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CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

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

Monthly meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at the Catholic Centre, Edward Street, City, commencing at 7.30 pm. 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 9.00 pm. at the earliest.

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CLUB CALENDAR

April

9	Mt. Misery	DW
16	Social	
17	Meeting	
21/23	Canungra Creek	TW/BC
28/30, 1 May	Warrumbungles	BC

May

7	Car Rally	Social
12/14	Moreton Island	TW/BC
15	Meeting	
28	Panorama Point	DW

June

2/5	Guy Fawkes River	TW
10	Mass & Dinner	
18	Knapp's Peak	DW
19	Meeting	
23/25	Running Creek	TW/BC

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9	Flinders Peak=	DW
14	Social	
17	Monthly Meeting	
21/23	Richmond Gap - Collins Gap	TW/BC
29/30	Bushranger's Cave - Binna Burra	ON

AUGUST

3	Logans - Anniversary Trip	ON
6	Beau Brummel	DW
12	Social	
15/16	Barney Mass	ON
18/20	Mt. Ballow	TW/BC
21	Monthly Meeting	

LEGEND

TW	Throughwalk
DW	Daywalk
BC	Basecamp
ON	Overnight

EDITORIAL

The Club year is drawing to an end and the Annual General Meeting is coming up. Come along to the meeting and vote for next years committee

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LEADERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING TRIPS :-

JULY 21/23	Richmond Gap - Collins Gap	BC
	TW leader appointed.	
AUGUST 6	Beau Brummel	DW
18/20	Mt. Ballow	BC
	TW Leader appointed.	
OCTOBER 1	Mt. Dalaney	DW
13/15	O'Reilly's - Christmas Creek	TW & BC

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PACK WANTED URGENTLY !!

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NOTE LEADERS:

Please ring Emergency Officer as soon as possible when you reach Brisbane - as soon as it is a local call. That means using a public phone. (Not Home).

VISITORS:

Visitors are requested to please nominate for trips. Payment for trips is in advance. If you can't go - ring the leader early. If you can't make a trip at the last minute e.g. Friday or Saturday, ring Emergency Officer not the Leader. Nominations for trips usually close on the Monday before the Trip.

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COMING OUTINGS

<u>Canungra Creek</u>	Throughwalk
<u>Date</u>	21st - 23rd April
<u>Leader</u>	John Carter Ph. 3564931
<u>Cost</u>	\$4.00
<u>Emergency Officer</u>	
<u>Meeting Place:</u>	7.15 pm on April 21st at Cnr Roma and Turbot Street.
<u>Location</u>	Near Canungra.

The aim is to walk to Pyramid Rock. To get there, we will follow a track down Bull Ant Spur to Blue Pool. Then following the track down the River past Stairways falls to the Junction of the Left

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and right branches of the Canungra River. We then climb a ridge and follow a spur to Pyramid Rock and stay the night. It will take about six hours.

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WARRUMBUNGIE NATIONAL PARK

Date:	Basecamp 28th April to 1st May 1978.
Leader:	Val Pedrolini
Cost:	\$20
Emergency Officer:	Clare Endicott 3978795
Meeting Time:	7.15 pm
Location:	Near Coonabarabran NSW (about 726 km from Brisbane).

Friday night camp will be at either Goonidiwindi or Moree. Saturday morning we shall be in the park and set up camp before doing the short Beloungery Split-Rock circuit track which overlooks Canyon Camp the Rangers headquarters. After the walk we will have tea then onto Coonabarabran for the 6pm mass.

Sunday we will do the main track system from Wallaby Flat up to the Breadknife which is the main attraction of the park. Then onto the Grand High Tops for those spectacular views of the surrounding park. Then up to Bluff Mountain detouring off the main track and back passing a few shelter huts along the way to Cathedral Arch. Then onto Mount Exmouth and back to the Ogma Hut junction and down the West Spirey Creek track back to Wallaby Flat.

Monday we will leave at 8am for Brisbane just stopping for lunch at Moree and petrol probably at Warwick.

The area is fairly dry and rocky. Water is precious within the park so bring plenty of water at least 4 litres. Remember it is a National Park so please observe the rules. Taking care with fire's which are only to be lit in fire places provided. The cost of the trip already includes the camp fees which allows us to have showers at Camp Blackman but only during daylight.

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MORETON ISLAND

Date:	Throughwalk and Basecamp 12/14th May 1978.
Leader:	TW Greg Endicott 3514092 BC Peter Sorensen 3565694
Cost:	\$12
Departure Point:	Hamilton Game Fishing Wharf at 7pm on 12th May and return to that spot on 6pm 14th May 1978.

This trip is a repeat of the one held four years ago. The boat trip takes three hours. There is an additional pick-up point at Brisbane St., Bulimba. Mt. Tempest is the principal feature of the trip and is well known for the spectacular view of Brisbane, Ipswich and the Scenic Rim. More details from Greg at the next meeting.

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TIMBER-CUTTERS IN THE CANUNGRA VALLEY

The Cedar Forests of South-East Queensland were first discovered in 1834 by escaped convicts. One of them, a man called Craig told of these valuable forests after he was pardoned. But the boom years in the timber industry did not commence till the latter half of last century. The Queensland Government offered one year licences at \$2 an acre for the cutting of timber.

One group of men who took advantage of this were the Lahey brothers in 1884. They built a sawmill on the Canungra River and a township quickly grew. It was hard work and had to build their own road to Mt. Cainbale. Until 1900 they only cut timber that was growing in the Canungra Valley, and brought it out by bullock teams.

Then they leased land in the Coomera Valley. This gave them a total of 16,000 acres which contained cedar, hoop and Kauri Pine, rosewood, and rose mahogany. But they had a little problem. How to bring the timber over the Darlington Range, to their mill?

So they built a railway line. The first section was built between 1903 - 1906 and it eventually extended for 17 miles. It was quite a feat, when one considered the steepness of the range. They even had a tunnel. A few years later, a T model Ford was converted to run along the tracks and it was used for scenic tours. Little now remains of the line.

At its peak the sawmill employed 112 men. The company ceased operations in 1921, though the mill was used for some years after. It is estimated that 128 million super feet of timber was cut, (that's a lot of toothpicks). It is worth remembering that in those days, cedar was worth \$2 for every 100 feet, and that a good tree contained 25,000 feet of timber.

Funny enough, it was Romeo Lahey who succeeded in getting the Government to proclaim a National Park at O'Reilly's in 1915. He had carried on from the work of Robert Collins (died 1913), who developed the idea in 1896.

J. Carter.

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IN MEMORIAL

Sally Curtis (Nee Nelson), Queen of Ruskin Street died on 28th March, 1978. A mother of seven, she was known for her hospitality.

OUTINGS IN RETROSPECT

EASTER TRIP 1978 - BLACKDOWN TABLELAND - 24/28th March 1978.
Mike Keane.

The 30 bushwalkers (including 10 Binna Burrians) were on their way by the gobd time of 7.20pm Thursday, bound for Blackdown via Rockhampton by bus - oops - sorry (I mean a coach.).

Thirteen and a half hours later we were setting up our tents beside South Mimosa Creek, in a camping area already populated by 100 or so other campers (where do you escape the crowds at Easter?).

After a feed, a swim and a snooze, most of the group had a walk down Mimosa Creek to where it tumbles over several tranquil, fern filled waterfalls into a steep gorge.

Saturday saw a hot track walk out to the western side of the tableland, Here stony creek comes abruptly to the edge of the tableland to tumble (when its flowing) over a sheer 200m drop. Unfortunately the said creek wasn't flowing but several deep pools were well used by the hot walkers. The spectacular western edge of the tableland, with its 200m cliffs of orange and red hued sandstone layers were nevertheless breathtaking. Most of the group walked back to camp via Spring Creek. This tributary of Stony Creek has a number of quiet rock pools and the cascades would be pleasant when the creek is running. The western side of the tableland is drier than the eastern side but is less frequented by tourists and has some aboriginal paintings.

Sunday morning we attended mass at Dingo, where we filled the tiny church. The locals were a bit overcome but made us most welcome. It was an enjoyable experience to join with these few families in their Easter Sunday mass.

Back to the tableland and we set off for one of the perfect spots you'll ever come across - Rainbow Creek Falls. The water was cool and clear and flourishing well here. The swimming hole below the first waterfall was a beautiful lunch spot. Most of the tourist types were content to stay near their eskies at the cascades and pools above the falls. For the walkers who ventured below these falls, a seeming wonderland awaited them, with each section of cascades and falls trying to outdo the previous section, with sparking cascades over fern-filled rocksteps and fine water falls, a moss filled grotto and still, deep pools reflecting the fern filled cliffs. The overall beauty of these cascades and falls defies description or photographs. At the first fall in this section, Blue and Marko did a Hoges - a dive over a 15m waterfall into a deep blue-green pool surrounded by tall palms. Still further down the creek is a waterfall 175m high. The creek then flows through a gorge 400m deep, a scale difficult to appreciate.

Sunday night, after eating, we drove to Cania Gorge Gorge, north of Monto. A short walk on Monday morning, through rain forest similar to that around Brisbane, was to Dripping Rock, which seemed quite an appropriate name for the said rock.

EASTER TRIP - Cont..

We arrived back in Brisbane just after 8.00 pm on Monday. Much of the success of the trip must go to our driver, Harry Jones, who readily fitted into our plans, ideas and timetable. Without a driver of his amenable nature such a long distance trip would not have worked out like it did. Thanks Harry.

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PAST SOCIALS

The last social was a country dance at Stanthorpe, it was more of a fancy dress bass as we did not know at the time. I believe everyone had a good time. I did not attend this social.

The slide night wasn't all that popular has had been anticipated. Ten people turned up. Slides were shown of New Zealand by Val Pedrolini and David Mort. Super 8 movies were shown and a couple of cartoons. I found the slides showed a real documentary of what New Zealand is made up of (dirt and rock) from the grassy plains to heights of Mt. Cook.

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COMING SOCIALS

Date: Sunday May 7th.

Meeting Place: Under the Turbot Street Overpass.

Time: 9.00 am.

Last year's car rally proved a real success. I am sure this one will be also. Last Year's outright winners were "Holden" who knows what could be in store this year. I suggest you get your car ready for this event - perhaps even with balloons and streamers. The winners will receive a new pair of shock absorbers, a free car wash at Robo, and many other interesting things.

Team members will treat themselves to a bar-B-Cue afterwards - so bring along a Steak and drinks.

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Just a reminder too - the Club Mass and Dinner will be held on the 10th June - so keep that date free.

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MORE BEAUT SCANDAL !

The Treasurer's Report should be interesting this year - yet another Treasurer engaged. Congratulations to Terry & Peter.

Congratulations also to Tess & Adrian on their Engagement.

BCBC is acquiring a reputation as a matchmaker.

Greg has had a face lift.

Kath & Jim seen heading south in their trusty car.

Our youngest bushwalker - Casey Richardson - enjoys coming along to meetings but he doesn't say much.

Bus Drivers don't welcome people who Snore - do they Mark?