

DECEMBER 1987.

CHRISTMAS JILALAN

MONTHLY CIRCULAR OF THE BRISBANE
CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY



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OUTINGS

All walks leave from the Catholic Centre, back entrance, Charlotte St. The club will organise transport, but you must contact the trip leader in advance.

All persons are to bring on all trips, a first aid kit, torch, parka, & at least 2 litres of water.

SOCIALS

Phone the Social Secretary, Greg Endicott on 3514092 (H).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Phone the President, Tim Apelt on 3434625 (H).

EMERGENCY OFFICER

If, within the hour prior to an outing's departure, you cannot make it, or are running late, phone the number shown. If a trip is delayed getting home, your family etc may ring this number after 9pm.

EQUIPMENT HIRE

The club has some packs and tents for hire to visitors and newer members.

phone Tim Apelt 3434625 (H) for details.

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.

EDITOR'S NOTES

All material for inclusion in
JANUARY "JILALAN"
is requested to be submitted to the editor by the 11th January.

MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month, top floor (3rd) of the Catholic Centre. Enter through the carpark, off Charlotte St. Entry is via the backdoor, near the white statue.

Doors open at 7.30pm. If the door is locked please ring the bell, wait about 5 mins for one of us to let you in.

Visitors are always welcome.

POSTAL ADDRESS

The Club's postal address is :
P.O. Box 151, North Quay, 4002.

Next month will see the publishing of the membership list. A copy will be at the December meeting. Please check to see that details are correct. If you do not wish to see your name & address etc published please contact me.

Material should be sent to
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THIS MONTHS TELEPHONE CONTACTS

18/12 Pizza Hut Lunch- Greg 2319557
23/12 Christmas Carols- " 2319557
27/12 Mt Glorious D/W- Michele 3562546
31/12 Bush Dance - Greg 2319557

31/12-3/1 Washpool T/W -Ken3496046
10/1- Billborough Lookout D/W- Paul
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10/1- Printing - Greg 3514092 (H)

COMING OUTINGS:**18th DEC**FridayPIZZA HUT - Lunch

Time : 12 noon
 Place : Elizabeth St. Pizza Hut,
 near the Albert St. corner
 (i.e., up from the Forum Theatre)
 Nominations : Greg Endicott (W) 231 9557,
 (H) 351 4092.

Yes, folks, this is our Pre-Christmas gathering. All you city workers and teachers have no excuse for not coming. Come for the two hours, come for only one hour, but do come to eat with us.

Remember, if you nominate, do turn up.

10 JAN
BILBOURGH
LOOKOUT...



20DecemberSundayPAT & JONAS RETURN

Where : Brisbane International Airport.
 Time : 1.10pm - QF56 (Qantas Flight 56).

Welcome Pat Lawton and Jonas Bernotas back to OZ after spending four weeks walking the mountain tops in N.Z.

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21DecemberMondayMONTHLY MEETING -RED & WHITE THEME

Be at the Catholic Centre, Charlotte Street, tonight. Enter via the vehicle gate and back door. Remember, park in the street since our usual car park is being re-developed.

Theme - Wear "Red and White". Christmas is approaching so get in the mood. It's our Red & White Night. Show me that you've read this Jilalan.

Hear about our past events and talk it over with our leaders of coming trips and socials. Don't stand back. Find out about us.

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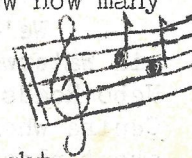
23DecemberWednesdayCAROLS IN THE PARK

Place : Mt. Coot-tha - J.C. Slaughter Park. Drive right to the end of the bitumen road and park. Walk to the big picnic shed on the other side of the barrier.

Nominations: To Greg E. (W) 231 9557, (H) 351 4092. Just to let me know how many to expect.

Time : For (1) BBQ Dinner - 6pm or later,
 " (2) Carols - 7.30pm - no later.

What to bring : Your food and drink, goodies to share, torch/candle/gas light, Christmas Carols sheet, guitar/recorder/cello/musical instrument.



Carols in the Park 23 Dec

Come and join in the singing

Who : You, a friend, young and old, singer/non-singer, member/visitor, anyone and everyone.

Why not take the car to work with all your staff in it. Earn Brownie points by staying late, then come straight over for this BBQ dinner. Let one of our Chiefs cook your steak/sausages, while you join in the conversation on this balmy summer's night. Share your Christmas lollies, shortbreads and stories. Stay on for the ritual of singing in our Christmas from our very own carols sheets. Finishing about 10pm.

DON'T THINK ABOUT IT!!!

--- BE WILD!!!

--- DO IT!!!

25 DEC

Friday

CHRISTMAS DAY

JOY

The members of this Club would like each of you to have a very Happy Christmas. May the New Year bring you all that you wish.



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December

Sunday

MT. GLORIOUS

- Daywalk

Leader : Michele Gomm
 Nominations Hotline : 356 2546
 Location : 40 kms NW of Brisbane (D'Aguilar Range National Parks)
 Cost : \$2.00
 Meeting Times & Places: Either (a) 8.45am behind the Cathedral in Charlotte Street, or (b) 9.00am in Coles carpark, Stewart Road, Ashgrove - just off Waterworks Road.
 Emergency Officer : Rene Gomm - 356 2546.

This is the walk you've been waiting for all year. Yes, the best has been kept till last, just so you'd have the perfect way of walking off your Christmas Dinner! This very civilized, (just look at that late meeting time, for a start) not-too-strenuous Daywalk will be ideal for all of us who've indulged in just a spot too much plum pudding on the 25th and maybe one little drink too many on the 26th (not to mention on the 24th, 23rd, etc. etc.). Unlike those nasty let's-test-our-aerobic-fitness Daywalks where you have to begin by slogging your way up a big hill, this one is very civilized because you get to drive to the top of the hill, then walk just long enough to work off the Christmas goodies and start working up an appetite for the New Year celebrations and, more specifically, for the barbi lunch we'll have in style at the Maiala Picnic Area. So don't forget your steak, salad, etc. Hopefully, there'll be a few eskies between us all to keep everything cool.

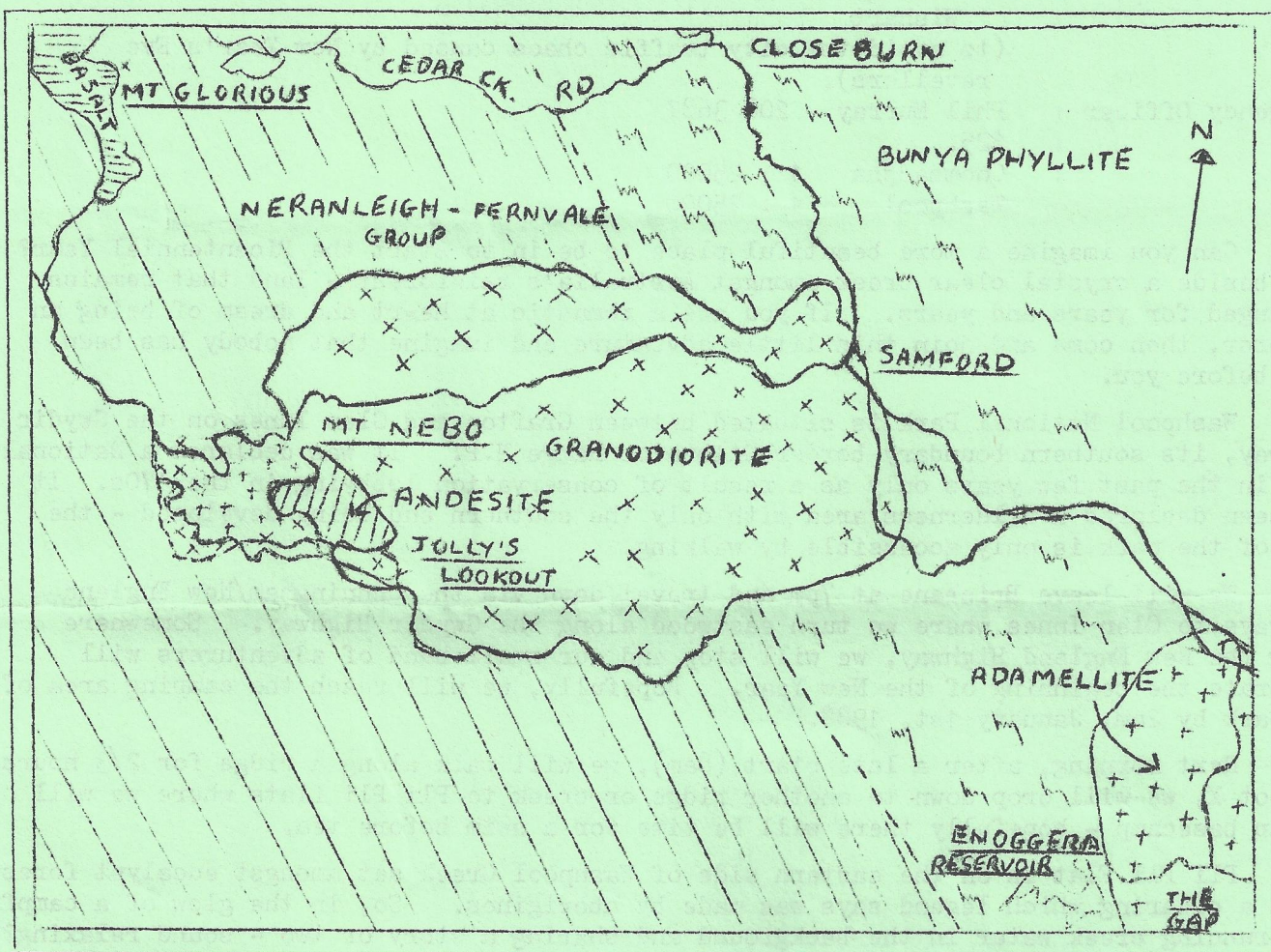
We'll leave the Ashgrove meeting place in convoy and head out to Jolly's Lookout via Waterworks (yes, there really are some waterworks out there, I discovered) and Mt. Nebo Roads. On the way, we'll pass the Brisbane Forest Park Visitors Information Centre where we won't stop since the trip ~~guru~~ leader will already have all the hot tips about places to go and things to see on this very educational outing. We'll also pass - again without visiting - Bellbird Grove, McAfee's Lookout and Camp Mt. Lookout.

Now that you know what we're not going to see, I'll have to stop, because the rest of the trip is a mystery! Seriously, though, what I can tell you is that we'll be doing several short walks of about 2 - 3 kilometres each, with the very longest being 4.3 kms. so that shouldn't wear anybody out even after a lot of late nights and Christmas conviviality! There'll be some lovely views of the green Samford Valley and out over the city to Moreton Bay and the islands (not to mention delightful scenes of post-Christmas bushwalkers with glazed eyes and fixed grins following their faithful leader through patches of Wild Raspberry and Bleeding Heart into the lush rainforest). - so it could be worth putting a camera in your pack.

In fact, that might be almost all you do need to carry, since we won't be far from the cars at any time. Still, it never hurts to have some water and nibblies with you (plus a raincoat for the rainforest?) and some people may want to throw in their togs for a quick dip along the way.

This easy Daywalk covers a section of the D'Aguilar Range that really is Glorious. It could be the perfect way to finish your bushwalking for the year - or it could be a glorious beginning! Hope to see you there.

... Michele Gomm



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Wednesday

SAILING (TALL) SHIPS

BICENTENARY

1988 is only 2 days away. And, by now, you all must realise, 1988 is Australia's Bicentenary Year. To celebrate, this Club will attend a few Official Functions. And, this is the first. So, come along. It may be a work day but some of you will have the day off.

The good book tells me the ships will sail up the river to the Newstead wharves. They are on the north bank of the river just upstream of Newstead Park (i.e., near the Breakfast Creek Bridge).

So, come on down after work. Talk to Greg E. (W) 231 9557, (H) 351 4092, about it.



Thurs/Fri/Sat/Sunday

WASHPOOL - Throughwalk

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Leader : Ken McCarron (W) 224 8225, (H) 349 6046
Meeting Time : 7.00pm on Thursday, 31st December, 1987
Meeting Place : At Ken McCarron's residence at -
61 Kavanagh Street,
Wishart
(to avoid the city traffic chaos caused by New Year's Eve
revellers).
Emergency Officer : Phil Murray - 208 3687
Cost : \$25.
Maps : Coombadjha 1 : 25000
Washpool 1 : 25000

Can you imagine a more beautiful place to be in to start the Bicentennial Year? Camp beside a crystal clear creek amongst Australia's rainforest - land that remains unchanged for years and years. If you are a romantic at heart and dream of being an explorer, then come and join this little adventure and imagine that nobody has been here before you.

Washpool National Park is situated between Grafton and Glen Innes on the Gwydir Highway, its southern boundary border Gilbrator Range N.P. It was declared a National Park in the past few years only as a result of conservation lobbying in the '70s. It has been declared a wilderness area with only the southern end being developed - the rest of the park is only accessible by walking.

We will leave Brisbane at 7pm and travel down via the Cunningham/New England Highways to Glen Innes where we turn eastward along the Gwydir Highway. Somewhere along the New England Highway, we will stop and our small band of adventurers will celebrate the beginning of the New Year. Hopefully, we will reach the camping area of the park by 2am, January 1st, 1988.

Next morning, after a late start (8am), we will walk along a ridge for 2/3 hours. At Spot X, we will drop down to another ridge or creek to Pli Pli flats where we will set up basecamp - hopefully there will be time for a swim before tea.

Pli Pli Flat is on the eastern side of Washpool Creek set amongst eucalypt forest - it is a clearing which legend says was made by aborigines. So, in the glow of a campfire with running creek water in the background and sharing a story or two - sound relaxing?? Come along and find out.

The next day, we will go exploring further down the creek. The country is renowned for its rainforest and deep gorges. We shall just carry a day pack and, if time permits, we may be able to explore a side gorge. Then, back to the Pli Pli for another hard night in the bush.

The next day we start early for the climb out. We will return via a similar route as we walked in and hopefully be back at the cars early afternoon. Then the drive back to Brisbane to be home that night.

PIZZA HUT LUNCH!

food, food, food... DEC 18

The walk is rated a moderate Throughwalk. I will only take those who I think are capable and there is a limit of 14 and already 7 have nominated, i.e., Ken McCarron, Greg Endicott, Cathy McDonnell, Phil Murray, Mike Wood, Cathy Wood and Richard Bain of Brisbane Bushwalkers (take note: the people in "the know" have nominated). So, if you wish to go, nominate soon.

It will be necessary to carry your camping gear for up to 6 - 7 hours on the first and last day. A word of warning: it does get cold and it is in rainforest. Don't let this worry you because we are going to have good weather. So come and celebrate New Year in Washpool National Park.

(Footnote): The author has not been there before and has used his imagination to write this article. He takes no responsibility if 1 hour stretches into 2 hours or so

- Ken McCarron

31 DEC

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Thursday

BUSH DANCE

New Year's Eve

Where : The City Hall
When : Meet at 7.30pm outside in King George Square
Cost : At time of printing, unknown, but it has never been higher than \$10.
Details : Are not known at time of printing. But in past years, it has gone from 8pm till 12.30am, with 15 minute brackets and 15 minute sitouts. Even if you cannot bush dance, still come along. They take you through the basic steps, then let you go.

Tickets either at the Billabong Bookshop, Prudential Building, North Quay, or at the door.

For those not going on the Washpool trip ---

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January

Sunday

BILBOROUGH LOOKOUT & PURLINGBROOK FALLS - Daywalk

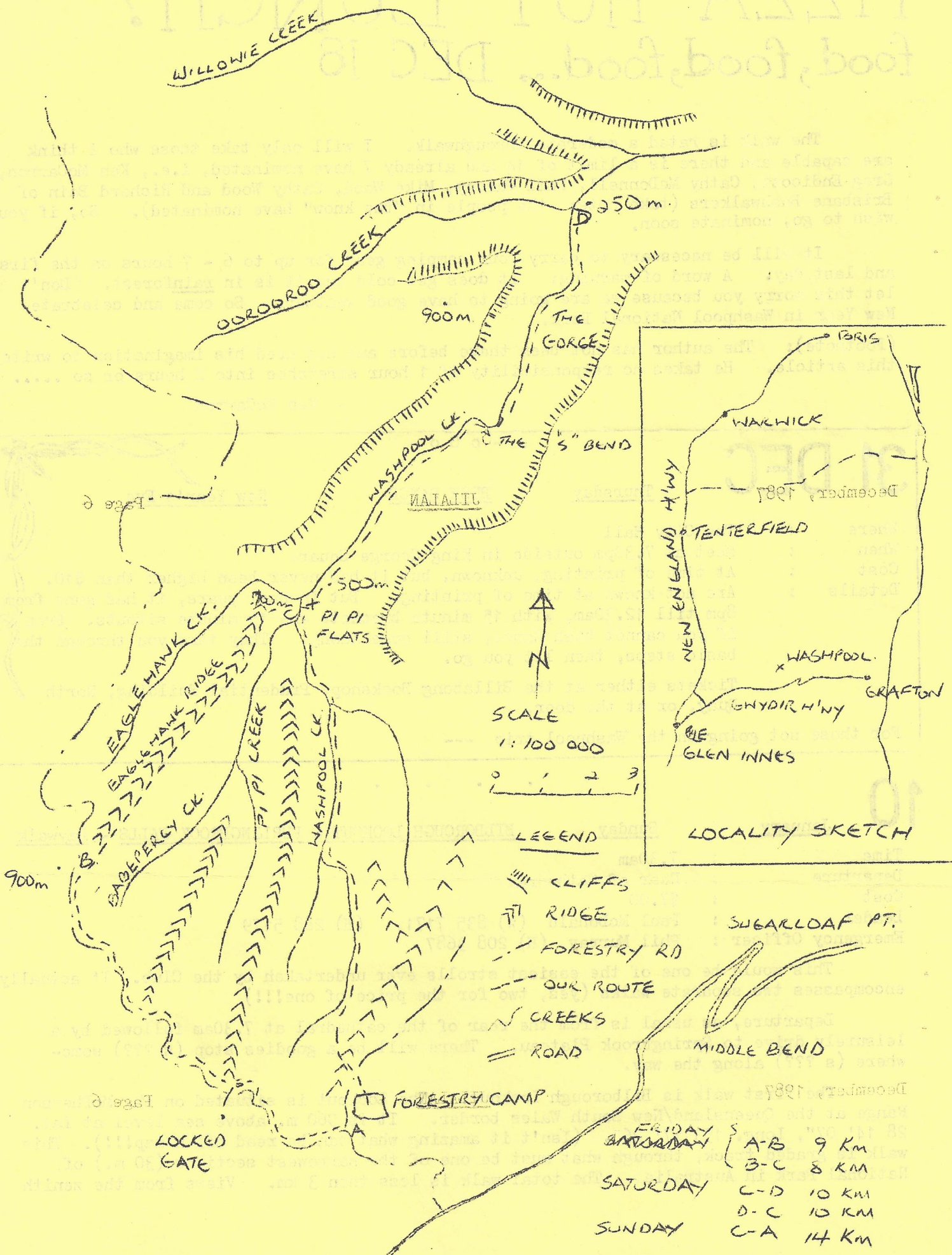
Time : 7.30am
Departure : Rear of Cathedral
Cost : \$7.00
Leader : Paul McDonald (W) 835 7171, (H) 288 5179
Emergency Officer : Phil Murray (H) 208 3687

This would be one of the easiest strolls ever undertaken by the Club. It actually encompasses two separate walks (yes, two for the price of one!!!)

Departure, as usual is from the rear of the cathedral at 7.30am followed by a leisurely drive to Springbrook Plateau. There will be a goodies stop (s ???) somewhere (s ???) along the way.

The first walk is Bilborough Lookout. The Lookout is situated on the McPherson Range at the Queensland/New South Wales border. It is 960 m. above sea level at Lat. 28 14' 07", Long. 153 17' 26". (Isn't it amazing what can be read off a map!!!). This walk is graded track, through what must be one of the narrowest sections (30 m.) of National Park in Australia. The total walk is less than 3 km. Views from the zenith

WASHPOOL



are magnificent, impressive, excellent, phenomenal, tremendous, outstanding, superb, and very nice, too.

Depending on time, morning tea should be at this point. After making our way back to the cars, we have a short drive to the Purlingbrook Picnic Grounds for lunch.

The second walk is Purlingbrook Falls. A short, leisurely walk will see us at the top of the falls where views can be had of Gwongorella National Park.

The next stage of the walk will be to the base of the falls and back. If time permits, return will be via Tanninaba Falls. Perhaps also a detour will be made to Warringa Pool for a nice cool swim.

Once again, these are easy walks, well within the capabilities of most walkers. Hope to see everyone there on the 10th.

- Paul

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10 JAN

Sunday

PRINTING

Come along to Greg's and see how this Jilalan is put together. You, too, can do it. You, too, will have to do it as Greg won't be for much longer. It's an eye opener. More work goes into production than you think. Understand it. Do something "extra" for your Club.

Address: 85 Illuta Avenue, Ferny Hills. Bright yellow house.
Come after 5pm. Be prepared to eat a pizza. We could finish after 9pm.

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January

Monday

MONTHLY MEETING

Now that the rush and bustle of Christmas/New Year is behind you, come along and talk to us at the meeting.

FOR SALE: Bushwalking Boots, Size 7½, 'Meildel' brand - Gortex membrane. Good Condition \$140. These boots sell for \$270 retail now. Contact Ken McCarron - 349 6046.

FOR SALE: One x 3 man nylon tent - no fly.
Ring Ken McCarron (W) 224 8225 (H) 349 6046.

LOST: 1 pair Brown Sunglasses. Left behind in picnic shed at Christmas Party. Contact Michele Gomm on 356 2546.

MISSING GEAR: Has anybody got any of the Club's abseiling gear???? There are about 5 tapes, 1 screw gate, 2 snap gates. This gear was borrowed from me on the Barney-Ballow walk and not returned. It's hard to host an abseiling night with this gear missing.

- Ken McC.

Seen on recent trips - Robert Hirtzmuller and Sally Petersen. And they haven't even heard the high pressure sales pitch at a meeting yet.

Anyone want to take in a BOARDER? PAUL MC PHEE, a past member, back from Armidale Uni., wants a place to stay

MONTHLY MEETING

21 DEC

doors open 7.30pm

- OTHER THINGS -

MEMBERSHIP LIST:

One is soon to be published. It will contain home address and phone number; work phone number and postal address. Keep Paul McDonald informed (Paul can be seen at the December monthly meeting, or phone (W) 835 7171 or (H) 288 5179.

RESCUES:

The silly season is upon us again when non-club walkers tend to go bush and get lost. All experienced members and most new walkers, are liable to be called out on a rescue. The more people out there, the better is the chance of finding the victim alive.

1. Be prepared
2. When phoned, say "Yes".
3. Keep non-perishable food in your cupboard, i.e., 2 small tins of tinned meat - "Spam"; 2 small tins fruit, i.e., "Snak Packs", dry biscuits and spreads.
4. You won't have time to go shopping.
5. You may operate rescue base, radio relay, do a throughwalk, or repetitive brush or comb searches.
6. No prior experience needed.

ELECTIONS:

The Club's year ends on 31.1.88 with the Annual General Meeting being held with the February monthly meeting. That means "The Elections".

If you have been around for just a few years, done a handful of walks and are keen, consider yourself for Committee. You won't be asked. Jump in and nominate yourself. I know for certain that some of our current people will not be standing. The gaps will have to be filled by you. With 115 members, we should be able to get 12 people.

ANNUAL REPORT:

Will all Committee People commence writing their sections of the Annual Report now. The Club's official year ends 31.12.87 to allow you to write your report, have it typed and printed without hassles. And the hassle is printing it, as it is three times larger than the Jilalan. So, into it. Give it to Justin - our Vice Pres, by 12.1.88, so he can get it typed by Friday, 29.1.88, and so I can print it on Sunday, 31st January. I hate printing, so it is going to be done on that date.

BICENTENARY:

I've bought the "Official Book", so throughout 1988 I'll put in some events we can attack in force. So read each month's Jilalan carefully and be prepared.

EXPO:

Enough of us seem to have bought season tickets, so let's use them. When Expo publish a more detailed time table, I'll publish specific events we can go to as a group. Keep reading the fine print.

THE HUT:

Our very own Club Hut is 21 next year. To celebrate, we will give it a party. Leave March free. In fact, leave some of Dec., Jan. and Feb. free also, as working bees will be going down to it to get it ready, i.e., painting, mowing, cleaning and repairing. No experience needed, just a "Yes". See the Cathys - Wood, Daly or McDonnell.

WHINGE SESSION:

Over the past nine months that I have reigned as Social Secretary, I have had many functions. More than enough, in fact. The problem is that I have to attend all of them myself, only to see that of the ten who nominated, only two have turned up. Take, for instance, drinkies after work on Friday, 5th. Why did the other eight forget? Have the decency to note your diary and then turn up. If you can't make it, be polite and phone. Bad manners or ignorance is taking up a lot of my time. I don't enjoy sitting around alone waiting for the forgetful not to turn up.

CLIFF RICKARD:

Is coming to town in February. Louise Hourigan is organising a group booking. See her to join in.

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Happy Birthday to:- Ian Lahey Dec 4th; Monica Casey 10th; Ken McCarron 18th, (Pizza Hut); Peter Walpole 18th; Rachel Cassidy 20th; Eugene Behan 21st; Gabrielle Romaguera 31st.

And don't forget our January friends:- Doug Burke 8th; John Marnick 10th; Anna Howard 11th; Martin Vernon 12th.

You all are not a year older, the world is a year younger!

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Lost faces seen again --- Ross Fels and Leoni Zaccari.

27 Dec
Mount Glorious
-another
daywalk for
Everyone.
You can do it!

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**** PAST OUTINGS ****

MT. WALKER - 25th October

Thirteen walkers left Brisbane in fine weather for the journey up to the top of Mt. Walker.

After a short drive to Warrilview, we stopped off to sample the produce of the local shop and to admire the picnic area near the creek. It seemed for a time that everyone would be content to stay there.

However, some gentle persuasion saw the group back in the cars and off to take in the "great views" from Cunningham Lookout. Most of the group seemed hard to convince that this was one of the major attractions of the area.

Continuing on, we met up with David Heit at our Mt. Walker departure point. David's tyre marks on the black soil track convinced us to leave our cars on the gravel road.

The weather was hot and humid and one of our visitors, Nora, had to retire from the walk. Fortunately, we left her in the capable hands of Anne and Eugene. These three made their way back to the cars at a leisurely pace. We were able to watch their progress through binoculars from the top of Mt. Walker. Thanks to Anne and Eugene for their consideration.

I was growing a little concerned at this stage about losing some of the group and thought this expedition could turn out to be reminiscent of the Agatha Christie story, "And Then There Were None."

However, through the earnest endeavours of the rest, Mt. Walker was conquered without further worry. David Heit made it to the top first (AGAIN!).

At the top we had lunch and took in views of the ranges from Beau Brummel to Flinders Peak. We could also see the inner city buildings of Brisbane and Swanbank Power Station.

While Anne H. sketched and Justin made a pot of gourmet tea, Anne L. set about exploring grass trees for large spiders. The remainder of the group satisfied themselves with more mundane things like eating and resting. I'm always amazed by the range of eatables brought out during food stops on bush walks. Someone should compile a list of "Bushwalking Delights".

Our trip down the northern ridge was a bit more challenging than the climb up, as we had to negotiate a short razor back. Everyone accomplished this section very well although John M. must think my estimation skills are fairly ordinary. For all those who might doubt that Desley completed this section, just ask to see the photo!

We returned to Brisbane via Rosewood. On the footpath of the main street, each walker was presented with a Certificate of Achievement for climbing Mt. Walker.

Thanks to Justin and David for assistance during the walk. Thanks to Anne, Anne, Anne, Pauline, Mick, Eugene, Nora, John and Desley for their companionship for the day and welcome to Bruce who completed his first walk with the Club.

- Russell Code

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Last minute queries from: Louise Jones, Paul Henderson, Ruth Wilkins and Paul McPhee is back in town to stay.

We all wish Sandra Wood a speedy recovery following her double operation.

Lissie L. returns Australian Airlines, TN414, Thursday 14th January, arrival 12.15pm.

NEEDED: A Typiste for Jilalan. Since Barbara is going south, a replacement is required (it will be hard to replace her). Phone Greg 231 9557 (W).

DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING --- Bring some home cooking to share around.



PAST EVENTSBREAKFAST AT THE SHERATON - November 14th.

The nominees gathered in the Great Hall of The Sheraton waiting for 8am. Escorted to the tables, we surveyed the fare. Fruit and juices, cereals, sausages and eggs and tomato and bacon, toast and coissants. What food. And a view over Post Office Square as well. We were asked to leave at 10.10am when the show closed down for another session.

ABSEILING NIGHT - 18th November.

The last abseiling night was rather successful and I am quite convinced those who came along enjoyed themselves. Special thanks go to Liz Little for bringing some gear. Greg, Michele, David for their help in instruction and all the rest who learnt a lot. There's nothing more dissatisfying than preparing for a night and have no student. Hope we can get together in the New Year and repeat the performance.

- Ken McCarron.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - November 28th.

I know it's early for a Christmas Party, but look at the calendar. It was the only date.

And a fine warm date to boot. Almost no-one else was set up in our favourite area, so our party invaded it. Firstly, it was entertain the kids (Jason and David and Phil) - with soccer, jokes and chasing the chook with an axe (no - the chook didn't have the axe). Then the troops shifted to cricket (Russel R., Eugene, Mick B), (I still haven't returned the set to my nephews - last time I'll be allowed to borrow ...).as more people (Liz L, Martin B) arrived to swell the team.

Just on dark (strange, that) our friends decided they were hungry, so Phil M and Mick P lit up the barbi (no shrimps). Helped by Paul McD, Geoffrey E and Rusty, we all cooked our meat, cut our salad and buttered our rolls. The serious business commenced.

You should have seen dessert, especially Sue H's Chocolate Tree. Santa's helper came (who can forget those red shorts) and Brendan S. got a surprise pressie, also to sit on her knee - reluctantly - Phil C, Louise & Justin. Then the special entertainment commenced - I whipped out the Club Song Books (purchase yours for \$3.00) and our imported star, Anne L. gave of her worth with the old folk songs. Even Ross F and Tim sang. (Good practice for the Carols Night on December 23rd). Thanks to Michele for an entertaining night.

END OF WEEK DRINKS - December 4th.

Not as many as expected at this event as many of our city workers forget the event. But our surprise mystery guests almost made up for it. The team turned up, tuned in towards a thundering time tween the hours of 5pm and 5.30. Good stuff. After a few quiet ones, it was noticed that our other half were arriving for the Nightcap Basecamp, so we wandered through the traffic to see 'em off. Then back to serious drinking. But, alas, the others decided on food and this Victorious establishment did not provide. Off to the Wintergarden for a takeaway and a movie - La Bamba - far better than expected.

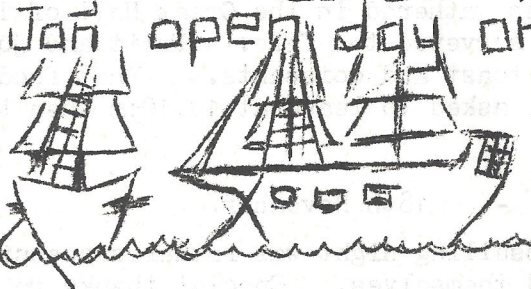
Those who failed to show, missed a good night and the chance to meet up when we weren't talking about bushwalking.

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This month's queries from: Kerry O'Brien, Pauline Gable, Ann McComm, Karen Fogarty, Ted Chicateav, Therese Baily, Bernadette Holzberger, Joan McCormack and Sandra Foxcroft.

Please read this newsletter and come on a walk.

TALL SHIPS - bicentenary 30 dec sail into
river - 1 Jan open day on
board



NEW MEMBERS:

Connie Everhardt,
1/32 Georgina St.,
Woody Point. 4019.

Mavis Leach,
1 Woongarra St.,
The Gap. 4061.
Ph. 300 3965

Anne Blackett
291 The Esplanade,
Wynnum. 4178.
Ph. 396 0694

Doug Bourke,
8 London Rd.,
Clayfield. 4011
Ph. 266 7277

Cheryl Symmonds,
5 Nagel St.,
Mt. Gravatt. 4122.
(Last seen in a garden in
Autumn, in Toowoomba).

Welcome all to this Club. Come to the next meeting and introduce yourself to the rest of us.

NEW FACES at old meetings:- Seen in November - Mike Ahern, S. Petchell, Tineke Molenaar (from Holland), Gaye Hansen, Diane Roney, Celia Camara, Kevin Simpson and Martin Bullbrook.

Always good to talk to new folks. Now that you've talked to us, come along on a trip.

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RECENT POSTCARD RECEIVED FROM N.Z.:

"Dear Friends, Greg E. & Russell N. should now have in their possession a 'Kea' and a 'Weka'. Pat and I hope you will feed them well ... Couldn't get through Traver's Saddle due to heavy snow falls. Stayed in Traver's Hut for two nights. Entertained next morning by New Zealand Air Corp. Helicopter landed next to hut. Raw recruits on exercise. Came in twice with total 12 troops. Watched and heard rumblings of avalanches coming down from Mt. Travers. Alternative - climbed Mt. Cupola - fantastic views!!!

Bye, Jonas and Pat"

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Back in 1971/72 this Club had 122 members. We now have 119 - go out and enrol another 4 ... Cost from 1.12.87 to 31.1.88 is \$3.00. Join now!!!!!!

An extra address:

Carmel McNeill,
Holy Name College,
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Which Outings Secretary forgets what number he called?

Our esteemed President has quietly graduated and will be let loose on the unsuspecting school populations in our Bicentenary Year. All the best, kids

MARY CAIRNCROSS PARK - KONDALILLA FALLS: 22nd November

Yes, it was two trips for the price of one.

The day dawned bright and sunny as we all gathered at the Cathedral. We were all keen to get started and conquer these two walks. We proceeded to go down the Bruce Highway and had a goodies stop at the BP at Burpengary. We then continued along the highway and turned off at Beerburum and then proceeded along the old highway to Landsborough, then we turned off to Maleny, then to Mary Cairncross Park.

Talk about an eager bunch of walkers. They took off around Mary Cairncross Park. Some wildlife was provided on our walk around (at no extra charge) the rainforest. After such a strenuous walk, we proceeded to look at the magnificent views of the Glasshouse Mountains while we partook of some morning tea. We then got back in the cars and proceeded to Kondalilla Falls.

We did this walk in two stages. The first part from the picnic ground to the swimming hole. Of course, Justin had a short swim before he proceeded on. We could see the view of Skene Creek Valley down to Obi Obi Creek Valley from the swimming hole. We proceeded down the second stage down to the base of the waterfall through the luxuriant rainforest. We had lunch at this spot, some went swimming, while others just rested and relaxed. We then went back to the swimming pool for a refreshing dip before our departure back to the cars.

A view stop on our travels back to Brisbane - views of the Sunshine Coast (at no extra cost).

Thanks to all those who came. Thank you to all the drivers, those who assisted with the pre-outing and Mary Phillips for the chocolates she provided.

- Marie Calligan.

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With Liz O'R. now married to Wayne, the residents of Aramac are moving out. The suburb has lost its quality ...

Not many expressions of interest for the Moscow Circus. Ring Greg (W) 231 9557. Ken will show his slides of his recent Himalaya Holiday at the December meeting.

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THE NIGHTCAP TRIP - 4/6 December

With only 1 driver and 11 people, we had to make a change in plans and up the price and hire a mini-bus but it certainly had its advantages of not losing any of the other cars and keeping everyone together as one big happy group. Anyhow, we finally fought our way through the Friday night party traffic and headed down Highway 1.

After a quick goodie stop at Brunswick Heads that was timed to perfection as one interstate bus had just left and our orders were filled before the next bus arrived. Up through the winding back roads, we finally arrived at Rummerg Park at 11.30pm but being a full moon we decided to take in the views so we drove up to Peates Mountain Lookout and enjoyed the views of the lights of the towns and the lighthouse at Cape Byron. On the way down, Pauline discovered a snake just before she stood on it. It appeared to be a Stephens Banded Snake. Fortunately, it was intent on return to the bush rather than biting any of its tormentors with probing torches.

Next morning, up bright and early after 4 hours sleep we set off at 8am for the Nightcap track. The going was easy along the old forestry trail. We reached the Doon Doon Saddle and took in the views of Mt. Warning, Mt. Doughboy (looks like a twin of Egg Rock) and also back over towards Byron Bay.

Then we headed west along the ridge above the Terrania Creek and passed the Doorigan Rocks, enormous boulders 20 metres high, 50 long and 10 metres wide. My explanation was they are fragments that flew out of Mt. Warning during some huge explosion. My fellow walkers were very dubious about my story but they had no other explanation so my story stands.

Washpool throughwalk

Jan 1-3rd what better way to start the New Year!

It never ceases to amaze me what people take for food on walks. For morning tea, we had home-made chocolates from Mary Phillips, and Eugene brought along some huge biscuits.

We continued along the Mt. Nardi-Nightcap track and then ventured down Wallaces Road to Tuntable Falls. These falls are absolutely magnificent with a sheer drop down to a delightful rock pool. Justin was eager to lead a future walk into the pool from below the falls. Some people would do anything to have a swim. By dropping rocks over and counting the seconds, Ken McCarron estimated the falls to be over 100 metres high. Well, how far can a rock fall in 4 seconds ???

The water in the creek must have been cold as it took 40 minutes to boil and then only after we made wind breaks around the top of the stove.

On the way back, we took a detour to look at Mt. Matheson. Mary was kind enough to watch our packs as we made a quick dash up the hill. However, the trees obscured the views of Mt. Warning. The rainforest on the plateau was very similar to the vegetation near Bare Rock north of Cunninghams Gap. Finally, after a bit of indecision, we found ourselves at the lookout and enjoyed views of the Tweed Pinnacle, Mt. Warning, Mt. Cougal, Boyd's Butte and Jerusalem Mountain. It was getting late and we had a 12 km walk in front of us so we stepped into overdrive to make it back to the bus by 6.30pm.

An interesting little plant was everywhere. It had flowers that appeared to come from the middle of the leaf and it had six petals of a violet or lilac colour. It was only a small plant about 30 cm high with numerous stems about 50 cm long and leaves about 8 cm long with an oval shape. Through luck, I found out that it was called a Sarsparilla Lily, but it didn't look like a lily.

On Basecamps we normally have a long dinner and talk around the camp fire. However, this time the gruelling day had us all in bed by 9pm. The campsite at Rummerg Park had a few modern conveniences - tank water, a shed for cooking called the "Galley", picnic tables in another shed, toilet blocks and showers - but they were cold. This did not prevent several of our members refreshing themselves.

Sunday morning dawned magnificently without a cloud in the sky. We started down the Boggy Creek Track at about 8.00am. Our first discovery was that Australia was killing the Kiwis in the cricket. Our second discovery was these strange red fruits about 1½" in diameter that looked like cricket balls. I have since been informed that they are the Red Bopple Nut and quite edible like its closest relative - the Macadamia Nut. Our third discovery was that Boggy Creek was misnamed - it was not boggy at all but was exposed rock slabs with numerous quiet pools.

We got to the top of Minyon Falls about 9am and enjoyed the views down over the Repentance Creek Valley. The track around to Condong (Quondong) Falls was through open eucalypt country with the Quondong Trees (Blueberry Ash) in flower just for us. The Box forest along the valley bottom was very strange as there was no undergrowth amongst the Boxes Figs or Palms.

The inviting cool pool was soon enjoyed by those who brought their togs and we lazed around the pool for over an hour. The trip back to the top at Minyon Grass took only 35 minutes and was noticeable for the thick undergrowth primarily the stream lily or Mehnholzias Lily which was in flower.

After a quick lunch, we started on our return journey which was highlighted by the views of Byron Bay and our stop at Kingscliff for a swim and ice creams all round.

We got back to Brisbane at 5.30 after one of the more enjoyable walks of the year. Thanks to all those who came: Justin Tobin, Eugene Behan, Michael Breen, Russell Code, Ken McCarron, Monica Casey, Mary Phillips, Anne Hayes and Pauline Hayes.

P.S. If there is another bus trip away, I bags being the driver - it's great fun!

- Phil Murray

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QUEENSLAND FEDERATION OF BUSHWALKING CLUBS

Minutes of meeting held on 22nd October, 1987, at Brisbane School of Arts, Ann Street, Brisbane.

FMR Report - Tuesday, 27.10.87. Social night with SES, Brooke Street, Fortitude Valley at 7.30pm. Next outing - 22.11.87: advanced abseiling at Beerwah. A draft of program for next year has been prepared and when finalised, will be sent to all clubs.

General Business - Program for Fed includes a social meeting on 26.11.87 to be organised by Gold Coast Club. As no arrangements appear to have been made, it was agreed that the meeting be held at Brisbane at the School of Arts Building and that club reps be invited for Cheese and Wine Social afterwards. No meeting scheduled for December.

At 8.00

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7.00 PM

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JILALAN, your up-to-the-minute magazine, presents this hot-off-the-press report from the leader of the very latest club trip on the weekend just past.

LOWER PORTALS OVERNIGHTER 12-13 December

After a quick load reshuffle to allow one car to be left in Bris, we set off for Beaudesert in the capable hands of Paul and David. (With 6 passengers in the Holden, incl. 3 squeezed in across the front, Michele nearly was in Paul's hands I hear!) At our usual cafe we had a fast food stop - a fast stop for food - before heading for the Lower Portals parking area. Arriving there at 10.15, we lost no time getting into gear (getting it on our backs, that is) for the 1½ hr walk in to the club hut. The 6 who'd done the walk before were surprised to find 3 of the gullies along the way were actually flowing with water. In fact, Greg said it was the greatest volume of water he'd ever seen in the creek in all his years in the club-- and we all know what a long time that is! On arrival at the Club Hut, Yalburru, the billy was boiled, goodies were produced & during the feast that followed, it was discovered that 4 of the crew hadn't ever been to this "Place of Contentment" before. Ten minutes and many threats of Initiation later, David, Russell, Tineke & Michele were very sorry they'd admitted to being first-timers, as they then couldn't get to sleep for thinking of The Treatment that awaited them in the morning. (Or was their insomnia due to the fact that they just weren't used to the luxurious padded bunks; nobody told them it was b.y.o. mattress!) Anyway, we all did get some sleep, even if it was only from about dawn till 6, eh Tineke?

After breakfasting in style - at a table! - with Cornflakes for all, thanks to Eugene, & real milk that Mick brought, we set off for the creek, which was quite fast flowing after all the recent thunderstorms. Having jumped, waded or tripped across this the first of many such obstacles challenges for the uninitiated, we headed up Barney Creek where there was no shortage of opportunities to practise our rock-hopping skills. With Julie, David and "Tinkerbell" (otherwise known as The Foreigner), the fearless leader showed the way upstream, swimming up to & over the little waterfall while Paul & Eugene led the rest of the party on foot over the top. When we reached our snack spot at Barney Falls, most of the group went up to have a closer look, while Eugene taught Michele how to skim stones. We eventually made our way back down to the Lower Portals, again more in the water than out. The first to arrive at the millpond between the 2 gates (portals) was Greg, who made a rather painful discovery... (for the gruesome details, read on. See page 14)

THINKING CATHOLICA JUST AND PROPER SETTLEMENT.

Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace
and others.

"For the Aboriginal people, land is a dynamic notion, something creative. Land is not bound by geographical limitations placed on it by a surveyor who marks out an area and says, 'This is your plot.' Land is the generation point of existence, the maintenance of existence, the spirit from which Aboriginal existence comes.

Land is a living place made up of sky, clouds, rivers, trees, the wind, the sand and the spirit has created all these things, the spirit that planted my own spirit here, my own country.

It is something -- and yet it is not a thing -- it is a living entity. It belongs to me, I belong to the land. I rest in it. I come from there."

- Patrick Dodson

Maybe this is one reason why we walk?

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Attached this month to the back of the Jilalan is a supplement - which looks a lot like Christmas Carols ... Wednesday, December 23rd, J.C. Slaughter Park, Mt. Coot-tha, 6pm.

There are still four members more senior than Tim (I know it is hard to believe) - Greg E, El Marko the Magnificent, Pat and Russ Nelson.

Geoffrey E is heading off to Melbourne - to do some study. He has seen how easy the life of his students is, so thought he'd join them ...

Said by a recent visitor to a Committee meeting - Cathy McD has joined the Navy because she didn't find her man in the Bushwalkers!

Also in the Navy: Barbie Walsh went in to join the Navy Reserve and came out an Officer in the Permanent Navy.

Wear (or ware) RED & WHITE to the December Monthly Meeting. It's our Theme Night.
Remember -- RED & WHITE

Last month's printers included: Marie Calligan, Mary Blythe, Paul Ferris.

This month's typist: Jill Apelt.

THANKS ALL.

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He had disturbed an eel in its home under a big rock, so it bit him - twice! leaving nasty teeth-puncture-marks on his feet. When The Boys turned up on foot & the Water Babies arrived from over the falls (by water-sliding or taking a running jump), no-one could understand why Greg was trying to get them all to stand near a particular big rock in the water!

After a quick lunch at the Club Hut, it was time to pack up, sweep out & move on, which we finally did about 3.15. The walk back out to the cars seemed shorter by day, so we were there in just over an hour, ready to head back to Bris. Thanks to all who came & made it such a good trip: Russell Robinson, Greg Endicott, Tineke Molenaar, Eugene Behan, Julie Peck, Michele Gomm, Michael Breen & especially Paul McDonald & Dave Sinclair for driving.
Steve Arthur.

Please read the inside of the cover carefully for more details

NOVEMBER	18	ROCK CLIMBING - KANGAROO POINT	SAFETY & TRAINING
	22	MARY CAIRNCROSS PARK (MARIE CALLIGAN)	D/W
	28	CHRISTMAS PARTY	SOCIAL
DECEMBER	4/6	NIGHTCAP RANGES (JUSTIN TOBIN)	B/C
	4	END OF WEEK DRINKS - VICTORY HOTEL	RELAX
	12/13	LOWER PORTALS (STEVE ARTHUR)	O/N
	18	PIZZA HUT LUNCH	GATHERING
	21	MONTHLY MEETING	MEETING
	23	CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE PARK	SINGING
	25	CHRISTMAS DAY	
	27	MT GLORIOUS (MICHELE GOMM)	D/W
	31	NEW YEARS EVE BUSHDANCE	
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JANUARY	1/3	WASHPOOL (KEN McCARRON)	T/W
	10	BILLBOROUGH LOOKOUT (PAUL McDONALD)	D/W
	18	MONTHLY MEETING	MEETING
	24	TOOLOONA CIRCUIT (PAUL FERRIS)	D/W
	31	RUNNING CREEK FALLS (LYN GUETIN)	D/W
FEBRUARY	7	LITTLE KINGS MOVEMENT	COLLECTION
	12/14	SHIPSTERN/TURTLE ROCK/EGG ROCK (MIKE WOOD)	T/W
	15	MONTHLY MEETING	MEETING
	21	FLINDERS PEAK (DAVID HEIT)	D/W
	21	TRAINING DAY (BEGINNERS)	FMR
	23	SNAKE IDENTIFICATION	FMR
MARCH	4/6	RAMPARTS (TONICA CASEY)	T/W
	13	KNAPPS PEAK (BRETT MARTIN)	D/W
	19	LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS	VOTE
	20	CLUB HUT'S 21ST BIRTHDAY	CELEBRATION
	20	TRAINING DAY - RESCUE LEADERS	FMR
	21	MONTHLY MEETING	MEETING
	27	MT BRISBANE	D/W
APRIL	1/4	NUMINBAH TO RICHMOND GAP (KEN McCARRON)	T/W
	10	EQUIPMENT DAY	FMR
	17	LAHEY'S TABLETOP (PAT LAWNTON)	D/W
	18	MONTHLY MEETING	MEETING
	22/24	LONG CRK/LEVERS PLATEAU (JUSTIN TOBIN)	T/W
	29/01	WARRUMBUNGLES (CATHY WOOD)	B/C
MAY	30/2	WARRUMBUNGLES (CATHY WOOD)	B/C
	1	MT MAY (PAT LAWNTON)	D/W
	15	BARE ROCK (JOE FINN)	D/W
	16	MONTHLY MEETING	MEETING
	22	MINNAGES MOUNTAIN (PAT LAWNTON)	O/N
JUNE	5	MONTSERRAT	D/W
	3/5	CLUB HUTT/EAGLES RIDGE/EAST PEAK/ WEST PEAK/BURRAJUM/GWYLA/UPPER PORTALS/ GRACE'S HUT (JOHN CARTER)	T/W
	19	MT FRASER	D/W
	20	MONTHLY MEETING	MEETING
	26	MT NEILSON	D/W

D/W - DAYWALK O/N - OVERNIGHTER
B/C - BASECAMP T/W - THROUGHWALK

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