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

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The Club's address is PO Box 151, North Quay, Brisbane 4000 and the telephone contact number is listed in the white pages Telephone Directory under 'B'.

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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EMERGENCY OFFICER Where a trip is overdue, parents may telephone the Emergency Officer (as specified for each trip). Please do not ring before 9.00pm at the earliest.

EQUIPMENT OF 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 ½ litre of water.

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COMING OUTINGS

MT MAY - Daywalk Date : 22 July 1984 Leader : Pat Lawton (H) 38 1956 (W) 221 2761 Emergency Officer: Justin Tobin - Ph 57 8314 Cost : \$8.00 Location: South West of Brisbane in the Barney, Ballow and Maroon area. Meeting Time: 7.45an Sunday Meeting Place: Charlotte St outside back of Cathedral.

Mt May is situated south of Boonah and is connected to the northern end of Mt Ballow by a spur running across the cleared ridge on which is the road to Graces Hut. If you have ever walked into Graces Hut you will have noticed the mountain to the left - well this is Mt May. It has two rocky peaks, the lower being 2,600ft while the other is 100ft higher at 2,700ft. We will be climbing up a ridge to the top of the lower peak first. The route up is a little steep in parts, however it's not too bad. The view from the top of this peak is really good, however the views 100ft higher up are even better, so we will push on to the summit of the other peak for lunch. Unfortunately, to have lunch we have to drop down into the saddle, connecting the two peaks, and then climb the extra 100ft to the top. This involves a bit of easy rock scrambling and it is amazing how quickly the top is reached.

View of Mt Barney from the top is magnificent. However that is not all you will see - Mt Marcon, Mt Ballow, Marcon Dam are just a few of the other mountains etc to be seen. There is no water on the top so <u>full water bottles</u> must be carried.

The route down will be via a different route. At the base of the mountain there is an excellent campsite and this is on a water reserve. "Waterfall Gully" is an interesting little rocky gorge adjacent to the campsite and this will be explored before we return home. In the summer it is a really good swimming hole and a good way to cool down after the triphowever, in July I don't imagine the pool will attract too many people.

The walk is a medium walk - carry water - first class views from the top - good leader - suitable for all kinds of bushwalkers.

MOUNT MICHAEL TO LAIDLEY GAP - Throughwalk Leader : Tim Apelt - Ph 38 4761 Date : 27/29 July 1984 Emergency Officer: David Mort - Ph 351 6093 Cost : \$14.00 Rating : Medium Meeting Time: 7.15pm outside back of the Cathedral

This walk is very interesting. We climb Mt Michael on Saturday morning and then follow a long ridge to Mt Haldon. For the next day and Sunday morning we walk along a varied ridge to Mt Lowe. From there we drop into Laidley Gap and down to the cars.

We have good views for the two days of seldomly seen countryside. As an added incentive the walk has no rainforest, has no scunge, and hopefully will have no rain. You will need 4 litres of water. Nominate to Tim at the meeting.

BARNEY MASS - 14/15 August 1984 Leader - Tony Young - PH 262 3159 Emergency Officer - Barney Tobin - PH 57 8314 Cost - \$8.00 Location - South of Beaudesert Meeting Time - 7.15pm

Well, once again the return to the Mecca is on; once again to pray on the Mount. Yes, the annual Barney Mass is here. Exhibition Wednesday will see the Club once again celebrating Mass at our Mass site on top of Mt Barney.

This year the Club will be using three routes to climb Mt Barney; these will be Savages - a rather hard walk for the more experienced walkers - while for the new walkers and not so experienced we have the climb up South East, and for those who would like to accompany Russ, Jan and junior up the gentlest track of Mt Barney, we have Peasants.

We will be camping overnight at Yellow Pinch near the base of Mt Barney and starting the walks early next morning.

So come along and celebrate Mass in the wilderness; a rather thrilling experience being able to combine our major pasttime - bushwalking - with the joys of Mass.

Any queries, please see me at the meeting.

Tony Young

PAST OUTINGS

MT CORDEAUX - MT DEVELIN - Overnighter Leader - Cathy McHugh

After 6.30 Mass on Saturday night a small group consisting of Graham, Eugene, Russ, Jan, David and myself set off from the Cathedral. The goody stop was at my place in Ipswich for a hot drink and something to eat before heading up to Cunningham's Gap.

The intention had been to walk up Mt Cordeaux on Saturday night but since it was such a small group and Russ and Jan (and David) were staying at the car, we decided to stick together and everyone camped at Fisher Park for the night. Thanks to an alarm clock, we were up at 5.15am for a cold breakfast despite a few groans from the troops and even more complaints from the youngest member of the party.

By 6 o'clock we were on the track and walking up Mt Cordeaux. As we got to the top of Cordeaux the views of the sunrise were terrific. From there it was about another half an hour's walk along the top of the range to Morgan's Lookout. The views from here were of cloud, cloud, and then some more cloud. From this point on we were leaving the graded track, and as David is still a bit too young to handle scunge, we left Russ to take him back down to the car.

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The remaining four of us continued along a blaized trail to Bare Rock. Usually there are good views of both sides of the range, but again all we saw was cloud. We then followed the ridge along for a few minutes before beginning a compass march (ie following a compass bearing). There were 3 compasses and 4 people, so after showing the troops what to do I was able to sit back and let them do all the work - quite well organized, I thought!

We were walking through rainforest for a few hours before we came out into eucalypt forest along the top of the ridge. After negotiating a bit of scunge, we stopped for a late morning tea. From here on we were following a very long grassy ridge slowly downwards for another couple of hours. The views right along this section were great, especially looking back towards the western side of the Gap.

We stopped for a very late lunch in the saddle before Mt Develin. By the time everyone had eaten it was getting too late to be going up Develin, so we cut down the side of the ridge out to the car. This took us a bit over an hour, and we arrived at the car just before 4 o'clock to find Russ and David having a snooze in the back.

From here it was straight back home. Many thanks to Jan, Graham and Eugene for doing the walk and to Russ for coming part of the way and doing the driving. It was an enjoyable walk although a fairly long one.

Cathy McHugh

BURNETT CREEK TO LINDESAY BORDER GATE - Throughwalk Leader - Gary Logan

The trip started out with all the appearances of being a fauna sighting tour. Frogmouth Owls, kangaroos, rabbits, wedged-tail eagles, dingoes and even a lyre bird were sighted. Camp was reached on Mt Ballow by 3.30pm on Saturday after what had been a pleasant uphill day's walk in sunny conditions. A peaceful night on Mt Ballow, with the moon shining through the trees, and not even the hint of a breeze on this mountain top.

Next morning a detour to Double Peak for alround views of Mt Barney, Big Lonely, Gwyala Peak, Mt Ballow, Mt Maroon, the mighty Toowoonan, and all of the Main Range up to Mt Castle.

Something else could be seen too, RAIN, and it was coming our way. So, back to Mt Ballow and hope the rain misses us. Compass bearing for Nothofagus Mtn, and we were on our way. Markings on the trees assisted us in reaching the old forestry road which ran the border for a few kilometres. Thoughts went through my mind of a title for this section of the trip. "Revenge of Mt Mistake" seemed appropriate. It was scunge with rasberry bush intermingled and hard to avoid. The rain, too, was progressively getting worse; however, everybody seemed to get a dry night's sleep.

Monday morning, awaking in the clouds to the somes of the Albert lyre-bird (and rain). An early start and continued

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on our "rainforest" walk,

A few hours onwards, and four creek crossings later (creeks on the top of the ridge?) we were back on the blazed track along the border ridge. All that remained was to follow the fence and to the car at the Lindesay border gate. This was achieved by 3.00pm and back to pick up the other car and head for Brisbane. Only four came on this walk; however, it was still a very enjoyable

Gary Logan

PANORAMA POINT - Daywalk Leader - Tony Young

Well after a weekend of rain and many cancellations, the walk to Panorama Point was changed to Mt Mitchell. Yes folks, it happened to me once again.

Six people finally headed off to Mt Mitchell at 8.20am; after a goodie stop at Aratula we started the walk at 11.00am.

It was quite an easy walk up Mt Mitchell, it being graded track all the way, with the troops finding it easy going. After reaching the top after about an hour and a half, we found the mist had cleared quite a bit, and we were able to see splendid views of Moogerah Dam, Mt Greville, Mt Moon, Mt Barney and Mt Cordeaux on the other side.

We then had a leisurely stroll back to the cars. We all then headed back to Russ's place for pikelets and jam.

I would like to thank Russ, Ken, Pat, Ann-Marie and Gordon for coming and making it an enjoyable day.

Tony Young

COME ON DOWN TO MARIA ISLAND

With the many National Parks and Wildlife areas in Tasmania, and of course recent happenings in the World Heritage Area (South West Tasmania - Franklin River), one beautiful area that perhaps bushwalkers do forget about is Maria Island. Whether you be sophisticated you beaut hill-walker, mountain scrambler or bush basher this area is worth a visit (even if only a fleeting visit) when next in Tasmania. Situated one hour east of Hobart, then an hour by ferry to the Island from Louiseville, it's an easy daytrip or an ideal escape for a week or two.

Under the control of Tasmania's National Parks and Wildlife Service, this national park remains relatively unspoilt. A continuing maintenance programme by the National Parks Service has preserved and, in some cases, restored the past, while providing facilities of reasonable standard for accommodation.

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Maria Island was sighted and named by Abel Tasman during his voyage of discovery in 1642. His expedition planted the Dutch flag ashore and Tasman named the island in honour of Maria Van Diemen, wife of the Governor of the Dutch East Indies colony of Batavia.

With the coming of white settlers to Tasmania, Maria Island was selected as a penal settlement. Convicts were sent there from 1825, and some relics of that period may be seen at Darlington, the principal settlement. These include the fully preserved commissariat building, soldier's quarters and the remains of the penitentiary. The convicts were removed in 1832, ending the first of four distinct periods of settlement on Maria. The convicts were removed for a second time in 1847 and the penal settlement finally ended its days in 1850.

Maria Island enjoyed its first industrial period from 1884 to 1896 under the direction of an Italian entrepreneur, Diego Bernacchi. Darlington became a thriving industrial community producing silk, cement and bricks. Farming was expanded and vineyards were also planted. However, the Island became one of the first victims of the Great Depression and the cement works were closed in 1929. People left the island leaving only a handful of graziers.

In more recent years the Tasmania Government embarked on a policy of gradually buying up all the leasehold property on the Island and it was declared a national park in 1972.

Since then there has been a build up in the wildlife population - mainland emus, Cape Barren geese, Forester kangaroo and other species.

Relics of the past were maintained and restored and the Island has now reached a level of popularity where some estimates put the annual visitation at 30,000.

The rewards for a visit are numerous - spectacular scenery, history, tranquility, bushwalks, beaches or just "getting away from it all".

Jan Lucas

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Justin isn't content with just falling off cliffs, he now falls through rooves.

Tony Young heard to say recently, "My flat is quite cosy with six or seven young men in my flat".

Steve Arthur quite pleased with himself on making the battalion rugby side (good to see you can do something right Steve).

Cathy McHugh is heading off to Townsville for six months.

Good to see so many people going in the Endeavour Foundation walkathon.

NEWS FLASHES

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Please note, from 22 July Dave and Frances Mort's new tolophilo Lucler will be 351 6093.

ALCO, the Daly's new address is:

y Earl Road, Albany Creek - ph 264 3731

Also, BCBC new headquarters from 15 July will be 29 Kunde Street Nundah. No phone at this stage. Yes, that's right folks, the Tobins are on the move. See you all at the new joint.

TEN LITTLE BUSHWALKERS

From Sydney Catholic Bushwalking Club publication "Waysider"

Ten little bushwalkers at the Yah Ball feeling merry and fine, One while playing the 'Drongo' ran into a tree, now there are nine. Nine little bushwalkers doing the Marathon late, One lost his torch, now there are eight. Eight little bushwalkers hoping to go to Heaven, One drank the water of the Coxs, now there are seven. Seven little bushwalkers not all being Micks, One was a Tim, now there are six. Six little bushwalkers lost near the Shrine, One had read the map wrong, now there are five. Five little bushwalkers all tired and sore, One argued with the leader, now there are four. Four little bushwalkers out in the wilderness feeling free, One found himself in the way of a 4WD, now there are three. Three little bushwalkers tried to make a stew, One forgot the Earl Grey tea, now there are two. Two little bushwalkers ready to stir for fun, One fought the Committee, now there is one. One little bushwalker alone with the walk done, Forgot to hand the walk report in, now there are none.

SOCIALS

Well, 1 H.c. at the last committee meeting we finalised the socials for the next few months. As you all know, the Black Friday Night is on the 13th July at Steve Arthur's house, 25 Glenhaven Street, Kedron.

In future months we have the car rally and the Rural Youth Ball, while on a lighter side we have a video night and a putt putt golf night. For further details watch your Jilalan.

I hope to see you all at these events.

Steve Arthur

Rural Youth Ball - 11 August 1984

Well folks, its August again and that's when all the balls are out, and once again we will be mixing with the Rural Youth at their annual do. It is your chance to get your stubbies off and your glad rags on.

It will be held at the Greek Community Centre at South <u>Porture</u> Brisbane and the cost is a moderate \$15.00. The cost includes a 3 course dinner, while there will be continuous music with two bands playing all night.

Please bring your money for tickets to the July General Meeting to Secure your seat, as there is no guarantee of seats being available on the night.

Hope to see you all there for a great night.

Steve Arthur

Past Social

Well due to Steve making the Rugby Battalion Side, we were unable to hold the car rally on June 23/24. Apologies to all concerned. Instead, due to Steve being in Armidale, I organized a night out to the pictures to see "To be or not to be" and "The Rocky Horror Picture Show". Both of these movies turned out to be an outstanding success and well worth recommending to all.

We then adjourned to the Tobin's for coffee. Thanks to everyone who came.

Ken McCarron

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All please note, due to circumstances the car rally will now be of one day's duration on Saturday 18th August.

Steve Arthur

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GOOD NEWS FROM NORFOLK ISLAND

From Jean Edgecombe in NSW, Consulthor of the new ook. "Discovering Norfolk Island" and published n .C.F. Newsletter (May).

No. aland is a very small, very beautiful territory South Pacific. It has a history - and records - of white settlement only a few weeks shorter than that of Sydney itself.

With an area of 3,455 hectares, Norfolk Island consists chiefly of a plateau 60 to 70 metres above sea level bordered by precipitous cliffs of volcanic rock. Across the mid north of the island, between seas of farmland either side, rises the high lookout of the Mt Pitt Reserve, formerly a major centre of volcanic activity, now a precious remnant of multi-coloured green forest with Norfolk Island Pines rising above the canopy, ferns and tree ferns along the wooded ferny valleys. This is the habitat of rare endemic species of plants and populations of, in some cases, endangered wildlife.

Since the late 'sixties, local and mainland conservation societies (including ACF) and scientists have been pressing for dedication of the area as a national park under the Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service Act.

The first major park proposal was outlined in the ACF Special Publication No 1, the Conservation of Norfolk Island, first published in 1968.

After inaction and controversy for the following fourteen years, a proposed Plan of Management was circulated, with scores of objections to various aspects being raised. In the meantime, as it was Crown Land, the ANPWS was unable to spend money protecting and restoring the area.

Now the good news! At a meeting of the Assembly on 4th April, the Chief Minister, the Honorable David Buffett, moved that creation of a national park and implementation of the Plan of Management for both the Mt Pitt Reserve and the Botanic Gardens should be approved. The park would be proclaimed under Federal legislation. The motion was passed, 6 to 2. (Owen and Beryl Evans of the Flora and Fauna Society and members of the Norfolk Island Conservation Society had done a good job in helping members of the Assembly to understand the problems and what was at stake - including the enormous importance to the island, to tourism and to science.) The area designated is 13% of the total area of the Island.

At the moment, a team of entomologists is working on Norfolk and Philip Islands. Dr. Peter Coyne of ANPWS with three assistants is doing a survey of the proposed national park area and, as part of the scheme, an artificial breeding programme of the almost extinct Green Parrots is under way. Professor Ovington, head of ANPWS, has been on the island, and all that remains is ratification by the Australian Government.

Symposium on Studbucke Island and Adjoining Areas 1984

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11-12 August, 1984

Registration: \$25.00 - includes Saturday's talks about vegetation, wildlife etc. of the area; morning and afternoon tea and lunch Saturday; session - on Saturday evening (pre-dinner drinks); and a special excursion on Sunday morning ie. 4 wheel drive tour.

> Registration forms and full information eg. how to get there, where to stay, full list of Saturday's speakers, special Saturday evening Dinner - \$20.00, with Therasa Lacey. Ph. 445687 or see you at the July meeting.

LATE NEWS - CAR RALLY!

Yes, falks it's finally here! After much delay and changes of plans, the Car Rally will now be a one day affair on Saturday, 18th August. It will start from Stafford City Shopping Town at 8.30 am, departing for destinations unknown. There will be a bar-be-que lunch so bring along food and cooking gear. See you there!

ANNOUNCEMENT

Helen Miosge and Michael Schoch are being married on September the 8th. All are welcome to a pre-wedding celebration on 12th of August, at Helen's place, to take the form of a Bar-be-que. B.Y.O. meat and drinks, Salads etc. provided. Hope you can all come.

Address is: 68 Gympie Street, Northgate. Ph. 2668140 (H) 2247832 (W) Nominations are called for the positions of General Secretary and Vice President which have become vacant due to the resignations of the current position holders.

Nominations may be made by filling in the following form and returning it to the President at the July Charach Deting.

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