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August

3/5	Pilgrimage Preparation Weekend	BC
11	Social - Rural Youth Ball	
14/15	Barney Mass - Leader: Tony Young	ON
18	Social - Car Rally	
19	EMR Training Day - Intermediate	
20	Monthly Meeting	
24	Video Night	
26	Mt Samson - Leader: Russ Nelson	DW

September

2	Collation Deadline	
31/8 - 2/9	Pilgrimage Preparation Weekend (if needed)	BC
7/9	Pilgrimage - Goomburra Valley	BC
15/16	Social - Horse Riding	
17	Monthly Meeting	
21	Putt Putt Golf - Organiser: Geoff Dower	
30	Panorama Point - Leader: Tony Young	DW
30	Collation Deadline	

October

5/7	Girraween - Leader: Justin Tobin	TW
	: ?	BC
13	Social - Tweed River Cruise	
15	Monthly Meeting	
20/21	Coochin Ck - Glasshouse Mts - Leader: ?	ON

November

2/4	Grady's Creek - Leader: ?	TW
3	Collation Deadline	
10	Mt Frazer - Churchbank Weir	
	Leader: Barney Tobin	
18	Social - Family BBQ	
19	Monthly Meeting	
24/25	Retreat	

December

2	Collation Deadline	
1/2	Social - Christmas Party	
7/9	Tyalgum - Right Branch Albert River	
	Leader: ?	TW
17	Monthly Meeting	
26	Christmas Walk - Mt Glorious - Leader: ?	DW

Legend: TW Throughwalk BC Basecamp
ON Overnighter DW Daywalk

All persons, both members and visitors, undertake all activities of the Club at their own risk entirely. Unfortunately the Club cannot even give an assurance that all due care and attention will be taken.

ITALIANPAST WALKS

SHIPSTERN - BINNA BURRA - Daywalk - 15/7/84

July the 15th saw 17 keen walkers leave the Cathedral for Shipstern - Binna Burra with overcast skies above us. After a short goodie stop at Beenleigh which turned into a rather long one, with everybody wondering where Pat and her car had got to (Pat had a flat tyre along the way).

Well, it was then off to Binna-Burra where we picked up Geoff and Margaret. To start the walk we headed off along the Border track which was quite easy, even if it was muddy. This is a circuit walk of 21 kilometres along graded tracks. It was quite cold on the day so a brisk pace was set by the leaders. After about an hour's walking we did a little bit of a side track to see Ballenjui Falls which had plenty of water due to recent rains. We then continued through the rainforest out to Nyongai Lookout where good views of Numinbah Valley below us could be seen. We continued on to the end of the Shipstern Range, which was only 30 minutes away, for lunch. We all dropped packs at a little grove of trees and walked out to Shipstern. Good views of the surrounding valley could be seen, even though it was a bit cloudy, while below us could be seen Egg Rock. We all then tucked into lunch and a cup of billy tea.

We then headed back to Binna Burra following the circuit track. Just past our lunch spot the rainforest cleared to allow us a spectacular view of the open countryside, with the Binna Burra Lodge in the distance. We then continued on to Charraboomba Rock, which was quite steep going up even though stairs were cut into the rock. This enabled us once again to look back at the way we came and have a good view of the whole range. We then continued back to Binna Burra, with a short stop on the way at another lookout to once again see the range and Egg Rock. We then continued on to Binna Burra, arriving just before 5 o'clock. After a short goodie stop we all headed for Brisbane, arriving at a rather late time of 6.30 - 7.00. I trust everybody enjoyed themselves. My thanks to everybody who came on the day.

Barney

MT MAY - Daywalk - 22/7/84

On the Saturday before the walk it looked as though the Sunday was going to be a lovely fine sunny day. However, as has been the case with most Sundays lately, the day dawned with a rather overcast sky.

19 people attended the walk, and after waiting a short while for Barney to arrive (his train broke down and he had to catch a taxi into the City) we set off. A short stop was made at Boonah before setting off to Mt May. The weather was certainly not looking good over the main range, however Mt May, Mt Maroon, Mt Moon etc were all still visible and it looked in some ways as though the weather was going to clear up - such was not the case!

(Con't)

Before the climb a quick visit was made to the
camping ground. From there
we followed the Graces Hut Road for a short distance and
then climbing the ridge to the lower peak. This
ridge had many small loose rocks, however everybody
was careful. It wasn't long before we were over this
ridge continuing our way through the undergrowth to the

The top of Mt May consists of two peaks - the higher one is
2,600 ft and drops steeply into a saddle before rising steeply
again to the other peak at 2,600 ft. I had planned to drop
off the lower peak and then climb to the higher one for
lunch. Well, this did not happen as we couldn't even see
the other peak - in fact we saw nothing! By the time we
reached the lower peak the cloud had come down and the
rain was falling. Visibility was nil.

Lunch certainly wasn't pleasant with the rain making
sandwiches soggy. Barney and Geoff Egert tried hard to
start a fire going to boil the billy, however after several
boxes of matches, they gave up the attempt. They would
probably still be there trying if it hadn't been for the
fact that the rest of the party were starting to freeze
and wanted to get moving again to keep warm.

A well worn track descends down another ridge and we took
this track back to the bottom. Views, of course, were
not available until just before a rocky outcrop almost at
the bottom.

We were all back down by 3.45pm. It was a pity the
weather was not good as the views of Mt Barney and Ballow
from the top are probably the best one could obtain.
However, despite the conditions, I think everybody
enjoyed the day.

A warm cup of coffee was welcome at the Boonah cafe.
Everybody arrived back in Brisbane about 7.00pm.

Those on the trip were - Dave and Frances Mort, Therese
Lacey, Val Pedrolini, Peggy Rutter, Geoff Egert, Debra
Wain, Anne-Marie Schmidt, Julie Peck, Graham Walters,
Karen Sinclair, Margaret Anderson, Geoff Dower, Rosslyn
Narracott, Barney Tobin, Lillian Laird, Peter Andrews,
Imelda Geoghegan and myself.

Pat Lawton

COMING OUTING

Mt SAMPSON DAYWALK

DATE: 26th August

LEADER: Russ Nelson Ph (3735200) H (2246413) W

EMERGENCY OFFICER: Justin Tobin H (2606065)

COST: \$4

MEETING TIME: 7:45am

MEETING PLACE: Charlotte St outside back of Cathedral

Mt Samson is a modest mountain near Samford which is not difficult. From the top of the mountain there are views towards the north coast. These views are not frequently seen by walkers on Club trips and so it presents a different vista. The trip is easy and suitable for inexperienced members and visitors.

PILGRIMAGE - GOOMBURRA VALLEY

DATE: 7/9 September 1984

LEADER: Therese Lacey (H)445687 (W)8342310

EMERGENCY OFFICER: Barney Tobin Ph (H) 2605065

From Scratch'::: The Pilgrimage is an annual event where all bushwalking clubs in south-east Queensland have the opportunity to walk and socialize with members of other clubs, BCBC is hosting the 1984 event, which shall be held at Goomburra Valley, past Cunningham's Gap; The weekend commences approximately 9:00pm Friday night when walkers start to arrive: We will have a reception tent where people are handed their weekend programme, charged a mere \$4:00, and shown where to park. Parking area precedes the camping park, therefore unless you wish to make several return trips to your car, pack all your gear into one carry bag/pack. The walking distance may be 100/200metres. A hot cuppa is provided Friday night while people read the programme to decide which one of the programme to decide which one of the 8 or 9 walks offered on Saturday they shall nominate for. All leaders should be present to answer any questions.

Saturday walks have various commencement times starting from 7.30 am. All walkers should return to the camping ground by 5.00pm At 7.00pm the night's entertainment commences with the tall tales segment. Hopefully each club will present 2 tall tales yarns. These will be judged and a grand first prize given(the prize is being negotiated). A sing-a-long and light suppers follows.

The Sunday itinerary commences at 9.00am with short speeches; followed by novel games for all ages. The Pilgrimage ends with a midday bar-be-que.

Since our Club is hosting this event, every person nominating from our Club is expected to help in the organisation of this event. Various duties handed out will include receptionist, gate keeper, water carriers, fire stokers, wood collectors, supper servers, basecamp emergency officer.

(Con't)

This event is considered a social event, therefore the Club does not reimburse the drivers of cars UNLESS prior to the event the Club has asked you to use your vehicle as a work horse. Drivers are requested to nominate their vehicle for the non-driving Club members. It is suggested that a passenger gives the driver \$5.00 for a one way trip to or from Goomburra. However, the arrangement is entirely between driver and passenger. Members are advised not to overcrowd tents; eg if you have a four man tent, have a maximum of 5 people in it. We are expecting 200 bushwalkers, ie at least 200 billies, paddy fingers, sleeping bags etc etc. For the sake of safety - ie not losing your equipment and not tripping over someone else; all equipment should be stored in your tent at all times.

What to bring: all your regular camping gear including food for Saturday and Sunday (excluding Sunday evening), TEA TOWEL, PLASTIC BUCKET to carry water, biro, day pack, very warm clothes - Goomburra can be extremely cold in early September.

Please nominate to Therese at the August general meeting. I need to know when you can leave town, eg early Friday or 7.15pm Friday from the Cathedral.

Any questions, please have them ready at the meeting. If not Ph 445687 (home), 8342310 (work - that is my new number).

If anyone has purchased anything for the Pilgrimage, please see Peter Dore for claim form. To assist our accounting, please list items purchased, followed by FOR PILGRIMAGE and total cost.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is the last issue of 'Jilalan' before the Pilgrimage in September. The response to previous requests for assistance has been encouraging. However, to date no person has come forward as a candidate for the Tall Tale Contest. The requirements are for a person to present to the campfire gathering on Saturday night of the Pilgrimage a humorous story of about 5 minutes in length. Each Club has been requested to nominate two people to present Tall Tales. Any enquiries should be directed to Therese Lacey or David Mort.

A recent review of the Club's financial position indicates that our reserves are low. Although we are not poor, we need to build up our funds. Having a reasonable pool of funds means that the Club does not suffer from cash flow problems. Our present problem is that our level of funds is not sufficient to avoid cash flow difficulties. Therefore, in the future there will be a number of events designed to make some additional funds. One of these events is the video night on 24th August. Your enthusiastic support for this event and similar events will assist the Club to continue to provide services at the present level.

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People are needed to help Barney with the collation of 'Jilalan'. This requires one night a month of a volunteer's time. The publication of 'Jilalan' is a vital task as it provides a means of communication to all members and visitors. If you can help, contact Barney on 260 5065.

Russ Nelson

A COLD AND LONELY PLACE

My feet tread gingerly on the snow covered path as I neared the summit amid swirling ice-laden cloud. The roaring wind buffeted and jostled me. Climbing in New Zealand, the Himalayas or S.W. Tassie? No! This experience occurred to me as I followed the track to Mt Mitchell; in our own "back yard". It was Wednesday July 4th.

Snow fell at Cunningham's Gap and other sections of the Scenic Rim during that historic cold snap. Snow was also reported at Sylvester's Lookout, Spicer's Peak and Queen Mary Falls. Light snow began falling at lunchtime on the Tuesday, even at our Headquarters. Most occurred at night.

On Wednesday and Thursday we walked to Bare Rock and Mt Mitchell. The snow covered the ground and vegetation to a depth of a couple of inches near the summits. Patches of snow were seen less than half an hour from the carpark. Little remained in the trees due to high winds. Numerous branches and trees were brought down, including one monster with a diameter of over one metre.

I was enthralled to see the rainforest understorey covered by a blanket of white. Tree ferns, palms and vines reminding me of our sub-tropical location were adorned with snow and icy projections. The wind gusts from the south-west were surprising in their strength. Snow still filled the centres of crow's nest ferns and grass trees. I was most concerned for the small birds flitting around, no doubt confused by the unusual surroundings. Patches of snow were present in some areas till the weekend.

The clean-up and track repairs that followed were worth the effort, I thought!

John Carter

COMING FMR DAY

The next FMR training day will be at Blackwall and meeting at the Kholo Bridge at 8.00 19th August. The day will consist of vertical raise of stretcher, transfer of patient from Stokes Litter to Hamish McInns Stretcher and an abseil into tangled rope with reverse prussik. For more information talk to Greg Endicott.

Ken McCarron
FMR Delegate

COMING SOCIALSVIDEO NIGHT - August 24th

On August the 24th BCBC will be bringing you a video spectacular at my place, 24 Glenhaven Street, Kedron. There will be videos from dusk to dawn; we will have everything from horror to humour. There will be two videos on hand so that a choice can be made whether you want to watch horror or humour. The cost is \$2.00 if you bring a plate or \$4.00 if you don't.

So see me at the next meeting to tell me that you are coming.

Steve Arthur

TWEED RIVER CRUISE - October 13th

Well we decided to get in early on this one and let you know what is happening. On October 13th we will be running a Tweed River - Pockie cruise. The set up is that we leave Brisbane on Saturday at 2.00pm, head down by bus to Tweed River, board the boat to Tumblegums where the bus will pick us up for the drive to Murwillumbah RSL where we will be able to sit down to a smorgasbord meal.

On the way down to the Tweed River by bus we will be running several raffles on the trip, eg \$50 note. Once on the Tweed River itself, this is where the tempo picks up with dancing and entertainment on board, with a bar also provided. As I said earlier on, a smorgasbord dinner awaits us at the RSL where we also have entertainment and two bands to dance the night away with, while for the more adventurous we have the pokies, where you can pull a handle or two. The cost is a moderate \$21.00, but if you pay me at the August meeting it will only cost you \$20.00. Drinks are not included in this price but are available at a moderate fee on the boat or at the RSL.

So nominate to me at the meeting and have a great night out.

Barney Tobin

JILALANFMR WEEKEND - CAMPBELL'S FOLLY

Six eager people left the Cathedral on the Friday night to travel down to Campbell's Folly down past Rathdowney. Arriving there, we proceeded to pitch our tents only to be told 10 minutes after they were up that the helicopter was to land there. We decided they could be moved the next morning.

Up bright and early the next cold morning, we proceeded to have breakfast and move our tents. Around 9.00 we were welcomed and given a brief rundown about what the weekend was going to involve. We were being lectured on base organisation when the SES helicopter arrived.

We were given the various specifications of the chopper by the pilot and displays by the two SES crew. A demonstration was then held with two FMR people abseiling from the chopper and me being winched up in the stretcher.

After the SES helicopter left we were introduced to the SES radios. We had a field exercise using the radio which proved to be successful and fun, although romeo 8 did talk too much.

We rapped the afternoon up with a talk on transport and search patterns. After a brief field exercise on bush stretchers and giving a YHA member a bath, we were allowed to relax and have tea.

That night a communal campfire was held and BCBC showed the other clubs what good? singers we were. Everybody retired relatively early as the search and rescue started at 7.00am.

Up at six o'clock the next morning to grab a quick breakfast before we moved to base camp. We were then split up in various teams and given different areas to search. A brief description of the person missing (named Richard Head) was given and different parties set off.

After some hours had passed Steve McGrath finally found the missing person (dummy on the end of a rope 30 feet up a cliff inside a cave).

The dummy, a 9 stone dummy, was then lowered and put on a stretcher. A request was made for the SES helicopter, but the reply was that it was busy flying some peanut around. So it was organised that a team of people were to take it back to vehicles. This proved quite an effort as the ground to be covered was rather rough.

The day finished with a debriefing around 1.00pm. After breaking camp we headed back to Brisbane. Thanks to those who came along: Julie, Anne-Marie, Karen, Graham and Steve.

Ken McCarron
FMR Delegate

Feeling a little tired of the rain? During July many bushwalkers felt the same, and decided to trek south to where it's too cold for rain; we could enjoy snow instead. 3 separate parties departed on consecutive weekends with most people returning one week later. The most adventurous crew departed July in a 6 seater Cessna.

As each overly-excited member of the expedition arrived at the airport, Janine Lucas gave them a tour of our hired flying vehicle - more correctly apparatus. I have a kitchen table bigger than that plane. After the blood had run from each traveller's face, Janine took them to the waiting room, poured them reviving cups of sweet hot tea and proceeded to tell them, "Even though it's a shade small, the plane definitely has a working engine".

Sunday morning's 2½ hour flight to Sydney included views of many scenic ridges we had all walked. It left us wondering why we ever complain about uphill walking - most mountains looked quite small from this perspective. After refueling at Sydney, Rob flew the crew on to Cooma.

Greg Endicott had taken an overnight bus to Canberra to pick up an Avis station wagon which was to be the means of land transport for the week. Greg stopped at Cooma to take the eager skiers to Jindabyne. John Daly and Tim Apelt were too keen to wait for Greg; they had already caught the bus to Jindabyne. By this time we had all come to the realization that soggy Queensland and been left behind for a climate degrees below an optimum human habitation temperature.

The Jindabyne unit was quite comfortable, although not quite what John had lead us to believe by saying a 3600 view was to be had. The view was of the inside of the unit as you swivelled up or down a tight spiral staircase leading to the 2nd floor; not of Jindabyne village and lake.

Early Monday morning we were parading our ski gear, while Adam had us reciting all the "in" words of the ski field, eg snow plow, parallel turn and bindings. That way, even if we looked hopeless, we could have a reasonable conversation as some ski-expert honey helped us to our feet - or bunny as Adam was hoping.

Our tourist agent at Jindabyne had a heart to heart conversation with us, telling us that with our extensive ski experience (nil) we should go to the Guthega slopes as they limit the number of people on the mountain to 130,000! So Guthega it was.

How do 8 adults fit snugly into a car? Ask Adam - he has made extensive notes on "chemistry combinations". Due to Tim's "state-in-life" he missed out on the combination rotation and spent most travelling time in the boot.

The skiing was tremendous. We faced 2 howling blizzard storms and other light snow days. We tried skiing on bush tops, up trees, off rocky outcrops - only when pushed from behind - and ricocheting off the backs of the legs of other skiers.

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After a full day's skiing we would (c)huddle back into the car for a return trip to Jindabyne. This was usually beautifully scenic as gum leaves, lightly sprinkled with snow flakes, glistened in the setting sun.

Half way down the mountain the car would stop for the more robust passengers to remove the chains. This daily procedure let all the cold cold air into the car. By the time we reached Jindabyne we all looked forward to a hot shower, coffee and snacks. Rob, who wasn't skiing, prepared a magnificent feast for us each afternoon.

The nightlife section should be written by John Daly ... brah-malexanders later. Most of us were so exhausted by our daily gymnastics that we were pleased to crawl into bed before midnight. John, Rob and the occasional brave skier would go a-hunting till the wee hours of the morning.

On the weekend the skiing area is busy with weekend visitors. Rob, with Anita, Dianna, Cathy McHugh and Greg took a joy flight over the mountains to view the Alps and skiing field. They came back convinced Guthega had the sheerest slopes and thousands less people.

Clouds were low on Sunday when Rob, John, Tim, Adam, Cathy and Therese departed from Cooma airport homeward bound. Anita and Dianne returned Greg to Canberra where he stayed for a few days; the girls continued on for 2 days at Sydney. After an exhausting, hilarious week, we were all talking of the 1985 snowy trip ... hopefully with promising "chemical combinations" ... as such.

Therese Lacey

BUSH BIRDS REPORT

With the final hooter blowing, the southside netball team, 'Bush Birds' have lost the first game, but the team spirit is high.

We play every Wednesday night at the netball courts on Wynnum Road at Cannon Hill. Our team colours are royal blue and pink.

So, if you have a free Wednesday night, why not come and cheer us along.

The team is:

Sandra McGrath
Margaret Anderson
Sharyn Rice
Imelda Geoghegan

Jan Nelson
Elizabeth Anderson
Teresa Barnett
Anne Besgrove

Scorer: Russ Nelson
Cheer Squad: David Nelson

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BCBC wishes 'Bush Birds' all the best for the netball season.

M.E.S.

Congratulations to Jim Besgrove on his recent engagement.
(nice one Jim).

Is it true Steve Arthur is turning into a pro? Ask Steve.

What fascination does Therese Lacey have for men in uniforms?

Good to see so many people honour their commitment to the Endeavour Foundation walkathon.

Tony Young celebrates his birthday on August 10th.
Happy birthday Tony.

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VACANCIES ON COMMITTEE

The following nominations have been received:-

Vice President - Tony Young
- Geoff Egert ✓

Committee Member - Michael Rae
- Peggy Rutter ✓
- Steve McGrath

Voting will be held at the August meeting.

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LET THE WILDERNESS BE

Man is the most destructive animal of all. All the other animals have to adapt and co-exist with the environment to survive. Man has to change his to suit himself. We cannot deny the fact that we enjoy the trappings that go with so called civilization. But in admitting this fact we also must realize what the cost has been to wilderness areas throughout the world. A world that was once almost covered in wilderness, is now a land of desert, concrete jungle and bitumen. A land ravaged for its wealth, stripped bare for so called progress. Surely the world has been raped and ravaged enough. Now's the time to preserve what we have left. With only 0.1 percent of the original rainforest left throughout the world and great tracts disappearing by the minute. Australia is an example of three types of rainforest on the one continent. The only place where rainforest grows in sand, on Fraser Island and Cooloola. A unique situation where rainforest meets coral reef in Daintree, Nth Queensland. Yes, we are starting to realize wilderness is worth fighting for. We can't all stand in the front line actively demonstrating with the Australian Wilderness Society, follow Greenpeace in their campaign, sit in potholes and form a human blockade. But as bushwalkers, people who have touched and walked the wilderness, admitted that we need the bush as our weekend retreat, know how it would effect us, without all the scientific and ecological significance.

We can give them our support, on the train to work, office lift, lunch time cafeteria, wherever people are blended by the papers multinational and biased Governments, giving their viewpoint on so called "Greenies", "Professional Demonstrators", "Unemployed with nothing better to do than cause trouble", "University Prodigals". All tools and weapons of words to get the uneducated, gullible public on their side. You can give them your two cents worth, your viewpoint. Another side to the story.

One voice isn't much. One voice multiplied one thousand times just might be heard.

I'm sure you wouldn't want your kids and grand kids to think that in the 20th century we had the technology to land on the moon, put man into space and bring him home again. Breakthrough in medicine, able to save lives, yet we did not realize the significance of the little wilderness we had left. But worse still to do more research and find that impact studies were done. That the importance of it was stressed time and time again; that some of us did care. But the rest were willing to turn a blind eye, for the almighty dollars, for the short term benefits of a few was more important than a better world tomorrow.

What a terrible legacy to carry into the 21st century and beyond. Show we care today, tomorrow will definitely be too late.

Justin Tobin