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CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY



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Club address is P.O. Box 151, North Quay, Brisbane.....4001. Q.

Monthly meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at the Catholic Centre, Edward Street, City, commencing at 7.30p.m.

Enter via the car park, not the front door. If the door is shut, please ring the door bell and wait for someone to come down and open it. Car parking is available behind the Cathedral. Use the second gate in Charlotte Street and drive around between the buildings to the Cathedral rear.

Visitors are always welcome.

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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 9.00p.m. at the earliest.



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October

7	Change-Of-Sex (Social)	
15	Mt. Delaney	DW
16	Monthly Meeting	
21/22	Grady's Creek - Christmas Creek	ON
26	Federation Open Meeting.	

November

3/5	Retreat - Club Hut	BC
10/12	Edinburgh Castle - Oblielisk	Roving BC
19	Family Bar-B-Cue	
20	Monthly Meeting	
23	Federation Open Meeting	
25/26	Valley of the Diamonds	ON/DW (2 parties)

December

1/3	Northbrook Creek	TW
9	Christmas Party	
15/17	Connondale Ranges	TW/BC
18	Monthly Meeting	
22/24	Mystery Trip	TW (5 parties)
28	Federation Open Meeting	

LEGEND

TW	Throughwalk
ON	Overnighter
BC	Basecamp
DW	Daywalk

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JILALANOUTINGS PROGRAMME FOR FIRST HALF OF 1979January

7	Coomera River (Jan Raymer)	DW
26/29	Cataract River	TW
	" " (Val Pedrolini)	BC

February

4	Running Creek Falls (Mary Ebbage)	DW
10/11	Obi-Obi (John Hood)	ON
23/25	Tooloom Falls - Paddy's Flat (Pam Reid)	TW
	" " " "	BC

March

4	Mt Moon (John Carter)	DW
10/11	Mt Warning (Bev Price)	ON
23/25	Condamine Gorge (Michael Cashman)	TW
	" "	BC

April

8	Bear Rock - Camp Stacey (David Mort)	DW
12/16	Red Rock National Park (John Carter/Russ Nelson)	BC
24/25	Hell Hole Gorge - Double Top (Maree Reynolds)	ON
27/29	Beau Brummel - Mt Castle	TW/BC

May

4/7	Mt Kaputar	BC
12/13	Hoffman's Falls (Greg Endicott)	ON
27	Mt Haldon (Russ Nelson)	DW

June

10	Mt Beerwah	DW
15/18	Main Range (Greg Endicott)	TW
	" "	BC
29/6 - 1/7	Mt Barney (John Carter)	TW
	" " (David Mort)	BC

There are still vacancies for you to lead trips.  
Please let me know which trips you want to lead.

N.B. All dates subject to confirmation.

Russ Nelson



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EDITORIAL.

As the end of this year draws near, time for us to look hard at our Club Calendar and plan well in advance our activities for the remainder of the year.

It is not enough that we attend only monthly meetings and socials, as they are not the main activities of the Club - it is Bushwalking. New members and prospective members should be encouraged to attend as many outings as possible.

Most of us, I feel sure, will attend the Club Retreat. The one time of the year when we get together as a Club and have lots of interesting and meaningful discussions. There is a great need to combine spirituality with our ordinary mundane mode of living, and this Retreat provides such a chance.

If you have not yet attended a Base Camp or a Throughwalk, now is your chance before Christmas.

Such an opportunity presents itself in outings such as Northbrook Creek and Connondale Ranges. These should appeal to the majority of walkers and should prove to be very rewarding experiences.

BEV. PRICE

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WELCOME VISITORS.

It's always good to see new faces at our monthly meetings, and at the September meeting we noted that Karen Casey, Elizabeth Clarkson, Sandra Eugarde, Bill Oliver, Wendy Wubben and Christine Francis were in attendance. Hope to see you all on one of the coming walks.

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URGENT!.

Still looking for reliable typists. We have the usual<sup>two</sup>/doing all the work and we are finding it rather burdensome. Surely there must be more than two typists in the Club!

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR MAGAZINE.

People are rather reluctant to come forward with good articles for our Mag. We would appreciate any items of interest; just forward them to the Editor, please.

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EMPLOYMENT WANTED.

Man Friday requires any sort of work; that is cleaning, painting, lawns, gardens, in fact any odd job at reasonable rates. He comes highly recommended. Ring Mark.....573925

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ANNUAL RETREAT.

The Retreat will be conducted by Father McCarthy and will be held at the Club Hut.

The proposed format of the Retreat will be:-

<u>Friday Night:</u>	Walk into the Hut - Rosary.
<u>Saturday:</u>	Mass 7.00 a.m. - 8.00 a.m. Breakfast 8.00 a.m. - 9.00 a.m. Talk and Discussion 9.00 a.m. - 12 noon. Break 12 noon - 2.00 p.m. Talk and Discussion 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. Tea. Rosary.
<u>Sunday:</u>	Mass 7.00 a.m. - 8.00 a.m. Breakfast 8.00 a.m. - 9.00 a.m. Talk and Discussion 9.00 a.m. - 12 noon. Benediction 12 noon - 12.30 p.m. Break 12.30 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.

We should arrive back at the cars about 3.30 p.m.

I hope most club members can attend this Retreat week-end as it provides a chance for us to pray together and come in closer contact with God. This Retreat should prove spiritually rewarding and Father McCarthy will tell us more at the next meeting.

David Mort.  
Vice President.

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THE DYING BUSHWALKER

A strapping young bushwalker lay dying,  
His pack supporting his head;  
His two mates beside him were crying,  
As he rose on his elbow and said:  
Wrap me up with my sleeping bag and tent,  
And bury me deep down below,  
Where the barney monster and goannas won't molest me,  
In the shade where the grey gums grow.  
Oh! Had I the feet of Mike Keane,  
Far over the plains I would stride,  
Straight to the hut of Mt. Barney,  
And there I would lie down and die.

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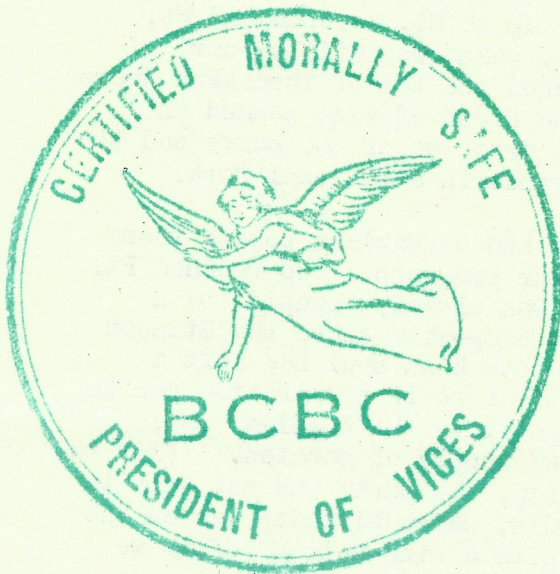
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Nor is there any subtle, reference, disguised inference or double meaning passage.

All parents, guardians, and persons acting in loco parentis can rest assured that this publication will not affect their little ones' morals or high ideals.

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By Order. *D. Mont* President of Vices,  
Chief Censor and  
Member of Committee  
in Charge of Morals.



GENERAL COMMITTEE VACANCY

There is now a General Committee position vacant and therefore nominations are now called. Nominations should be sent to the General Secretary.

Nominations received to date:

Nominee	:	Bev Price
Nominator	:	Russ Nelson
Seconder	:	Val Pedrolini



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OUTINGS IN RETROSPECT.

O'REILLYS TO CHRISTMAS CREEK.

THROUGHWALK

29/1st OCTOBER.

Despite threatening skies nine enthusiastic bushies (plus four drivers) turned up at Turbot St. for the "walk of the year". We departed Brisbane at 7.45 p.m. and headed straight for O'Reillys, arriving there at 10.00 p.m. There were some reluctant to leave the warmth of the cars but finally we all started walking at 10.40 p.m. - our destination Echo Point. Torches were required, for without them we could not see six inches in front of us. Michael C. kept on asking the time as he did not want to miss 12.00 when he would be one year older (and hopefully a little wiser). One interesting aspect of this section was the glow-worms along the side of the track. On many occasions, we stopped and turned out our torches to admire the spectacle. As a result, what should have taken two hours took three hours and we arrived at Echo Point at 1.30 a.m. Tents were pitched on the track in whatever space we could find.

Next morning we awoke to overcast skies, but fortunately heavy rain held off all day. We followed the blazed trail up to Mt. Worendo and Mt. Wupawn and had morning tea at Rat-a-Tat hut, where we refilled our waterbottles. After a steep climb we reached the top of Throakkan where we stopped for lunch. It was here that the first of what seemed an unlimited supply of goodies was produced; also one of the party had to be reprimanded for posting libellous propaganda in a National Park.

The trail snaked along the rim of the range and at various points there were lookouts where we could look back on our progress. We reached Pt. Lookout at 5.00 p.m., but as the camp-site was already occupied by a troop of scouts we continued on down to the camp-site above the Stinson Wreck. It was fortunate that we did, for some kind soul had left a supply of wood so we were able to start a big fire in preparation for the feasting to follow. After tea we really got into the festive mood; with balloons, party hats and that unlimited supply of goodies. (For the benefit of those who did not come on the trip, the party was not only to celebrate Michael's birthday but also David's, whose birthday was on the 1st October.) The evening was concluded with a sing-a-long before we happily retired to our tents.

Sunday morning we finished off what was left of the goodies, visited the wreck and then headed off down the ridge to Christmas Creek, the last section sliding down on the seat of our pants. Lunch was at Westray's grave then we walked out to the cars, arriving there at about 2.00 p.m.

Although the weather may have been "damp" the spirit of the walkers was anything but. Our thanks go to the four drivers who followed us up on Friday night and then took the cars around to Christmas Creek.

JOHN HOOD



JILALANCORDEAUX TO CASTLE - throughwalk - 15/17 September

Leader: John Carter

This was an enjoyable throughwalk with fine, sunny weather and fairly easy walking. With me on the walk were Michael Cashman, Marko, Stephen Carpenter and Paul Stanborough. It was Stephen's and Paul's first throughwalk and both survived it. On Friday night Jan and Val came up with us to shuffle the cars around and they stayed the night.

We did about 1½ hours of walking under a full moon, which was very refreshing. The last of us reached the campsite by midnight, and we settled down to a well needed supper of coffee and cake. Most of us slept in tents and it was a little cold during the night. The troops were eager to start walking and woke up at 6.10am.

We were on our way by 7.30am and we first had a look at the views on either side of Cordeaux. We then followed the track to Morgans Lookout, where some wild flowers were seen, as well as the area in which we were to walk. A blazed trail then led us to Bare Rock. From here the trail is at times hard to follow, with fallen trees across the trail not helping any. Several scrub turkeys' nests are passed along the way. After 3 hours walking we had morning tea beside a gully, where some chocolate cake was eagerly devoured.

We then did a little climbing and came to a spot where the track branched into 3 directions. We took the right one. Before lunch we dropped down to a secluded creek to fill our water bottles. We had lunch at a small lookout. In the afternoon the scrub became denser with plenty of vines to ensnare you. By mid-afternoon we had reached Silvester's Lookout and were making good time. The views were always good, although there was some smoke about.

We followed the blazed trail which kept near the edge of the escarpment and it led us onto a ridge where Laidley Falls are found. We camped here with Castle not far away. A beaut evening was had by all around the camp fire with Marko treating us to some pudding.

Up early again on Sunday we followed the track down the grassy slopes beside the Falls. We contoured around to Hole-In-Wall, which gives you views of the Scenic Rim looking one way and the Laidley valley the other way. We moved on to Boar Head where a ridge leads you down Warril Creek and to where our car was parked, but first we continued along to Castle where we had morning tea on top. There is an interesting razorback to walk along here, which is really impressive. On our way back to Boar's Head we surprised 3 goats. We then dropped down to the creek, walking through burnt out grazing land, and an abandoned farm house, where we had lunch. It was only 15 mins from here to the cars.



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GRADY'S CREEK - CHRISTMAS CREEK - OVERNIGHTER

Date: 21/22 October 1978  
Leader: Greg Endicott (ph 3514092)  
Cost: \$7.00  
Emergency Officer: Jim Conway (ph 3514368)  
Meeting Time: 7.15pm Cnr Roma & Turbot Sts on 21/10/78  
Location: South-East of Beaudesert

It is over  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years since we covered some of the territory of this walk. To get to the start we cross the border at the Border Loop on the Lions Road and turn east to Wiangarie State Forest. Camp will then be made at Brindle Ck.

Sunday morning we will get up bright and early and drive round to the start of the walk. After about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours of walking we reach the junction of the McPherson Ranges (Qld-NSW border) and the Tweed Range. From there we head in an easterly direction to Point Lookout. After a view stop it will be express to the cars at Christmas Creek.

This walk covers part of the Scenic Rim and is reasonably level. At the end it's down all the way. Most of us should find the trip of a medium standard, but longer than normal. It is important that on Friday night you get a good sleep.

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EDINBURGH CASTLE - OBLIELISK (Roving Basecamp)

Date: 10/12 November 1978  
Leader: Cecily Endicott (ph 3514092)  
Cost: \$8.00  
Emergency Officer: David Mort (ph 593805)  
Meeting Time: 7.15pm Cnr Roma and Turbot Sts on 10/11/78  
Location: near Woodenbong

Edinburgh Castle is just under 900 metres high. The walk up to the top is quite easy and is noted for the views of the southern side of Barney and Lindsay.

The Oblielisk are further south, but not so high and give good views of the Richmond Range. Cecily is doing a pre-outing on 7/9 October and so will be able to give full details at the next meeting.



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OUTINGS IN RETROSPECT.

O'REILLYS OVERNIGHTER.

2/3 SEPTEMBER, 1978.

LEADER: DAVID MORT

After arriving at O'Reillys Saturday night we set up camp and settled for the night.

Next morning after breakfasting at about 7.30 a.m., seven of us set out walking - our destination Binna Burra.

We headed off along the main border track and then branched off to the Box Forest circuit track. We followed the route until it joined the Toolona Creek track keeping on until we re-joined the main border track once again. We passed numerous waterfalls and cascades - all very pretty and running well after the recent rains.

We then headed for Wanungara Lookout where we intended having our morning tea. During our tea break we saw two tiger cats who proved to be hungry but friendly.

Then, leaving Wanungara Lookout, we proceeded along the track towards Mt. Merino. It was at Merino Lookout that we met the Day Walkers - lunched with them and boiled the billy.

After farewelling the Day Walkers we pushed on until we arrived at the Coomera Falls. These falls proved to be the highlight of the walk as they are one of the most magnificent in the Park. We arrived back at Binna Burra about 5.15 p.m.

DAVID MORT

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MORE BEAUT SCANDAL :

Val is very jittery about things exploding in the fire.

A few "greasers" seen grooving at the University Grease Ball. John Carter would make someone a wonderful wife - he cut such a dashing figure in his smart ensemble.

There will be quite a number of bushies feeling old age creeping on this month. Those who have been, or will be, celebrating birthdays are -

Michael Cashman, David Mort, Val Pedrolini, Adrian Paolucci, Therese Ward and Russ Nelson.

Best Wishes to Tess Neiland and Adrian Paolucci who will be married on 21 October 1978.



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Club Members, don't forget when buying bushwalking and camping equipment, that our Club has the opportunity of buying goods with a 10% discount at:-

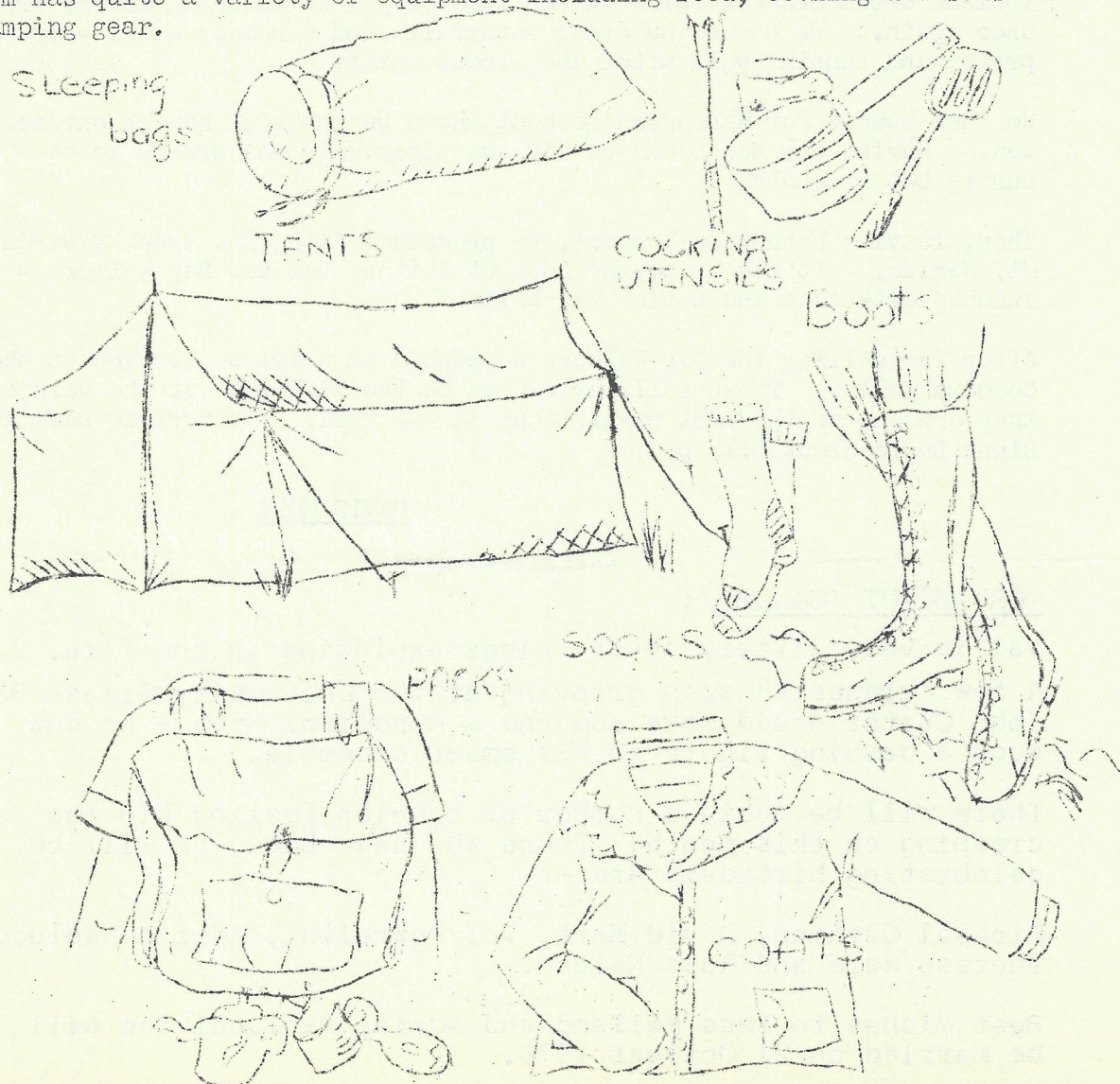
Jim The Backpacker,  
Shop A21 Queen's Arcade, (lower ground floor)  
77 Queen Street,  
BRISBANE.

Phone: 229 6609.

Note:

First, you must obtain an order slip from the Equipment Hire Officer, John Hood, to identify yourself as being from this club.

Jim has quite a variety of equipment including food, cooking utensils and camping gear.





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THE RIGHT WAY TO TELL JOKES AND RIDDLES.

Probably the best way to tell jokes and riddles is to shut yourself in a wardrobe and tell them to yourself. Then at least you'll be safe. But if you insist on torturing your fellow-mortals with these fragments of glittering wit, it's best to follow this list of rules:

1. Tell the jokes and riddles as quickly as possible. With any luck, your victim won't hear you.
2. Always put a hardback book in the seat of your trousers before telling a riddle to a grown-up.
3. Wear a bullet-proof vest. (To bullet proof an ordinary vest, line it with good quality steel plating.)
4. Wear spiked running shoes.
5. Never tell a riddle before a meal. You might go hungry.

The landlady told the holidaymaker: 'I charge £5 per night, but it's only £3 if you make your own bed'.

'O.K.' said the holidaymaker 'I'll do that then.'

Whereupon the landlady promptly handed him a hammer, some nails, and a stack of wood.

Out for his regular early morning stroll, the Bishop saw a little girl trying to reach the knocker of a door.

'Let me, my dear,' said the Bishop, giving the knocker several rather loud raps.

'That's it,' said the little girl. 'Now run like hell.'

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DON'T MISS THESE FILMS -

Warwick Deacock will be in Brisbane on November 1st 1978 showing the following films:

"Tiger! Tiger!". Featuring the Royal Bengal Tiger in it's natural environment.

"Grand Canyon By Cars". A gripping story of people conquering the waters of the Colorado River.

Showing at Hall B9, University of Queensland, St Lucia. (Goddard Building). Commencing 7.45pm.



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S O C I A L S

Past Social:

The Change-Of-Sex party was held last Saturday night, 7th October. Nineteen beautiful females and handsome males attended this dress-up party. After the barbeque and some games the judging and crowning took place. Miss Australia BCBC was won by Tim Mellor with close runners-up. Jan Raymer won the Mr Australia BCBC - mainly because of the beard that suited her (him). These were given prizes and the cameras went a-clicking. The treasure hunt prize was a bottle of XXXX, being a very appropriate prize, and was won by the team being Keith, Tim, Pam and Val. They must have been able to follow the scent like hounds after the fox. Supper was had after dancing along to some really great music, so finishing a good night's entertainment.

Coming Social:    Family Barbeque

Date: Sunday 19th November

Place: James Sharp Memorial Park  
- 3 miles past Canungra on the way to Beechmont/  
Binna Burra just over the Coomera River on the  
right-hand side. Approx. 1 hour's drive from  
Brisbane.

Time: 11 am

Cost: Hamburgers and drinks will be available at cost.

The November social will be the Family Barbeque where all the members' families and past members are invited to come along. There will be games for everyone to join in so come along for a fun time. This is a chance for parents to meet other parents and club members who have been heard about but not seen.

Please nominate to Val by 13th November.



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Below is an extract taken from the Courier Mail

"STATE PARKS AREAS TO BE INCREASED

The Mt. Tamborine National Park, in the Gold Coast hinterland, is to be increased in size.

Three hectares fronting MacDonnell Road will be added to the park.

The National Parks Minister (Mr. Newbery) said yesterday the land had been donated to the National Parks Service by local resident, Miss Kathryn Doobie, who owns the adjacent property.

Mr Newbery said the donation would help preserve one of the last remaining stands of rain forest not already in the Tamborine Park.

A six hectare former quarry reserve, near Home Hill, north Queensland is to be declared an environmental park.

It is situated 12 kilometres south-east of Home Hill and is a haven for birds from the surrounding cleared farmland.

Mr Newbery said the Ayr Shire Council would administer the new reserve as trustee."

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Below is an extract taken from the Club's First Annual Magazine - 1958 :

"O U R   L A D Y   O F   T H E   W A Y

Our Patroness, the Mother of God, is honoured under many titles. Some of her more recent titles are simply the names of places she has favoured by visible manifestation of her presence, and revealed her maternal solicitude for mankind. Many of her older titles, however, emphasise rather some aspect of her spiritual motherhood of us all, such as Our Lady of Good Counsel, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Our Lady of the Way-side. The origins of these titles, which have resulted in many forms of devotion, can be traced back to ancient representations of Mary.

The title, Our Lady of the Way-side, is a case in point. One of earliest representations of Our Lady was known as "Madonna della Strada" -- Our Lady of the Way-side. It

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was a painting by an unknown artist frescoed on one of the side-walls of an ancient street in Rome. In the early days of Christian Rome it was customary to erect shrines by the road-sides, and even to depict representations of Our Lady on the walls of busy streets.

The date of the painting, "Madonna della Strada", is unknown. It is believed to belong to the 5th or 6th century and there is a tradition which says that miracles were performed on behalf of many who prayed to Our Lady on the spot. The painting seems to have been accorded great reverence down through the ages, so much so that in the 12th century one of the noble families in Rome erected a Church in honour of Our Lady under that title. (We are unaccustomed to the idea of a Church built solely to honour Our Lord or one of his saints, but it was quite common in the old Catholic countries of the Continent.) Portion of the wall on which the picture stood was transferred to the Church, which later became known as the "Madonna della Strada".

There the picture remained until the 16th century. When St. Ignatius, the founder of the Society of Jesus, came to Rome in 1523, he saw the much venerated picture and became very attached to it. For years afterwards on his frequented visits to Rome, St. Ignatius celebrated Mass whenever possible at the altar which stood beneath the picture he loved so much. Later the Jesuits built their first Church in Rome and St. Ignatius requested that the ancient picture of Our Lady of the Way-side be transferred there. After some opposition permission was granted, and this Church, known as the Church of the Gesu, soon became one of Rome's most popular Churches. So popular did it become, that the Church had to be enlarged. Then in 1576 Our Lady's picture was placed in the remodelled Church, the Church of the Gesu. There it remains to-day in the beautiful side-chapel of the left transept.

It is interesting to note that the devotion of the Month of Mary, which has become universally practiced, was first inaugurated in the side-chapel of the Church of the Gesu, where hangs the picture of Our Lady of the Way-side.

In this side-chapel, also, St. Francis Xavier prayed for Our Heavenly Mother's protection before setting out on his arduous journey to India on a missionary effort scarcely unequalled in the history of the Church. It was an appropriate beginning to a mission which was crowned with success.

Like St. Francis Xavier, we too implore Mary's protection that she may watch over us not only on our periodic trips but all through the great journey which is our Life.

OUR LADY OF THE WAY, PRAY FOR US



## RESCUE TECHNIQUES

### Radio:

You will receive instructions from F.M.R. or the police at rescue Headquarters.

In a Rescue Party there will be a leader and someone else is the Radio Man and a third person is navigator - the radio man also keeps track of the navigation. The rest of the party are just "The Troops". It seems that a female voice carries better over a radio.

The Radio Man will have a Police multi-channel one watt set with flexible antenna, shoulder strap, in-built microphone and a spare battery.

Firstly, you will be told before you go out to search what channel to set the radio on. This will also be written on the Leaders form. Never alter the channel. All channels are used by the police and if we use another one we interfere with the police. On one rescue the party at Mt. Gipps (near Border Loop) were talking to police Headquarters in Brisbane. Our conversations can be picked up.

Before you use the radio look at the channel selector to see that it is on the correct channel. The switch is located in an awkward place and can be knocked off the correct channel accidentally i.e. by brushing against your clothes, by lying in your pack, by brushing against vegetation.

Before transmitting check to see that the radio is turned on. It is more convenient to carry the radio in your pack.

From the time you leave base, leave the police radio turned ON. It stays on all the time (except, I assume, when everyone is asleep). Therefore the radio man is always listening to it. The start of all messages are always repeated i.e. calling Romeo e, This is Base ..... calling Romeo 3, This is Base. Then the message from Base comes. Therefore Romeo 3 stops and listens. Reply by - Calling Base, this is Romeo 3, Calling Base, this is Romeo 3 and follow with the message.

When you want to transmit a message, wait for all other radio conversations to finish. Do not butt in. All you will succeed in doing is to jam the system. When talking do so slowly as Base is writing down all messages. Do not exaggerate the slowness though. Be as brief as possible, just give the facts.

The reason that the radio woman also keeps track of the



navigation is that when base asks where you are, the radio woman does not waste time, but answers immediately as she has been following it. Many questions can be answered immediately by the radio woman. If not, and a reply could take some minutes, tell Base you will call them back in five minutes.

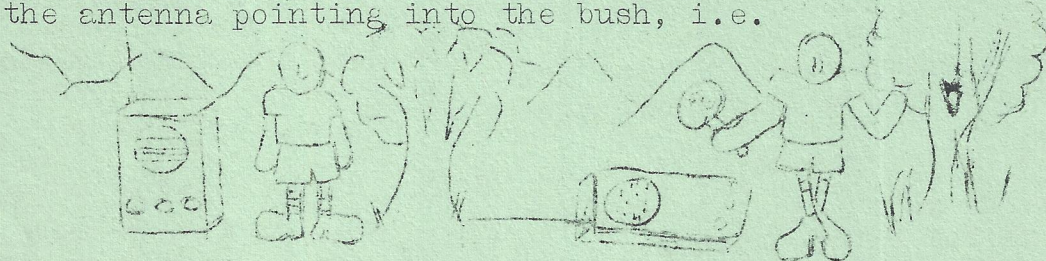
If something looks as though the lost party could have left it, radio Base. If tracks look recent, radio Base.

If you suspect Base cannot hear you and you for sure cannot hear them, check that the radio is in fact turned on and is on the correct channel. If so, perhaps swap batteries. Do not throw the batteries away since they can be recharged and used again.

Most talk is between Base and the parties out searching. Rarely do two parties talk to each other and only with the permission of Base. To work properly, a rescue must be organised.

If the Police radio van is Base then he will have to talk to Police Headquarters in Brisbane at regular intervals. Since the Police have the ultimate responsibility of a rescue they like to keep in touch. The radio channel that Base and you-out-searching use is a different one to the channel the Police van uses to talk to Brisbane. Therefore if the Police van is talking to Brisbane and you decide to call Base, you will get nothing. Your radio is not broken, it is just not being received at Base. But before Base goes off air it calls collectively all parties and tells them it will be off air for ten minutes. The radio woman is listening to all chatter coming from the set.

When using a radio hold it upright with the antenna pointing up to the sky. The signal comes from the side of the antenna, no signal goes from the point. But if you are talking to a helicopter or aeroplane hold the radio flat with the top of the antenna pointing into the bush, i.e.





Also the Air Force radios do not operate on the same channels as the Police radios, so if a helicopter comes, radio reception will not be good. The Air Force only have one Police radio and this is permanently fixed to only one helicopter. Then the reception from this one is not good. If any other helicopter is used the Police give the helicopter one Hand Set like the one you are carrying so reception is even worse. There is too much noise in a helicopter to hear a Hand held radio. The helicopter is also creating its own electric field which may create interference. If you are talking to the helicopter and have to give them instructions do not have them hover directly above you. The radio works better if they hover in front of you. Then in the end if they have to use the winch have them come directly overhead. But this is after all other necessary conversation is finished. See diagram below.

If Base is in an area where radio contact with any search party will be bad, relay radio stations are set up. Thus Base calls this relay station and this relay station actually talks to the search parties. Similarly the search parties talk to the relay station (known as Echo) who write down a brief note of what is said and then read this note to base. It may be a slow way of doing things but messages get through. Just have patience. The Echo station will be high, on some hill or ridge. The two or three there just sit there, take no exercise, and face what ever weather comes their way. Usually being on top of a hill means they are always in the wind (you in the search party are protected from this same wind by the dense vegetation around you) occasionally with rain blowing sideways or low cloud. They must sit by the radio and listen or write down messages. It is very boring. Echo stations need your understanding. Also the Echo station must be the first up and the last home. Without them no messages happen.



Terms Used:-

Base is called Bravo

Relay is called Echo Alpha  
Echo Beta

Search Party is called Romeo One  
Romeo Two  
Romeo Three

The Police sometimes call their radios

10/1	i.e.	Base
10/12		Searchparty
10/13		Search party
10/14		Relay
10/15		Search party

F.M.R. tries to use Bravo, Echo, Romeo.

So now you know why the leader does not carry the radio.