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CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

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Monthly Meetings: Monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at the P.O.A. Building, 453 Ann St., City, commencing at 7.30p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

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EMERGENCY OFFICER

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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CLUB CALENDAR

FEBRUARY, 1	97	5
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2nd Mt. Coottha Daywalk

7th-9th Safety & Training General Meeting

10th 15th Social - Theatre Night

Booloumba Creek 21st-23rd BC/TW

MARCH

2nd Mt. Walker Daywalk

8th Social

10th General Meeting

14th-16th Cooloola 21st-23rd Spare

28th-31st EASTER - Wyberba

APRIL

5th Social

11th-13th Club Reunion 14th General Meeting

20 th Flinders Pk. 24th-27th

Border Loop - Pt. Lookout -BC/TW Running Creek

MAY

2nd-5th Stradbroke Is. 9th-11th Spare

12th

General Meeting

17th Social

23rd-25th Safety & Training

JUNE

FMR R Rescue Day 1st

7th Social

General Meeting 9th

BC/TW 13th-16th Main Range 22nd BEAU BRUMMEL Daywalk BC/TW 27th-29th Barney

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

The above calendar was prepared at a recent outings sub-committee. The following trips remain as on earlier calendars.

DECEMBER 1974

8th Guanaba Gorge Daywalk

General Meeting 9th Christmas Party - Social 14th

Mt. Mitchell Night Walk Nightwalk 28th

JANUARY: 1975

10th-12th Lannox Heads - Byron Bay Basecamp

18th Social

24th-27th Throughwalk Boonoo Boonoo

EDITORIAL

Our club was started in 1958 - so it's now over sixteen years since the first "Catholic Bushies" started walking together. During those years quite a large number of people have joined the club. Some have been active members for many years, some for just a short time and others have been "social" members. What sort of people were those earlier members? Do bushwalkers change over the years, or do they basically remain as mad as ever?

In an attempt to find out the answers to these questions, and to enable "oldies" to find out what the "new breed" are like, we have decided to hold a Grand Reunion of club members from the year dot. The reunion will take the form of a weekend at a camping spot not too far from Brisbane so that those who can't spare two days can drop in on either Saturday or Sunday. Tentative date for the function is 11th to 13th April, 1975.

This might sound a long way off but naturally a lot of work will have to be done before then. We'll be calling on all present members for assistance at some stage. Biggest help right now will be to hear present addresses, married names etc. of former members. If you have this sort of information please contact Kathy Palmer. Better still, contact these people yourself, tell them what's planned and let Kathy know if they are interested.

Anyone with ideas for running the weekend could either bring them to the next meeting or write in with suggestions (no rude ones please).

In the meantime, think about the weekend and about what your contribution can be.

DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 9th December, 1974 at the P.O.A. Hall, 453 Ann Street, commencing at 7.30p.m.

Our special guest at the meeting will be a speaker from the National Trust who will be telling us about Historical Brisbane.

OUTINGS

GUANABA GORGE - DAYWALK

Date: 8th December, 1974.

Cost: \$1.50

Leader: Tony Elliot

Emergency Officer: Kathy Palmer 552125

Trip leaves Roma & Turbot Streets, at 9 a.m. sharp.

Guanaba Gorge is situated on the eastern side of Tamborine Mountains, and with its towering rhyolitic and rain-forested top is quite spectacular.

The gorge commences near St. Bernard's Hotel, where Wirerope Falls tumble down, and there are several other minor falls in the course of the creek's progress to the Coomera River.

Near the top of the gorge are several examples of the macrozamia palm, and the countryside, which gives way to the flatter dairy farm paddocks as the mountain is left behind to thw est, presents a striking contrast of mountain and river flat scenery.

MT. MITCHELL - NIGHTWALK

Date: 28th December, 1974.

Cost \$1.50

Leader: Kevin Conway 360361 Emergency Officer: Palmer 552125

Trip leaves Roma & Turbot Sts. at 7 p5m. sharp.

The idea is to head off to Cunningham's Gap, which we should reach by 9p.m. Then we'll be walking up the graded track "by the light of the silvery moon." (A torch might still be useful!) At the top, we'll be having a feast so be sure to bring lots of Christmas goodies. Then we'll walk back down the mountain and return to Brisbane, probably arriving back about 2a.m., so warn your parents not to panic.

A different way to celebrate the Festive season.

LENNOX HEADS/BYRON BAY - BASECAMP

Date: 10th to 12th January, 1975.

Cost: \$5.00

Leader Russ Nelson 702170

Emergency Officer: Brian McMahon 964270

Trip leaves Roma & Turbot Sts. at 7.30p.m. sharp.

There are some places which make ideal summer basecamps, and Lennox Head is one of these. But don't get the idea that this will be just a weekend at the beach. In fact, we'll be doing a fair bit of walking, as you will have guessed when you saw who was leading this trip. However, Russ isn't completely hardhearted and will almost certainly permit some swimming and relaxing.

Be sure to contact him right away with your nomination.

OUTINGS IN RETROSPECT

CORDEAU TO DEVLIN - THROUGHWALK

Eight walkers set out for Cunningham's Gap at about 7.30p.m., accompanied by a car containing two spare drivers. After Marianne Jones discovered a new short cut which took only about one hour longer than the usual route, the group set off up Cordeau shortly after 10p.m. Meanwhile, the spare drivers shifted the cars round to the base of Mt. Devlin and returned home. On Saturday the group set out quite early to Bare Rock and then onward toward Devlin. After breaking out of the rainforest; we lunched before dropping down into the saddle with Devlin. At this stage we were so far ahead of schedule that it was obvious we would finish early, so we continued with new enthusiasm. After climbing the steep ridges up to Devlin, we came down a rocky patch on the other side and continued down to the creek, and miraculously, the cars, which we reached by about 5.30p.m. On Sunday, we took a visitor from Catholic Walking Club of .Victoria to see Barney, and spent the day lying in Barney Creek.

D'AGUILAR RANGE - DAYWALK

At about 9.15a.m. six enthusiastic but bedraggled walkers set out for Mermaid Mount. After a slight detour they reached Brookfield in time to start walking by lla.m. The top of the mountain was reached just after midday. Unfortunately, overcast conditions ruined the view from the top, and rain on the way down decided the group against a swim, so the daywalk finished quite early.

S. & T. WEEKEND

Sixteen people participated in the last S. & T. weekend, including three members of F.M.R.

On Saturday, we practised rope work, spending time on abseiling, prussicking and belaying. Whie we do not generally run trips using rope work, the ability to abseil etc. can open up many otherwise inaccessible areas. In addition the skill could come in handy if ever you or one of your fellow warkers got into a tight spot.

Saturday night was dedicated to a compass march. On Sunday morning we discussed basic first aid, while Marnie and Marcie went and "got lost". Then search techniques were successfully demonstrated.

After a swim at the Lower Portals and Mass at the hut we headed back to Drynans, and home.

This weekend gave us the first chance to use our new carabinas (crabs) and strapping. Also the new club first aid kit was taken along. We'd like to see more people on S. & T's to take advantage of this equipment.

From Page 2 you will see that the Outings Calendar is complete to June 7. Therefore there are many trips you can now lead. Please come forward and tell me that you will lead such and such a trip. This way you can do a preouting months before. I do not want to bend arms to get leaders. This is not a satisfactory way to organise well planned trips. The shanghaied leaders do not put their best into trips. So volunteer this next half year.

Outings reports are to be completed by the trip leader as soon as possible after the trip. They contain:

A footstep by footstep account of the trip.
This is to ensure that furure leaders will be able to pick up your report and use it to find his or her own way. Similarly there are copies of reports from the start of the club for you to use as a basis for your preouting. If possible show times.

2) Choice of campsites, availability of wood, vegetation and water, sights on the way.

Type of country.Access roads.

5) People who went and people who nominated and did not turn up.



Chistmas - a time of joy, a time of happiness - a time of giving. So, just to keep in the swing of things, the Social Committee (IMPLORES - BEGS - HOPES - WANTS - BESEECHES - ASKS - WOULD LIKE) everybody to come to this year's Christmas Party.

It's going to take place on the 14th December at the home of John & Kathy Graham.

Bring your togs as there is a pool to jump into after you've been overheated from doing 'Strip the Willow'.

You'll need to bring your own steak - salad and drinks will be provided.

Santa's going to be there to give out presents. Incidentally as in past years, everyone is asked to bring a wrapped present to the value of about £1. and in turn will receive another present from Santa which will be given in by fellow quests.

NOW THE NITTY GRITTY -

DATE 14th December

TIME 7.00p.m.

PLACE 9 Habana Street, The Gap

BASIC REQUIREMENT A happy disposition

Please come and make it a success and join in the Christmas Spirit.

We'll be going up to O'Reilly's for their big New Year's Eve Party this year. Anyone interested in joining the fun ask around at the next meeting.

MORE BEAUT SCANDAL

Most scandalous item has to be "the Saga of a Committee Meeting" sub-titled "Oh, no? Where's Greg". For further details on how to un-bog five cars in pouring rain - contact your committee.

Mike Keane seen disturbing little old ladies resting in the shade.

Marianne Jones to give all future lectures on navigation at S & T's.

Annie Nelson sadly missed on North Coast mountains - two thousand dags greeted walkers.

Why did searchers show so little enthusiasm when Marcie & Marnie were lost on the S & T weekend?

Pat Rynja wins our prize for an early-bird after her effort on Mermaid Mtn.

Four thousand seven hundred and eighty six little boys, their fathers and teachers seen at Lower Portals. Thanks to Father Oderic who celebrated Mass at the but on Sunday.

Dare we mention Mike Keane's briliant leadership on Mt. Pinbarren (what scunge'.)

G)A fast trying to lose it's reputation. First the committee meeting fiasco and then a flat tyre at Bli Bli. Changing the tyre was easy but loading and unloading the boot!

Astonishing sight on Mt. Tinbeerwah - "Beware - unfenced cliffs". We thought all cliffs had fences!

Ted really demonstrated how to be a cliff hanger - when Darelle pulled his abseil rope while he was in mid-air.

Keith Shapcott declared FMR invalid at recent training night - It's just as hard as being a stretcher bearer.

Congratulations to Mike Laherty and Teresa Kennedy, who are getting married in South Australia on 28th December.

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