDonald	3205 1984	D/W
18	MEETING			
24	Bare Rock	Jim O'Meara	3838 3356	DW
26 (Wed)	Night at Climbing Gym	Joe Finn	3848 4642	FMR
29-1 (oct)	Sentinel Point	Jim O'Meara	3838 3356	B/C
Oct 1	Dave's Creek	Geoffrey Egert	3356 2163	DW
7	Abseiling Morning	Joe Finn	3848 4642	S&T
7-8	Rogaining -Qld Championships			S/T
14-15	Training Weekend-Adventure T/W			FMR
16	MEETING			
20-22	Texas Caves	Trevor Kelly	3357 5046	B/C
20-22	Long Crk - Findon Crk	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	T/W
27-29	Girraween N.P.	Barry Ellerington	3886 3451	B/C
Nov 4-5	Dinner at O'Reilly's	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	SOC
5	O'Reilly's	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
11	Remembrance Day Walk	Matthew Palmer	3366 5660	D/W
18	Beginner's Day			FMR
18-19	Club Hut	Paul McDonald	3205 1984	O/N
20	Meeting			
24-26	Coolum-Cooroora-Wolvi	Ed Thistlewaite	33742198	B/C
26	Metrogaine			
Dec 3	Binna Burra - O'Reilly's	Patricia Broughton		D/W
3	O'Reilly's - Binna Burra	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	D/W
7	Social Evening			FMR
9	South Bank Christmas Party			
16	Brisbane River Li-Lo Trip	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
18	Meeting			



## COMING EVENTS

### BARE ROCK DAY WALK

Leader : Jim O'Meara (Ph.38383356)  
Date : 24 Sept.  
Meeting Time : 7.00 am  
Meeting Place : Charlotte St. behind cathedral  
Grade : Easy  
Emergency Officer : Andrea Butler (33511588)  
Cost : \$12.00

This walk will begin at Cunningham's Gap, where we will ascend a graded track that starts by zigzagging up the western slopes of Mt. Cordeaux and then contours around to the saddle, north of the mountain. After following the track further north we will arrive at Bare Rock, which is a rocky knoll with a very good view of the escarpment towards Mt. Castle. Here is where we stop for lunch.

After lunch we will return to Cunningham's Gap stopping at Morgan's Lookout and also the lookout at Mt. Cordeaux. At Cunningham's Gap we can drive to Aratula for coffee before heading back home.

This walk is designed for the newer walkers, and will provide the opportunity to see some of the Main Range and it's rewarding views of the plains to the East. It is not a difficult walk and is graded track all the way.

Jim

### SENTINEL POINT BASE CAMP

Leader : Jim O'Meara (Ph. 38383356)  
Date : 29 Sept. - 1 Oct.  
Meeting Time : 7.00 pm  
Meeting Place : Sullivan & Nicolaides (Taringa)  
Grade : Medium  
Emergency Officer : Andrea Butler (33511588)  
Cost : \$18.00

We leave Brisbane on Friday night and travel to a camping site in the western shadows of Mt. Huntley where we will set up our base camp in a beautiful grassed area.

Arising early on Saturday, a quick breakfast and off to Sentinel Point where we will admire the excellent views and have morning tea. Refreshed by our short rest we will follow the ridge to Mt. Huntley for more views and a welcome break for lunch. After descending the cliff break we will have a pleasant walk back to the camp site for dinner and a chat around the "fire".

Sunday will consist of a shorter walk into the Dungeon. Here we will explore an ancient area that always seems to be shrouded in shade, even in the middle of the day. This walk will finish back at the camp for a late lunch. After lunch we will break camp and head off for coffee at the Fat Cow before heading for home.

Jim



## COMING EVENTS

### DAVES CREEK CIRCUIT

LEADER	:Geoffrey Egert (3356 2163 or 3848 4918)
DATE	:1 October
MEETING TIME	:7.00 am Sharp
MEETING PLACE	:St Stephen's Cathedral - Charlotte Street
GRADE	:Easy, graded track.
EMERGENCY OFFICER	:Bernadette and Anthony Dolan (3899 1785)
COST	:\$12.00

Daves Creek Circuit is situated at Binna Burra in the Lamington National Park. This walk, a favourite of many, passes through a wide range of vegetation types, including rainforest, eucalypt trees, and a patch of mallee heath. Botanists take note. This circuit is also the home of the rare eastern bristle bird.

We will lunch at Surprise Rock (a trachyte dyke) which juts from the surrounding landscape. On a clear day, with binoculars you can see the coastline from Cape Moreton to Cape Byron, a distance of 160 kilometres. Water is available from Picnic Creek, although make sure you bring the normal 2 litres. Note the personal equipment you should bring on a daywalk (P2 of Jilalan).

The distance of this walk is 12 kilometres. A side trip can be made to the top of Ballanjui Falls and back which is an additional 3 kilometres. This is an easy walk. (No Demidenko). Transport facilities may be limited. Accordingly, a limit may be placed on the number of walkers. Apply early. If I am unable to attend the meeting, Paul McDonald will accept nominations.

Geoffrey

### STINSON/WESTRAYS GRAVE

Contact:	Paul Mc Donald	3205 1984(H)
Date:	7/10-8/10	
Meeting Time:	5.00 PM	
Meeting Place:	Sullivan & Nicholadies Taringa	
Grade:	Medium	
Emergency Officer:	ANTHONY DOLAN (38991785)	
Cost:	\$12.00	

The Stinson Wreck is part of bushwalking folklore. In 1937 a Stinson aircraft crashed, and it was only the efforts of Bernard O'Reilly that led to the findings of survivors. Westray survived the crash, but unfortunately died while looking for help.

We will depart Brisbane on Saturday afternoon, and journey to our camp for the night. Early next morning, it will be pack-up, into the cars, and off to the start of the walk. I have graded the walk as medium, while it follows a rough (very) "track", it is a fairly long walk, with most of the way there being "up".

The plan for the walk is first to go to the Stinson, and if time permits, Point Lookout. Point Lookout is on the edge of the Lamington escarpment, and, as its name suggests, has excellent views of Mt Warning and the surrounding area. Westray's Grave is at the bottom of the mountains, and is quite near our cars, so the plan is to visit it on our return.

Virtually all of the walk is in magnificent (and virtually untouched) rainforest, and it is certainly worth the walk just to see such largely pristine wilderness. While not much remains of the actual wreck, the area has quite an "atmosphere" about it, and it is one place that every bushwalker should visit at least once.

Nominate to me at the meeting, or ring.

See you there,

Paul Mc



## HELLS HOLLOW ROGAINING

- Venue:** Approximately 3½ hours south of Brisbane in undulating, open forest (no lantana) with scattered granite outcrops. Elevation 800 to 1100 metres.
- Map:** A pre-marked colour photocopy of a topographic map with 10m contours will be provided. Maps will be distributed from 9.30am on Saturday, 7th October.
- Event:** 24 hour event: Saturday 12 noon to Sunday 12 noon  
8 hour event: Saturday 12 noon to 8pm  
Full moon is on 8 October.
- Team size:** A minimum of two and up to five people.
- General:** There are permanent running creeks (with platypus); the wildflowers and birdlife in October will be superb. For the 8 hour competitors, there are a couple of spectacular places to visit on Sunday morning.
- Camping:** Basic bush camping beside the Hash House. Teams may arrive and camp on the Friday night.
- Final instructions:** Will be posted to the team contact to arrive about Monday 2 October, 1995.
- Fees:** \$26 entry fee per team member includes the cost of the pre-marked map plus Hash House food from 5pm Saturday until 1pm Sunday. The entry fee does not cover insurance which is met by the QRA membership fee, (see entry form).  
*Cheques should be made payable to the "Queensland Rogaine Association".*
- Entries:** To "Rogaine", c/- Helen Jeffcoat, 22 Howard St., Oxley. 4075. Please enclose a large (22cm x 11cm), stamped, self-addressed envelope for your final instructions. If team members, other than the team contact, require the instructions to also be posted to them, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope for them as well.
- Enquiries:** To Peter Merotsy - Ph. (066) 366 190 (H) or (066) 321 300 (W)  
Fax. (066) 322 590 (W)
- CLOSING DATE:** Postmarked Sunday, 17th September, 1995. NO refunds for cancellations after this date.
- Late entries:** Entries post-marked after Sunday, 17th September MUST be accompanied by a late fee of \$5 per team member and may only be accepted at the discretion of the organiser.
- Helpers:** There is always a need for assistance at the Hash House, so if you have a friend or relative who would like to meet people and join in the fun, they would be most welcome to assist. Meals at the Hash House will be free for such helpers. Please contact the organiser if you can assist.



**BEGINNERS ABSEIL DAY**

**LEADER** :Joe Finn  
**DATE** :7 October - Saturday  
**MEETING TIME** :8.00 am - Midday  
**MEETING PLACE** :Rotunda at Kangaroo Point at the cliff tops.  
**COST** :\$6.00

Learn the basics of abseiling or just brush up on your skills. Get out of your comfort zone, learn a new skill and extend your choice of walks or just get some thrills.

The club has ropes, harnesses and the gear. You need to bring some boots/runners, a clear head and some adventure.

Joe.

***PAST OUTINGS*****ILLINBAH CIRCUIT DAYWALK - 8 JANUARY 1995 (LEADER: CHRIS MCCAFFREY)**

AFTER DEPARTING BRISBANE AT 7.00AM WE MADE OUR WAY TO BINNA BURRA HAVING A QUICK GOODIES STOP AT CANUNGRA. WE ALL MET JUST A SHORT DISTANCE DOWN THE ROAD FROM THE INFORMATION CENTRE. WE STARTED THE WALK AT 9.00AM MAKING OUR WAY THROUGH OPEN RAINFOREST. MOST PEOPLE HANDLED THE CREEK CROSSINGS WITH EASE SOME PEOPLE WALKED THROUGH THE WATER WERE OTHERS ROCK HOPPED ACROSS.

I HAD PLANNED TO HAVE MORNING TEA NEAR BY ONE OF THE CREEK CROSSINGS BUT ENDED UP HAVING IT IN THE SHADED AREA CLOSE BY. A FEW PEOPLE STARTED TO COMPLAIN THAT THE AREA I DECIDED TO HAVE MORNING TEA WAS NOT A GOOD IDEA. SOME PEOPLE JUST MISSED SITTING ON SOME GYMPIE LEAVES. RICHARD PULLED A TICK OFF HIMSELF. THEN LOUISE, JUST AS WE HAD FINISHED MORNING TEA, SAID THAT I SHOULD HAVE GOT A LEND OF MATTHEWS NEW WATCH "IT TELLS YOU EVERYTHING INCLUDING WERE TO HAVE MORNING TEA". JUST WHAT A LEADER NEEDS. WE CONTINUED ON MAKING SOME MORE CROSSINGS ACROSS THE COOMERA RIVER. WE STOPPED FOR LUNCH NEAR A SWIMMING HOLE WERE SOME PEOPLE DECIDED TO GO FOR A SWIM; OTHER ENJOYED THE RAINFOREST AND THE GOOD COMPANY. AFTER LUNCH STILL MORE CREEK CROSSINGS TO NEGOTIATE WE MADE OUR WAY UP THE COOMERA RIVER. WE THEN STOPPED OF FOR A SWIM AT GNDNGDOOROOL POOL TO COOL OFF BEFORE MAKING OUR WAY BACK TO THE CARS. IT WAS DECIDED TO STOP OFF AT THE DANISH TEA HOUSE AT BEACHMONT FOR AFTERNOON TEA BEFORE RETURNING TO BRISBANE. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME ON THE WALK AND MAKING IT A GREAT DAY. RICHARD, BILL, JIM, CLIFF & CHRISTINE, RUSSELL & LOUISE, STEPHEN, RAY, TERRY, BARRY, RAY, PETER & PAULINE, PAUL, MAJELLA, PATRICIA, LEANNE, ANDY, AND TO THE VISITORS JILL & RAY FROM YHA. HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE DAY. THANK YOU TO THE DRIVERS FOR DRIVING

CHRIS



**MT MINNAGES DAYWALK - 9 JULY 1995 (LEADER: PAT LAWTON)**

It was a lovely July winters day - 27 people out to enjoy it. With parking now a problem in the city I arranged for 2 car loads to go straight to Boonah. After regrouping in Boonah our procession of 7 cars set off to Burnett Creek. We abandoned Maxine's volvo by the side of the road (as a car shuffle was needed) and then drove on a little further to leave the other cars in a clearing on the banks of Burnett Creek.

After introducing ourselves we started up the ridge. This sorted out the goats and sheep - couple of the goats (named Trevor and Ken) set a steady pace. There were lots of sheep, a couple of whom were climbing their first mountain - however they plodded ever upwards. As the ridge was one of those long drawn out ones and to accomodate everybody's pace, our stops were rather short. When the first group seemed to disappear out of sight, Maxine's pink pack would appear, or we could hear Chris' happy laugh, and we knew they weren't too far ahead. Louise was her usual delightful self. Majella brought her sister Denise along. Geoff Wright, who lives on a boat on the river, came along on his first walk. Justin had been tail end Charlie but once relieved of that position he soon became a goat himself. He entertained us all the way to the top with his jokes. Andrew decided to turn back (see what your jokes do, Justin!) while the rest of us continued on. Jim O'Meara spent most of his time rubbing Carol's legs! Denise plodded on - it was her first walk and she never complained and when she reached the top she looked as though she had just walked down Queen Street - not just climbed a mountain.

It was 11.30 when we stopped for morning tea. Some thought it was lunch - obviously they had not been on a trip of mine before!! Just before the top I saw Peter and Paula disappear over the ridge in the opposite direction to where I wanted to go - I shouted out for them to come back - how embarrassing for me - a toilet detour!. It was a delightful walk up the ridge. We entered the thick rainforest just before the top at about 12.30 p.m. Ken, thinking the top was going to be rainforest started to complain about the lack of views until we emerged once again into the open country and the top of the ridge. I think everybody was impressed with the views across to Mt. Ballow. Carol, wasn't too impressed when I told her lunch would be on top of Mt. Ballow. When I tried the same trick on Denise, in her tired state she just said she would go wherever I said - how's that for following the leader.

Justin's jokes continued. Paul McPhee stood up in a hole to tell us a foul joke! Once the joke session was over we headed off down a ridge to the north west. The first part was down steep grassy slope with rocks hidden in the grass. About half the party by this time was coming down with the aid of a walking stick. Further down we crossed over a couple of ridges to bring us back closer to Maxine's car (which did have all four wheels intact). Paul and Trevor ended up a bit further up the road and so had a bit of a road bash.

All the drivers jumped into Maxine's car to collect their vehicles. Matthew jumped in and got the boot! Richard arrived back first with Gabriel as a passenger. Had Gabriel's car been pinched? No Gabriel had forgotten his keys. A quick rummage through his day pack for the keys and Richard and Gabriel were off up the road once more.

It was then off to a goodies stop at Boonah. As we finally drove off a quick glance back - and yes what, Matthew had left his pack on the ground.



It was a great day and I think everybody enjoyed it. Thanks to Barry, Justin, Bill and Jim for being tail end charlies. Those on the walk were Patricia, Richard, Maxine, Gabriel, Chris, Paula and Peter Walker, Carol Hall, Denise Cribb, Paul McPhee, Con, Ken Constable, Louise, Trevor, Majella and her sister Denise, Kerry and Matthew, Justin, Andrew Nomensen, Ray Rowe, Bill, Jim, June, Geoff Wright and Barry.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Colleen Brown, Christine Doherty, Erica Tapp, and Elizabeth McCall.

The club is publishing a new Membership List in the next magazine listing name, address, and home phone number. If there's any details you don't want printed or changes in your details, please contact Paul McDonald on 3205 1984.

M.B.S.

Who were those established members after a bit of rain decided not to camp for the Barney Mass - instead came down Wednesday morning. It just goes to show you you get wiser as you get older.

Who were those three walkers five hours late for the Mass?

Who were those walkers who tried to walk on water only to finish knee deep and higher in mud!!

Some of those hippies at the progressive dinner did belong back in the 60's. Get a load of that hair!!

**Invitation**

Kerry and Matthew invite members and friends to attend their Nuptial Mass at St Ignatius Church on Kensington Terrace, Toowong at 9.45 A.M., Saturday 23rd September.

The club wishes Kerry and Matthew all the best for their wedding on the 23rd September. Two Souls, One Journey - Happiness always!!



**MIDGETS RIDGE (MT BARNEY) OVERNIGHTER - 15-16 AUGUST**

**(LEADER: MATTHEW PALMER)**

Tuesday afternoon three intrepid adventurers headed to the club hut, arriving just as the rain came down, after dinner and a few cups of teas and chocolate it was time for some serious card games that most of us could understand. Wednesday dawned but we were already moving when it had, over a few ridges until we reached the base of Midgets ridge. It was at this point that we ran into a pygmy looking for a pair of size 3 scarpas, (sorry Phil). The ridge is recovering from bushfire and this made travelling difficult, we were able to see the track just about all the time, pity we couldn't walk on it. We had fairly good views all the way to Bippoh (aboriginal for half way to west) Peak, after that our views consisted of the inside of a cloud. We achieved the top of West Peak right on the stroke of noon.

One thing for sure  
With visibility so poor  
Where was rum jungle?  
What a terrible bungle.  
It should be against the law.

The track down to rum jungle was lost and found a number of times, thankfully the peasants party where using the fog horn to sound us down. We also appreciate them being there or we would have been waiting at the mass site for a very long time.

It was a trip quick down peasants where blue skies and sunshine was revealed. The many moods of Barney still prevail.

Matthew

**ACACIA PLATEAU THROUGHWALK - 18-20 AUGUST 1995**

**(LEADER: MATTHEW PALMER)**

A long time ago  
in a galaxy far far away  
**ACACIA PLATEAU**  
**EPISODE VI**

With the rebel alliance scattered to the far ends of the galaxy the last remaining hope for the universe remains in the small rebel band congregating at the Boonah Border Gate, the last outpost of civilisation. Their mission is to reach the Killarney Border Gate and destroy the Death Star. Late on Friday night the rebels are diverted into a trap when the Millennium Falcon flies up the wrong road looking for a camping spot after some tricky manoeuvring the fleet returns to safety.

The next day the rebels set out on foot in search of the elusive border gate, the party was fortunate to have the wizened old Yoda with them.

"Shall we use the force to find the Killarney Border gate"

"No" says Yoda "We shall follow the rabbit fence"

Little do they know that The Empire has thrown down a deadly obstacle in their path - Wilsons Peak. The rebel alliance battles vainly up the hill, R2D2 was getting the wheels clogged on the slope, Master Yoda finding that it had been a long time between throughwalks, Luke Skywalker, a relatively new member of the alliance was wondering



what he had let himself in for and Jabba the Hutt was whingeing about his knees. Only Chewbacca and Obi One Kenobi seem to find the going easy. To make matters worse the evil Darth Vader kept jumping out from behind buttress trees trying to crush the rebels by frightening them to death. The empire had also sent out an army of bush ticks and cattle ticks to swarm upon the rebels, particularly Obi One.

The perilous mission was wearing on some as only half the alliance obtained the summit of Wilsons Peak, in reality they knew the Empires next obstacle, getting of Wilsons Peak. Luke Skywalker said "It reminds me of the time Darth threw me down the shute in the city of clouds. The alliance clambered down, it was a place not even a Landspeeder could reach. The evil Darth Vader tried to woo faith back to the party by leading them along the road, but the director and Chewbacca stuck religiously to the fence as the temperature was climbing.

The empire had thrown one last challenge to the afternoon, the climb up Mosses Gardens (also known as Mt Clunie to some). Again the evil Darth Vader had diverted most of the rebels from the fence until only Obi One Kenobi and Chewbacca stayed on the fence. The secret rebel base for the night was The Hancock Gate where we waited patiently for Hancocks half hour until someone told us that he was dead. R2D2 was cold so we kindly offered to move the fire into her tent but she declined, Darth was trying to impersonate a feral pig but R2 wouldn't be so easily convinced.

A new day dawned for the rebels, Master Yoda didn't notice the extra ballast on board while the evil Darth Vader was up to her usual tricks. Darth tried to befriend a rabid dog but it was having none of that as it tried to pull the water tank it was tied to off the stumps. The empire had one final trick up its sleeve, lacing a carpet snake to the fence, this worried no one except for the Director. Lunch was taken after the director and Jabba the Hut were out voted. The afternoon consisted of getting to Killarney Gate, blowing up the Death Star and heading to home base in landspeeders via the Cheesy Grin at which point Obi One attacked Darth Vader with the sauce bottle.

A \*\*\*\* walk which will be remembered for a long time, thanks to my co-stars;

June as R2D2

Chris as Luke Skywalker

Geoff as Obi One Kenobi

Pat as the Evil Darth Vader

Russ as Master Yoda

Jim as Jabba the Hutt

Iain as Chewbacca and

me as George Lucas

may the force be with you

Matthew



**BOONAH GATE TO LINDSAY GATE THROUGHWALK - 26-27 AUGUST**  
**(LEADER: JOE FINN)**

A simple walk, a pleasant walk. An early start, a scenic pace and a respectable finish. Leaving Brisbane at 6.00 am we breakfasted in Beaudesert and had completed the car drop off and were walking at 9.15 am.

Mt Clunie was the first obstacle and took a bit of low gear to ascend but with a few rests the steepest bushwalking grade in S.E. Qld was behind us after 45 minutes; half of it was as the descent on the other side was still yet to come but this was really an after lunch surprise. Good Fun!!

Because the walk followed the well maintained and freshly brush-cut/mown rabbit fence navigation problems were nil as was where to walk and plenty of time was had for looking at the views and some for speculating on just how close and friendly was that howling dingo.

We had a fire at night for after dinner and swapped stories until late, then finally retired to the sleeping bag at about 8.30 pm. Matthew says this is the latest he has been up on a "through-walk" and in my case the 10 and 1/2 hours sound sleep I had made up for the 4 hours of the previous night.

This was a pleasant walk, unhurried, and as we made the car at about 1 o'clock, we had plenty of time for lunch and a cuppa before heading home. Thank-you Ed Thistlewaite, Barry Ellerington, Matthew Palmer, and Trevor Kelly (the pre-outing) for your company. Another time, another place, may we do it again.

***REFLECTIONS***

**SETTING OF THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE ON MT. BARNEY.**

On the Saturday afternoon of May 13th, 1961, a brass plaque commemorating the Mass said by Fr. Hayes on Mt. Barney on Exhibition Wednesday of the previous year, was set in the rock used as an altar. This rock has now come to be known as "The Mass Rock".

The inscription on the plaque reads as follows:-

" HOLY MASS WAS SAID HERE ON 17. 8.60 BY REV. FR.W.HAYES  
FIRST PRESIDENT CHAPLAIN OF THE BRISBANE CATHOLIC  
BUSHWALKING CLUB."

As Mt. Barney is a National Park, special permission for this was obtained from the Minister for Forestry and Agriculture.

The work of setting the plaque took most of the afternoon, as the rock had to be cut back to a level recess and drilled to take the holding screws, and it was not until the last light of day was shafting golden on high battlements of the mountain, that the job was completed.

Also set in the rock just below the plaque was a metal Club badge left at the site last Easter by Fr. Hayes, who was paying his last visit there before going back to Ireland.

A log book in a muntz metal container was left at the site and its opening entry reads:-



" A Record for all those who pass by this place on this magnificent mountain. Commenced Saturday May 13th 1961."

The party spent the Saturday night in the old University Hut with a roaring log fire to take the chill out of the early winter air.

At dawn on the Sunday morning, on leaving the hut, John Power and I were struck with the sight of the Morning Star shining large and bright

in the grey sky just above the crest of the East Peak somewhat towards the North Peak.

It was a strange coincidence for us to see the "Star" in this position from behind the East and North Peaks, the reverse of the way we had visualized it for the Club badge.

As we started to climb the dark slopes of the East Peak to gain the summit for the sunrise, the West Peak was just beginning to turn golden under the first light of the day, while overhead two great eagles were planing in the updraft of the fresh cold air blowing up the slopes of the mountain.

This was the inspiration of the poem which John Power wrote for "Barrani" in Ireland just before commencing his studies for the Priesthood at the Abbey at Loughrea, County Galway.

Raoul Mellish.



On Exhibition Wednesday of 1960, 1961 and 1963 the Club's President-Chaplain and members have climbed Mt. Barney to celebrate Mass in the open, just above the saddle between East and West Peaks. In 1962 two attempts were made to get there, on Exhibition Wednesday and Boxing Day, but wet weather forced cancellation of both attempts. A Plaque has been affixed to a rock at the Mass site, by permission of the Forestry Department.

*From the 1961 + 1963  
"Barrani"*



## ***FEDERATED MOUNTAIN RESCUE***

### **UP THE WALL**

Come along for a night at the climbing gym  
with other FMR & bushwalking people

**When?** Tuesday 26 September 1995 from 7.30pm to 9.30 pm

**Where?** Rocksports Climbing  
224 Barry Parade, Fortitude Valley

**How  
Much?** \$9.00 climbing  
\$3.00 hire of harness (or bring your own)  
\$4.00 hire of climbing shoes (not compulsory -  
or bring your own)

Belaying gear is provided

**Bring?** Harness and shoes if you have them

**Contact?  
(RSVP)** Please ring before 21 September if you wish to come:  
John Edwards 3379 6296 (h) 3278 2944 (w & fax)  
or Joe Finn 3848 4642 (h)

## ***FMR TRAINING WEEKEND - ADVENTURE THROUGHWALK***

<b>DATE</b>	: 14-15 October
<b>MEETING TIME</b>	: 8.00 am
<b>MEETING PLACE</b>	: Bald Knob Camp Site beside Burnett Creek
<b>GRADE</b>	: Medium
<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>	: Joe Finn (Tel 3848 4642)
<b>COST</b>	: \$5.00 plus fuel if you share a lift.
<b>MAP</b>	: Mt Clunie (1:25,000)

Refer next page for detailed notes.

Walks on offer from base include Nothofagus Peak

The Saw Mill area

Down Burnett Creek.....this will be the very cold wet walk.

Mt Clunie - but not up the rabbit fence, rather via one of the creek gullies.

Joe



THE QUEENSLAND FEDERATION OF BUSHWALKING CLUBS

Search and Rescue organisation,

## **FEDERATION MOUNTAIN RESCUE**

Postal address : G.P.O.Box No. 1573, BRISBANE, QLD.4001



### **A D V A N C E D   N O T I C E**

The Brisbane Bushwalkers Club Inc.  
are hosting the Federation Mountain Rescue Training Weekend  
on the 14th. and 15th. October, 1995.

**DATE:** 14th-15th October 1995

**VENUE:** Burnett Creek

**STARTS:** 8:00 am SHARP! Saturday morning  
(at Bald Knob)

**COST:** \$5.00

**WHAT TO BRING:** Normal throughwalking gear and food,  
map and compass, abseiling and prussiking gear if you have  
them.

**FORMAT FOR THE WEEKEND:** Adventure Throughwalk

Be prepared for anything! There has been a recognition recently that bushwalkers are not well prepared to conduct searches and there have been several requests for FMR to provide the opportunity for bushwalkers to practice this in a realistic way. So, expect some searching, use of radios, exploring, first-aid, mapping and some surprises!

There will be several throughwalks on offer to suit various standards of fitness and sense of challenge. The walks are not designed to be extreme in difficulty or duration. This is intended as an enjoyable training weekend not a stamina test.

*SEE YOU THERE*





## **WEDDING BELLS**

All the best to our former member Cathy McDonnell (or should that be Kate now) on her forthcoming wedding in Sydney on the 16th September 1995.

## **COMING SOCIALS**

### **Wednesday, 27 September    Movie Night - Apollo 13**

We'll meet after work for a movie and coffee night. Ring Maxine on 203 4699 or put your name down at the next meeting.

### **Sunday, 15 October                      Barbecue Breakfast at Nudgee Beach**

We'll be starting at 7 am. BYO everything.... An optional walk of the mangroves and mudflats is on offer also. (not to be missed!!)

### **Saturday-Sunday (4-5th November)      O'Reillys Dinner and Overnight Camp**

**Cost:** \$38 per head including travel, camping, and 3 course evening restaurant meal. This is made up of \$25 per head for a 3 course meal comprising soup, choice of 4 main dishes, dessert buffet, and tea and coffee; \$3 per head for camping fees; and \$10 contribution to petrol costs for passengers bringing total cost to \$38.

Please book early for this one. I will need numbers by the time of our October meeting together with a deposit. On top of a first class meal at the Guest House on Saturday night, we are offering on Sunday a relaxing days walk with June to round off a great weekend - not to be missed our yearly O'Reillys Dinner. Book your diary now!!

## **ENTRIES FOR THE GREAT LIMERICK COMPETITION!**

This month we are publishing the entries for our limerick competition. Writers have been asked to scribe about club members on bushwalking in general. Here they are:

A keen young walker asked **Justin**  
"Shall we contour round this gully?"  
"No, my son, that's a mortal sin!!  
It's quicker to barge straight in!!"

Poetic licence! (Ed.)



Now **Richard's** a doc who's obsessed.  
Climbing mountains is what he loves best.  
He responds to the call,  
Seven times to Nepal,  
Only visiting here for a rest.

There once was a lad named **Mark**.  
Who thought he'd climb Eagles for a lark  
Out popped his shoulder,  
Which made him feel fifty years older,  
Now he bushwalks through city parks.

There once was a leader named **Jim**.  
Whose concept of time was quite dim.  
With lunch break at three,  
When starving were we,  
'Tis for slimmers are walks led by him.

There was a fellow called **Justin**.  
Who had a lovely boiling tin.  
After years of scrapes,  
It lost its shape,  
Will he ever throw it in the bin?

**This is almost sacrilege, and the answer is no!! (Ed.)**

There was a thru-walker called **Ed**.  
Whose pack was as heavy as lead.  
He'd take eggs and bacon,  
Great meals he was makin'.  
But he'd stagger home nearly half dead.

**Justin** thought that throughwalking was great,  
Everything else appeared just second rate.  
With marriage he was bowed into submission,  
To go throughwalking he had to ask for permission.  
Now he has trouble getting through the front gate.

There was a bird named **Majella**.  
Could walk as good as a fella.  
With a will strong as steel,  
No pain would she feel,  
And to 'give up' no guy could tell 'er.

One thing for sure  
With visibility so poor  
Where was **Rum Jungle**  
What a terrible Bungle  
It should be against the law.

There was a fella named **Ed**  
Who snored very loud in bed,  
The noise from the snoring,  
Echoed from the flooring,  
And made his neighbours see red!

There was a girl called **Carol**  
Who wore to work a barrel  
She stopped to say  
I came today  
But left at home my apparel.

Now Ballows is where you'll find **John**  
And it's Huntley that **Bill** walks upon.  
For **Justin** it's Barney,  
**Pat** goes to Killarney,  
But **Matthew**'ll be married and gone.

Who is this walker called **Trevor**  
Who thinks he is so clever  
He had a yen  
To grab a pen  
And write about the never-never.

Young **Matthew** has no love of snakes,  
And **Trevor**, a big book he takes.  
**June's** bike keeps a 'movin',  
**Carol's** legs are improvin',  
And **Maxine**, the supper she makes.

Some walkers walked out on a track  
Their footsteps went clickity clack  
Down came the rain  
They went insane  
They not be coming back

There was a poet named **Trevor**  
Who's limericks were very clever  
They were such a big joke  
From a quiet country bloke  
That people would laugh forever.



There is a lady **Patricia B.**  
Whose job is teaching A B C  
She wears a smile  
Upon her dial  
For now she's climbed Mt Barney.

While walking up to Minnages  
A walkers legs began to freeze  
And then with glee  
We rubbed her knee  
And so her legs began to ease.



*Seafarers' Sunday in Australia, observed this month, has had a special significance because 1995 is the 100th anniversary of the foundation of the ministry, in England. It was work originally undertaken by St Vincent de Paul Society Seamen's Conferences. Mr Ted Richardson, Brisbane Archdiocese Pastoral Worker for the Apostleship of the Sea, pictured at the Fisherman Islands docks near the Seafarers' Centre, said people were needed urgently to help in centres in Queensland or be part of a ship-visiting team within a port for a few hours a week or at the weekend. "We desperately need prayers and financial donations to fight against human abuses and for seafarers' rights," he said. He can be contacted on (07) 3348 6629 at the centre, 3890 2436, or (018) 741146.*

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