

MONTHLY CIRCULAR OF THE BRISBANE

CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

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commencing at 7.30p.m. 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 9p.m. at the earliest.

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22nd-24th June	Safety & Training	Glasshouse Mts
7th July	Club Mass & Dinner	
13th-15th July	Throughwalk/Basecamp	Tweed Pinnacle
16th July	General Meeting	
22nd July	New Members Daywalk	Flinders Peak
3rd-5th August	Throughwalk/basecamp	Ramparts
Wed.15th August	Barney Mass	
17th August	Social	Pre-Ball Party
20th August	General Meeting	
31st August-2nd Sept	Federation Pilgrimage	Laidley Creek
7th-9th Sept.	Club Retreat	Ave Maria
17th Sept.	General Meeting	
21st-23rd Sept.	Throughwalk/Basecamp	Border Loop/
		Mt. Lindesay
28th-30th Sept.	Safety &Training	
5th-7th October	Throughwalk/Basecamp	Mt. Barney
Sat. 13th October	Overnighter	Mt. Warning
15th October	General Meeting	
20th October	Social	
28th October	Daywalk	Glasshouse Mts.
2nd-4th November	Throughwalk/Basecamp	Cooloola
18th November	Social	Car Rally

### Feature For July Meeting

The moment of truth has arrived for all those keen shutterbugs who entered their slides in the Federation Slide Competition. The slides will be shown at the July Meeting and the best four slides in each of the four sections will be entered in the Federation Comp. Our Judge will be Madonna Stratford, a former Club member of many years standing and an experienced photographer. The winning slides of the competition will be shown at a special open-air screening on the Federation Pilgrimage on September 1st.

### THE LONG, THE SHORT AND THE TALL

Freedom is ...... a long pair of legs in a short pair of shorts. Most male walkers at least are loath to replace their favourite shorts with anything that catches at the knee, and restricts the jetstream of pure mountain air whistling through the ankle hairs. Then there are some who are loath to replace their favourite shorts at all.

Sex plays a prominent role in the decision to go long or short into the bush. While most males are determined to ignore the assaults of lantana and lawyer vine on their unprotected appendages, most females are daunted by the appearance of a legion of lascivious leeches on wet forest tracks. Although winter has arrived in South-east Queensland, many walkers are doggedly determined to expose approximately 23 inches of their bodies to the elements. Are bushwalkers obfuscated exhibitionists? Or does the hedonistic hankering for freedom preclude all but shorts in their walking wardrobe?

(Readers comments are solicited for this topic!)

# SUBS

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This is definitely the <u>last</u> chance for those members who have not paid their subscriptions yet. After the July circular, only financial members and new members will be sent the Club magazine. So get those subscriptions along to Marcia Kearney at the July meeting (current financial membership 41).

#### FOOD SECTION

#### Peanut Biscuits

Melt 4lb butter, add 1 cup sugar, 1 beaten egg, 1 cup self raising flour, 2 teaspoons cocoa, pinch salt, 1 cup chopped peanuts. Mix and make into small balls. Drop onto greased tray and cook in slow oven 450°.

These biscuits are very good at reviving tired bushwalkers:

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# UTINGS

#### TWEED PINNACLE

Date:

13th-15th July

Cost:

\$5.50

Leaders: Throughwalk: Garth Comerford 624707 Basecamp: Brian McMahon 913532

Emergency Officer: Marnie Conway 360361

Trip leaves North Quay behind Trittons at 7.00 pm sharp

This is a long trip so members should warn their parents not to worry if the party is back late - please do not ring the Emergency Officer before 9 pm.

Garth Comerford advises all throughwalkers that torches are a must. The throughwalking party will be climbing Mt. Gipps on the night of Friday 13th (superstitious, anybody?) to get the weekend off to a good start. The basecampers will be setting up camp at Richmond Gap and following in the tracks of the throughwalkers on Saturday. The basecamp will be moved to the Tyalgum side of the Tweed Pinnacle (3014) that afternoon in readiness for the ascent on Sunday via a northerly ridge. Meanwhile the throughwalkers will have followed the border fence to the Tweed Trig and then turned south along the edge of the Tweed Range.

Hopefully both parties will meet at the Pinnacle for Sunday lunch and descend to South Pumpenbill Creek en masse. A final note: this is a dry trip so bring a full gallon of water (throughwalk and basecamp).

### WANTED TO SELL DEPARTMENT

Need a warm sleeping bag this winter? Liz Langton has a Paddy Pallin "Alpine" in excellent condition with full length zip. Price \$20. You can contact Liz on 212411 Ext.289.

How about a genuine lightweight one man nylon throughwalking tent? Only used four times! Price \$6 (half price). Contact Brian McMahon, 913532.

# USHWALKING!



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TO BE MORE INFORMED ON THESE MATTERS COME ALONG ON THE NEW MEMBERS DAY WALK - Mt. Flinders Sunday 22nd July.

Price: \$2.50

Leader: Mardi clifford. Ph. 971018

Trip leaves North Quay behind Trittons at 3.00a.m.

Nominate at the next meeting or phone.

Emergency Officer: Greg Endicott. Ph. 978795

#### THE RAMPARTS

Throughwalk/Basecamp Date: 3rd-5th August

Cost: \$5.00

Emergency Officer: Marnie Conway 360361

Trip leaves North Quay behind Trittons at 7.00 pm

The Ramparts are the sheer unscalable cliffs forming the eastern face of a four to five mile length of the Main Range north of Cunninghams Gap. The throughwalk starts with a night ascent of the graded track to Mt. Cordeaux, and on Saturday the party will follow the Ramparts to Sylvester's Lookout. Those who went on the Blackfellow's Falls trip in January will recall approaching the Lookout from the west. On Sunday the throughwalkers will walk north to Mt. Castle and descend to the basecamp via a steep ridge leading off Boar's Head.

The basecampers will camp at Cunningham's Gap on the Friday night and climb Mt. Cordeaux on Saturday before shifting camp. On Sunday the party will climb Boar's Head and Mt. Castle. Note for throughwalkers - bring a gallon of water as there is none available at Sylvester's Lookout.

#### BARNEY MASS

Date: 14th-15th August

Cost: \$4.00 or less (depending on number of walkers)

On Exhibition Wednesday, the Club traditionally climbs Mt. Barney and Mass is celebrated at the Altar in the saddle between East and West Peaks, which is about as close to Heaven as you can get in South-East Queensland and still have two feet on the ground.

This year our Chaplain, Fr. Leo Coote, will be leading the spiritual side of the trip. Remember that Wednesday the 15th is also the feast of the Assumption, so the Mass is particularly meaningful.

This is an overnight trip leaving at the usual time - 7.00 pm - on Tuesday 14th.

#### TRIPS IN RETROSPECT

## CUNNINGHAMS GAP TO THE STEAMERS

This trip reither started where it should have nor ended where it should have. The trip began back in Brisbane. Three cars with a total of eight walkers left Brisbane at various times between 7 pm and 9 pm. Their destination was Yangan State School.

Brian Hanvin and Greg Endicott together with their passengers arrived first. Then Brian and Greg set off for Emu Creek. They were to leave Brian's car there and return to Yangan. In the meantime Mike Keane and company arrived at Yangan. Eventually Greg and Brian returned, and as the time was about 1.30 am and Greg was low on petrol, we slept in the dining room of the teacher's residence at Yangan....Brian's father-in-law's house.

Next morning we went to Hell Hole Gorge via Emuvale. Greg got his petrol at Emuvale and at Hell Hole Gorge we met a friendly old farmer. Those of you who went on the Hell Hole Gorge trip last year will remember him. After saying goodbye and having breakfast, we set off at about 10.00 am. Some of the boys packs weighed nearly double the weight the girls were carrying....Russ brought his scales.

After a casual wander through the Gorge the serious walking began. The party ascended the west peak of Spicers by a long ridge on the northern side of Hell Hole Gorge. On the way up we saw a potato farm on a ridge west of the one we were on. We reached the "top" of west peak at 2 pm. As time was running out we did not stop for lunch and the party finally reached Spicers Peak at 4 pm. Only Mike got to the actual point. Camp was so quickly put up and the food was eaten so fast that we were all in bed by 6.30 p.m. We feel that this should go down in the record books.

Sunday morning there was an extremely good view of mist. The party descended Spicers Peak in 2 hours and reached the Spicers-Doubletop saddle at 10 am. There we discovered that the sun had risen that morning. We then proceeded onto Doubletop and reached the saddle at 12.15 pm. After many pleas for food, Mike said we were going to have lunch that day - but at 2 pm. Eventually at 1.45 pm we stopped for lunch which was greatly enjoyed.

Later that afternoon we found ourselves at the bottom of the main cliff line on Mt. Huntley. Finally a break in the cliff line was found by the more energetic members at about 5.30p.m. By this time it was getting dark. Therefore two camps were made about ½ mile apart. At the foot of the cliff line, the ground very quickly became a 70° grass slope. Finding a suitable tent and fire place was quite a job. That night we kept waking up because we would slide slowly to the bottom of the tent. This required some rearranging of the bodies in the tent.

Next morning (Monday) the sunrise was worth seeing. After a leisurely breakfast, we decided to go back to Hell Hole Gorge as we had no chance of getting to the Steamers in the time that remained. It took us 2½ hours to get back to the cars.

After reviving our spirits we went around to Emu creek. There to our surprise was a Police car parked next to Brian's car. After suitable explanations the Police left. The more energetic members of the party then set out for Ship's Stern in the Steamers. They returned two hours later after a long road bash.

The party then left Emu creek at about 5p.m. for Brisbane. It was pleasing to note that Marie Quinn of Catholic Bushwalking Club (Sydney) saw fit to join us. We hope to see Marie again.

# A few notes on Brush Turkeys (Scrub Turkey):

This bird is found from Cape York peninsula south to the Hawkesbury river, N.S.W., in rain forest and dry scrubs but rarely west of the dividing range. These birds grow up to 25 inches in length with a tail length of 11 inches.

The usual foods are insects, native fruits and seeds. According to the experts the bird's most common call is a short "wo". This bird is one of Australia's three "mound building" birds and spends most of its time in an industrious search for food on the forest floor. If disturbed, it runs fast on its strong legs and will fly up into the branches of rain forest trees to perch, though it appears ungainly when off the ground.

The mounds which act as an incubator for the bird's eggs are about 12 feet in diameter and 4 feet high. The eggs are white in colour and number between 18 and 24.

In recent years the birds have occasionally been seen in the Mt. Nebo and Mt. Glorious areas as well as in outer urban areas of Brisbane. If you keep a sharp lookout, you should see a bird or mound while walking along the Scenic Rim.

#### RETREAT

The Club Retreat will be held at the Ave Maria retreat house on 7th-9th September. Fr. Leo Coote, our Chaplain, will be leading the Retreat. A full program will be outlined in the August circular.

Cost \$12.00 (\$10.00 for students) for the all inclusive live-in weekend.

#### MORE BEAUT SCANDAL

Always thought Kev. Kearney was a bit queer. Last weekend while abseiling down a 30ft. cliff, he had time to stop halfway and play footzies with a four foot carpet snake.

While thoroughly enjoying Ted and Marcie's engagement party 40 unsuspecting guests were washed away by floods.

Tom Plunkett is alive and well and living in Brisbane for a few days. OH boy!

At the Annual Mass and Dinner, Mike Keane got into a scrape with his pineapple desert while Russ had bird trouble.

Pat Lawton and Kath Vingoe returned from their holiday in wet "Sunny North Queensland" only to find Brisbane's weather worse.

Confucius says about ice skating - "Stride come before a fall".

### LOST AND FOUND DEPT.

One compass between Hellhole Gorge and Spicers Peak. Finder please contact Mike Keane.

One black beard, slightly used. See Greg Endicott.

The following is a list of the books in our Club Library. For more information, see the Club Librarian, Margaret Boyle, Phone 56.2480 . Borrowing fee is 10cents per book, per month. If you require a book, let Margaret know.

#### Australian Nature

Australia's Great Barrier Reef Australian Rocks and Minerals Dangerous Snakes of Aust. & New Guinea Eric Worrell Know your Aust. Spiders & Ticks Queensland Wildflowers Stars of the Southern Heavens Some Trees of Australia Wildlife in Australia, Vol. 2 What Bird is That?

Vincent Serventy John Childs

Kathleen MacArthur James Nangle H. Oakman

Neville Cayley

#### Australiana

A Bushman's Year The Bushrangers The Collected Verse of A.B. Paterson The Face of Australia Escape to Adventure The Great Australian Loneliness The Great Barrier Reef Green Mountains & Cullenbenbong I saw a Strange Land Mantle of Safety (John Flynn) Notes on Mt. Barney Poetical Works of Henry Lawson The Story of the Flinders Ranges Walkabout's Australia

Jack Hyett W. Joy & T. Prior

Charles Laseron Noel Monkman Ernestine Hill W.J. Dakin Bernard O'Reilly Arthur Groom Jane F. Harley

Hans Mincham

### Aids for Bushwalking & Mountaineering

The Art of Survival Artificial Aids in Mountaineering The Bushcraft Handbooks (Food & Water) The Bushman's Handbook The Bushwalker's Guide to S.E.Qld. Camping magazines Elementary Map Reading Equipment for Mountaineering Let's go Climbing The Mt. Barney Guide Preliminary First Aid Rockclimbing and Mountaineering Rope and Rucksack The Technique of Mountaineering

Oliver Coburn Geoffrey Sutton

H.A. Lindsay Brisbane Bushwalkers

C.F. Kirkus University of Qld.

C. Brunning John Davis & Others J.E.B. Wright

#### Mountains & the Like

Annapurna
The Ascent of Everest
The Austrian Alps
The Crossing of Antarctica
Kanchenjunga
Karakoram
The Last Blue Mountain
No Picnic on Mt. Kenya
Portraits of Mountains
A Short Walk in the Hindu Kush
Switzerland
The White Spider

#### Religion & General

And I Shall be Healed The Way of Divine Love

Gems Twanty Book Treasury Twenty-Three Great Books Maurice Herzog Sir John Hunt

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V. Fuchs & E. Hillary John Tucker Fosco Maraini Ralph Barker Felice Benuzzi Eileen Moloney Eric Newby

Heinrich Harrer

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