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JILALAN

Please have all articles to Majella (10/100 Leckie Rd, Kedron 4031) by the 1st of the month. Articles, if on disk need to be submitted in RTF (Rich Text Format) with a hard copy included, otherwise a handwritten or typed copy will do.

GENERAL MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, at 7.30 p.m (although they usually start about 15 minutes later). The location is *St Brigid's Parish Hall, Musgrave Rd, RED HILL*. **VISITORS are always welcome.**

OUTINGS

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

EMERGENCY OFFICER

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

EQUIPMENT HIRE

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

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

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

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

WARNING

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

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS

Sept 17	Meeting			
23	Mt Edwards/Mt French	Mary Nolan	3355 6851	D/W
30	Wilson Peak	Richard Kolarski	3341 7509	D/W
5	May to Maroon	Jonas Bernatos	3288 3820	D/W
6	Yum Cha			SOC
11-12	Pilgrimage	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	B/C
19 - Oct 4	North Queensland Extended Trip	John Brunott		Ext. Trip
19	Tichi Tamba	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Clean-up
20	Straddie Island Bike Ride	Christine and Cliff Harrison	3378 0264	Bike Ride
21	Meeting			
26-27	Club Hut	Nathan Tobin	3202 2690	B/C
26	Mt Ernest	Con Vink	3814 3545	D/W
27	Isolated Peak	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	D/W
Oct 4	Araucaria Cct	Chris Mc Caffery	3349 5730	D/W
9-11	Girraween	John Carter	3290 3621	B/C 40th Anniv.
17	Kangaroo Point	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	FMR
18	Minnages	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	D/W
19	Meeting			
23-25	Harry's Hut	Trevor Kelly	3269 4795	B/C
23-25	Cooloola Way	Patricia Kolarski	3341 7509	T/W
23-25	Cooloola Way	Christine Harrison	3378 0264	T/W
31- 1	Mt Warning	Chris Mc Caffery	3349 5730	O/W
Nov 7-8	Booloumba Creek	Matthew Palmer	3279 4490	T/W
7-8	Booloumba Creek	Majella Robertson	3359 8311	B/C
14	Progressive Dinner	Gabriel Romaguera	3369 7330	SOC
15	Coomera Crevice	Iain Renton	3395 7665	D/W
15	Metrogaine	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	S&T
19	Meeting			
21	Burnett Ck Abseil			D/W
22	Watson Ck Falls	Cliff Harrison	3378 0264	D/W
28	Westray Graves			D/W
28	Pt Lookout			D/W
Dec 5	Christmas			SOC
12	Shipstern or Daves Creek Cct			D/W
12-13	Rat-a-tat			T/W Beginners
20	Canoe Brisbane River			Canoe
21	Meeting			
26	Boxing Day Walk			D/W
27				

KEY - Walk Types

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

Key - Walk Gradients

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

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

REPORTS

President's Report

Prior to the commencement of October's general meeting, there will be an outings meeting at 7PM, to allow members to nominate walks for next year's calendar. The calendar for 1999 has a number of gaps prior to June and Christine wants additional ideas. It is also an opportunity to nominate as leader for walks. By the way, do not forget to nominate for the basecamp to Girraween.

A review of the insurance policy has been sent by Federation. The brokers are Jardine Sport and the undewriters are SLE Worldwide Australia on behalf of Gerling Australia. Cover is provided for public liability and sports injury. And the scheme is administered by the Victorian Federation. I have a number of copies of the Federation notes. I would like to thank members at the last meeting for conferring life membership on me. It is an honour which I appreciate very much.

John

Treasurer's Report

Balance as per 20/7/98	1 237.54
+ Receipts	139.00
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- Payments	265.87
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Balance as per 17/8/98	1 110.67
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Term Deposit	1 453.94

Outing's News

Remember, if you are interested in leading a walk please contact Christine. (through John Carter) Leaders are reminded to contact Christine re the costing of walks and the emergency officer for their particular walk.

Please Note...

The deadline for next month's magazine is a week earlier than usual. I need to have all articles to me by the Monday of the week following the next general meeting - that is by September 28. This is most important as I have to have the magazine typed by October 1.

Thank you.

COMING WALKS

Mt Ernest
Saturday 26 September 1998
Day Walk

Leader: Con Vink (3814 3545)
Time: 7:00am SHARP
Meet at: Sullivan & Nicolaides
Grade: S44
Cost: \$12:00
Emerg Off: Dolans (3843 4116)

Mt Ernest is located just south of Mt Barney, and can be accessed from the north via Yellowpinch or from the east or south off Mt Lindesay Highway. We will take the eastern approach, across private property. The walk is short in distance, but we will be climbing 630 metres so if you are unfit you will find the ascent a bit of a slog. The views from the top, towards Mt Barney and Mt Lindesay, are superb (on a fine day) and well worth the effort, so don't forget your camera. As an additional bonus, the wildflowers will be in full bloom at this time of year.

If we leave on time, we should be able to stop for a cuppa at Rathdowney on the way, and expect to arrive at about 9:30am. We should reach the top for lunch and be back at our cars by 4:30pm. Boots and gaiters are recommended.

I look forward to your company for a really enjoyable walk.

Isolated Peak
Sunday 27 September 1998
Day Walk

Leader: Justin Tobin (3366 3193)
Time: 7:00am
Meet at: Lower Portals Car Park.
(Transport will be arranged for the bushwalk)
Grade: L 6 6
Cost: \$12.00
Emerg Off: Dolans (3843 4116)

Calling all Barney Lovers. This walk is for you. A chance to do the missing North East Ridge to Isolated. The rocky Peak on Eagles Ridge. Views unlimited. A new ridge for most of us. Sit on Isolated and gaze at East Peak, North Peak and across to Leanings and more. Travel down the ridge to the pools above Barney Beautiful, rock hop Barney Creek to the Hut. It'll be a great day spent around magnificent Barney. Party size limited so nominate now.

Club Hut Base Camp
25 - 27 September.
Base Camp

Leader: Nathan Tobin
(041 304 4576)
5:30-8:30pm
Time: 2:00pm Friday 25
9:00am Saturday 26
Meet at: Lower Portals Car Park.
Grade: S 4 4
Cost: \$12.00
Emerg Off: Dolans (3843 4116)

Nestled in the foothills of Mt Barney, beside the tranquil waters of Barney Creek is "Yalburu", the Club Hut.

A weekend to relax, reflect and explore the area around the creek. For those who spent the Saturday following Con up Ernest to gaze at the East side of Barney come around to the West and relax in front of the campfire, no long drive home, a good nights sleep after a night of spinning yarns, before you get up early to do Isolated. Don't worry if you don't want to do Ernest or Isolated there's plenty to do around the Hut. Another great Barney weekend. Something to do for everyone.

Araucaria Circuit
Sunday 4 October 1998
Day Walk

Leader: Chris McCaffrey
(3349 5730)
Time: 7:00am
Meet at: The Old Windmill
Wickham Tce
Grade: L33
Cost: \$12:00
Emerg Off: Dolans (3843 4116)

The Araucaria Circuit is situated in the Binna Burra National Park. The track gets its name from the Hoop Pine Araucaria Cunninghamii. This Hoop Pine is the name sake of Alan Cunningham an early explorer of South East Queensland who discovered what is now known as Cunninghams Gap and Lamington Plateau.

The Araucaria Circuit is a graded track walk leaving from Binna Burra and following the Boarder Track most of the way. We then turn left at the junction of the Mt Hobwee and Araucaria Circuit.

The track begins a 2.2km descent. We pass the Moss Garden and also some large Stream Lilies. We will also pass Orchard Bower Lookout, it is here in particular, that several species of orchards grow. These include the King Orchid and the Pink and Purple Rock Orchids.

The track continues down hill. We keep following this track until we get to the Araucaria Lookout. From the lookout we should see Mt Warning, the Tweed Valley, Springbrook and the Numinbah Valley.

The trip distance is approximately 20 kms long. The Araucaria Circuit is a graded track, a good walk for new members and visitors. So nominate to me at the meeting.

Girraween National Park
Friday - Sunday 9 - 11 October
Basecamp

Leader: John Carter (3290 3621)
Time: 7:30 pm
Meet at: Sullivan & Nicolaides
Grade: varied daywalks suitable for most walkers
Cost: \$18:00 + camp permit
\$3:50/night/person
Emerg Off: Dolans (3843 4116)
Location: near Stanthorpe

Girraween National Park is one of the finest nature spots in Queensland. It is located 30 minutes south of Stanthorpe at an elevation of almost one thousand metres. Spring is a great time there. The nights may be cool but not cold, the wildflower display is superb and the walking amidst the granite boulders is most enjoyable. This walk is the final walk of the fortieth celebrations as the club has been here on may occasions over the years.

On Friday night there will be a 3 1/2 hour drive to the park. On Saturday and Sunday we will try to cater for most levels of fitness, by offering a couple of walks. Likely walks will be to Mt Norman, Pyramids and Underground River. While most walks will be on tracks, there will be some off track walking and rock scrambling. It will be a refreshing weekend away from Brisbane. For those travelling privately we will be staying in Bald Rock Creek campground.

Minnages Mountain Sunday 18 October Day walk

Leader: Pat Lawton (3366 1956)
Time: 7.30 am SHARP
Meet at: Sullivan Nicolaides
Grade: M55
Cost: \$12:00
Emerg Off: Dolans (3843 4116)

Minnages Mountain is the prominent peak on the western ridge of Mt Ballow and is the main ridge taken when approaching Mt Ballow from the west. It is the ridge usually taken by throughwalkers to get to Mt Ballow, so if you are not into through walking come along and see some of the country they usually see.

The ridge is fairly long but relatively easy. It is through open forest, however the last section is through thick rainforest. Good views on the way up and once on top, good views of the Ballow mass are obtained.

Descent will be via a different ridge. Water will need to be carried. This walk is within the capabilities of most people, although it is all off track and the ridges are steep.

Cooloolo National Park 23 -25 October 1998 Throughwalk

Leaders: Christine Harrison
Patricia Kolarski (3341 7509)
Time: TBA
Meet at: Sullivan & Nicoladies
Grade: M33
Cost: \$25:00
(includes camping fee)
Emerg. Off: Dolans (3843 4116)

Cooloolo National Park is on the south-central Queensland coast, east of Gympie. It provides an excellent wilderness trial through scribbly gum, forest, wildflower plains and the low stony hills of the Noosa River's western catchment. An excellent time for the superb wildflower displays and a dip in the waterholes, one will be our overnight camping spot.

Christine will be starting from East Mullen going South to Harry's Hut. Whilst Patricia will be going in the reverse direction, South to North. Most of the terrain is reasonably flat with a good track. Beginners will find this an easy throughwalk.

Packs and tents can be hired from the Club or perhaps share with someone to ease the load. Need some help or advice? Contact a committee member for advice to get you on the Cooloolo Wilderness Trail. It's so easy - come along, all welcomed, the permit has been given.

SAFETY AND TRAINING

Beginners' Day Kangaroo Point Cliffs Saturday 17th October

Meeting at 8am at the cliffs at Kangaroo Point. For further information contact Greg. (3351 4092)

SOCIALS

Dinner Evening Friday 16 October 1998

Contact: Majella Robertson (3359 8311)
Time: 7:30pm
Where: Himalayan Cafe
640 Brunswick St
New Farm (3358 4015)

Come along and enjoy dinner with friends. We are intending to get together at the Himalayan Cafe in New Farm for a casual dinner, some good company and an opportunity to experience some new cuisine.

As I will have to book, please let me know if you are coming by Wednesday, October 14th.

Coffee Night

Wednesday 30 September
7:30pm

Mc Cafe (Mc Donald's)
Old Cleveland Rd (cnr Wellington St)
Cooperoo

Come along and try out the new Mc Donald's Cafe at Cooperoo.

For further details contact Majella (3359 8311)

Movie Night

Tuesday 13 October

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

"Progressive Dinner" Saturday 14 November 1998

This year's theme for our annual progressive dinner is "A Day at the Races". Come dressed for the occasion - as a jockey, a horse trainer, one of the "beautiful people" attending the races or perhaps you might like to come as a horse! What ever you like will be appropriate. We are calling for volunteers to provide

entertainment for the evening - so if you would like to sing a song, dance a jig, recite a poem or put on a "Red Faces" item, let us know so we can program you into the evening.

As yet we do not have a definite venue - we are, in fact, looking for offers of venue/venues for the evening. If you can help please let us know.

We will be asking everyone to bring a plate of some sort for the evening so start thinking of what you would like to make or buy in the line of food and you can let us know during the next month or so.

Remember this is our BIG social event of the year, so book it into your calendars and we shall see you there!!!

For information contact Majella. (3359 8311)

PAST OUTINGS

Mt Greville Saturday 25 July The Consultant's Report.

Friday night the telephone rings 'Hello Brother Nathan speaking. Christine has car problems and can't drive'

"Trevor might be going check and see if he wants to drive."

Telephone rings again.

"Trevor thought the walk was on Sunday, not going. With no drivers we'll have to cancel the walk."

I do my best to sound disappointed as a Saturday spent with Mary and Susan flashes through the mind.

Five minutes later while I was changing Mary, feeling guilty, thoughts of Spock come to mind "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the one."

Rang Nathan.

"Hello Brother Justin speaking. I'll drive if you want the walk to go out."

Silence at the Ipswich end of the line. (I know what he's thinking.) Eventually ...

"It's back to Plan A."

Saturday morning Plan A - over to pick up Michael and then on to Christine's. Wave to Mary and Susan as I pass 110 again. From Christine's to Willowbank where our leader was waiting. Meeting June and Mary at Aratula, quick hello and off to Greville.

It's an enjoyable trip as we travelled up Palm

Gorge. A silent world amongst the Piccabeen Palms and ferns, short stops along the way to gather it all in.

Smoko on top of Greville, being one of the Moogerah Peaks, we are in the middle of our walking area. Maroon can be seen on the horizon, The Main Range, Mt Moon and the Moogerah Dam. (A lot fuller than when we were last here.)

Lunch is over at the needles, the rocky outcrop on the side of Greville you can see from the road. So we leave the summit to traverse our way for more magnificent views overlooking the Dam across to Mt Moon towards Maroon and once again wonder when we'll do the Gorge through the Needles. A leisurely cup of tea (the leader wanted more), a bit of chit chat, gaze at the view once again then off to Waterfall Gorge.

A different Gorge to Palm, with towering cliff faces on either side, ferns and rocks, orchids and at the bottom the pool and the waterfall which gave the gorge its name. Looks like a good spot for a Summer swim. Soon back at the cars and a cup of coffee at Aratula before heading home. An enjoyable day spent on one of my favourite mountains.

Thanks to Nathan for leading a great walk, Mary Nolan for driving and picking up June, Michael, Christine and June for the sharing the day.

"Jewel of the West" Weekend 1-2 August 1998

Our weekend out west proved to be all that we were looking forward to. The Tour of Ipswich was full of interest and great sights and we departed to head west to Boonah and a welcome coffee at the Cheesy Grin.

Mass was most enjoyable at Boonah as we listened to a visiting Seminarian Fr Michael.

Chris, Matthew and Iain joined us at Boonah making record time for 6:30 mass. Dinner at the Dugandan was delicious and the place was full of country folk enjoying a night out.

We left their cheery warm fire to head over to the Lodge and light our fire. Not long enough to sit and enjoy it but we had a big day ahead and needed all the sleep we could get.

Sleeping didn't come too quickly for the female camp as a family of field mice decided to have a party in June's pack! Lights back on as we hunted out the rustling critters and sent them on their way.

Time for a cooked breaky for some and hot tea to help us all up Logans and a great day up Barney. Hot showers that night helped ease the aching bones before heading back to Brisbane leaving Max to enjoy a very relaxing night beside the fire at the Foresters Hut.

And to help me with dinner was a friendly possum who sat up on the top of the fire place in a cozy spot peering down and enjoying all the bacon scraps. A lovely finish to a great weekend. Thanks to all who shared it with me.

Maxine.

Queen Mary Falls, Killarney 8 -9 August Elizabeth Richards

All vehicles left Brisbane independently around 9am under blue skies, but once we passed through Cunninghams Gap, we encountered sleet and snow falls. What a dramatic change!

We regrouped in Killarney where we had our lunch either under a big rock (out of the wind) or in the local coffee shop. Our first stop was Browns Falls where we followed the creek on foot for about 15 minutes, rock hopping and zigzagging back and forth across the creek until we came across the falls set in a natural amphitheatre of rock and falling approximately 100 metres (I could be exaggerating just a tad) into the pool below. Browns Falls is obviously named for the colour of the water. Next on to the Daggs Falls lookout.

On arrival at the Queen Mary Falls Tourist Park, and after walking the entire park to find the driest spot, tents were erected just in case the weather closed in. Once the camp was functional we set off to take on the Queen Mary Falls circuit only to be stopped at the front of the park by hundreds of birds, King Parrots and Crimson Rosellas, wanting to be feed. Most of us obliged and had the birds eating out of our hands in no time at all. After a brisk walk around the circuit we settled into the coffee shop for an afternoon snack. Two hours later the last of the walkers returned to camp. The heater just got toooo comfortable. We were joined at the dinner table later that night by some cheeky possums and a very friendly Easter Grey Kangaroo. Keeping a close eye on us from above was a Tawny Frog Mouth Owl.

After a long breakfast and the breaking of camp we headed off down the road to Carrs Lookout. The air was crystal clear and the views over the

Condamine Valley were breathtakingly beautiful. This is where the longest river system in Australia has its beginnings. We passed through Teviot Gap, with a short stop a Teviot Falls before reaching the starting point for our morning walk. After a short steep climb we headed out across the "verandah". Since the pre-outing just a few weeks ago, a fire had passed through leaving the land very blackened. The only part not burnt was the path. We passed Kinnanes Falls and reached our destination. From this vantage point we contemplated the world and had smoko. Some of us ventured down to the small gorge, a short distance further on, that led to Kinnanes Falls. Once we reached the beginning of the "verandah" on the return trip, we separated into two groups - one returning via the "verandah" and the other on the more conventional path. We were back at the cars by noon. After a very long lunch break in the shade of the trees we all headed back to Brisbane. Thank you to all those who came away for a relaxing weekend.

Mt Edwards was at the lookout with views of the Dam to enjoy. Onwards and upwards then to the summit where we had morning tea and looked across to our afternoon venue, Mt French. Goodies and jokes were shared on the way down and we stopped again at the lookout to watch sky divers in the distance.

At the picnic area we had a lovely sausage sizzle for 15 people, with great views of Mt Greville as a backdrop. In the afternoon we drove up Mt French where we followed some short graded tracks to the lookouts. Maps were turned upside down, mountains in the distance identified. By this time it had really decided to rain, so we headed back to the cars with some umbrellas being caught in the bushes on the way.

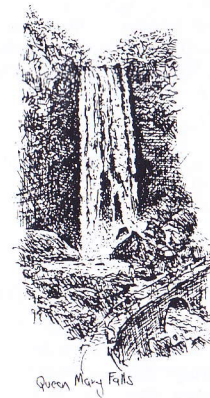
Altogether this was a lovely, relaxing day. Thanks to Desley, June, Chris, Father Ed, Liz, Denis, Julie, Richard, Patricia, Greg, Lucy, Stephen, Don and Robyn for your great company.

Coffee Crawl Saturday 15 August Liz Little

A most successful and relaxing day was enjoyed by nine people who joined in at various parts of the programme. The day began with fruit, bacon, eggs, toast and coffee at the Coffee Club at West End.

We farewelled Majella and Elizabeth and wished them well for their shopping expedition, then met up with Michele and began our river walk to South Bank. Lunch was a bit disappointing at San Marco despite exotic orders such as "Strauss on Bagel" and "Beethoven on Foccacia". Being people not to give up easily we persevered with Coffee Mud Cake, Strawberry Cheese Cake, Strawberry Eclairs and coffee. The real highlight at lunch was the arrival of Michael, Kathy and Terry, who joined us on the next walking leg under the Kangaroo Point Cliffs and across to Chinos at Dockside for yet more food - cake and coffee. The final walk was to Mowbray Park where we boarded a City Cat for a river cruise back to West End.

Highlights of the day included no less than five weddings, a girls' school regatta and lots of photo opportunities, although none of the wedding parties took up our offers to be part of their photos. We also walked under a couple of trucks getting across to dockside. A variety of scenery was experienced including parkland, river, mangrove, underground bush and interesting old houses. There was sore disappointment that



Mt Edwards/Mt French Sunday 23 August Mary Nolan

The very foggy start to our day changed to clearer weather as we neared Aratula. (Father Ed may have used his influence here). We set off across the Moggerah Dam wall in good time, admiring the scenery en route. Our first breather stop on

we failed to spot a whale. Michele used her scarf to do a reasonable imitation of the Queen on the City Cat. It was the lack of Corgies that made the performance a little less convincing than it otherwise could have been. Pat proved that even a non-coffee drinker could enjoy a 9-5 coffee crawl. Desley shared a few interesting titles for the reading fanatics amongst us and Terry did a great job of being "tail end Terry" when the numbers swelled so much that a little structure was required.

Thanks to everyone who participated and entered into the casual and relaxed nature of the social.

Mt Zahel
The Living Dangerously Walk
of the Year
Sunday 8 June
Geoffrey Egert

After picking up Liz and Mary we headed for 134 Whitmore Street, Taringa. There Russell and Louise joined the happy throng. This is going to be an easy day for the leader I thought. Everybody fitted in one car. There would be no unruly mob to keep an eye on as we ascended the steep Mt Zahel.

As we drove into Laidley, Liz gave us a very interesting history of her early teaching days in this low key country town. Mary and Liz then raided the local bakery and we all had a tea break in a sunny spot in a small park. As Mt Zahel beckoned, we headed out into the Laidley Valley along the Mulgowie Townson Road. We passed our usual access point to Mt Beau Brummel and turned into Camp Creek Road. On the pre-outing, Tim Apelt and I looked for the correct property to access for it had been more than 10 years since I had lead this walk (Indeed, my photocopied leader's notes put the precise date of my leadership of this walk as 24 May, 1987). We entered the wrong property and we were verbally abused as we left it. On the walk itself, access to the ascent point of Mt Zahel went smoothly. It wasn't long before we enjoyed views of the Little Liverpool Range to the east, the Mistake Mountains to the south, and Brisbane City to the north.

On the way up, there was a whisper that Louise could be pregnant.

At lunch time (12:45pm), I explained to the walkers how I believed we had climbed the true

Mt Zahel as opposed to the peak marked as Mt Zahel on the 1:50000 Topographic Survey Map of Rosevale. My argument was bolstered by the old survey pole. Indeed, on the Mt Michael to Laidley Gap Throughwalk some years ago it became quite apparent that Rocky Point and Mt Lowe are incorrectly positioned on the same map. In any event, we weren't climbing the next peak. It was too steep and too far away.

On the way down, our conversation continued to cover a wide variety of topics. Finally, someone subtly broached the issue of pregnancy with Louise. "So, Louise, are you pregnant or what?"

"Yes," chirped Louise, "I'm 6 months pregnant". Other persons who shall remain nameless posed the question "How could you bring a 6 month pregnant woman on this very steep walk?"

"How could I have known?" I retorted. "I don't go around looking at women's waistlines".

We reached the car safely although a little later than planned. Unfortunately, I missed the final small ridge we came up. Our exit entailed some contouring and ducking under barbed wire fences.

Louise, unflappable and pregnant, survived it all. The leader was a nervous wreck. As we sat in the Laidley Cafe enjoying a Cappuccino, Louise put out a subtle feeler. "So, Geoffrey, could you ask Anna if I could do her walk to Cunningham's Gap, Mt Cordeaux, in July?". I didn't need my calculator for this one ($6 + 1 = 7$ months pregnant) "Um, I think you better ring Anna" said I doing my best ducking and weaving act.

So here ends the tale of "The Living Dangerously Walk of the Year."

Cunningham's Gap Jubilee
Walk
Mt Cordeaux
Sunday 12 July
Anna Egert

A Jubilee walk is meant to be full of surprises. The expectant walkers (one more expectant than others, like about 7 months more) left Whitmore Street, and we arranged to meet at Aratula for morning coffee. We would then assemble at the base of Mt Cordeaux to peel off into two groups, one to climb Mt Mitchell and the other Mt Cordeaux.

I suggested that we stop for a morning coffee/rest stop at Aratula at the cafe located in the petrol station adjacent to the fruit barn. I

mentioned that it was on the right hand side of the road just before you get to the barn. Not everyone was paying attention of course. Just to make things interesting, I neglected to remember that there were in fact two petrol stations, one on either side of the fruit barn. Naturally, only half the group went to the one I had envisaged. Never the less, we were big people and we all knew the way to Cunningham's Gap. In any event, it's good practice, in a small town, to support two local businesses if you can. Well don BCBC.

Once at the main carpark at the base of Mt Cordeaux, the happy group peeled off into two smaller parties. We began our climb up Mt Cordeaux. The track's surface was brushed with light layers of green, fresh foliage and we couldn't decide how it came to be that these leaves weren't the usual brown. Some trees were broken and sliced along the track and we figured that a combination of high winds and zealous chain saw activity might have created this unusual forest floor. We stopped for morning tea at the top of Mt Cordeaux. The views were of exquisite mountain chains and plotted valleys. Cultivated plots below us ranged in colour from verdant green to mustard yellow and fallow brown.

Despite a leader's impressive walking credentials, we all know that one is judged solely on whether or not one can produce the real goodies. I figured that a moist Sara Lee iced fruit cake at the first food stop could catapult me into the "great leaders of all time" arena. It worked.

We moved on to bare Rock whereupon we dropped our packs and relaxed for a good hour drinking in the magnificent views from the Ramparts, Mt Castle, Lake Moogerah and the surrounding hills. We sat perched on the top of our own Sinai. To the west the earth seemed less sculptured by human hands than the farming region in the northern valley. It was as if from this vantage point, we were transported back in time and allowed to view the terrain in its most pristine state. Some of us reflected on the dreamtime meaning these mountains had provided for the aboriginal clan who had once camped by the creek beds of their beautiful estate.

At lunch, Louise and Russell provided us with a wholesome sultana slice. Geoffrey worked the stove and provided cups of tea for all. Steven Endicott whisked about the edges of rocks and chased lizards. Meanwhile Greg smiled wryly and confessed that he'd made a promise that morning to keep Steven away from bare rocks and cliffs. Liz and Mary were busy compiling and reviewing their A-Z list of mountains to climb. There was

some suggestion on how to cheat, but of course they resisted. Casey bemused us with his BCBC history snapshot. In the 1970's, his father, a non-Catholic, held a position on the BCBC general committee. His father was at this time not married to a Catholic. Robyn and Don forecast the weather for us and some of us took heed. Raincoats went on and then they came off. Sally mused pensively and soaked in the winter sun on the eastern side of the rock. She was enjoying her first walk with the club. Terese looked over her shoulder to keep an eye on son, Clinton, who played earth moving games in a nearby bush. Someone put rocks in Mary's pack. Why be original when an old trick still gets a good laugh.

We arrived at the main carpark shortly after John Carter's Mt Mitchell group returned. We were pleasantly tired but not without the energy required for an afternoon Cafe stop at Aratula. This time I suggested the Cafe that is shaped like Swiss Chalet with the word CAFE painted in large white bold print on the roof. Thankfully there was only one Cafe that met this description, and so both groups filled the main eating area. The proprietor was very pleased.

I know you'll find this hard to believe, being an OZ Post worker, I find it hard to believe myself, but it's true. I have already posted these two articles to Majella, and they got LOST in the post, and guess what, I didn't take a copy, so here goes for the second time.

June

Bike Ride
Sunday 28 June
June Greenaway

The weather for the bike ride was just right, not too hot. Don and I caught the train to Nudgee, expecting two more to join us at Woolloowin, we were surprised to find the platform deserted. From Nudgee station Don and I cycled to Nudgee Beach, cycling along past the canal with the early morning sun hitting the water was quite lovely. Whilst enjoying a cuppa at Nudgee Beach, Nev turned up, then Michael, who had cycled from Lutwyche as he'd missed the train - then we were four.

We met up with John, Cecilia and daughter Claire who joined us for the cycle ride through the Boondall Wetlands, which is very nice. We left them at the Information Centre and continued on

to the Boondall Entertainment Centre. There is a motorcross area here, that we had to try out.

We made our way to Sandgate, mostly along bike tracks and pathways. Around Sandgate, whilst trying to avoid cycling on the road too much, we came upon the cycle track around the lagoon, there were so many birds there, it was just a lovely area.

Finally arriving at Shorncliffe, we had lunch. We'd cycled about 27km. We all really enjoyed it, and I think Don did really well, considering he rarely rides a bike. We caught the train back to our nearest home stations.

Thank you to those who came and made a good ride even better by their company. Also thanks to the six that helped with our pre-outing.

Christmas in June 20 -21 June Beerwah Field Study Centre June Greenaway

Several of us arrived on Saturday afternoon at the Beerwah Field Study Centre. After meeting with Peter the Caretaker (who is a very helpful and obliging chap), we had the customary cuppa and cake. Then we got stuck into putting up decorations, preparing vegies, chooks, a hugh fruit salad etc. The accommodation was beds in dormitory style or some rooms for families, and camping - take your pick. There are two well equipped kitchens, showers, toilets and all the mod cons - luxury for us campers. As the day wore on more members turned up with more food, we thought we had stacks, KFC had nothing on our range of differently prepared chooks.

There were plenty of pre-dinner nibbles and dinner was planned for 8pm, as we were waiting on two guys who had been working - bringing our revellers to 21. Peter had organised a good fire and a tarp over an outdoor area, which was a great set up for our eating. It turned out to be quite mild for the time of year, so sitting outside didn't cause any problems. Everyone donned Christmas hats and with the decorations all around and the fire it gave just the right atmosphere of Christmas. There was so much food, chicken, roast potatoes, sweet potatoes, pumpkin, carrots and peas etc. It was amazing how quickly it was demolished.

Then it was into the plum puds, custards and fruit salad. Michele was doing her best to make a

brandy sauce, getting lots of help, but it refused to thicken, so most of the puds were eaten by the hungry revellers by the time it was ready, we all gave it the taste test anyway - yum. It was a bit late for games, Greg and Michele tried to get us singing carols, but everyone was happy to sit around and talk and pig out on nuts, rumballs etc. Sunday was a bit overcast and rained on the way home, everyone drifted off fairly early to do their thing. Thank you to everyone for helping out, those who came along were Majella, Maxine, Michael, Matthew and Kerry, Iain, Jean, Greg, Michele, Stephen and Lucy, Louise, Russell and Emma, Nev, Elizabeth, Jeff and Karen, Gabe and Christopher and made it an enjoyable weekend.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

On The Inca Trail...

The Incas were originally a small tribe which, according to legend, began on the Island of the Sun in Lake Titicaca. About AD 1100 they moved into the valley of Cuzco in the highlands of Peru, but it wasn't until the middle of the 15th century that the Inca Empire began. From a beginning of about a 30 kilometre radius, it finally stretched more than 4000 km from north to south and about 800 km from east to west. At the height of their power, the Incas achieved a political and governmental system unsurpassed by any other Native American nation. Without the use of pack animals, the wheel or a system of writing, they managed to control the empire by a great network of stone roads connecting all parts of the realm. Trained runners, working in relays, covered up to 400 km per day along these roads.

However, the Empire lasted for less than a 100 years. In 1532, with about 180 men, Pizarro conquered the Inca Empire, executed its leader, and in 1535 founded the city of Lima as the capital of Peru in place of the native capital Cuzco.

Cuzco today contains only a fraction of the glory of the Inca times. The temples were destroyed by the Spanish and many of the present-day houses have been built over the Inca stone work. However, enough remains to be amazed by the skill the Incas possessed. Massive stones weighing up to 100 ton fit together so perfectly on top of each other that not even a razor blade

can be inserted between them.

It is also in Cuzco that many travellers come to walk the best known of all the trails: the Machu Picchu Trail. This walk can be done in three or four days and is moderate in difficulty with the highest altitude reached about 4200 metres. The trail offers views of snow capped mountains, cloud rainforest and Inca ruins. The most spectacular of all the ruins, Machu Picchu lies at the end of the walk. Machu Picchu perches on a ridge, 700 metres above the Urubamba River. It lay unknown to the outside world until early this century, but now it is visited by thousands of walkers around the world, and rightfully so. The combination of scenery, ancient civilization and mystery make it an unforgettable experience.

Richard

Only Joking...

A plane had three passengers; a young bushwalker, an old priest and an atomic physicist. The pilot came back and said, "The plane has developed engine trouble and is going to crash. Unfortunately, there are only three parachutes and as I have nine children and they need me, I'm taking one of them." The pilot then jumped out of the plane. The atomic physicist looked at the other two and said, "I'm the smartest man in the world. I mustn't die. I'm taking one of the parachutes." With that, he then jumped out of the plane. The priest looked at the bushwalker and said, "You might as well take the last parachute. I'm old while you have your whole life in front of you." The bushwalker however said, "No, Father, that won't be necessary. You know that smartest

guy in the world, he just jumped out with my backpack."

Richard

An Invitation...

Join the
Friends of the Queensland Philharmonic
Orchestra
and the Queensland Philharmonic Orchestra
on
THE ISLAND
2nd OCTOBER 1998 at 7:30pm
(from Southbank)
Concert and Supper - \$25
Phone: Patricia Mackie - 3398 7041

Membership List...

On the membership list included in last month's magazine an error was made when typing Jonas' phone number. The correct number is:

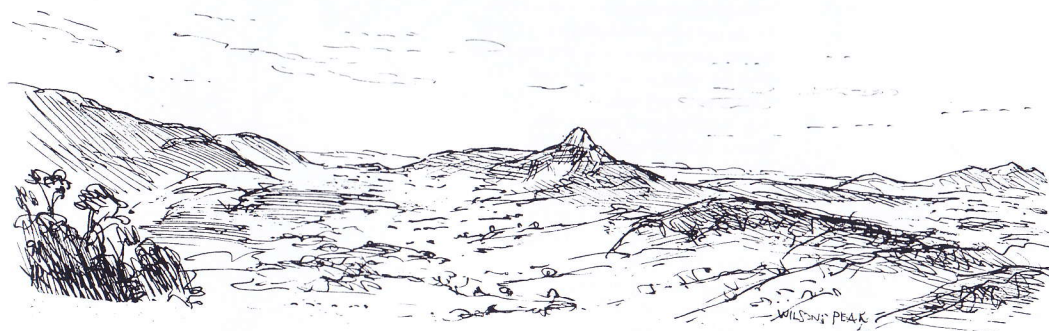
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My apologies.

A note of thanks...

Thank you to all who contributed to this month's magazine. Remember if you have anything you would like to see printed in the magazine send it along.

Happy reading!



This is where our donation of \$50 for the victims
in PNG went:

*Holy Spirit Parish
P.O. Box 508 Wewak
15 August 1998*

Dear Fr Frank & Parishoners,

This letter is to inform you that your very generous donation has arrived safely and to thank you for the concern and support that is such a source of strength to the people in this disaster time.

I have spent 8 years ministering to the people in Aitape. I know them well. They are family, so the whole event and its aftermath has paralysed us these past three weeks. We can think of nothing else. It has dominated all aspects of our lives.

It has been a harrowing experience. I crossed a lagoon by boat through the waterways into the bush area and found thousands of villagers there. The stench from the decaying bodies in the mangroves was terrible. The villagers have since been removed to the care centres. I was able to stay for a whole week among them listening to their unbelievable stories, giving them the sacraments, consoling them and marvelling at their courage and dignity under such circumstances.

The Sisters and I here in Wewak have been a good communications centre - getting messages into the area and also out. We have been able to meet the planes and helicopters and help get the relief teams to the disaster areas. Our shopping list includes short-wave radios to keep the communities in touch with the outside world, tarpaulins for shelter, medicine, clothing and even sporting equipment (soccer balls) for the children.

This will give you an idea of how we are spending the money you have sent. Again a very big heartfelt thanks.

Fr Pat Doran. C.S.Sp.

A thought to walk with...

In beauty may I walk.
All day long may I walk.
Through the returning seasons may I walk.
On the trail marked with pollen may I walk.
With grasshoppers about my feet may I walk.
With dew about my feet may I walk.
With beauty may I walk.
With beauty before me, may I walk.
With beauty behind me, may I walk.
With beauty above me, may I walk.
With beauty below me, may I walk.
With beauty all around me, may I walk.
In old age wandering on a trail of beauty,
lively, may I walk.
In old age wandering on a trail of beauty,
living again, may I walk.
It is finished in beauty.
It is finished in beauty.

Navajo Prayer