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WARNING

All persons, adult or child, member or visitor UNDERTAKE ALL ACTIVITIES OF THE CLUB AT THEIR OWN RISK. The Club is not even in a position to state that all care will be taken.

MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the third monday of the month, top floor (3rd) of the Catholic Centre, Charlotte St. Enter via the back door (Elizabeth or Charlotte St). Door opens at 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcome.

POSTAL ADDRESS

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

OUTINGS

All walks leave from the Catholic Center (unless otherwise notified) as per the Meetings. Walkers are responsible for travel to and from the Catholic Center. If you have any difficulties getting there, contact the Leader concerned. They may be able to help.

To go on a walk, you must contact the Leader beforehand. Due to transport considerations, numbers may be limited - it is then a case of "First in, First served".

All persons are to bring on all walks:-

A first aid kit

A torch

A parka/raincoat

At least 2 litres of water.

EMERGENCY OFFICER

If, within the hour prior to an outing's departure, you can't make it, or are running late - phone the number shown for the Emergency Officer. This is also the number for your family etc. to contact if you have not arrived home after 9pm.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Phone the President, General Secretary, or any Committee member.

EQUIPMENT HIRE

The Club has some packs and tents for hire to visitors and newer members. The cost of hire is \$10 per weekend, with a \$20 deposit. A late return fee is charged at the rate of \$10 for each week that it is late. Borrowers are responsible for collecting and returning equipment, as well as making good any damage. Contact the Equipment Hire Officer for details.

ANNUAL MASS & DINNER

DATE SATURDAY 21 APRIL 1990

THE MASS

LOCATION Padua College
80 Turner Rd Kedron (opposite Somerset Rd)
TIME 5.30pm
CONTACT Monica McCarron ph. 846 4150
CELEBRANT The club's Chaplain Father Ed Nally

THE DINNER

LOCATION Wang Dynasty Restaurant
302 Wickham St Fortitude Valley
TIME About 7.00pm
CONTACT Anthony Dolan ph. 350 2034
COST \$15 approx.

As a Catholic club we are not loud nor boastful about our religion but newer members often comment on the feel or ambience that exists within the club. This ambience is best illustrated on the Barney Mass. The club's other religious observance is the Annual Mass and Dinner where we take the opportunity to celebrate Mass as a club and renew friendships over dinner.

N.B. Nominations for the dinner should be given to Anthony ASAP, so bookings can be made. Monica would love to hear from anyone willing to play a musical instrument.

GAP CREEK FALLS - Daywalk

DATE : Sunday 22 April
LEADER : JOHN BRACK ph 260 5518
COST : \$11.00
MEETING TIME : 8.30 am sharp
MEETING PLACE : Charlotte St. behind the Cathedral
EMERGENCY OFFICER: Phillip Murray ph 208 3687

Gap Creek Falls is just below Cunninghams Gap. It is a nice easy graded track walk and is the last easy track walk until the 23 rd September , when we do Dave's Creek up at Binna Burra .

We will do the Palm Grove Circuit first, then down through the eucalypt forest to the top of the falls for a leisurely lunch.

MONTHLY MEETING MONDAY 23 APRIL 1990

VENUE : 3rd Floor The Catholic Centre
TIME : 7.30 pm

Please note the meeting this month is on the 4th Monday so as not to clash with the public holiday on Easter Monday.

At the last monthly meeting Barry Ellerington played Santa Claus by handing out nifty 1.5 litre water bottles. At the April monthly meeting there are more freebies, it's the (Sydney) Catholic Bushwalking Club's 40th anniversary commemorative booklet. The booklet has many wonderful articles about classic trips and characters of the club. It was the (Sydney) Catholic club that inspired the formation of our own club. Thanks go to my mother in law for collecting the books and carting them up on her last trip to Brisbane.

Phil

MT. COOTTHA - Night Navigation

FMR Training Event

DATE : Tuesday 24 April
CONTACT PERSON : Phillip Murray ph 208 3687
MEETING TIME : 7.00 pm
MEETING PLACE : Simpsons Falls

At the last night navigation event Greg Endicott displayed his expert navigation skills by winning the event this is an opportunity for him to defend his title and for the rest of us to learn from the best.

ANZAC DAY

Greg and Michele Endicott who recently moved house, have invited everyone in the club to their HOUSE WARMING PARTY.

Where : 12 Mingaletta Crescent
Ferny Hills
Time : Anytime between 11.30 am and 8.00 pm
Bring : It's a B.Y.O. food & drink
There is a B-B-Q.

Please note no gifts as there's no room to put the stuff from the old house let alone find room for more nick-nacks.

THE STAYERS AWARD

It has been suggested that if anyone manages to attend all of the hectic schedule at the end of April then they should be recognised and rewarded for their efforts above and beyond the call of club loyalty. An appropriate award would be the club badge and it shall be awarded to those who attend the following activities :-

1. The Annual Mass and Dinner
 2. Gap Creek Falls daywalk
 3. April monthly meeting
 4. Mt. Coot-tha night navigation
 5. B-B-Q at the Endicotts
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MT. MAY TO MT. MAROON

An Overnighter

DATE : SAT 28 / SUN 29 APRIL
LEADER : ANTHONY DOLAN ph 350 2034
COST : \$13.00
ASSEMBLY TIME : 7.15 pm
ASSEMBLY POINT : Charlotte St. Behind the Cathedral
EMERGENCY OFFICER : Sue Murray ph 208 3687

On Saturday night we'll camp at the Mt. May water reserve (there's no water there). Then early on Sunday morning we'll zip up to the top of Mt. May. From there we'll be able to see Mt. Barney and our days destination Mt. Maroon. We do a nice little ridge walk before dropping off into "the lowlands" and then beginning the ascent of Maroon.

On the pre-outing Maroon was a whiteout : rain, mist and wind ie. no views. Conventional bushwalking wisdom would have it we are therefore assured of fine weather on the day itself. Come along and find out why Maroon is so many peoples' favourite mountain.

Anthony

COOLOOLA WILDERNESS TRAIL

Throughwalk

DATE : 5/6/7 MAY
 LEADER : BRETT MARTIN ph 371 2705
 COST : \$ 25.00
 MEETING TIME : 7.00 am Saturday 5th May
 MEETING PLACE : Charlotte St., behind the Cathedral
 EMERGENCY OFFICER : Russ Nelson ph 378 5200

This is a very easy throughwalk and is ideal for those wishing to try their first throughwalk.

Last time the club did this trip it was done as a 2 day walk and the party finished it quite comfortably. Thus as 3 day walk it should be bliss.

As we have ample time and to avoid a 3 to 4 hour drive on the Friday night of a long weekend we will drive up on Saturday morning.

Hopefully we will have enough walkers to form two parties with one setting out from East Mullen and the other party setting out from Elanda Point thus eliminating a time consuming car shuffle.

The East Mullen party will camp at Neefs Waterholes on Saturday night. On Sunday they will camp at Harry's Hut.

The Elanda Point party will camp at Harry's on Saturday and Neefs on Sunday.

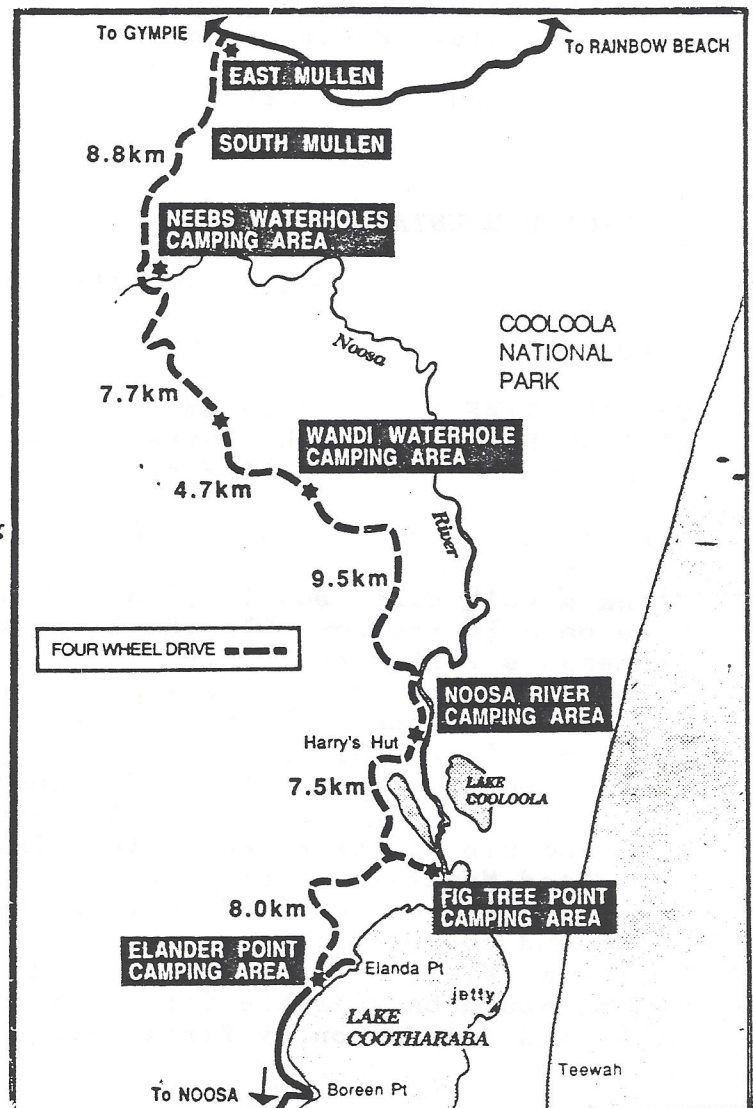
Sunday lunchtime will be at Wandi Waterhole where the two parties will meet for a B-B-Q lunch and a swim.

The major attraction of this walk is that it is nearly as flat as a pancake and hence you won't be puffing and panting as you slowly climb the next mountain.

So come along and help make this the best attended throughwalk in years. *

For the botanical buffs in the club the flower to look for is the Wallum Banksia. It is very similar to the saw toothed Banksia but it has narrower, greener leaves and has larger follicles ie it has bigger woody nuts. The Wallum Banksia is the "Big Bad Banksia Man" of the Gumnut Babies books by May Gibbs.

For those who need a regular diet of mountain climbing all is not lost as when the two parties finish the trip they will rendezvous at Pomona and there should be time to zip up Mt. Cooroora to round off a terrific weekend.



MONDAY 7th MAY

For those not on the throughwalk Liz Little recommends the following activity.

The Annual Conference of Religious Education occurs in Brisbane this year and offers a variety of interesting and exciting workshops. One workshop this year may be of particular interest to BCBC members. It's entitled:-

"CREATION THEOLOGY --A THEOLOGY FOR OUR TIME"

The issues dealt with include; recognizing our oneness with the natural environment, rejoicing in the earth and accepting stewardship of the world.

Enquiries and registration forms --phone Liz on 840 0545 W
356 4874 H

NEGLECTED MOUNTAIN

DATE : Saturday 12th May (so we don't clash
with Mothers day)
LEADER : RAY WILLANS ph 371 8820
COST : \$11.00
MEETING TIME : 7.30 am
MEETING PLACE : Charlotte St. behind the Cathedral
EMERGENCY OFFICER : Phil Murray ph 208 3687

Well this mountain has certainly been neglected by the club, as I could find no previous record of the the club doing a walk here. But I did hear a whisper that it was once done on a Federation pilgrimage, or was it done as part of a Buchanan's Fort throughwalk?

For those who don't know where Neglected Mountain is, it's down near Buchanan's Fort but on the other side of the Christmas Creek valley.

We'll park the cars at the National Fitness Centre and then walk up the start of the Stretcher Track and then turn west and zip up the ridge to the plateau that forms Neglected Mountain. From here we'll enjoy the views of Mounts Gipps, Lindesay, Barney and Maroon over a picnic lunch and cup of billy tea.

It's a relatively short easy walk, that's not too steep and it would be suitable for first time walkers, so come along and join me on my first walk as leader.

Ray

BIKE RIDING DAY ALONG THE RIVER

SUNDAY 20TH MAY

CONTACT PERSON : Bernadette Kent ph 378 4309
MEETING TIME : 11.00 am
MEETING PLACE : the main entrance gates of the Botanical
Gardens, Anne St. opposite Albert St.

Hire or bring your own bicycles for a leisurely ride beside the river down to the University and back. We will have a late lunch at the garden's restaurant.

SPRINGBROOK / WARRIE CIRCUIT DAYWALK

21 JAN

We were well organised at leaving at 8.00 am. We had 1 bus load and 2 cars, with Geoffrey Egert driving the bus, and Paul McDonald and Greg Rauchle driving the cars.

Feeling pleased that we got away on time, with 21 people to enjoy such a beautiful scenic walk, with weather fine and sunny and promise of a beautiful day.

Travelling through Nerang, a horrible thought occurred to Barry, "What did he do with his keys to his car?" Which jolted his memory to thinking, he hadn't locked his car up and his keys were still in the ignition. "Panic, Panic." But a quick call to Anthony took the worry off his mind. (Thanks Anthony)

Continuing our drive on, to BEST OF ALL LOOKOUT, at 10am a surprise package for most - very enjoyable at an extreme height. Half an hour later we were at the picnic grounds, ready to start the walk. We had our first break at Meeting of the Waters, which was one of the most beautiful waterfalls of the walk.

We continued through picturesque waterfalls and beautiful country. There was a great swim for those who were game. Continuing the walk, finishing up at the twin fall circuit, under the Twin Falls with another enjoyable swim.

We finished our walk at 4.40pm and were on the bus bound for home at 5pm.

WE ALL HAD A GREAT DAY!

Barry Green

BOONOO BOONOO BASE CAMP

Trips back to the Granite Belt are always special for me. I taught for 3 years in the Stanthorpe District and had a really good time out there. I met some terrific people, played lots of sport and enjoyed all the local products.

Three years ago the Boonoo Boonoo area was the venue of my first walk with the Club.

Leading the basecamp to the Granite region over the Australia Day weekend, therefore, was no great task.

Our main camping spot was made at the Cypress Rest area in the Boonoo Boonoo park. It proved a great spot, being close to drinkable water in the river and a big lagoon for swimming. The time here did not prove overly strenuous although we did manage to explore various stretches of the Boonoo Boonoo River, Boonoo Boonoo Falls and Bald Rock.

Highlight of the weekend was over to South Bald Rock with 2 of the park rangers. The Rock is certainly worth a visit and the group spent considerable time clambering over, under through the boulders. The rock is a fine example of nature's weathering processes and the surrounds are full of interesting flora and fauna.

Encouraged by my 'steadfast leadership', four of the group managed to see the sun rise from top of Bald Rock. This quick trip was arranged to prove to the throughwalkers that we didn't take it easy all weekend.

I trust my basecampers enjoyed there leisuely weekend in the granite region and I hope others will be encouraged to visit this marvellous area of Queensland.

Russell Code

BYRON BAY BASECAMP

MARCH 2-4

There were a few less than fearless types who nominated "subject to the weather". I'm pleased to say that they all took the punt and came along.

We proceeded in a fairly nominal convoy arrangement and it was quite late before we all arrived at the caravan park /camping ground at Clarke's Beach Byron Bay.

Pick a spot, don't make too much noise, set up a tent and go to bed. This we duly did.

Next morning, following fairly in the tradition of my walks, we left well before lunch time for our days destination, Broken Head, south along Tallow Beach from Byron. This was nice and easy. It was about 6km to Broken Head and after negotiating Tallow Creek (too easy!) We reached the camping ground at Broken Head. We had lunch around on the headland overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Our lunch was brought to a sudden end by a rain squall. It lasted only a few minutes but long enough to send us back to the kiosk. We then headed back to Byron along the beach. It was a beachcomber's delight; coconuts, flotsam, shells and other marine specimens. Ray continued along to the Byron headland and met up with Ed & Cathy Thistlethwaite whom had arrived that day.

We were back at camp by about 4.45 pm after a pleasant and leisurely 12 km stroll. Time had not been of the essence.

Andy kindly made a trip into town and informed us that Mass was at 6.30 pm. So after scrubbing up (rest assured no-one in my group made use of the hot showers - it was strictly cold showers only) we went to Mass and then had dinner at the local Mexican eatery. Then to make sure they didn't forget we had come to Byron to go walking, we walked up to the ice-cream parlour before driving back to camp. We just beat the rain to bed that night.

Next morning I arose and wandered over to where Ray, Andy and Liz were sitting. This "coup committee" informed me of the day's walk - a return trip to Brunswick Heads along the beach - 30 km! (I had Mt Warning in mind). We compromised on a 15 km one way trip to Brunswick Heads with a car shuffle.

We decamped, bid farewell to Joe and Carmel and Michele, sent the advance party off along the beach, shuffled the cars up to Brunswick Heads, got dropped off back at the beach north of Byron Bay, thanked and farewelled Greg and started walking.

A four hour amble along a surprisingly deserted beach, on a surprisingly fine day (hats and sunscreen - don't leave home without them) brought us to the Brunswick Heads Surf Life Saving Club where our cars awaited us. The water was marvellous and the smart people had a swim. It was time to go home but the trip had been time well spent.

Thanks to Andy Pittkin and Bernadette Kent for driving, Ray Willans, Liz Little, Cathy McNeill, Joe Finn & Carmel McNeill, Ed & Cathy Thistlethwaite, Cathy Egan, Greg & Michele Endicott and Kerry Mulligan for coming along.

Anthony Dolan

BOOKOOKOORARA THROUGHWALK

Leaving Indooroopilly around 8.15pm we travelled merrily on our way to Warwick, where we had our first not so good goodie stop. No hot food, how could our bus driver Paul McDonald keep going? Onwards to Undercliffe Falls where we made enough noise to wake the dead.

Friday morning we awoke to a fine day. With breakfast undertaken, and last minute packing done we were on our way: down to the bottom of Undercliffe Falls a quick look and then on to the real stuff.

Having done the preouting 5 years before hand I had forgotten how beautiful the creek was. Every minute lead to something new and even more astounding scenery. I also had forgotten how rough the terrain was, progress was slow and tiring, but we managed.

So the day went on, swims were compulsory at stages as the sides of the gorge closed in. A 100 ft waterfall proved a minor delay until a safe portage was found. The day got warmer and the terrain rougher but at least it was mostly down hill.

After afternoon tea, a major mistake, we detoured from the creek to go around a waterfall, two hours later we got back to the creek after climbing 150 m. By this time it was time to stop and set up camp in a small area. Most of us were tired and went to bed early.

The next day it was much the same, real hot walking with plenty of swims. Around 1 pm we reached the Junction and had lunch. Boonoo Boonoo River is much more open than Bookookoorara Creek and also hotter. That afternoon proved to be the hottest weather I have walked in and it was an effort to keep going. Every 30 minutes it was a stop to try to cool off in the river before the radiator hit boiling point. We finally stopped around 6 pm for the night.

This campsite was good - a large grassy bank under the shade of casuarina trees and plenty of room for everybody. After a brief swim, tents were set up and tea cooked. A fire was lit but as it was still warm nobody sat near it. Still it provided the atmosphere for idle campfire chatter into the night.

The next day the party split and four of the faster rockhoppers made their way to the basecamp at Boonoo Boonoo Falls. The B party stopped on the old road and waited for the bus to come and get them.

It was a very enjoyable trip and I would like to thank the Basecampers for their support as well as those on the throughwalk ; Paul Russell, Yvonne McBride, Christine Walker, Brett Martin, Ed Thistlethwaite, Anthony Dolan, Ken & Drew Niemeyer, Ray Willans, Michael Wood and Denis Cornock.

• Ken McCarron

THE RAMPARTS AND HILL 1130 M.

There were seven who joined me on the throughwalk,
On Friday night with dazzling glow-worms and lots of talk.

We ascended up to camp at Bare Rock,
Just in time, before twelve o'clock.

The early morn, with white blanket cloud,
A light drizzling rain and birds singing out loud.

Navigators Geoff, Peter and Anthony together,
Took us up and down, creeks and wherever.

Hill 1130m ascended for superb and rewarding views,
Slimy orange slugs, varied coloured fungi and blazes a few.

Our tracker Ray and Tony with his strapless backpack.
We pushed through vines, sharp cliffclines to the track.

First time throughwalker, courageous Yvonne,
Made it to Sylvester's, but not beyond.

1130m conquered numerous times,
Five fit adventurous men walked in line.

To Laidley Falls to view Hole-in-the-Wall and Mt Castle,
Before camp, dine, joke and then to sleep, in warm parcels.

Seven a.m., an early morning start,
Ala Barry's leg tendon was still in 'park'.

Onwards the troupe hiked high and low,
Drizzling rain stopped, hill 1130 was the go.

One more creek for empty container Ray,
Bare Rock lunch, views 270 degrees, we'd like to stay.

I'd like to thank my seven April Fools' mates,
The real walk is on a later date.

Christine Walker

Those who joined me were Geoff Egert, Peter Walpole, Anthony Dolan, Tony Smetzer, Ray Willans, Barry Ellerington.

The club would like to welcome the following new members.

Peter Flaws	3 Jackson Rd. Sunnybank Hills	345 7384
Kerry Mulligan	313 Stanley Tce. Taringa	870 8564
Wendy Traves	2 Halcyon St. Wavell Heights	266 7387
Wayne Talbot	2 Deakin St. Slacks Creek	209 5341

BUSHWALKING HINTS

Following hard on the heels of last month's article on food by Russell Code, this month I have written an article about the minimum contents of a first aid kit. Next month there will be an article about why you should wear boots instead of joggers. If anyone would care to make excuses, sorry give reasons, for wearing joggers your views will be published as well.

FIRST AID KIT

The club has a policy that every walker should carry the following :- 1 litre of water, a raincoat, a torch and a first aid kit. However, I suspect that very few people carry the first aid kit. I presume that's because the first aid kit is perceived as a nuisance as it's heavy, bulky, expensive and rarely used so why bother. Well hopefully by the time you have finished reading this article you will have a new resolve to carry a first aid kit.

The basic philosophy is that least is best as a few bits and pieces are better than nothing.

My first aid kit includes the following:-

1. Tweezers - to remove ticks, splinters etc
2. Safety pins - in case a shoulder strap breaks.
3. Band-aids - for small cuts, burns and blisters.
4. Gauze dressing - for larger cuts burns & blisters.
5. Crepe bandage - to wrap around burns etc and to wrap up sprained ankles.
6. Antiseptic cream or powder - for cuts & burns.
7. Aspros - for headaches, colds & fevers.
8. Antihistamine tablets - for hayfever & allergies.
9. Sun screen lotion.
10. Insect repellent.
11. Vaseline / woolfat -relieves chaffing between the legs and buttocks and chaffing on the shoulders from the shoulder straps.
12. Needle & cotton - to sew buttons back on.

That's an even dozen and would be adequate to cover most minor emergencies.

The best way to obtain the above mentioned items is to scrounge through your home medical cupboard. Failing that buy the bits and pieces over a period of time from the local supermarket which should be cheaper than a chemist.

The next thing is what do you put it all in? I suggest something like a pencil case.

Hopefully the next trip you go on you'll be equipped with your 'new' first aid kit.

Phillip Murray

AROUND THE RIDGES

It appears the Byron Bay trip was basecamping in style, hot showers at the camp and eating out at a Mexican restaurant on Saturday night.

The Byron Bay trip also exposed some mutinous tendencies with a "coup d'etat" leaving the sombulent leader to awaken and to find his trip to Mt. Warning changed to a beach walk to Brunswick Heads. Which young lady has been threatened with "tent arrest" on her next basecamp? See Anthony for further details.

MOVING HOUSE !

1. The Endicotts have moved from Ferny Hills to Ferny Hills. Is there any truth to the rumour that Greg sold his high set house for a low set because he was having trouble getting up the stairs!
2. Last year Binna Burra Bushwalking Club moved the venue of their monthly meetings from the Catholic Centre to Kelvin Grove High School. Now the Brisbane Bushwalking Club have also changed the venue of their meetings. They have moved from the CWA Hall in Gregory Terrace to the Bardon Community Hall in Simpsons Road Bardon. Please note our club is not contemplating moving in the foreseeable future.

FOR NIGHT
 BUSHDANCING: On the third Saturday of every month a bushdance is held at the Morningside School of Arts Hall, which is on the corner of Thynne and Wynnum Roads. On the first Friday of every month an outdoor bushdance is held at Marawah Street, Burbank. Both dances start at 8.00pm. Both of these dances are frequented regularly by club members so come along and join the fun. For more details see Barry Green, Bernadette, John Brack or Carmel Harvey.

COLONIAL BALL: This year it's on much earlier and has been scheduled for 7th July, which will make it cooler for wearing the period costumes. Please advise Greg Endicott if you intend going. His phone no. didn't change when they moved house, so call him on 351 4092 and find out when and where the practises are on and where the post-Ball party is going to be. Cost, same as last year \$18.00.

DISCOUNTS ON BUSHWALKING GEAR: Rod Murphy, who runs "The Camping Centre" at 25 Ipswich Road Woolloongabba, has asked us to remind our members that for many years his shop has given club members a significant discount on most gear if they remind him and produce evidence of membership, (even a copy of the magazine is sufficient). To be fair, some of the other shops also offer discounts.

RECORD ATTENDANCES ON THROUGHWALKS: After searching through the old Annual Reports as far back as 1971 I found the 6 best attended throughwalks were as follows:-

1. Fraser Island	1971	31	walkers
2. Fraser Island	1982	27	"
3. Double Island Point	1973	27	"
4. Guy Fawkes	1981	22	"
5. Moreton Island	1983	20	"
6. Border Loop to Lindesay	1987	16	"

Let's see if we can get the Cooloola Wilderness throughwalk attendance up amongst these records.

APRIL SHOWERS: In case you haven't noticed it's been raining just a bit in Brisbane lately which caused us to move the Mt. Lindesay walk to Cunninghams Gap where our intrepid crew, led by Pat Lawton did the walk up to Bare Rock. Hopefully, we'll attempt Mt. Lindesay to the cliff line another day. A special thanks to Pat for leading the walk at short notice as Dan had to pull out due to illness. Also the White

Greg paddles his own canoe — whether he is on land or water!



FOR many of the people who undertake them, self-imposed tests of endurance such as solo flights around the world or battling the elements in long-distance walks, have a very positive element of competition.

The objective is to do something tougher, or travel somewhere faster than anyone else — perhaps to gain a mention in publications such as *The Guinness Book of Records*, or to improve on a rival's personal best.

Whatever the specific aim, the competitive nature of the endeavour can over-ride its other aspects, so that the sense of adventure which first inspired the deed gets lost somewhere along the way.

For long-distance cyclist, walker and canoeist Greg Rawkins there is no thought of competition in any of the adventures he enjoys.

Whether he is canoeing a waterway or riding a bike or motorbike across continents, his motives are pure enjoyment, and the fact that he is travelling alone further heightens the experience for him.

"Having no-one to talk to en route is compensated for by meeting people at the end of the day. And I think I remember the people I have met more than the places I have seen," Greg says.

He half-jokingly describes himself as a split-personality, leading a double life, and certainly his daily life in Toowoomba is in contrast to the places he has seen and the means of travel with which he chooses to see them.

When Greg Rawkins, a lean and fit-looking 35, is living in the city of his birth, he is busy with the usual preoccupations of job — he does clerical work with Telecom — and daily living. He often walks to work but is thinking about buying a car. At present the carport of his unit is occupied by a motorbike and two bicycles, one of them the mountain bike which saw him through his most recent travels.

As a founder member and current president of the Toowoomba Bushwalkers' Club, he attends their monthly meetings and participates in their regular day or weekend walks.

Like many inveterate travellers, bitten by the bug of adventure, Greg's time at home seems to hint of marking time until the next opportunity arises to leave the city he describes as "a bit slow and conservative" for another excursion into new territory.

In 1988/89 it was a cycling tour of southern Africa, followed, after a spell in London with side trips to Egypt and Israel, by a New York to Los Angeles trip, again by bike, averaging 110km a day to cover the 5000km from coast to coast.

There were many contrasts in the two trips, from meeting elephants, warhogs,



baboons and lions by the roadside, and spending a night alone in the African bush "keeping a fire going and chucking rocks in the direction of ominous noises" and the meteorological hazards of American late winter.

Greg remembers crossing the Appalachians between snowstorms: "At the end of one day, when I mostly walked the bike, the brakes and gears were frozen up and inoperable. That night the wheels also

froze up and wouldn't turn. A couple of buckets of hot water did the trick!"

After constantly battling head winds, he crossed the Rocky Mountains more easily than he had expected: "The plains in Oklahoma gradually increased in height so the Rockies weren't so fearsome. I crossed three passes of 2700-3000 metres."

For Greg, one of the most unlikely events of the trip was a meeting with a French cyclist in Arizona. The Frenchman was cycling in the opposite direction, from

San Francisco to New Orleans: "And while we were standing chatting in the middle of nowhere, an American couple on a San Diego to Virginia ride came upon us!"

When Greg landed at Brisbane airport, he re-assembled his bike and rode the last stretch of the journey from Brisbane to Toowoomba.

"It seemed the right thing to do so I could think of the ride as being from New York to Toowoomba," he says.

In 1985 Greg toured the US on a Kawasaki 250 motorcycle — "much more of a sightseeing trip than last year's" is how he describes the journey which took him up to the Alaskan border, to Canada and down into Texas and Mexico.

Before that, in the winter of 1982, he undertook an eight-day walk from Winton to Longreach.

In March 1981, it was a 3700km canoe trip from Killamey, in southern Queensland, down the Balonne, Darling and Murray rivers to the sea in South Australia. The journey took five and a half months and it was a new experience for Greg who says: "I had only paddled 100 yards before that."

"But doing such things doesn't require skill and daring, just commonsense and planning. It was a wonderful experience and I was lucky there was water all the way — I don't think anyone had ever done it before."

Greg's first big trip was about 10 years ago when he rode a 50cc motorbike from England to Australia through Europe, the Middle East (the American embassy was stormed and hostages taken a couple of days after he left Teheran), Pakistan, India, by plane from Calcutta to Bangkok, picking up his bike again in Singapore, and arriving home in early 1980.

In 1978, he walked 209km from Warwick to the Gold Coast, alone and in five days.

"I walked for 47 hours in all, over a distance covered in 17 hours by the leading horse in the endurance race," he says.

What comes next for a man who has already visited something like 25 countries?

"The last trip cost between \$7-8000, which is not a lot of money for nine months away from home, but it still represents a couple of years' saving."

"I shall probably have another couple of trips within Australia before the next big one, which might be to South America... or I want to visit one of the polar regions."

"It's a case of looking for opportunities and manoeuvring the situation to suit — dreams take guts, not money!"

MAR	19	MEETING		
	25	MT LINDSAY	DAN O'LEARY	DW
	30/31/1	THE RAMPARTS	CHRISTINE WALKER	TW
APRIL	8	WHITE ROCK	Orienteering	1/2DW
	13/14	CLUB HUT (Fri-Montserrat) (Sat-Paddy's Peak)	PHIL MURRAY	BC
	16	TOOLOONA CIRCUIT	LIZ LITTLE	DW
	21	ANNUAL MASS @ DINNER		
	22	GAP CREEK FALLS	JOHN BRACK	DW
	23	MEETING		
	24	MT. COOT-THA, Night Navigation		FMR
	25	BAR-B-QUE, At Greg & Michele's		Social
	28/29	MT MAY-MT MAROON	ANTHONY DOLAN	ON
MAY	5/6/7	COOLOOLA WILDERNESS TRAIL	BRETT MARTIN	TW
	SAT → 12	NEGLECTED MOUNTAIN	RAY WILLANS	DW
	20	Bike riding in the gardens	Bernadette Kent	Social
	21	meeting		
	26	DINNER AT O'REILLY'S	PAUL McDONALD	O/N
	27	CASTLE CRAG	PHIL MURRAY	D/W
JUNE	3/4	MT GUYMER	BRETT MARTIN	O/N
	8/9/10/11	THE MAIN RANGE north-south	RUSS NELSON	TW
	17	MT ELPHINSTONE (FMR) Beginners day		FMR
	18	MEETING		
	24	BEAU BRUMMEL-GRASS TREE KNOB	GEOFF EGERT	DW
	29/30/1	ACACIA PLATEAU	ANTHONY DOLAN	TW
JULY	1	KARAWATHA	Orienteering	1/2DW
	7	COLONIAL BALL	GREG ENDICOTT	Social
	8	NGUN NGUN FMR-Training day		FMR
	14/15	MT BARNEY (SAVAGES RIDGE)	MIKE WOOD	O/N
	16	MEETING		
	22	MT ALEXANDER		DW
AUGUST	3/4/5	BORDER LOOP -LINDSAY	PAT LAWTON	TW
	12	.		
	14/15	BARNEY MASS (North Ridge) (Peasants)	MONICA McCARRON	O/N
	17/18/19	CONONDALES -FMR WEEKEND	.	FMR-BC
	20	MEETING		
	26	MINTO CRAGS	PAT LAWTON	DW
	31/1/2	NUMINBAH GAP-COOLANGATTA	.	TW
SEPT	1	TOOHEYS FOREST NATIVE FLOWERS	Phillip Murray	DW
	7/8/9	FEDERATION PILGRIMAGE	.	BC
	15/16	CLUB HUT TO MIDGETS PEAK	BARRY ELLERINGTON	O/N
	17	MEETING		
	23	DAVE'S CREEK(Binna Burra)	PAUL McDONALD	DW
	28/29/30	DOUBLE ISLAND POINT	BRETT MARTIN	TW
OCT	7	BLACKWALL-FMR Training Day	GREG ENDICOTT	FMR
	14	TOOHEY FOREST Orienteering	Phillip Murray	DW
	15	MEETING		

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Your membership fees are now due. Should you fail to pay, this may be the last Jilalan you ever see. To prevent the unthinkable from occurring, please complete this form, and send it to the Club (togetere with your money of course).

FEES

Membership	\$18.00
Married Membership	\$21.00
Associate Membership	\$12.00
Over 500km Membership	\$ 9.00

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(Work) _____

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ (Members must be over 18)

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All persons, adult or child, member or visitor UNDERTAKE ALL ACTIVITIES OF THE CLUB AT THEIR OWN RISK. The Club is not even in a position to state that all care will be taken.

Amount Paid \$ _____

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