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CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

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Club address is PO. Box 151, North Guay, Brisbane, Q. 4001.

Monthly meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at the Catholic Centre, Edward St, City, commencing at 7.30p.m.

Enter via the car park, not the front door. If the door is shut, please ring the door bell and wait for someone to come down and open it. Car parking is available behind the Cathedral. Use the second gate in Charlotte Street and drive around between the buildings to the Cathedral rear.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

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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 9.00p.m. at the earliest.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT - FEBRUARY

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Dear Editor,

One teacher at a respectable Catholic school in Brisbane refers to his students as "diggers". This bit of delightful verse was composed by four of these on a throughwalk from Mt Ballow to Mt Barney:-

Ten little diggers, Barney's weather's fine, One was late and then there were nine. Nine little diggers eating charcoaled steak, One didn't like it and then there were eight. Eight little diggers thought Ballow would be heaven. One couldn't make it and then there were seven. Seven little diggers, the fire at Grace's to fix, One burnt himself and then there were six. Six little diggers not very alive, One found a snake and then there were five. Five little diggers not too sure, One went wrong and then there were four. Four little diggers climbing a tree, One fell down and then there were three. Three little diggers looking for a clue, One didn't see it and then there were two. Two little diggers at the portals having fun, One fell in and then there was one. One little digger walking all alone, He dehydrated and then there were none.

The authors' names and an extract from the above can be viewed in the Club Hut log book.

Chris Norman Being one of the four.

## CLUB CALENDER

March		
7/9 15 15 17 23	Binna Burra / O'Reillys Federation Bush Dance F.M.R. Training Day - Beginners Monthly Meeting Mt. Greville	TW/BC
28/30	Yalburu Games	DW
April		
3/7 12	Colo River / F.M.R. Training Day - Beginners	BC
13 19	Mt. Alexander Mass and Dinner - Social	DW
24/27	Teviot Gap - Cunningham's Gap	TW/BC
May		
2/5 9 18	Gibralter Range Visitor's Information Night	BC
18 19	Mt. Goolman - Ivory Rocks Monthly Meeting	DW
24/25 25	Campbell's Folly F.M.R. Training Day - Advanced	ON
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June 8		4
13/16 23	Long Creek Mt. Barney - Bellow Monthly Meeting	DW TW/BC
28/29 29	Mt. Castle	ON
	F.M.R. Training Day - Beginners	
July 5	Per Pools	
18/20	Egg Rock Numimbah Gap - Point Danger	DW TW/BC
21 26/27	Monthly Meeting Cordeaux - Devlin	ON
August		
1/3	F.M.R. Weekend	DW
10	Social - Rural Youth Ball Panorama Point	DW
12/13 22/24	Barney Mass Mt. Clunie - Mt. Lindesay	ON
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#### COMING OUTINGS

Mt. Greville - Daywalk

Date: 23 March 1980

Leader: Bev Price PH. 484795

Emergency Officer: Chris Mangin PH. 485441

Cost: \$4.50

Location: South of Aratula

Meeting Time: Charlotte St. outside Cathedral at 7.45a.m. on Sunday 23 March.

Mt. Greville is found this side of Cunningham's Gap near the highway. It offers a panoramic view of 360° of the surrounding Main Range. Good views of Cordeaux and Mitchell are seen. One of the highlights of the walk are the gorges of the mountain, one of which we will travel down. We will ascend by one of the northern ridges. See Bew for this entertaining daywalk.

#### Colo River Basecamp

Date: 3/7 April

Leader: John Carter PH. 3564931

Emergency Officer: John Hood PH. 304190

Cost: \$35 Deposit \$5

Location: South of Singleton

Meeting Time: In Ann St. at 6.00p.m. outside Pillow Talk, near King George Square (same place as last year).

Leaving at 6.00p.m. on Thrusday evening, the bus will travel all night down the New England Highway to Singleton. From there it will go along the Old Putty Road to the start of the walk at Angowra Creek. We should arrive at about breakfast time.

We will then follow the creek down to the basecamp site. It will take 5 hours walking time to reach (plus rest stops), but it is fairly easy going. The walk in is quite good and interesting.

On Saturday we will have a couple of day walks in the offering. Some down the river, others up stream and there are also a couple of lookouts near the campsite. There will be plenty of opportunities for swimming and li-lows are good to bring along. There will be a hard walk for those who want it. The Colo River is a wilderness area and is thickly forested even in the gorge.

On Sunday we return to the bus and could come back a different way. Monday we will return to Brisbane around 7-8.00p.m. Though we are spending most of the time by the river, a water bottle should be carried. Food should be taken up to and including Monday breakfast.

Fr. Noel will arrange the Easter Services. Meat cannot be eaten on Friday.

MOTE: If possible please bring any outstanding trip money to the next meeting

## COMING OUTINGS (Cont.)

Mt. Alexandar Daywalk

Date: 13 April

Leader: Anne Carter PH 35649

Emergency Officer: John Hood PH 304190

Cost: \$4

Location: South of Beaudesert

Meeting Time: Charlotte St., outside the Cathedral at 7.45a.m. on Sunday 13th

This mountain is situated by the Albert River and is at the start of the Kerry Track up to O'Reilly's. We will follow the track up Stockyard Creek and then head up the ridge on the left. We will then head along the range to Mt. Alexandar. Good views from Lamington to Barney can be seen. This is Anne's first walk as leader and is hoping for a big turnout. It is of medium grade.

## YOUR FRESIDENT SAYS

"Bring Money to Meetings".

Money is useful at meetings - to pay leaders nomination fees for walks, to pay for socials, to buy club badges, car stickers and all those things, and lastly, the most important use, to gorge yourself at a restaurant later.

## PHONE NUMBERS CHANGING

From 30th March, 1980 Russ's phone number will be 3949559 at work, and no change at home. Please note boys that whenever you ring Russ these days Jan might answer.

Greg Endicott's new work number is 339611.

### PAST OUTINGS

BOOKOOKOORARA CREEK - throughwalk - 15/17 February 1980

Leader: John Carter

## Bookookoorara Follies

A two day rock-hop lay ahead of us, as we set off from Undercliffe Falls at 8.00am. I had persuaded four other guys to come along and soon we were jumping (and slipping) down the creek. Our walk was east of Stanthorpe in the Granite Belt.

The first couple of hours was tame enough - just a couple of small waterfalls and pools. We then reached a 50 foot fall and we contoured, with difficulty, around it, taking about an hour. Some of the boulders were as big as houses (well almost!)

Numerous lizards and several rock wallabies were seen by those with a quick eye. We were pleased when a small fall was reached for lunch. We stayed here for two hours, enjoying the sun and water! Marko showed us his diving ability (photos taken).

Leaving at 3.00pm we still had a long section to go. We passed through a 300ft gorge and numerous swimming holes. The going became easier as we neared Boonoo Boonoo River where we were to camp that night. We set up camp at 6.30pm. Shortly afterwards the young 'uns headed off to their tent. Those remaining yarned late into the night.

Waking at 6.00am to a fine day we were soon heading up Boonoo Boonoo River, which is not as wild as Bookookoorara Creek. We set a good pace and we could see evidence of recent flooding. After about three hours we came across a beaut pool, which gave an excuse for a swim. Continuing on, we finally reached our destination which was Boonoo Boonoo Falls, cascading several hundred feet down to the river. We had lunch by these falls and sadly headed back up the track to where we had a car parked.

It was a highly enjoyable, challenging weekend, and those who came with me were: Mike Keane, Tony Wood, Mark Tottenham, and Jim Besgrove.

## CONSERVATION NOTES

The A.C.F. is asking the Federal Government to apply the Environment Protection Act to the proposed Lower Jordon - Franklin River hydro electric power development in Tasmania's South-Test. A.C.F. considerit a national issue since about 50% of the remaining wilderness will be flooded by the scheme. The Franklin is regarded as the greastest wild river in Australia.

On 21st October 1979 the Capricornia Section of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park was proclaimed. Though the section is already immense by World Marine park standard it covers only 6% of the Reef.

About 3047 ha. was added to the Fraser Island National Park (52400 ha.) in December, 1979.

#### REMENBER

Tennis is held every Wednesday night at 7.30p.m. at the Hendra Tennis Courts for 3 hours. See Michael Cashman for details.

#### HIRE OF EQUIPMENT

The club has several H-frame packs available for hire to visitors and new members. The cost is fifty cents for each trip it is used on. There is also one tent for hire.

See Dave Mort regarding hiring of any of the above items.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Subs are now due! So all you unfinancial members send in your subs. to John Hood in the next few weeks. Single membership is still only \$10 and married couples is \$14.

## COMING SOCIAL

It will be the Annual Mass and Dinner and will be held on the 19th April. More details will be given by Therese at the next meeting. Don't forget to nominate for an enjoyable night out.

#### M.B.S.

A certain female, back from a holiday in N.Z. is reputed to be on a crash diet. Jim Besgrave transferred to Cairns. Chris Mangin transferred to Forest Hill. Bernie O'Keefe transferred, but only for a month, to Kingaroy. Marko revealed all on a recent throughwalk. Christine Carter is back at school.

YALBURRU GAMES

Emergency officer: Mr. Carter (3564931) Cost: \$7.00

This is a great weekend for all new comers to meet the bushies in the relaxed atmosphere of our own club hut.

Saturday morning will be a light spring cleaning and then off to The Portals for a refreshing swim.

After lunch the big competition begins. There's great prizes to be won for every section and a grand prix so start practising now. Games include tent pitching, a surprise section (must bring rag one metre long) water boiling contest and cooking competition.

Saturday night entertainment is a sing-a-long, followed by supper. A friendly game of cricket Sunday morning is followed by a cool swim. Presentation of prizes will be made at lunch time.

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Mass and Dinner

Time: 6.15pm on 19th April

Place: Place for Mass will be stated at next meeting-

Dinner this year is at Jade (Chinese ) Garden Restaurant. Sandgate Road, Albion. Bach person pays \$12.50 for an eight course meal! So be ready for a feast. The band plays from 8.30 to 2.30am. Entertainment begins at 11.00. The band plays a variety of dancing music. Parking is available in the area. The restaurant closes at 3.00am.

#### PRESIDENTS REPORT

The executive content of our club is in demand. The world at large recognises that we are the breeding ground, a cradle of bright young people, the seed which germinates the next generation of forward thinkers.

Our best brains are being drained away, but with our vast reserve of bright. energetic minds we are not affected.

The transfer of: Anne to Dysart,

Jim to Cairns, Peter Cashman to Wandoan, Chris Mangin to Forest Hill

and the promotions of

Dave Mort and Greg Endicott

show that large or anisations demand that our members fill their top positions.

Greg Endicott Dip.A.I.I.

## PAST OUTINGS

<u>WILSON'S CREEK</u> - Overnighter - 23/24 February 1980 <u>Leader: Michael Wood</u>

On Saturday night 23/2/80 fifteen bushies gathered at the Cathedral for this great walk. It was a beaut night as we headed for Wilson's Creek, south of Boonah.

Sunday morning we rose by 6am. It was going to be a fine day so, after breakfasting and tidying up, we were able to leave by 7.45am. The first part of the walk was an up-hill climb to reach the top of the cliff along which we walked till we came across the first waterfall, which was a pretty sight. We could see for miles from the cliff top.

Continuing around the cliff line and climbing a little, we reached an old rabbit fence which we then followed down to the second waterfall where we had morning tea. We started up the creek to a swimming hole - not a very good one, but it looked inviting to John.

We left the creek and came across some bee hives, but didn't get too close. The bees were home! Walking parallel to the creek, we came to flag rocks (which are old lava flows). From there we could see Mt Toowoonan and most of the track we had walked. It was too early to have lunch so the energetic walkers pushed on down to the creek again and up the other side to reach the top of the ridge by 12 noon. This is where we rested for eats. After an hour we followed a dried up creek bed to the first waterfall where we were surprised to see 46 people picnicing. We enjoyed a swim and then headed back to our cars for the return trip.

Michael Wood

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## THE BAD OLD DAYS

The rule of thumb for the old backing was that the weight of your pack should equal the weight of yourself and the kitchen range combined. Just a casual glance at a full pack sitting on the floor could give you a double hernia and fuse four vertebrae. After carrying the pack all day, you had to remember to tie one leg to a tree before you dropped it. Otherwise, you would float off into space. The pack eliminated the need for any special kind of ground-gripping shoes, because your feet would sink a foot and a half into hard packed earth, two inches into solid rock. Some of the new breed of backpackers occasionally wonder what caused a swarth of fallen trees on the side of a mountain. This is where one of the old backpackers slipped off the trail with a full pack.

My sleeping bag looked like a rolled up mattress salvaged from a fire in a skid row hotel. It's filling was sawdust, horsehair, and No.6 bird shot. Some of today's backpackers tell me their sleeping bags are so light they scarcely know they're there. the only time I scarcely knew my sleeping bag was there was when I was in it at 2.00am on a cold night. It was freckled from one end to the other with spark holes, a result of my efforts to stay close enough to the fire to keep warm. The only time I was halfway comfortable was when it was ablaze. It was the only sleeping bag I ever heard of which you could climb into in the evening with scarcely a mark on you and wake up in the morning bruised from head to toe. That was because two or three times a night my companions would take it upon themselves to jump up and stomp out my sleeping bag fires- in their haste neglecting to first evacuate the occupant. Since I was the camp cook, I never knew whether they were attempting to save me from immolation or getting in a few last licks for what they thought might be terminal indigestion.

From "A Fine And Pleasant Misery" by Pat McManus.