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CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY

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Where a party is overdue, the onus is on parents to telephone the Emergency Officer. The Emergency Officer is listed under each trip. Please do not ring before 9 p.m. at the earliest.

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8th December

Christmas Party

14th/16th December

17th December

General Meeting

28th December, 1973/

Nandewars

Extended trip-

Throughwalk

1st January, 1974

Obi Obi

Basecamp

5th January

Social

20th January

11/13th January

New Members

Basecamp

21st January

General Meeting

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Barney Creek

Basecamp/ Throughwalk

17th February

Beach Picnic

18th February

General Meeting

24th February

Gold Creek

Daywalk

1st/3rd March

Safety & Training

Basecamp

15th/17th March

Moreton Island

Throughwalk/ Basecamp

18th March

General Meeting

23rd March

Social

1st April

Mt. Joyce

Daywalk

12th/15th April

Easter Trip

20th April

Social

22nd April

Annual General Meeting

25th April

Anzac Day

27th April

3rd/6th May

Mt. Warning

Clarence River

Throughwalk/ Basecamp

11th May

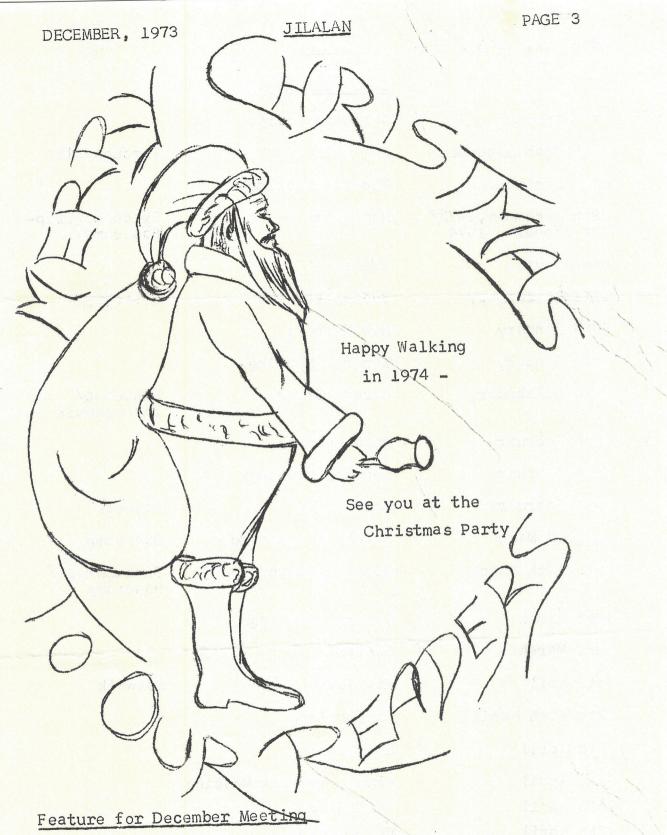
Social

Mistake Range

Throughwalk/ Basecamp

17/19th May 30th May/1st June

New Members/ Safety & Training



Of the thousands of historically important buildings in Australia, less than 100 are protected by law. For the next General Meeting we hope to have a representative from the National Trust to speak on buildings of historical significance around Brisbane. Who knows, you might recognise one of the buildings as your own!

OUTINGS

OBI OBI - Throughwalk

Leader - Mardi Clifford

Date - 14th/16th December

Cost - \$5.00

Emergency Officer - Marnie Conway - 36.0361

Trip leaves North Quay behind Trittons at 7.p.m.

An ideal trip for a summer weekend, as the parts of the trip when you aren't in the Creek, you'll be beside it. After a fairly late start on Saturday you'll walk along the creek till lunch time. Then the real fun starts. We come to really tremendous gorges with deep water holes. That's where we start swimming - so packs MUST be waterproofed. There's an early finish Saturday and a late start Sunday, when we see more unbelievably beautiful country, before walking out to the road.

A trip no one should miss!

EXTENDED TRIP FOR NEW YEAR - NANDEWARS

Friday 28th December - Tuesday 1st January
Approximate Cost (bus) - \$15 to \$20 (price drops with increasing numbers)

The feasibility of this trip depends largely on whether prospective walkers can arrange to have Monday, 31st December off. The proposal is for a series of daywalks and the programme will be something like this.

Friday, 28th December - drive to Nandewar.
Saturday, 29th December - Afternoon trip to Yalludunida
Crater. Camp. at Dawson's Springs.
Sunday 30th December - two // day walks

Sunday, 30th December - two ½ day walks. One to Euglah Cave and Dougsky lookout, the other to Coryah Gap, Mt. Mitchell and Camel Hump.

Monday, 31st - From Killarney Gap over the Nandewar Range to the Gins and Grattai Springs. This is a fairly hard, dry walk and could be optional. Tuesday, 1st January - return.

Nominations to Garth Comerford (62.4707) as soon as possible please.

BUCHANAN'S FORT - Basecamp

Leader

11th/13th January Date

- \$5.00 Cost

Emergency Officer - Marnie Conway

Trip leaves North Quay, behind Trittons at

Camp will be set up about a mile from the National Fitness Camp at Christmas Creek. This weekend gives us a chance to relive Bernard O'Reilly's adventure retold in the book "Green Mountains". We'll be visiting the Stinson wreck and Westray's grave on Saturday. Set in ruggedly beautiful rain forest the grave is worthy of a visit. There isn't much left of the Stinson these days, but you might discover the crosses of two missing graves near the wreck.

On Sunday we'll be climbing Buchanan's Fort, which is just near the campsite.

CATARACT RIVER - Throughwalk/Basecamp - January Long weekend 25th-28th Jan.

Another super summer trip down south. The Club has not visited this area for four years so even "oldies" should find something interesting on this trip. More in January Jilalan.

SOCIAL REPORT - CAR RALLY

After being thrown out of Brookside shopping centre by an over anxious and obvious security guard the caravan got lost on its way to the heart of Elliot territory. Then it made its way, missing all those clues, to our northern neighbouring shire. Tony showed us some of the better back roads of the Pine Shire before we had to head up the one way road - towards the end of the up oneway section to Mt. Glorious. Nobody, not even those who read forward to the end of the clues, knew we would be ending at Bundaleer. All five cars, drivers, navigators and passengers enjoyed the day. A very good, well organised rally, or so said Peter Herzog who came first.



Share the
Feeling of
Christmas!!

Saturday, 8th December, 7.30p.m.
Club Christmas Party, at Toowong
Catholic Church Hall, Kensington Terrace, Toowong
Cost \$2.00 - includes fabulous supper
Bring 50cent presso for Santa's bag.



OUTINGS IN RETROSPECT

O'REILLYS THROUGHWALK and BASECAMP

The trip began at the Greyhound bus terminal at 6.15p.m. This only goes to prove that we can get away to an early start when we must. After a stop at Canungra, the bus arrived at O'Reillys at 9.45p.m.

On Saturday both the throughwalk and the basecamp set off at 7.30 a.m. out to Lightning, Echo and Mirror Falls. At the Valley of Echoes, the throughwalk parted company with the basecamp. The basecamp then proceeded to Echo Point for morning tea and then casually proceeded back to O'Reillys.

The Throughwalk now climbed to the top of Mt. Worendo via the Qld-NSW border track. Here we proceeded in a north-westerly direction in search of Lost World. After many hours of being cut by lawyer vine and wait-a-while we discovered we were somewhat off course. Because we had to be back at O'Reillys by 3p.m. Sunday, we were forced to turnback. The party got to the Valley of Echoes by 6p.m.

Next day the party went back to O'Reilly's via Echo Point. The view from Echo Point could only be described as magnificent. We could see for miles. The basecamp on Sunday went out to Moran's Falls.

Although the throughwalk was beaten by the bush in this encounter, each member of the party felt victorious because the spirit of the party had not been broken.

BIRD OF THE MONTH

Mistletoe Bird (Dicaeum hirundinaceum)

This tiny bird which weighs only about 8 grams is nomadic and is found throughout Australia, whereven conditions are favourable. It is about 10 cm (4 inches) long with a tail length of 3cm (1/8 inches).

It frequents bushy trees, and may be noted singly or in pairs moving about the mistletoe and other flowering plants. Its call sounds like "Witawit-a Swiz-it swiz-it weet-weet-swizit". The birds feeds on mistletoe berries, other flowering trees and small insects.

This species makes one of the loveliest nests of all the Australian birds. It is pear-shaped, made basically of various kinds of plant material with slit-like entrance. To the touch, it is soft and elastic due to the spiders cocoons and downy seeds on the outside. Decoration of the nest is in the form of dark brown excreta of wood boring insects. The three to four pure white eggs are laid during the season, which is September to December.

MORE BEAUT SCANDAL

Cecily likes Ice Cream Cake.

Quote of a life-time from Russ Nelson "I couldn't eat a thing - not even a peanut".

Don't ask Liz who wears the pants in the Keane family.

Bird of the month, you will have noticed, is the Mistletoe Bird. Believe Linda plans to demonstrate the human version at the Christmas Party. Men beware!

Continuing the saga of the go-anywhere mobile. Shortest route from Brisbane to Mt. Barney is via O'Reilly's - Honestly!

For the bare facts about a weekend at the Club Hut - see Brian McMahon.

Not mentioning any names, but a certain Jilalan editor forgot to mention his wife's birthday last month. Happy birthday, Marie.

Peter Gleeson has a second hand explorer pack for sale for \$12. Telephone him on 24.7330 (Work).

If you think John Ward looks different, it's because he hasn't got an appendix anymore.

Intrepid party of bushwalkers leave for Tassie on the 15th. Happy holiday.

Note for bushwalkers who have cattle they want slaughtered and skinned. Bill Conway has experience in the art and he'll be in Brisbane from the 5th January on holidays.

CECILY LIKES ICE CREAM CAKE.