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CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB
UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY

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Monthly meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at the Catholic Centre, Edward Street, City, beginning at 7.30pm. To enter the Catholic Centre, use the rear entrance. This is reached by entering the grounds of St. Stephen's Cathedral via Charlotte Street (entrance nearest Edward Street). From Charlotte Street, the door is near a white statue. If the door is locked, please ring the bell. Visitors are always welcome.

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EQUIPMENT FOR EVERY TRIP: On every trip run by the Club, all walkers - both members and visitors - are expected to take the following minimum equipment -

torch; first aid kit; parka or raincoat;
and at least $\frac{1}{2}$ litre of water.

ATTENTION: 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. It is repeated that all persons undertake all activities entirely at their own risk.

MAY:

3/5	New England (Leader: Cathy McHugh)	BC
9	Annual Mass and Dinner	
11	Mt. Glorious (Leader: Yolanda Apelt)	$\frac{1}{2}$ DW
16	Squash Night, Bardon	
19	Monthly Meeting	
24	St. Helena Boat Cruise	
25	Mt. Moon (Leader: Geoffrey Egert)	DW
28	Slide Night	
31/1	Federation clean-up	

JUNE:

7/9	Teviot Gap/Cunningham Gap (Leader: Ken McCarron)	TW
16	Monthly Meeting	
22	Mt. Gillies (Leader: Anne Hayes)	DW

JULY:

5/6	Acacia Plateau (Leader: Nathan Tobin)	TW
12/13	FMR B/C	
15	Monthly Meeting	
20	Glasshouse Mountains	DW
26	Midnight Bowls	

AUGUST:

2/3	Beau Brummel/Mt. Castle (Leader: Justin Tobin)	TW
13	Barney Mass	ON/DW
17	Dreamworld (Social)	
18	Monthly Meeting	
24	Mt. Ernest	DW

SEPTEMBER:

6/7	Illimbah - Lahey's Tabletop	TW
13/14	Pilgrimage (Gold Coast)	BC
15	Monthly Meeting	
21	Running Creek Falls	DW
28/29	Retreat	

OCTOBER:

4/5	Girraween	TW
18/19	Stairway Falls, O'Reilly's	DW
20	Monthly Meeting	
24/26	Stradbroke Social	

NOVEMBER:

2	Coochie Mudlo	$\frac{1}{2}$ DW
15/16	Cooloola	TW
17	Monthly Meeting	
22/23	Tweed Pinnacle	ON

DECEMBER:

6/7	Burleigh Heads (Social $\frac{1}{2}$ Daywalk, Christmas Party)	DW
15	Monthly Meeting	
21	Bribie Island	DW

LEGEND:

TW Throughwalk
BC Base Camp

DW Daywalk
ON Overnighter
NW Nightwalk

E D I T O R I A LTHE FIRST STEP - "In Search of the Magic"

Jim Reeves says in one of his songs: "How can I write on paper what I feel in my heart?" What words can I use to encourage people to take that first step, that first bushwalking step in the hope that they will discover the "magic"?

When you think of first steps, first walks, you tend always to think of your own. Mine was Mt. Greville. The faces - now so familiar - were then strange ones. Goodie stop at Aratula. From my first view of Mt. Greville standing alone and supreme. The climb up the ridge and the beauty of the incredible panorama unfolded before me..... Pat rattling off names that are now so familiar: Mts Cordeaux, Mitchell, Spicers through to Lizard Point. It was magic ---- I was hooked. And then the afternoon walk down Greville's main gorge. What a hidden world of splendour!! Maybe I was lucky Greville was my first walk. I knew I'd be back.

Then you think of other places. Your first trip to Mecca - Mt. Barney Warrumbungles, Guy Fawkes, Gibraltar, throughwalking along the Scenic Rim. So many places yet all would be nothing ... just names on a map - words without pictures if I hadn't taken that first step.

Yes, even the more established members like Russ, Pat, Greg and John Carter, must have started somewhere. Their first step has now carried them to the four corners of the globe "In Search of the Magic".

You think of Saturday nights around the campfire. Friendships formed in the club, some that will transcend a lifetime. Funny moments, sad moments - all that form a life-style I want you to share.

The last two Daywalks: surely those visitors and new members privileged to stand on the edge of Shipstern looking down the Numinbah Valley over to Springbrook and back to Binna Burra, must have felt something. And those walkers given the chance to see that incredible vista from Mt. Maroon - one of the best in S.E. Qld. - I'm sure something must have moved inside!!

New members and visitors at meetings ask me what bushwalking is all about. I haven't the words to tell them. All I can say is come walking and I hope you will discover the magic. Believe me ... it's a plea from the heart. It's a step I'm sure you'll never regret taking. A life-style you'll trade for no other. A world that will provide you with total peace and contentment.

YES ... COME WALKING !!!!

P A S T O U T I N G SBINNA BURRA TRIP REPORT:

Sunday came. After a flurry of late nominations to swell numbers to 22, we left the cathedral by 8.15 after waiting for two who hadn't turned up. After meeting at Nerang we were off to Binna Burra where we met Russ who joined us there. It was a beautiful day for walking and we were on our way to Shipstern by 10.15am. With Peg setting the pace along the border track, with rainforest all around, we were soon at Nagarigoon Hut.

After morning tea, we continued on up to Shipstern taking the scenic route which enabled us to view the Numinbah Valley right through to Springbrook, quite pleasant in the sun, and then on to Kooloobara Point for lunch. Cathy gave us a stirring whistling rendition of "I can feel a XXXX coming on" - very well done, Cathy, but she settled for a cuppa tea supplied by Peter and Phil. Some lunched in the shade, some actually on Kooloobara Point - with beauty and panoramic views galore.

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Julie and Karen left us at 1pm. I sent Eugene along to guide them back, which he did, and the girls were most appreciative. I, too. Thanks Eugene.

After a leisurely lunch, we started back another way (the walk was done in circular fashion) - many people saying along the way, "Is it far?" "Is it flat?" Well, Cath and Lynne, all leaders lie! We could see Binna Burra in the distance. We stopped off at Charraboomba Rock (which was up a set of stairs) and that enabled us to view Shipstern (where we had lunch), Turtle Rock, Egg Rock and Binna Burra

Off again, we started to go downhill - a welcome relief - on our way to Ballanjui Falls for afternoon tea, where Russ made the leader and company a cuppa and Lynne supplied the date loaf (great stuff!) while Justin took the opportunity to save money and have his bath for the day - a great relief to all that he did! It was then a short stroll back along the track to Binna Burra at 5.15, and it was great to get out in daylight. Eugene then told us he guided the girls back by 2.30.

Good to see Russ on his first walk. Also good to see Lynne, Stan, Phil, Cathy, Paul, Sue Herron and Meredith who have just started walking with us. Also good to see Bev, Peg, Jonas, Sue Staples, Pat, Eugene, Gordon, Peter, Ken, Karyn, Julie and Justin. Thanks all!

... Nathan

P.S. Congratulations to Phil on finding and recognising his Red Cedar tree. Phil has been looking for this tree for quite a while. Glad we could help, Phil.

MT. BARNEY - MT. MAROON - MT. MAY THROUGHWALK:

Leader - John Carter

An amazing heavenly display on Thursday night fore-shadowed a most interesting weekend. After a 7.25pm departure (a new record!), a full moon guided us to the northern side of Mt. Maroon. Here we marvelled at a full lunar eclipse which was an amazing sight. The stars shone brightly.

Leaving the lagoon at 7am, we were rapt by the spectacle of fog covering the valleys below like a blanket. Knapps Peak pierced this white shroud to the north. A casual climb to Mt. Maroon brought as a reward superb views of the Fassifern Valley, Mt. Barney and the Main Range. The summit of Mt. Maroon is clothed in montane heath with stands of stunted mallee eucalypts.

After smoko we dropped off the western ridge towards Mt. May through open forest. The day was turning into a real scorcher. After reaching a small knoll, we climbed towards Mt. May. The troops tried several methods to slow the pace, but Peggy's gimmick of forgetting to breathe proved successful. It was late afternoon by the time we reached Mt. May where we were told by others that the creek at Grace's Hut had ceased to flow.

Because of this, we had to push on to the Upper Portals reaching there by 7.30pm. We enjoyed our cup of tea that night and slept well. In the morning, Pat, Peg and Jonas had decided to walk to the club hut via Barney Creek which left Justin, Ken and myself to tackle Midget Ridge. At the Upper Portals we picked up another walker, Michael, who was keen to climb Barney.

The climb to West Peak was hot, sweaty and scrubby, but we enjoyed it. The views from Bippoh Peak were great, especially of Leaning Ridge and the Gorge. Also, several shrubs and a gum were in flower and so added colour to the vegetation. After lunch on West Peak, we dropped into Rum Jungle for water before continuing to East Peak to camp along with three other chaps.

Here we experienced sunset over the Main Range, a full moon rising over Lamington and a sunrise over a cloud-filled valley and several cups of tea

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and goodies. On Sunday morning we descended into Barney Gorge which was very dry making the descent fairly easy. The Gorge really plunges into the valley with several large drops and great rock slabs. A real thrill!

Arriving back in Barney Creek, Michael headed back to rejoin his friends and we continued on downstream to the Lower Portals to meet the rest of the troops. The creek was the lowest I've ever seen it. We weren't rock-hopping, rather rock-walking. We certainly earned our swim and lunch at the Portals before walking out to Magun car park. Thanks to Ken, Justin, Jonas, Pat and Peg for coming along and to Michael for joining us.

... John

MT. MAROON DAYWALK:

Leader - Nathan Tobin

Come one! Come all! Bring your mother and father, too, if you like, and this they did! We left Brisbane with 16 people and met another 11 in Rathdowney - a bit behind schedule. We then drove to the water reserve for the start of the walk. At 10.30 we started off with Paul leading the way - John hot on his heels (patience is a virtue known by only a few) with Tim and I bringing up the rear.

Through the fence amid cries of dismay - joking, I'm sure - as the troops looked up and saw the cliff faces of the right-hand peak and thought we were climbing that, when we were actually climbing the left-hand peak. We continued up the track to a good spot where it was possible to see the surrounding mountains and where we left the cars. A welcome break it was, too. Morning tea was taken here at 10.30.

The party was split into two parts here with Paul leading the faster party, while Tim was looking after the second. On and up the track went till it took a great leap straight up but people took their time and the first party was at the saddle at noon where lunch was taken. The second half arrived at 12.30 with Lynne getting a tumultuous round of applause (she thought she had died!).

Lunch was a leisurely affair with the food coming out and, shock of shocks, the leader found he didn't have any lunch. That was no problem, what with Sue Herron providing the pineapple, Paul the lamington slice, Lynne the boiled fruit cake, Peter and Ross the cups of tea and Sue again with the chocolate slice, he didn't starve.

It was then onto the top at 1.25 which was a slight rock scramble walk. 15 minutes later, we were at the top. Everybody was suitably impressed especially Lynne and Sue who had been persuaded to come on the trip. Absolute "magic" (is that the right word, Sue?). We seemed to be on the top of the world with views of Barney, Lindsey, Mt. Gillies and many, many more. It was worth the effort and time it took to get there.

Too soon it was time to go down so we left the top at 2pm and went back to the saddle to collect packs and one or two people who decided to stay at the saddle. It was off again with Tim leading. The first walkers arrived back at 3.30, while the rear of the party, leader included, arrived back at 4.30. This party decided that a leisurely approach to admire the views was more fun.

A great walk for all who came. I would like to thank the drivers, Lynne, Peter, Gordon and Dan. My particular thanks to Lynne, Sue, Paul, Peter and Ross for the goodies and tea.

For those newer walkers and those who were on their first walk, thanks for making it a great one and I hope you take the opportunity to join us on another walk.

... Nathan

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COMING OUTINGSMT. MOON - DAYWALK Location: near Boonah

Date : 25th MAY
 Leader : GEOFFREY EGERT
 Cost : \$7.00
 Meeting Time : 7.45am
 Meeting Place : Behind St. Stephen's Cathedral in Charlotte Street
 Emergency Officer : J. EGERT (848 4918)

Mt. Moon is a twin peaked mountain with the North Peak being the highest point at 784 metres. We will ascend the mountain via the Eastern slopes which is the shortest route. However, the walking is rather steep so walkers should wear a pair of shoes with good traction. After 2 hours of steady walking we will reach the Southern peak. From here we will enjoy particularly good views of Mt. Greville and its two gorges. We will then proceed to the summit where walkers will experience panoramic views of the Scenic Rim.

Although this walk may be categorized as an easy one for experienced walkers, new walkers should be warned that they might find it hard because of the steepness of the walk. However, new walkers should not be deterred by this for if we are blessed with fine weather, then the rewarding views will more than compensate for any exertion on the way up.

Bring 2 litres of water, your camera and the usual things itemized in the front of the magazine.

... Geoffrey

FEDERATION CLEAN-UP - BASECAMP

Date : 31st May/1st June
 Leader :
 Cost :
 Meeting Time :
 Emergency Officer :

The Federation clean-up gives B.C.B.C. the chance to clean-up part of our walking area so we are able to enjoy them more. A chance for the club to enjoy a great Basecamp with other clubs.

As yet, we don't know where but details will be given at the meeting. As they say, any excuse for two days in the bush.

Don't forget those goodies for the Saturday night camp-fire.

... Justin

SPICER GAP TO TEVIOT GAP - THROUGHWALK

Date : 6/9th JUNE
 Leader : KEN MC CARRON
 Cost : \$13.00
 Meeting Time : 7.15pm BEHIND THE CATHEDRAL IN CHARLOTTE STREET
 Emergency Officer :

This is one of the more spectacular walking areas in South East Queensland. Over the 3 day walk, five major peaks will be climbed which offer panoramic views of surrounding countryside.

On Friday night we will be camping at the Spicer Gap camping area. As this area is dry, allow for water for use that night and next day. An early rise will see us attempting to conquer Spicers in the morning. ~~Lunch~~ ~~around~~ Double Top and camp that night at Huntley.

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The next morning, we will drop off into Tree Fern Gully on the southern side of Huntley and pick up water. We will then climb into the cool rainforest of Mt. Asplenium. On this day, we will enjoy the majestic views of Upper Panorama and Lower Panorama Points. If time permits, we will slip out to the Steamers and soak up unique scenery there. Tonight, camp will be at Lizard Point, a truly scenic spot.

Monday morning will be a leisurely stroll up to Mt. Roberts and down to the rabbit fence. Here we will drop packs and do a short 20 minute climb to reach the top of Superbus. Back to our packs and a steep descent down to Teviot Gap.

This is not a walk for beginners but it is in a lot of people capabilities. The first two days are rather long but the rewards are great. At least 4 - 5 litres of water will have to be carried unless a water drop is done beforehand.

So - be brave - try something new and come along on the greatest walk of the year!

... Ken

EMU CREEK - BASECAMP/THROUGHWALK

Date : 6/9th JUNE
 Leader : JUSTIN TOBIN
 Cost :
 Meeting Time :
 Emergency Officer :

Emu Creek is the side door to the Scenic Rim. The June long weekend will give us three days to discover the area in good, interesting day walks. Friday night, after dropping the Throughwalkers at The Gap, we will proceed to the old sawmill at Emu Creek to set up camp for what will be a weekend of relaxation and discovery. The walks - as yet, I don't know what walk on what day - will be Panorama Point via Davies Ridge, The Steamers and the Lincoln Wreck.

Panorama Point, jutting out from the Scenic Rim between Asplenium and Steamers Saddle, provides us with a picture-window from where you can see forever - Beau Brummel to Cordeaux and Mitchell to Lizard and much more.

The Steamers - a row of rock monoliths formed by the erosion of the ridge. A chance to explore the Prow, Funnel, Mast and Stern.

The Lincoln Wreck - a day spent exploring the Lincoln Bomber which crashed on Superbus in 1955 carrying a mother and sick child from Townsville, lost with no survivors in a fierce thunderstorm.

Great walks I'm sure you'll enjoy.

Saturday and Sunday nights around the camp-fire, cooking tea, boiling the billy, spinning yarns. What more can you ask of a weekend, three days away from Brisbane? Close your eyes and just picture what a great time you're going to have and then nominate to me at the meeting.

... Justin.

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Remember S Q U A S H N I G H T
 Friday, 16th May, 7.30pm
 Bardon Squash Courts
 92 Coolabah Street.

Remember - This is before the next meeting! - Remember

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THINKING CATHOLIC

PEACE

In this International Year of Peace, many words are being written and spoken regarding this subject. I would like to add a few more words which are taken from Francis of Assisi. This man of great faith and simplicity loved life and all God's creation.

His words from the 12th Century reach out to us in the 20th Century and lead us into the future. Let us pray for peace between nations, religions, political beliefs, in our families and in ourselves.

For Peace

Lord make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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COMING SOCIALS

ST. HELENA BOAT CRUISE - 24th May

Come cruise Moreton Bay and enjoy a bit of Brisbane history as well. We will depart Manly jetty and travel by ferry to St. Helena. Here a tour of the ruins and a brief history of the island will be given. After this, we will have 3 hours to ourselves for lunch and those who wish can have a swim. So bring an esky for your lunch and a hat for the sun. The cost of this is only \$11. Meeting time will be given at the meeting.

SLIDE NIGHT:

When : 28th May (Wednesday) - 7.30pm
Where : Ken McCarron's place,
61 Kavanagh Street,
Wishart.

B.Y.O. SLIDES & PLATE

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FEATURE ARTICLE"HEY ... I'M NOT A PLATYPUS!"

.... "The Australian colonists had referred to the creature as a 'water-mole' but science had to have something that sounded a little more scholarly. There were many extraordinary features to inspire a vivid name, but the one invented for it was the rather dull one of Platypus which means no more than 'flat-footed'. Soon afterwards, it was pointed out that the name was invalid, anyway, as it had previously been given to a flat-footed beetle, so a second one had to be devised and the animal was re-labelled Ornithorhynchus, 'bird-bill'. This is the scientific title it still bears. To most people, however, it remains a platypus."

.... "One other creature in the world can parallel this mixture of primitive mammalian and reptilian features and that, too, comes from Australia, the spiny ant-eater. The history of its naming is a repeat of that of the platypus. Science first called it Echidna, 'spiny one', only to discover that that name had been bestowed previously on a fish. So it was re-named Tachyglossus, 'swift-tongued'. But once more it was the first name that stuck."

from "Life On Earth" by D. Attenborough.

... J.B.

"ECHNIDA WARDS OFF INDIGESTION BY GULPING SOIL"

"A good mouthful of soil is a great stand-by for one of Australia's oddest-looking animals, the echnida.

Without it, he would be rolling around with stomach-ache after dinner for sure. Because the echnida has no teeth to chew up his food.

Dinner-time is snuffle-time for the echnida as he pushes his long tube-like snout through mounds of sand and grit. At such times he keeps his eyes shut tight to keep the sand out of them. He's trying to sniff out his favourite meal - ants and termites and gets many a noseful of sand in the process.

The echnida can poke out his long, sticky tongue about 16cm beyond the tiny mouth, which is at the tip of his long snout. Insects get trapped on it and are sucked in.

According to 'Australia's Amazing Wildlife' (Bay Books) the insects are scraped off inside his mouth as he pushes his tongue out again. Rubbing his tongue against hard ridges in the roof of his mouth, he grinds the insects up.

The echnida swallows soil to help his gizzard-like stomach break the insects down before he digests them.

Most feeding is done during the day."

from Sunday Telegraph, April 27th, 1986.

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"OLD MAN PLATYPUS"

Far from the trouble and toil of town,
Where the reed beds sweep and shiver,
Look at a fragment of velvet brown -
Old Man Platypus drifting down,
Drifting along the river.

And he plays and dives in the river bends
In a style that is most elusive;
With few relations and fewer friends,
For old Man Platypus descends
From a family most exclusive.

He shares his burrow beneath the bank
With his wife and son and daughter
At the roots of the reeds and grasses rank;
And the bubbles show where our hero sank
To its entrance under the water.

Safe in their burrow below the falls
They live in a world of wonder,
Where no one visits and no one calls,
They sleep like little brown billiard balls
With their beaks tucked neatly under.

And he talks in a deep unfriendly growl
As he goes on his journey lonely;
For he's no relation to fish nor fowl,
Nor to bird nor beast, nor to horney owl;
In fact, he's the one and only!

M.B.S.

... A.B. ("Banjo") Paterson (1864-1941)

Geoff Egert claims that the comment about a Lebanese
Navel Officer was below the belt. He then asked to be
left out of M.B.S. this month. We'll see what we can do.

'Old' member trying to keep current romance (which sticks
out like a sore thumb) in the cupboard. Could this be due
to his past comments about female members in this club.

Will Pat and Jones have glowing reports about their
coming trip of Russia?

Congratulations to Clare Elizabeth Nelson for arriving
in this world.

