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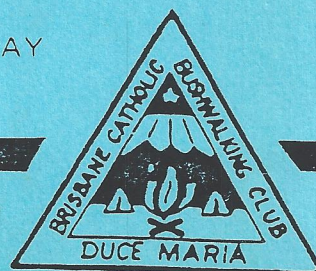
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WARNING

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.

BIKE RIDING DAY ALONG THE RIVER --- SUNDAY 20th MAY

CONTACT PERSON : Bernadette Kent ph 379 3537
MEETING TIME : 11.00 am
MEETING PLACE : the main entrance gates of the Botanical Gardens
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 gardens restaurant.

MAY MONTHLY MEETING --- MONDAY 21st MAY, A 7.30pm START, PLEASE
Come along to hear the details of past and coming events. The meeting usually finishes about 9pm and is followed by light refreshments and a chance to say hello to other members. There will also be a raffle of Ross Buchanan's book "The Bushwalk Book of South-East Queensland".

DINNER AT O'REILLY'S --- SATURDAY 26th MAY

ORGANISER : Paul McDonald ph 288 5179
MEETING TIME & PLACE : 2pm at Charlotte St. behind the Cathedral.
COST : \$18 approx for the meal
\$13 for transport and camping fees

Have you ever done a walk up at O'Reilly's and wondered what it would be like to dine in the O'Reilly's guesthouse? Well this is your chance to discover the epicurean delights on offer.

The plan is to leave town by 2pm and get up there in daylight to make it easier for putting our tents up in the camping ground. We'll then wander over to the guesthouse for pre-dinner drinks and a long leisurely meal.

On Sunday we'll join the daywalkers on the Castle Crag walk.

CASTLE CRAG --- Daywalk --- SUNDAY 27th MAY

LEADER : Phillip Murray ph 208 3687
COST : \$11.00
MEETING TIME : 7.00 am
MEETING PLACE : Charlotte St.
E.O. : Sue Murray ph 208 3687

This is a relatively easy walk with spectacular views and would be suitable for most beginners.

We start the walk at O'Reilly's, from here we'll walk back along the road to the graded track which takes us through rainforest, with huge Brush Box trees, down to Moran's Falls.

From here we walk up a small incline to get up to the ridge. We follow the track along the ridgetop to Balancing Rock. The ridge is accentuated by cliffs on both sides now. Don't be alarmed it's relatively safe as the ridge top is at least 20 feet wide and there are numerous trees around so it's not bare and exposed.

The cliff lines come to a point at Castle Crag to provide a spectacular vantage point to see the creator's handiwork. If the wind is only a mild breeze we will have lunch here, however, if the wind is up we will retreat back to Balancing Rock where there is a great spot for lunch.

After lunch we follow the road up around to Moonlight Crag. Then we follow the rough bush track to Orchid Grotto, Lyrebird Lookout and then zigzag through the rainforest to the Border Track and back to O'Reilly's. The rainforest through here is very interesting with a stand of young Antarctic Beech trees and groves of the Maiden's Blush tree.

Please ensure you bring a raincoat, torch and jumper because if you don't bring them you'll need them.

BUSHWALKING HINTS --- Wear brightly coloured clothes.

On off the track walks eg May to Maroon, we tend to get spread out and with the thick vegetation it is difficult to see the person in front of you particularly if they are wearing dark colours. So as an aid to others wear bright colours eg yellow or orange so we can stay together as a group.

Mt. GUYMER --- OVERNIGHTER ---- 2/3 JUNE

LEADER : BRETT MARTIN ph 371 2705
MEETING TIME : 7.30 pm
MEETING PLACE : Indooroopilly Railway Station
COST : \$15
E.O. : Phillip Murray

Mt. Guymer is a peak on a ridge that juts out from the Main Range from Panorama Point. The outstanding feature of Guymer is that it gives spectacular views of the Steamers, which are a group of rocky outcrops that resemble an old steam boat, hence the name.

To get there we drive up to Warwick then Yangan and on to Emu Creek where will camp on Saturday night. Ensure you take warm clothing as the nights can be chilly in this part of the world.

MAIN RANGE ---throughwalk --- 8/9/10/11 JUNE

LEADER : RUSS NELSON ph 378 5200
COST : \$30
MEETING TIME : 7.30 pm Friday 9th June
MEETING PLACE: to be advised
E.O. : Jan Nelson ph 378 5200

This is the classic walk to do in south east Queensland. Starting from Cunninghams Gap its up Mt. Mitchell on Friday night. Saturday we do Spicers Peak, Doubletop and on to Mt Huntley. Sunday we do Asplenium, Panorama Point, Mt. Steamer and camp the night at Lizard Point. Monday leaves only Mounts Roberts and Superbus and then its down to Teviot Gap.

MT. EDWARDS --- Daywalk on Monday 11th June --- Queens Birthday Holiday

LEADER : PAUL McDONALD ph 288 5179
COST : \$11
MEETING TIME : 7.30 am
MEETING PLACE : Charlotte ST behind the Cathedral
E.O. : Phillip Murray ph 208 3687

Mt. Edwards is the easiest of the Moogerah peaks. The 'hill' is climbed from a track which starts on the opposite side of the dam wall from the Lake Moogerah picnic area. The route is well worn and straight forward. Ross Buchanan in his book describes it as only a half a day for the trip and grades it as 1.5 on a scale of 1 to 7.

There are views of Lake Moogerah, the Main Range and the other mountains near by. Of particular interest is the gully between Mt Edwards and Little Mt. Edwards called Reynolds Gorge. The theory is that the creek developed when the land surface was much higher eroded down onto the mountain and was unable to change its course.

MT ELPHINSTONE --- FMR beginners training day --- Sunday 17th June

CLUB CONTACT : Christine Walker ph 378 0264
MEETING TIME : 8.30 am
MEETING PLACE : Rafting Ground Reserve, Moggill Rd Pullenvale
U.B.D. reference 3M on map 32

The FMR will be teaching /explaining abseiling, prussicking and search and rescue techniques.

Mt. Elphinstone is in the bushland up the back of Pullenvale at UBD ref 6J on map 31.

Bring lunch, water, a sense of humour, patience, a desire to learn, and a willingness to get along with others.

Please nominate to Chris so that we dont leave the meeting area without you.

BEAU BRUMMELL --- DAYWALK --- SUNDAY 24 th JUNE

LEADER : GEOFF EGERT ph 848 4918
COST : \$10
MEETING TIME : 7.45 am SHARP
MEETING PLACE : Charlotte St. behind the Cathedral
E.O. : Mrs A. Egert ph 848 4918

Originally it was envisaged that this walk would commence at the base of Mt Beau Brummel and terminate at the base of Grass Tree Knob. Undoubtedly, this would be a walk for seasoned walkers only. In view of the requests for easier walks at the recent monthly meeting I thought perhaps that a walk with a medium degree of difficulty would be attempted. At the moment, I am considering an ascent of Beau Brummel only. However, unlike previous years the ascent will begin from the eastern side on the Grandchester Mount Mort Road rather than the western side on the Mulgowie Townson Road. This will involve an excursion through the Beau Brummel Environmental Park. The ascent should take about 2.5 hours including short occasional breaks. Energy reserves should also be able to cater for the 2 hour descent.

From the top of Mt. Beau Brummel walkers should be rewarded with sweeping views of the Little Liverpool Range to the south including Kangaroo Mountain and Mt. Castle. To the south-west, we should be able to see the amorphous mass of the Mistake Mountains and to the west Mt. Lowe and Mt. Zahel, towering above Laidley Gap, should be visible.

When I was in Melbourne in 1988 I did a number of walks with the Catholic Walking Club of Victoria. One walk, a basecamp in the Grampians, was traditionally known as the "Pyjama Walk". I was told that walkers had to don night gear for the Sunday walk. I was a little bit sceptical about this particular suggestion. I thought perhaps that the Southerners were attempting to delude this lad from the "Deep North". However, to my astonishment, the walkers turned out in long flannel pyjamas, dressing gowns, nightcaps, fluffy pink slippers and other assorted nightgear. Just as well that I took my Flannel pyjama coat in reserve. I felt, at least half respectable.

The purpose of this tale is to assure walkers that the abovementioned behaviour is quite in conformity with rational thinking. Accordingly, on top of Mt. Beau Brummel this year will be a "Pyjama Contest". There will be an inaugural Pyjama Award for the most original entry. Gents and Ladies may be attired in slinky numbers but these must be worn over bushwalking clothes. "Birthday Suits" will not be acceptable. Remember, this is a Catholic club.

Please don't forget the essentials for any walk ie. lunch, 2 litres of water, raincoat, torch, hat, first aid kit, boots or joggers with a firm grip. A camera may be a worthwhile option.

See you on the walk.

Geoffrey

P.S. Thanks to my friends at B.C.B.C. who were too late with the bottle of anti-aging lotion.

TOOLOONA CIRCUIT REVISITED

Easter Monday 16 April 1990

Despite fairly inclement weather conditions the walk was very pleasant. The track was in much better condition than anticipated and the creeks and waterfalls were very full, so quite spectacular. The views from the lunch spot included just enough cloud to make the whole scene really very pretty. Although, it was a fairly long walk we made good time, arriving back at the kiosk in time to do the tree top walk and enjoy a devonshire tea.

Liz Little

NEW MEMBERS

A welcome to Falina Delucchio and Christopher McCaffrey who joined the club this month.

Mt. MAY TO Mt. MAROON

Overnighter

28/29 April

We arrived at the Mt May Water Reserve on a crisply cool, clear Saturday night. The omens for the morrow were favourable ! A warming fire tended by Denis provided a focal point for the group as we set up our tents. As we had a big day ahead of us the sensible people were soon in bed.

The new day dawned, the sky was clear! Our prayers had been answered!

A vehicle shuffle had to be organised, so gear was packed and breakfast was eaten with reasonable bustle. Then Sunday morning Deputy Leader Ken McCarron kindly consented to lead the party on the first leg of the walk - the "zip" up to Mt May. Brett, Wayne T and I were to shuffle the bus around to Mt Maroon and then catch up with the main group.

As planned, the party climbed the lower peak of Mt May where we had views of the Main Range, the Moogerah peaks and Mt. Maroon as well. We regrouped back down at the junction and headed for Mt. Maroon. We followed the beaten track for a distance and then at an appropriate point began our descent into "the lowlands".

Unexpectedly, we came across a bush campsite where someone had made a bush table from twigs, sticks and grass tree leaves. Alas, there were no chairs and time was limited so we pressed on. Maroon on sightings seemed a long way away. We were able to travel fairly quickly across this flattish country. WE came to a hill line and headed up. From the top we could see Maroon, in the distance.

The next up was Maroon proper. The hard Slog had begun. As we ascended Maroon the vistas opened up before us Barney and Ballow and of Mt. May where we were earlier.

The south side of Maroon is expansive and goes gradually but inexorably up. By about 2.00 pm we'd reached the flatlands below the main peak. Growling stomachs told us it was time for lunch. After lunch we pressed on for the peak and arrived about 3.10 pm. We knew it was the peak as it has this enormous stone cairn that's taller than a man.

Maroon rewards well with sweeping vistas of O'Reilly's, Moran's Falls, Castle Crag, Lost World, Buchanan's Fort, Neglected Mountain, Lever's Plateau, Mounts Lindesay, Ernest, Barney, Ballow, May and the Main Range and the Moogerah Peaks. It was a glorious place to be. Afternoon tea (comprising numerous lollies for the kiddies) and a "team photo" were taken.

After taking in what Maroon has to offer we reluctantly set course for home. Once on the track down it was fairly straight forward but coming at the end of a long day, quite tiring.

By about 5.00pm Maroon was a series of sheer looking cliff lines behind us. The bus was where we had left it and we packed up for the drive home.

Special thanks to Brett for driving the bus and to Ken and Justin for assisting on the pre-outing. Thanks to those who came along for coping so admirably. It made my job so much easier and more enjoyable on the day.

My colleagues on the walk were; Tear-away Ray Willans, Liz and Wayne Anderson confounding the skeptics, Ed Thistlethwaite back from Nepal to put few more local peaks under his belt, Ken and Monica McCarron in training for their first married throughwalk, Tony Ashbolt and Beryl Shelly putting in sterling first performances, Pil Crupi patrolling from the rear, Phil Murray and Geoff Egert casting a weather eye on proceedings, Tony Smetzer taking it all in his stride, Barry Ellerington proving there is life after thirty, Denis O'Connor stepping out with his "new" blue pack, Wayne Talbot will get to Mt May another day and the redoubtable Widgee veterans Brett Martin, Denis Cornock, Christine Walker and yours truly

Anthony Dolan.

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

Congratulations and best wishes to two happy couples, Gordon Denkes and Marie Calligan and John Carter and Majella Briddy who have announced their engagements.

ANNUAL MASS AND DINNER 21st APRIL

The Communications Centre at Padua College was the venue for our 1990 Annual Mass. By 6.00 pm our congregation had assembled. Fr Ed Nally our Club Chaplain said Mass for us. His thought provoking Homily emphasised the fact that the club is a community that regards the welfare of its members as important. Both in the bush and in their wider lives.

We never did locate any real live musicians but thanks go to Monica for organizing the Mass and preparing the liturgy. It was a job well done.

Those who joined us for the Mass were Geoff Egert, Pat Lawton, Jonas Bernatos, Anne Hayes, Phil and Jason Murray, Phil Crupi, Ray Willans, Liz Little and John Brack.

After Mass we went into the Valley to the Wang Dynasty Restaurant for dinner. In the interests of saving the world from yet another administrative / financial nightmare we all had the flat rate per head Chinese banquet. This proved to be very satisfactory meal.

It was a very enjoyable evening. Thanks to those who came, namely; Fr Ed, Cathy Egan, Denis O'Connor, Bernadette Kent, Paul McDonald, Wayne Talbot, Greg and Michele Endicott, Christine Walker, Graham Walters, Elizabeth Miller, Fallina Dilucchio, Justin Tobin, Sue Herron (home for the Holidays), Ken and Monica McCarron, Gordon Denkes, Marie Calligan and Cathy McDonnell (A.W.O.L.?). My thanks also to Graham Walters for doing the initial research for a suitable eating venue.

Anthony Dolan.

Mt. COOT-THA Night Navigation

After an inauspicious start ; the troops arrived at 7.00 pm and the leader arrived at 7.30 pm the evening turned out to be one of those those special bushwalks.

Navigating in the bush at night ? Impossible or why bother you may think, but on two recent trips that were slightly overdue we had impromptu bushwalking in the night experiences. So it is a skill that all bushwalkers should acquire.

Our leader for the night was John Edwards of Binna Burra Bushwalking Club. He led us off into the darkness and up up up a track, then a turn here and a turn there, down and up a gully and along a rough track. Now that we were significantly disoriented he gave us a map and asked us to work out where we were. Once we had figured that out we were asked to find our way across to point 'x', the objective for the night. Point 'x' was the junction of two creeks about 2 kilometres away. We quickly realised the easiest way there was to take the long way round via the track, which kept to the ridge top, and only drop down to the creek in the last few hundred metres.

We found our objective which had the following message "Lost walker found at creek junction bring stretcher quickly". It was then back to the carpark by whatever route you liked. Paul Russel and I went via the road, Christine Walker led her clan, (daughters Sharon and Amanda and two friends as well), back down the route we came up, and the "lads" Barry Ellerington, Wayne Talbot and Phil Crupi preferred the direct approach bushbashing down the ridge.

What I learnt most was that you need a good torch and I have since purchased a MAGLITE torch, which can spotlight objects up to 30 metres away. It can also be used as a lamp inside a tent. I highly recommend them.

Phil Murray

CLUB HUT EASTER TRIP

A most encouraging start getting away from town by 7.40 pm. A quick cuppa at Beaudesert and down at the Lower Portals carpark by 10 pm. Ray slipped ahead of us so when we approached the hut it was wonderfully lit up, but was it Ray or did we have to share the hut. My fears were unfounded as we had the hut to ourselves that night.

Saturday morning I awoke to find our midnight troopers (Anthony, Chris and Kate) had bunked down beside us without disturbing me from slumber. If only my 2 year son Michael was so considerate.

MONTSERRAT LOOKOUT

After weeks of torrential rain we were blessed with a dazzling light blue sky for our walk to Montserrat Lookout. Our first challenge for the day was to cross the creek. The creek was up so it was judged more prudent to wade through rather than attempt gigantic leaps from boulder to boulder. Two hours later we reached Mt Mellish, then scoot down the other side to Yamahra Creek.

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Club Hut Trip Report continued :-

After 3 or 4 creek crossings (or was it 9 or 10 crossings) we belatedly arrived at Graces Hut and had morning tea on it's decaying wooden verandah. Then we, dare I say it, "zipped" up to Montserrat Lookout, arriving there by 12.50 pm, which was 50 minutes later than expected. The views from Montserrat are spectacular and take in the full rugged grandeur of Mt. Barney.

Lunch was greedily devoured and then it was time to head back. On the spur down to Yamahra Creek we spotted a Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo. A quick detour down to the Upper Portals. A swim for a few hardy souls and then back on the track. It was a bit of a grind getting to the top of Mellish again.

A quick breather, then catch up to the others, but we never did. Alas the track was a bit devious for us, as after 30 minutes it was plain we had come down the wrong ridge. A quick check of the map indicated we were headed for the base of Leaning Ridge. With daylight fading fast and no time to backtrack our team of Anthony, Barry, Phil, Kate and I headed for the Lower Portals and got there just on nightfall. It was then only a 10 minute walk back to the hut, but crossing the creek at night wasn't much fun.

I half expected to get a raspberry for getting back late, but none of the other group was back yet. With visions of Cathy, Bernadette, and Christine spending the night in the bush with no gear, there was only one to do, namely go looking for them. Kate advised that that the forward party incorrectly went down the same ridge as us, then they would obviously get to the creek and have to follow it round. Just as I was checking the creek I heard voices on the other side and Ray and John came trooping out of the bush. That left 5. Ray and John confirmed the location of the others. So back to the ridge above the Lower Portals and to set up a series of bonfires to act as beacons. Thankfully within 30 minutes we heard the bushwalkers signature call "HEYBOB" and very shortly after were reunited again. We then gathered around the fire and pondered on how fortunate we were. We were all back at the hut for a slightly delayed dinner by 8.30pm.

PADDY'S PEAK

On Saturday only six walkers came on the walk to Paddy's Peak. It was a very enjoyable little walk along the ridge that runs up to Mt May. From a rocky outcrop just where we joined the ridge were spectacular views of Mt. Barney that whetted the appetite for future trips. We followed the ridge to the rise where the Peak should be but this indistinct area was more a plateau than a peak. Nevertheless, we took the opportunity to sit down and have morning tea and enjoy the view of Mt Maroon. We then retraced our steps and got back to the hut by noon. A quick lunch, then back to cars for an early return home and two days off before we had to return to work.

Those who joined me were Cathy Egan, Bernadette Kent, John Brack, Kate Bethel, Christine Walker, Anthony Dolan, Andy Pittkin, Phil Crupi, Graham Walters, Barry Ellerington and Ray Willans. A special thanks to the drivers Cathy, Barry, Anthony and Andy.

Phillip Murray

COLONIAL BALL 7th JULY

As you have read in previous Jilalans, for the fifth year in succession a large group from B.C.B.C. will attend the annual Colonial Ball.

But this year we would like lots more gents to attend. So girls, bring a partner if you can. Gents, bring your mates. If you can't don't worry.

No previous experience is required as instructions will be given at the 4 practises, they start on Wednesday 13th June, then Wed June 20, Tues June 26 & Sun 1st July. You learn everything. They are at the East Brisbane State School, Wellington Road, commencing at 7 pm.

COST is \$18 per person. Please pay at the May meeting.

I require a house for the Post Ball Party.

As in previous years, beg, borrow or hire a costume. It is 19th Century costume- ask around, almost everyone has been to one. Look at the photos.

Greg Endicott

ph 351 4092 (h) 231 9533 (w)

BUSHWALKING HINTS

As promised in last months magazine I now present an article about BOOTS. Why wear boots? Why not joggers or sandshoes? In many cases joggers will be all you need, but when the going gets wet, the tracks get rougher and your pack gets heavier, good boots start to make sense. They keep your feet dry, they give ankle and knee support and many of the new models have shock absorption built into the boot for easy walking.

What makes a boot? 95% of ankle support comes from the rigidity of the sole and its ability to withstand twisting motion. Your foot is kept at a straighter angle to the ground and is less likely to "fallover" when traversing broken ground. This ability to resist twisting comes from either a wooden or metal SHANK placed in the midsole.

When buying a boot hold the boot by the heel and toe and try to twist it. The more resistance, the more support it will give you. There are many so called boots on the market today without the shank and can only be described as a built up jogger. Another feature of boots is they tend to have better grip or bite especially on rock.

Leather boots are clearly favoured to synthetic boots in our club. This being due to cost rather than other factors. The favourite boot at the moment is the Rossi Falcin due to its ability to fit those who have wide and highly arched feet as well as their reasonable cost of Approx. \$110.

Phil Murray

JOGGERS ARE GOOD TOO! by Greg Endicott.

I must begin this by saying that I recommend boots to all new walkers, BUT__ I always wear joggers myself. I find them convenient. They are light, lifting those legs thousands of times means you end up lifting a weight.

They are soft -- they bend and you can get the feel of the ground.

They dry quickly, if they contain nylon in portions of the uppers. But get durable ones.

They have a good grip. Get good bouncy soles and a decent tread. Nothing smooth and flat.

And you can wear them everyday around town.

But they aren't cheap, at least \$40.

NOTES ON WALKING

At the last meeting we had a general discussion about the problems that occurred on some recent walks. Several things were suggested, but what it gets back to, I believe, is the basic system of the leader appointing a person to lead the way and a tail end charlie at the rear. And for the leader to keep an overview of the group, like a mother hen. It also requires that the walkers keep to the system and look out for each other on the way. In essence be concerned about the welfare of others on the trip and lend a hand to those who may be finding the going tough. Which brings me to another concern of how a new member judges whether a walk is within their capabilities. At present there is no grading system about how hard or difficult a walk is and I think it would be a worthwhile addition to the calendar if we also gave a grade to each walk. Hopefully in the next month or so we can implement some form of grading walks. I feel sure this idea is bound to generate constructive discussion.

STAYERS AWARD

In last months magazine it was announced that anyone who attended the 5 nominated events would receive a club badge. I am pleased to announce that one person qualified, Wayne Talbot. He's already got a badge sewn on to his Daypack, perhaps he'll have to get a throughwalk pack to display his second badge.

Commendable efforts were also put in by Paul McDonald and Christine Walker both of whom attended 4 events.

- 10/3/90 Dan O'Leary does pre-outing to Mt.Lindesay
- 20/23 March Dan becomes ill.
- 24 March A.M. Dan still sick. Dan phones and I offer to lead walk.
P.M. Elections take place. Rain starts falling and gradually gets heavier. A cancellation from somebody who wasn't even coming in the first place. Then another cancellation. Gosh, one nomination.
- 25 March Elections results still not known. Raining still.
 Do I cancel the trip - no I'll first wait for more phone calls and cancellations. Gosh, no calls!!
- 6.45 a.m. Arrive at Cathedral to find David Heit already waiting in the rain.
- 6.50 to 7.05 a.m. Andy arrives with the mini bus - 16 people have turned up!! No worries about the rain.
- 7.10 a.m. Decide Mr. Lindesay not suitable in such conditions and decided on Bare Rock at Mt.Cordeaux.
- 9.00 a.m. Tony Young takes everything out of his pack for inspection by the group.
- 9.30 a.m. Short regrouping at Aratula. Can't see the mountains but looks like it could clear up.
- 10 a.m. Arrive at Cunningsham Gap - all under cloud and now raining again. Nobody else out walking (!!) and only two semis in the parking area.
- 10.05. Car runs off the road in wet conditions and 16 bushwalkers available to get him back on the road.
- 10.15 16 bushwalkers (or idiots) trudge off into the mist and rain to climb a mountain they can't even see.
- 11 a.m. Stop to look at nothing. Cloud swirling around.
 Ray Willans explores old mine shaft.
- 11.05 Jonas get first leech for the day.
- 11.15. Stop for break in the saddle for morning tea - conditions not good so break was short.
- 11.45 Admire the views of cloud from Morgans Lookout. Kate thinks it's a good place to camp!!
- 11.46 Cloud lifts and Moogerah Dam appears.
- 11.47 Dam disappears and once again view was "mist". Rain gets heavier. Rain coats go back on. Some people were not quick enough and didn't even see the dam.
- 12 noon Arrive at Bare Rock. Cold wind blowing and cloud and mist all around.
 People disappear into the bushes for lunch - too windy and cold on the rock.
- 12.45 People come out of the bushes - still no views. People feeling cold and want to move off. Tony offers lollies around.
- 1.00 Anne Hayes offers to be tail end Charlie - others set off.
- 1.05 Anne still not back from toilet - Pat and Pauline look for her.
- 1.10 Anne is safe and well. Rain now getting heavier.
- 1.30 Rain pouring now. Tony reluctant to take parachute out of pack!!
- 2.00 Meet two people walking up the track - we were not the only silly people.
- 2.50 Arrive back at the bus - still raining.
- 3.00 Another car runs off the road - 10 strong male bushwalkers run to the aid of the sole female driver.
- 3.05 Car is back on the road and all is well.
- 3.10 Pass another car which had run off the road - tow truck and police there.
- 3.30. During goodies stop at Aratula run into group returning from pre-outing.
 Exchange tales and boast about whose trip had been the wettest.
- 4.30. Drop David Heit off in Ipswich.
- 5.00 Arrive safely back in Brisbane - Many thanks to Andy who very carefully drove the bus).

Despite the wet conditions, change of leader, change of mountain, the trip went off well and I would like to thanks those who made it an enjoyable day - Andy Pittkin, Bernadette Kent, Leonie Zaccaria, Ray Willans Barry Ellington, Wayne Talbot, Anne and Pauline Hayes, Damien Pitt, Phillip Crupi, John Brack, Kate Bethel, Tony Young, Jonas Bernotas and David Heit and, of course, myself.

DATE	TRIP	LEADER	TYPE	GRADE
APRIL 23	MEETING		FMR	
24	MT. COOT-THA, Night Navigation		social	
25	BAR-B-QUE, At Greg & Michele's		O/N	
28/29	MT MAY-MT MAROON	ANTHONY DOLAN		
MAY 5/6/7	COOLOOLA WILDERNESS TRAIL	BRETT MARTIN	TW	
13	NEGLECTED MOUNTAIN	Anthony dolan	DW	
20	Bike riding in the gardens	Bernadette Kent	Social	
21	meeting		Social	
26	DINNER AT O'REILLY'S	PAUL McDONALD	D/W	
27	CASTLE CRAG	PHIL MURRAY		
JUNE 2/3	MT GUYMER	BRETT MARTIN	O/N	
8/9/10/11	THE MAIN RANGE north-south	RUSS NELSON	TW	
11	Mt. EDWARDS	Paul McDonald	DW	
17	MT ELPHINSTONE (FMR) Beginners day		FMR	
18	MEETING			
23/24	BEAU BRUMMEL	GEOFF EGERT	DW	
29/30/1	ACACIA PLATEAU	ANTHONY DOLAN	TW	
JULY 1	KARAWATHA Orienteering	Phillip Murray	S&T	
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	ken niemeyer	DW	
29				
AUGUST 3/4/5	BORDER LOOP -LINDSAY	PAT LAWTON	TW	
12				
14/15	BARNEY MASS (North Ridge)	phillip murray		
	(South-East Ridge)	anthony dolan		
	(Peasants)	monica mccarron	O/N	
		graham walters	BC	
17/18/19	CONONDALES -FMR WEEKEND			
20	MEETING		DW	
26	MINTO CRAGS	PAT LAWTON	TW	
31/1/2	NUMINBAH GAP-COOLANGATTA		HDW	
SEPT 1	TOOHEYS FOREST NATIVE FLOWERS	Phillip Murray	BC	
7/8/9	FEDERATION PILGRIMAGE	greg endicott		
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 6	PROGRESSIVE DINNER	GREG ENDICOTT	Social	
7	BLACKWALL-FMR Training Day		FMR	
14	TOOHEY FOREST Orienteering	Phillip Murray	DW	
15	MEETING			
21	MT. ZAHAL	Paul Russell	DW	
23	KANGAROO PT(Night Abseiling)	KEN MCCARRON	FMR	
27/28	COOMERA CREVICE		O/N	
NOV 2/3/4	O'REILLY'S-PT.LOOKOUT	CHRISTINE WALKER	TW	
11	MT.GREVILLE		DW	