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CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

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CLUB ADDRESS: P.O. Box 151, North Quay, Brisbane, 4000.

Monthly Meetings: Meetings are held on the SECOND Monday of the month at the P.O.A. Building, 453 Ann St., City, commencing at 7.30pm. 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 pm. at the earliest.

# CLUB CALEND R

1/3rd March S/T Weekend Basecamp

11th March General Meeting

15/17th March Moreton Island Basecamp/Twalk

23rd March Casino Night

31st March Mt. Joyce Daywalk

8th April Annual General Meeting

12/15th April Easter Trip New England

20th April Social

25th April Anzac Day

27th April Mt. Warning Daywalk

3/6th May Clarence River Basecamp/Twalk

11th May Social

13th May General Meeting

17/19th May Mistake Range Basecamp/Twalk

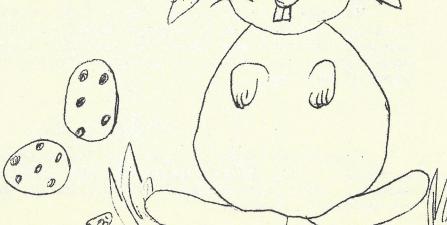
30th May/1st June New Members/Saftey

Training

7/10th June Parorama Point - Basecamp/ Twalk Lizard Pt.

15th June Social

17th June General Meeting



#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 8th April 9174, commencing at 7.30 p.m. at the P.O.A. Hall 453 Ann Street, Brisbane.

The meeting will consider and receive reports of the retiring Committee. It will also elect the General Committee for the coming year, and discuss any General Business.

Examination of the Treasurer's Report will show that the General Account is struggling. Consequently, the outgoing committee recommends that subscriptions be increased to \$4 single and \$6 for married couples.

The following nominations have been received for the 1974/75 committee.

Position	Candidate	Nominator	Seconder
President **	Marnie Conway	Linda Platten	Lydia Jones
Vice President			
Outings Secretary	Greg Endicott	Lydia Jones	Linda Platten
General Secretary	Linda Platten	Marnie Conway	Margaret Boyle
Treasurer	Brian McMahon	Pat Lawton	Linda Platten
Social Secretary	Cecily Palmer	Marnie Conway	Marie McMahon
Safety & Training Officer			
General Committee Member	Marcia Kearney Ann Nelson Tim Mellor	Denise Clancy Gavin Clancy Greg Endicott	Gavin Clancy Armida Mirabito Marnie Conway

Vacancies still exist for a Vice President, a Safety and Training Officer and a General Committee member. All financial ordinary members are asked to consider helping out in one of these positions, which will, we hope, be filled at the Mar monthly general meeting.

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to Bill and Tim Mellor on becoming ordinary members - the first father and son combination in living memory. Also congratulations to Darelle Shapcott on becoming an associate member.

# OUTINGS

# New England

Roving Basecamp

Date: 11/15th April
Cost: \$18 maximum
Leader: Linda Platten

Nominations: Linda Platten or Brian McMahon.

The New England Plateau is a haven for bushwalkers and tourists alike. Situated around Armidale - the Cathedral city - the area is noted for its mountains, gorges and waterfalls.

Main walking area visited on this trip will be Point Lockout. From here, on a clear day, you can see mountains stretching towards the horizon, with the effect of light and shadow on the ridges making this an unforgettable view. "Tougher walkers will be able to walk cround by Darkie's and Major's Points and down to Ebor, while the more tourist oriented can walk on track systems to meeping Rock and Danksia Point, then drive down to join the Dhards?.

Other places of interest visited will be the deer park at New England University, Ebor Falls and Wallomombi Gorge. At this last named gorge we will see Wallomombi falls, which have the longest drop of all the falls in New South Wales.

Whichever your interest - tourism or walking - you will enjoy yourself on this trip. (Easter Mass will be attended at Armidale.)

# Mount Varning

Daywalk

Date: 27th April

Cost: \$3

Leader: Marnie Conway

Émergency Officer:

This is quite an easy daywalk, as there is a graded track most of the way up. It is also very rewarding, because of the magnificent views of the Northern Rivers area from the top.

Don't miss the club's first daywalk of the New Year.

APRIL, 1974

#### Clarence River

Basecamp/Throughwalk Date: 3/6 May

Cost: \$
Leader: T/W
Emergency Officer

B/C

The May long weekend sees the club deserting its traditional haunts and visiting the Clarence River. in northern New South Wales More details at the April meeting.

#### OUTINGS

The incoming outings Secretary would like members to contact him at the next meeting. Leaders are needed for the next 12 months, and anybody who would like to lead, can specify the trip and even the date. In 6 months time even new members will be experienced enough to lead a day walk or basecamp. All you need is a pre-outing which you arrange with a friend. A leaders job is to know the route and keep the party moving. Nothing too complicated actually. No special secrets, no need for a first aid certificate, does not have to carry extra gear, not even a compass. Any male or female can lead. You can lead.

Secondly, all members willing to take cars on trips please contact me either at the meeting or by phone. Specify type of vehicle, no. of cyclinders, no. of people (including driver) it can carry and number of packs that can fit in the boot. Drivers do not pay for the trip and are paid petrol money. Trips that require buses usually run at a loss - paying the driver overtime and road tax - and with the small parties we usually can not find a car among the nominations. The more cars available, the fewer times you will be required to take it. You only are asked to use it when you have already nominated to do the walk - arranging transport is the last thing done before the actual trip. Also we don't take sedans where only Land Rovers go.

Greg Endicott.

# NOTICE

The rule this club year is - pay a deposit to the trip leader when you nominate. Nominations will NOT be accepted until deposits are paid. We have trouble arranging transport, so I don't want people canceling out on Friday night. Also the Tuesday Night before the walk is the latest you can nominate. Again a deposit is required for last minute nominations.

#### MORETON ISLAND

The party of 19 left town at 6am, and after a 3 hour trip arrived at Tangalooma. The 13 throughwalkers (9BCBC and 4 Binna Burra) moved on after a rest leaving 5 basecampers at the wrecks. All the ridges are north - south and the party had to walk N-E towards Mt Tempest. Thus three major ridges - Holly Spur, Flat Iron and Mt's Storms - and several minor ones had to be crossed. The going was easy as we were following an old overgrown four wheel drive trock, then a survey track - pegs in the ground and blue plastic tape on trees-which marked the National Park Boundary.

The views from the tops of the ridges were superb, looking across the island to the open sea. The vegetation was open timber with small shrubs. Even though there is no rock on the island - only sand - the going was easy because of grass.

As a result of the early start and the humidity, the sun didn't make it out often, but it was mighty hot - we camped short of Tempest. Several of us made a mad packless dash for Mt Storm - one peak short of our goal. The Saturday night stop was "a room with a view". We could see from Noosa Lakes to the Gold Coast, the inner city high rise to Cunninghams Gap, the Bay and the ocean. It's different seeing the sun set over water. At night it was better with the mainland lights and flashing channel. markers in the bay.

Arrangement had been made to meet the basecampers in The Desert - a sand patch south from Tanglooma-at midday. Thus Tempest had to be forgotten. We woke at 6am - times varying with each individual - and within 1/2hr were on our way. Only rain and the mossies worried us that night. No track Sunday - we decided to follow a southerly bearing and keep going straight. Therefore a painful - for those up back a pleasant - 3 hour scunge bash followed through dense forrest and thick low scunge. When we reached the only true road, the party split, some followed it out to the wrecks and a swim whereas the rest made the 510m to the desert in 2hr, only too late for the basecampers. This desert is not as big or as spectacular as the one on Fraser, and does not have the enviting lake at the end. We had lunch, dried our still wet tents, caught a milliped, walked through Tombstone and made off across the desert. From there it is only 15 minutes to the bay. Timing was perfect as we made the wrecks at 2 p.m. and the "Winifred" just followed us in. Trip home was calm only 25 knot winds, 1.5 metre swells, and 6 seasick. Back in town by 5 p.m.

Result - Bushwalkers are not mariners and should stick to the bush.

Thanks to Binna Burra for their presence as it was good walking with members from another club.

#### APRIL SOCIAL

Have you got the trotts? Well, come along to the next social at Albion Park. Here's your chance to win back some of the coin you lost at the Casino Night.

Starts at 7.30 p.m., on the 20th April, 1974. Everyone will meet outside the main gate. Cost is approximately \$1.00 to \$1.50. Supper held afterwards will cost 50c.

#### CASINO NIGHT

Only 10 turned up, but all with the right password, the gambling spirit and money. The setting was the "Diggers Casino" under canvas and kero lanterns at Marcia Kearney's. The pace was slow to start, but once everyone learnt th t "7" paid 3 - 1 things began to move. When we switched to pontoon we quickly switched again as the bank began to loose. Once the small betters left, the piece de resistence appeared — the wheel and ball stolen from Tasie. Because only five remained to play roulette the rules were altered to suit the odds and the den was shut down at 11.30 pm. with a healthy profit in kitty.

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# MORE BEAUT SCANDAL

Rumour has it that Marcia Kearney is changing her name and leaving town before members have a chance to discuss her "Treasurer's Report". Former treasurer Denise Thompson who showed Marcia how to do the job, has already taken similar steps.

Ted Richardson seen in the middle of the desert, adopting a "Thinker" pose. His pedestal - an old toilet seat on the only rise in sight.

For Sale - CHEAP - Sea sick tablets. Greatly reduced price of only 10 cents each. These same tablets were \$1.10 each on the trip back from Moreton - the old law of supply and demand! Super salesman Endicott is the man to see.

Big Louis made an appearance at the "Diggers' Casino".

The Go-anywhere mobile has discovered that the shortest route from Holland Park to Camp Hill is via Oxley.

The Queensland Light Opera Company's production of "The Desert Song" was not inspired by Bushwalkers efforts in the Desert on Moreton Island.

Congratulations to Kathy Palmer who celebrated her 21st birthday on the 28th March.

Beautiful new Ford Escort seen driving round Brisbane streets.

Linda Platten is in Tasmania as a TOUMIST, and if you think postal services are bad now, wait till she comes back to start her new job in the PMG.

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