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Date	Event	Leader	Phone	Type	Grade
17	Larapinta Falls – The Top	Peter	3205 5982	DW	M55
19	BCBC Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
24	Noosa Heads	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M22
Dec 1	Middle Kobbie Creek	Peter	3205 5982	TW	M55
9	Moreton Bay Islands	Maxine	3409 4001	DW	S22
15	Northbrook Creek	Michael	3351 3810	DW	S44
17	BCBC Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
21	JTS – Coffee Club Eagle St Pier	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
26	Boxing Day Walk	Russ	3374 3534	DW	
Jan 6	Warrie Circuit	Jan	3374 3534	DW	
18	JTS – Story Bridge Hotel	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
19	Obi Obi Lilo Trip	Phil	5522 9702	DW	
20	Stairway Falls via Bullant Spur	Michael	3351 3810	DW	M44
21	BCBC Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
23	Gaythorne RSL – St Vinnie’s	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
26	Blue Pool	Needed		DW	
Feb 3	Illinbah Circuit	Greg	3351 4092	DW	
9	Muscat & Bailey	Needed		DW	
15	JTS – Merthyr Bowls Club	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
16	Canoe Trip	Needed		Can	
18	BCBC Meeting – AGM	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
23	Wellington Point/King Island	Needed		DW	
23	Mt D’Aguilar	Needed		DW	
Mar 1	James Boag at the Courtyard	Liz	3356 4874	DW	
3	Purling Brook Falls	Needed		DW	
9	Valley of the Diamonds	Needed		DW	
15	JTS – Sparrow & Finch	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
16/17	Club Hut Feast	Needed		ON	
17	Club Hut Walk	Michele	3353 2822	DW	
18	BCBC Meeting			Meet	
23	City to UQ & Return	Needed		DW	
Apr 1	Mt Goolman	Pat	3366 1956	DW	
6	Noosa to Coolum	Michael	3351 3810	DW	
13	Mt Joyce	Needed		DW	
15	BCBC Meeting			Meet	
19	JTS – The Plough Inn	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
20	Sandgate to Scarborough	Needed		DW	
25/28	Moreton Island	Michele	3353 2822	BC	
27	Lowood to Cominya	Needed		DW	
28	Breakfast	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
May 5	North Stradbroke Island	Needed		DW	
11	Mt May to Maroon	Needed		DW	
17	JTS – Transcontinental Hotel	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
18	Annual Mass and Dinner	Needed		Soc	
20	BCBC Meeting			Meet	
25	Bridges of Brisbane	Needed		DW	
25/26	Emu Creek	Needed		BC	
Jun 2	Bare Rock	Needed		DW	
7/9	Glen Rock	Needed		BC	
15	Lizard Point	Michael	3351 3810	DW	M45
17	BCBC Meeting			Meet	
21	JTS – Groove Train Bar	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
22	Ipswich Heritage Walk	Helen	3294 6976	DW	
29	Mt Castle	Needed		DW	

The Calendar is subject to change without notice

**WARNING:** All persons, adult or child, member or visitor, undertakes all activities of the Club at their own risk.

## KEY – Walk Types

<b>D/W</b>	Day Walk	<b>½ D/W</b>	Half Day Walk
<b>O/N</b>	Over Nighter	<b>B/C</b>	Base Camp
<b>T/W</b>	Through Walk	<b>C/W</b>	City Walk
<b>TRN</b>	Training	<b>S&amp;T</b>	Safety & Training
<b>FMR</b>	Federation Mountain Rescue	<b>SOC/SW</b>	Social/Social Walk

## KEY – Walk Gradings

Distance	Terrain	Fitness/Endurance
<b>Short</b> Under 10km per day	<b>1</b> - Smooth reasonably flat path	<b>1</b> - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Flat
	<b>2</b> - Graded path/track with minor obstacles	<b>2</b> - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Minor Hills
<b>Medium</b> 10-15km per day	<b>3</b> - Graded track with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	<b>3</b> - Easy - Suitable for beginners. Up to 5 hours walking. Undulating terrain
	<b>4</b> - Rough unformed track or open terrain with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	<b>4</b> - Easy - Suitable for beginners. Up to 5 hours walking. Up to 300m gain/loss per day
<b>Long</b> 15-20 km per day	<b>5</b> - Rough or rocky terrain with small climbs using hands or rock hopping	<b>5</b> - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking. Up to 450m gain/loss per day. Agility required
	<b>6</b> - Steep, rough or rocky terrain with large climbs using hands or rock hopping	<b>6</b> - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking. Up to 600m gain/loss per day. Agility required
<b>Extra Long</b> Over 20 km per day	<b>7</b> - Climb/descend steep rock using hands or footholds. May be some exposure. Good upper body strength	<b>7</b> - High - Up to 8 hours walking. Up to 750m gain/loss per day. High fitness. Endurance and agility required
	<b>8</b> - Climb/descend near vertical rock with exposure. Climbing skills may be required	<b>8</b> - High - Up to 8 hours walking. Up to 1000m gain/loss per day. High fitness. Endurance and agility required
	<b>9</b> - Sustained climbing or descending of vertical or near vertical rock with exposure. Advanced climbing skills required. Good upper body strength	<b>9</b> - Challenging - Up to 12 hours walking. Over 1000m gain/loss per day. Very high fitness. Endurance and agility required

**Example: M48** is a medium walk 10 to 15kms long, over unformed rough ground with obstacles, in which the trip is hard or strenuous for fit walkers requiring agility and endurance.

## PRAYER

A Reading from the Gospel of John: I am the vine and my father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches.

Metaphorically, we can think of vines and branches in many ways.

The vine and branches: unity and harmony / connectedness and communion / community of disciples.

Vines are wonderfully flexible foliage not dominated by rigidity. They are connected to and grow out of earth. There is harmony with all of creation; there is life; there is hope; there is energy.

Vines and branches feed into and out of each other. One without the other is not complete. The life blood flows freely as a pulsating, renewing, enlivening dynamic entity.

Plants grow towards the light. The light nourishes and nurtures, supports and sustains.

God of life

You are the vine grower

Who prunes and shapes our lives



Trim away all that hinders  
New growth in us  
So that we may be  
One in Christ  
And alive in your love  
Amen. (Source: All Hallows' Staff Prayer, May 2011)

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

It is almost this time again.  
Committee Members, Leaders, Movers & Shakers  
– prepare your articles for Michael Simpson.  
You only have 3 weeks to put key to paper.

## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

All articles for **January Jilalan** are due on or before **6<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

## **FOR LEADERS**

The "**Leaders Guide**" is on the web at:  
<http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/LeadersGuideV5-02-06.html>

If you make changes to your walk, such as date, where, cancel it – please tell the Outings Secretary Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702

**A reminder to visitors** that you are required to do 2 walks before Committee officially declared you a Member of the Club.

## **COMING EVENTS**

**TRIPS** leave from St Brigid's car park at 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.

### **Northbrook Creek** **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December** **Day Walk**

**Leader:** Michael Simpson (3351 3810)  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park  
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**Time:** 7.00am  
**Cost:** \$10:00  
**Grading:** S 4 4  
**Emergency Officer:** Catherine (3351 3810)  
**Distance:** 8.5kms **Ascent:** 146m **Descent:** 383m

Northbrook Creek lies in the Mt Glorious section of the D'Aguilar NP. It is a wonderful creek with plenty of pools and small cascades as well as a spectacular gorge. This used to be a very wet walk but after all the rain several years ago the gorge filled with segments of Lawton Road. I last did this walk in November this year and the last section of the gorge had water in it again. Albeit was only chest deep but with the recent rain I'm anticipating it will have more water in it by now.

After a brief car shuffle we will descend to the creek via 'Matthew's Ridge'. I have used several ridges in the past and I believe this ridge is the easiest and prettiest of them all. We do, however, enter the creek a lot higher up which allows plenty of time to soak in the scenery. There is a pool not far from the entry point which might just prove too enticing and a swim will be called for. So bring your togs. You will need them anyway for the wade through the last pool. I can't think of a better way to spend a hot summer's day. The only thing that will stop this walk from happening is a lack of numbers as it is still a great walk on a rainy day.

Michael.

### **Monthly Meeting** **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**Contact:** Greg Ph: 3351 4092  
**Time:** 7.30pm – Doors open & meeting starts soon after  
**Where:** St Michael's Parish Hall, 250 Banks St, Dorrington (in the lower carpark behind the church. Drive down the ramp at the left.)  
**Web:** <http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/page4.html>

Come along to hear about what has been really happening at recent club events, as well as our coming events and past walks. Ask questions of our leaders about their coming events, so that you can make up your mind as to whether come on the walk. Nominate for a walk. Nominate to lead an outing. Stay for supper. Bring those recent bushwalking snaps.

**JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY  
December Meeting –  
The Coffee Club at Riverside**

**Date** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
**Address** Eagle Street Pier  
Eagle Street  
Brisbane, Queensland, Australia  
**Contact:** Phil Murray 0416 650 160  
**Time:** From 4pm till 9ish.  
**What For:** A chat and a beer and a meal  
**Emerg Off:** Phil on 0413 307580.

Come along and enjoy our traditional gathering on the third Friday of the month.

Liz Little insisted we come here again. I have to agree with her, a lovely venue to watch the passing crowd with the beautiful river in the background with boats and ferries gently sliding by.

A great place to catch up with friends. I hope you can make it.

Come along for a great night for a drink of water or wine or a beer. And a chat about whatever you want. As it is restaurant we will definitely stay for a bite to eat.

Phil

**KILLARNEY GLEN  
26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2012 WEDNESDAY**

**Leader:** Russ Nelson Ph 3374 3534 or  
0427 743 534 or  
nelhouse@bigpond.net.au  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Carpark, Red Hill  
**Time:** 9.00am  
**Grade:** S34  
**Cost:** \$18  
**Location:** East of Canungra  
**Emergency Off:** Jan Nelson 0401 030  
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In the respect of gift giving, this walk offers at least 3 walks and possibly 4 walks. We start off by exploring a little history looking at a railway tunnel near Canungra. This will take only a short time and then we will proceed to Marian Valley which is a Retreat Centre. This will be an opportunity for

spiritual renewal and to reflect on the Christmas that has been. This will take about an hour.

After a serious beginning we head for Killarney Glen itself. By this time it would be wise to have your togs on, because we are heading for a swim. There is a steep descent for 15 minutes and then we will have a swim and lunch. After lunch there is a steep climb back to the cars.

Before we head home we look in on the Witches Falls circuit on Mt Tamborine. The track zigzags down the mountain side through an open forest of banksia trees and into rainforest with giant strangler figs. This circuit passes seasonal lagoons surrounded by piccabeen palm groves before reaching Witches Falls. After heavy rain the lagoons fill with water and spring to life with a variety of insect and frog species. After 3.5 kms we will be back at the cars to enjoy the western views.

**WARRIE CIRCUIT  
6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2013 SUNDAY**

**Leader:** Jan Nelson Ph 3374 3534 or  
0401 030 137  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Carpark, Red Hill  
**Time:** 7.00am  
**Grade:** L34  
**Cost:** \$20  
**Location:** Springbrook National Park  
**Emergency Off:** Russ Nelson 0427 743  
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The Warrie Circuit is a spectacular walk in the Springbrook National Park and this walk, although fairly long, would be within the capability of most members and visitors. This is a good walk for the summer as we will pass at least seven waterfalls, and will walk behind two of the falls. The aboriginal word "Warrie" means "rushing water", so the circuit is well named. On the preouting, a number of wallabies and paddymelons were spotted on the first section of the track.

The walk starts at the Canyon Lookout from where there is a good view towards the coast. We will head in a clockwise direction. The track is quite good and zigzags its way past a number of falls and through areas of palm trees until we reach the Meeting of the Waters where the creeks draining the canyon meet. From here the track begins a

gradual climb back out of the valley, passing some further waterfalls along the way and heading along the base of the cliffs of the canyon.

The Warrie Circuit is 17kms and, depending upon the weather and time, we will probably detour to either The Pinnacle or Twin Falls. You may wish to bring your togs for a quick swim along the way.

### **COOMERA CIRCUIT**

#### **Daywalk**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

**Leader** Phil Murray  
**Meet at** St Brigids Red Hill  
**Time** 7.00 am  
**Cost** \$20  
**Distance** 17 kms approx.  
**Grading** L34  
**Phone** 5522 9702  
0416 650 160

This is a beautiful waterfall circuit at the Binna Burra Section of Lamington NP. Michael was unavailable to lead the Stairway falls trip this weekend and asked to move it to the following weekend. This left a gap so this is what we came up with to fill the gap. I trust you like.

It is a perfect walk for a hot summer's day in the cool and shady rainforest. A highlight of the trip is the viewing platform for views down into the 160m deep Coomera Gorge with two waterfalls streaming into it. The track continues on upstream past numerous pools and cascades before returning to the Border Track and a return to Binna Burra. Approx 17kms and takes about 6 hrs.

There are several creek crossing but we should be able to get across with the minimum of fuss. There is a waterfall and swimming hole for the very keen swimmers.

Brenda Keough led this trip last summer on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011 and it was a wet and rainy day but it was still a lovely trip. So why are we going back so soon?. To see it on a dry day (I hope) and to see the Lamington Blue Crayfish. I want to get a photo of one for the photo competition next year to see if I can win the nature section of the competition. I have now got an underwater camera and I am determined to get a photo of one.

Bring your togs if you would like a swim as there are several opportunities for water play. Many beautiful photo opportunities. Walking poles maybe useful. 2 litres of water recommended. Come and soak up the beauty of this wonderful walk.

Phil

Ps If it is wet and rainy there is a Plan B to do another walk – what I have in mind is a riverside walk from New Farm to the Regatta Hotel and then catch the ferry back. Why a riverside walk. Well this weekend is that time of year for the summer king tide and there will be a few spots to check out how high the tide will rise and to check out how at risk Brisbane is from the sea level rises caused by global warming.

### **Stairway Falls**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January  
Day Walk**

**Leader:** Michael Simpson (3351 3810)  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park  
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**Time:** 6 am  
**Cost:** \$20:00  
**Grading:** M 4 4  
**Emergency Officer:** Catherine (3351 3810)  
**Distance:** 13kms **Ascent:** 450m **Descent:** 450m

The area around O'Reilly's is drained by two systems, the Coomera River and West/East Canungra Creeks (which eventually joins the Coomera River). This walk explores West Canungra Creek.

The walk starts from junction of Duck Creek and Lamington NP Roads. It is only a short walk (200m) to the start of Bull Ant Spur which was the original track residents at O'Reilly's used to visit the Blue Pool. This can be a difficult spur to follow but provides a great introduction to natural rainforest. It is relatively scunge free and is the perfect way to start a walk. It is not long before the West Canungra Creek track is reached just above the Blue Pool.

It is now just a matter of following the creek downstream. The creek is crossed several times and you will get wet feet so wear old boots. After

several crossings we reach Stairway Falls, a very picturesque waterfall with a swimming hole. The walk from the falls to the junction of East/West Canungra Creek is an approximate 4km return trip and follows the remnants of the old track system. Those who do not wish to continue to the junction can remain at Stairway Falls and enjoy a long lunch. From the falls we retrace our steps to the cars. So ring me to discuss the walk. Don't forget to bring the usual equipment for a day walk, water, food etc.

Michael.

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**New Year Get Together**  
**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**  
**Social for St Vinnies**

**Leader:** Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092  
**Meet at:** Foyer of Gaythorne RSL  
**Meet Time:** 6.30 pm  
**Cost:** Depends on your order- approx \$12 to \$25 for a main course  
**Location:** 534 Samford Road, Mitchelton, near the corner of Heliopolis Pde  
**Parking:** at the rear off Tel-El-Kebir St.  
**Web:** <http://gaythornersl.com.au/club/>  
**Emerg Off:** Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

At the start of every year, we have a fund raiser for St Vinnies. This is usually a dinner or coffee night. Each of us donates a gold coin or three and

Terry will send a cheque for the amount off to the local chapter.

We have been to the Gaythorne RSL a few times now and enjoyed it immensely. It is a nice club with a family atmosphere - not all glitz and pokies. The meals aren't too bad, the drinks good and we can stay & talk.

Come along to have a meal with friends, talk, show photos of Christmas, and have a good time.

**AUSTRALIA DAY DAYWALK**  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

**Leader:** Phil Murray  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**Time:** 7:30 am  
**Grade:** M 33  
**Distance:** 13.9 kilometres  
(according the National parks brochure)  
**Cost:** \$20:00  
**Contact:** 5522 9702  
0413307580  
[bigrivers@optusnet.com.au](mailto:bigrivers@optusnet.com.au)  
**Emerg Off** Susan Murray 5522 9702

Join me on an easy graded track walk at O'Reilly's to celebrate Australia Day. The plan is to do the West Canungra Creek Circuit trip. It is an easy 14 km trip through lush green rainforest. The first stop will be at Picnic Rock. We then head down to Elabana Falls, then follow the track beside Canungra Creek to Blue Pool for an optional swim. We have lunch here then return to the cars at O'Reilly's.

I have attempted to do this trip 4 times in the last 3 years. The first 2 got called off due to flooding rain (February 2010 and October 2010). The third time (March 2011) we started the walk but one of our group had a stumble and needed to take the short cut back to the car. So several of us headed back up the Box Forest Circuit and I missed out on Blue Pool. Last year I planned to do the trip on Australia day but once again we got flooding rains and the trip was cancelled. Hopefully, I will get there for the first time in about 20 years. It is actually regarded as an easy trip. So I hope you can join me on the day. If this trip gets called off some might say I am officially jinxed.

There are 4 reasons for this trip.



- an easy summer trip in the shade.
- a reminder of the Club's history - the Club's first official trip was a trip to O'Reilly's on the Australia Day weekend in 1958. This year will be the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club's first trip there.
- To have the inaugural Blue Pool Dash - a swim across Blue Pool. There will be men's and women's races and perhaps a race for over 50's and we will probably need a race for the over 60's as well. Gold Medals will be presented to the winners of each race. (there will be no medals for synchronized swimming).
- I am desperate to get to Blue Pool

Please feel free to wear the Flag on our National Day and you are invited to bring some Australian cuisine to share e.g. Lamingtons.

Phil

PS Please note there is 'a bit' of uphill walking at the end of the day.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

As we approach the end of the year, we like to look back over the last 12 months, and hopefully forward to the following 12 months.

What walks have we done? What socials have we been to? Have we been leaders? Have we made suggestions? Have we made an effort to help run the Club?

In various Jilalans this year, Phil has provided us with a plethora of statistics about the Club. These figures act as a running report of how successfully the Club is going. The full stats will be available in the Annual Report, which comes out in February. This will be a wealth of information to be mined by us all and will indicate the health of the BCBC.

Try looking forward to the year to come. Now would be a pertinent time to ask yourself: What can you do for the Club? Perhaps it is time to nominate to lead a trip – look at the calendar in the November Jilalan for walks that still require a leader. Come forward as a leader. Another way to help is to think of potential Socials events that the Club (or you!) could organise – in particular,

think about the different types of social and where such an event would be held.

In 2013, nominate yourself for committee. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to bring new ideas, discussions and views to the Club. It is beneficial to have new committee members so that a variety of voices within the Club are represented. You may also like to start considering how your presence might bring a sparkle to the committee.

Inviting friends and family members to come along to our walks and socials is another way to help the club. Spreading the word is an important part of keeping the Club healthy and alive – new members extend the BCBC community and help it grow.

Everyone has something to offer, so let 2013 be the year for you to get involved in the Club. Now is the time to put your hand up to volunteer, rather than to sit back and say "maybe next year". The time and effort put into helping the Club run proves to be a fulfilling experience, so don't miss out!

Finally, on behalf of the Club, I would like to wish everyone a blessed festive season and a brilliant year to come (provided we don't all die on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December as the Mayans predict – but I don't think it all that likely to happen).

Greg

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## **TREASURER REPORT**

Balance 15/10/12	\$3415.75
Plus Receipts	\$ 131.41
	\$3547.15
Less Payments	\$ 68.40
Balance 15/10/12	\$3478.76
Term Deposit	2576.75

Thanks to Phil's successful photo competition our November meeting was quite busy. Consequently, I decided to delay drawing our second raffle for



the year until our December meeting. Anyone looking for a last minute Christmas gift should think of our club t-shirts and metal badges which are reasonably priced at twenty and five dollars each respectively. May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Holy and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. I look forward to walking with you next year.

Terry.

**About People**

Jonas Bernotas, Roger Ford, Marina Grey, John Hood, Anne Iron, Lawrence Kearney, Ronald Miller, Sofia Ramsay, Antonia Simpson, Janell Sammon and Barry Taylor are celebrating their birthdays in December.

Congratulations to Juliet Hoey who has just written another children's book.

Selina Yates was an interested visitor at our November meeting.

James Parra recently returned from a memorable holiday in Canada. Mary van Velthuizen also recently returned from a holiday in Thailand and Desley Pedrazzini has just returned from an enjoyable trip to Turkey.

From Willie Hayes in Ireland – one of the Club founders: We want to send you our great wishes for a happy and blessed Christmastide, sharing the great tidings of our Saviour's dwelling among us and his sharing his Holy Spirit with us. I love to read the issues of Jilalan that appears on my email so faithfully, and I continue to be amazed at the extent, quality, and variety of the activities of the club and the overall vigour that is carrying it forward. I lingered mentally over many of the accounts of the outings and events---the lunch at the old Rosewood pub (I spent 2 years teaching in the High School there but never sampled that watering hole, what a pity!); the wild flower day-walk in Binna Burra, the steak in the Norman in the Gabba, the Cedar Creek swimming holes in Samford where I often swam, the Mount Barney Mass and catching up with Pat Lawton, linking up with My Life My City..... I could go on and on. We keep well, thank God. But now we are in the depth of winter, very inclined towards frosts this year. And we are still in the chill of a recession with no real light as yet, as we go through our long tunnel.

Willie and Mairin

Helen, walking The Caminoin northern Spain: Wish everyone Merry Christmas for me. I also have to pass on greetings from Lyn Lucas and

Malcolm Hill, who I ran into a little while back - they recognized the Club shirt!! I am nearly finished; only a few more days.

**OUTINGS SECRETARY REPORT**

It is Christmas time already. Where did the year go. I still clearly remember the Coomera Falls walk on New Year's Eve in the drenching rain like it was yesterday but the year has zoomed past. I hope you managed to fit in some magic bushwalks during the year.

The mini-drought is still with us as I write this report. We have had a few heavy thunderstorms but the land is still very dry. The anomaly is that some of the flowering trees have put on a terrific show this year especially the red flowering Flame Tree and the Poinciana tree looks like it will have a good year this year.

**Past Walks**

The number on walks has remained very modest. We had 2 trips cancelled because of the rain. For those who follow cricket they will know that the rain was caused by the first Cricket Test at the Gabba and cost Australia victory. It hadn't rained in Brisbane for 4 months; the cricket comes along so it rains. For November only 3 trips went out. The numbers on recent trips was as follows:-

TABLE 1 – attendance on past trips

Date	Trip	Leader	Type	
Nov 2-5	Vic Alps	Phil	TW	5
Nov 11	Lennox Head	Cancelled	BC	0
Nov 10	Gheerula Falls	Cancelled	DW	0
Nov 17	Larapinta Falls	Peter	DW	5
Nov 24	Noosa Heads	Phil	DW	14

A special thank you goes to the leaders for the above trips..

**Vic Alps Trip.**

You may have heard how successful this trip was and we are definitely going back next year. Next year the no 1 choice is the Bogong High Plains trip.

Day 1 – Falls creek to Roper's hut (via the Heathy Track and Mt Nelse) – about 14 km.

Day 2 – Roper’s Hut to Cope Hut. (via several huts ) – about 16 m

Day 3 – Cope Hut to Tawonga Huts (via Pretty Valley) and the Niggerheads – about 16 kms

Day 4 – Tawonga Huts to Falls Creek and Mt Mackay. About 14 kms

Hope you can make it. The airlines usually have very cheap flights available on Boxing Day.

Coming Walks

Looking ahead for the next month the trips are all rainforest trips so we are doing walks in the cool shade. There should be a time for a swim on many of these trips.

Also, may I ask that you consider joining Michael the off track walks as they are a real treat.

TABLE 2 – Coming trips

Date	Trip	Leader	Type	
Dec 16	Northbrook Gorge	Michael	DW	OTW
Dec 26	Killarney Falls	Russ	DW	GTW
Jan 6	Springbrook – Warrie Circuit	Jan	DW	GTW
Jan 13	Binna Burra - Coomera Falls	Phil	DW	GTW
Jan 20	O’Reillys - Stairway Falls	Michael	DW	RTW
Jan 26	O’Reillys Blue Pool	Phil	DW	GTW

The above trips are all virtually daywalks and to provide further information I just used an extra abbreviation to differentiate between the various daywalks.

GTW - Graded Track Walk

RTW – Rough track walk

There are so many trips available hopefully you have the time available to come along and support the leaders who do so much work to make the trips special events.

Nominate for walks early

Can I ask that people nominate early for trips. Also if you really want a trip to go out please let me know so we don’t make any changes that disappoint people.

Reports on Trips

A special request this month. When the report for a past trip is done can I ask leaders to include mundane details of the trip:-

- Time walk started
- Time walk finished
- Hours walking

- Travel time
- Distance travelled
- Names of walkers
- the weather.
- Grid Reference For the off track walks the Grid Reference of where walks started and finished.

The reason I ask is that I was looking up some details about a few walks in the old magazines and very few trips had details about the walk that I could use to pass on to future leaders of trips.

Changes to the Outings Program

I am reluctant to make changes to the Outings Program but if there is no leader for a designated trip, alterations will occur.

Michael asked to change his Stairway Falls trip to make it a week later and that has been done. That left a gap and I was keen to go back to Coomera Falls. No one came forward to lead a camp trip over the Australia Day long weekend.

Leaders Needed

I have had some very encouraging response of people coming forward to lead trips.

The following people have come forward to lead trips next year:-

Matthew Palmer, Desley Pedrazzini, Greg Endicott, Terry Silk, Graham Glasse, Ray Rowe, Michael Simpson, Paddy Taylor. Plus there have been a few other people who expressed an interest in leading trips but we haven’t yet locked in a trip for them to lead. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Phil

**Looking Ahead and New Year’s Resolutions**

As this year draws to an end may I wish everyone a happy New Year and may I make a suggestion for some New Year’s Resolutions.

The annual trip to the Victorian Alps for the Cup Weekend Walk has started to get a few members coming along. It is time to seize the day and plan to do a few more trips. It has been a while since the club did a trip to Tassie. Perhaps as a club we should start making regular trips down south. I hope you make a resolution to come along on these interstate trips. Perhaps we should start making a yearly trip down south during January for a 4 or 5 day trip. I got excited and made a ‘bucket

list' of places to visit and hope to try to the Club to put them on the outings program

Some places we should go

- 2014 Kosciuszko & the Main Range
- 2015 Cradle Mountain and Barn Bluff
- 2016 South Coast Track (the part around Cox's Bight)
- 2017 Freycinet and Maria Island
- 2018 Tasman Peninsula
- 2019 Walls of Jerusalem
- 2020 Precipitous Bluff
- 2021 The Mt Anne circuit
- 2022 Flinders Island

Several of the above trips are only medium difficulty like Maria Island

There are also the Victorian Trips for the Cup Weekend Walks that are on my wish list that includes the following

- 2013 Bogong High Plains
- 2014 Cobberas & the Pilot
- 2015 Wilson's Prom
- 2016 Crosscut Saw & Mt Speculation
- 2017 The Grampians
- 2018 Mt Bogong & Mt Feathertop
- 2019 Mt Cobbler to the Bluff
- 2020 Mt Murray & the Blue Rag Range
- 2011 Mt Samaria and the Cathedral Range

Then there is our own backyard in Queensland for trips in winter as follow

- 2014 Hinchinbrook Island
- 2015 Carnarvon Gorge
- 2016 Blackdown Tableland Precipitous Bluff
- 2017 Sundown National Park

I am sure there must be other places in Queensland that we should do as a club. I am sure Pat Lawton and Michael Simpson can add to this list.

So can I ask you to make a resolution and make a promise to yourself to come and do some of these trips, most are not easy but they are worth doing.

What is on your wish list for the new year?

Phil

## **PAST EVENTS**

### **TOP Larapinta Falls**

#### **Day Walk**

**17<sup>th</sup> Nov Saturday**

On the Friday the weather bureau was predicting a super storm for the weekend, so after checking the radar early Saturday morning for Lamington NP and finding nothing untoward I was much relieved.

One Car of five left Redhill right on 6am for the drive to Christmas creek, when we got there the water was down so we all managed to cross without getting our boots wet and then it was a fast walk in to Westray's grave taking us less than 50min to get there, we didn't stay long because the leeches and ticks were fairly active. We dropped in to the creek for a short rock hop to the junction of Christmas creek south branch and the creek that Jim Westray came down after the wreck of the Stinson. After taking great care that we were on the right ridge we proceeded to fight our way through the Wait-a-while up the ridge arriving a stand of large magnificent trees around 10.45am and drizzling rain, as we dropped a short distance to the top of the falls the rain cleared and we had our morning tea at the top of the falls. At morning tea a discussion over what to do with the rest of the day ensued and after deliberation we all decided that we would go back to the base of the falls for lunch. We had to retrace our steps all most back to the junction before we could drop back in to the creek to rock hop up to the base of the falls getting there about 1.50 where some went for a swim. After a leisurely lunch we rock hopped back to Westray's grave and then it was back on the track to the cars arriving around 4.30.

Big thanks to the walkers (Brenda, Terry, Paul, & Michael) for making this a memorial day. Peter

### **Floressence**

**The Botanical Artist Society of  
Queensland Annual Exhibition**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

**Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens**

Attendance 1

It was another wonderful display by the Botanical Artists Society of Queensland. The energy and enthusiasm of the artists was sensational. It was a treat to be able to talk with them. A former Club



member Anne Hayes is a very accomplished artist and had 4 paintings on display. I was left pondering why people spend hundreds of dollars on season tickets for the Broncos or the Brisbane Roar yet they could spend a mere \$3 to come and look at the rare beauty and grace of these magical paintings. I was also left pondering at these precious paintings that will last centuries and compare that to a few ephemeral centuries Ricky Ponting scored.

The bonus was that on the same day the Queensland Wildlife Artists Society were having their annual display just across the carpark at the Richard Randall Studio Gallery. The paintings were just amazing and it was free entry.

At least one member had a lovely 2 hours enjoying the artwork.

Phil

Ps according to legend Vincent Van Gogh didn't sell any of his paintings during his life time. I am sure that the work by these Botanical artists will be regarded as masterpieces in years to come.

### **Noosa Heads Daywalk**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2012

Weather Fine & warm – max temp - 27° C

Distance – approx. 14 km

Leader Phil

Attendance 12

Those on the trip were -

Phil Murray, Sue Murray, Greg Endicott, Michele Endicott, Julie Philippi, Graham Glasse, Andrea Turner, Paddy Taylor, Anne Iron, Pat Lawton, Jonas Bernatos, Desley Pedrazzini and 2 visitors Karen Franklin and Rossy Minata both of whom joined the Club at the end of the walk.

Great company and a great little walk. We started the walk at the Noosa Woods carpark and quickly zipped past the Main Beach area. The 'tourist walk' along the boardwalk is just lovely. It meanders along through the eucalyptus forest just above the waterline. There are great views over the water. The surf was tiny. The first stop was at the National Park for a regroup to allow the stragglers to catch up.

Then we headed up to the Boiling Pot. I heard this name years ago and wondered what derivation of the name was. Well at low tide it was very evident, as just below the lookout there was rock platform which had a few rock pools that were completely encircled by solid rock. When a wave approached the rocky platform the water just magically started

to bubble up from below and presumably there was a subterranean tunnel that allowed the water to surge through. There were superb views from here of the distant mountains including Mt Cooroora, Mt Cooran and Mt Pinbarren. There were the huge dunes from Noosa North Shore into the distance. I didn't check to see if you could see Double Island Point in the distance. Just an amazing lookout spot.

But it was time to move on. The track from the Boiling Point was blocked as there was a major reconstruction work being done on the track. So we had to back track a bit. Eventually we got to Ti-tree Bay where we had leisurely morning tea. The group was eager to keep going so we headed out past Granite Bay and out to Hell's Gates. Just lovely coastline. Then down to Alexandria Bay. It was too early for lunch and we walked along the beach to the southern end. We noticed a few swimmers had lost their swimmers but they seemed unconcerned so we kept on walking. It was too hot at the southern end of the beach so a discussion was had do we keep going to Sunrise Beach. The consensus was to keep going, so we did. It was a fairly rough and steep track over the headland and eventually we got to Sunrise Beach where we found a lovely shady spot to enjoy our lunch. A few people went for a swim. Then it was time to head back. We had a stop at Ti-Tree Bay where a few went for a swim. But most headed back to Noosa. We regrouped at the Noosa Heads Surf Club and enjoyed a cold beer as our group was looking a bit hot and tired. A fairly easy day except for the bit over the headland to Sunrise Beach. There was a highlight as we also managed to see a Koala at the gates to the National Park.(a cynic said it was released there to keep the tourists happy).

A beautiful part of the world to visit and I can't wait to go back. But I won't be going back to the surf Club. Thanks to all who came on the say and thanks to Graham and Anne for driving.

Phil

Ps another highlight was that we saw about 4 weddings along the beach between the surf club and the carpark.

Pps with the benefit of hindsight we should have stopped for lunch at the northern end of Alexandria Beach and had a longer swim here and then returned to Noosa Heads

**Mid Kobble Creek / Love Creek falls  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec**

Saturday was predicted to be a very hot day and not a day you would enjoy walking up a dry dusty fire trail so after much deliberation I suggested to the day's walkers that we go up Cedar ck and climb Love creek falls.

After about a half an hour most walkers started commenting on the lovely scenery of the creek and how they had forgotten how nice the creek was and being so close to Brisbane why we didn't do it more often. Nature all so put on a real show for us as well with the sightings of a Powerful Owl, Carpet Python, two Eels and a Greentree Snake. The Owl & the Python where still there on our way down.

We made it to the falls around 10.30 for morning tea and a swim and then we climb to the top of the

falls, after short stop to admire the view and catch our breath we decided to push on up the creek till lunch time. The temperature in the creek was around 26c with a light breeze, very pleasant for walking and we made it all the way to the gorge about 7.5 kms upstream from the cars. After lunch we retraced our steps back to the cars arriving about 3.30pm just managing to catch the shops at Samford open for our coffee and cake.

Thanks Brenda for being our driver for the day and Terry, Rusty, Louise and Paul, I promise we will make it up Mid Kobble next year. Peter

**BCBC WEB SITE**

<http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/index.html>

Contains a wealth of information for Members and Visitors. Have a look

**ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION**

**MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2011**

**At St Michaels at Ashgrove from 7.30 pm**

Another wonderful photo competition. Thanks to all those who entered.

The winners of the photo competition were as follows

	<b>Category</b>	<b>Name of picture</b>	<b>Winner</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Landscape</b>	<b>Barney South East ridge with Mt Ernest in the background</b>	<b>Phil Murray</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Moods of Nature</b>	<b>Deserted Bus Stop</b> (a snow covered bus stop in Cradle National Park)	<b>Maree Hutchison</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Nature Close up</b>	<b>Green Jumping Spider</b>	<b>Maree Hutchison</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>People and Faces</b>	<b>Pat Lawton on the Green Gully Walk</b>	<b>Jonas Bernatos</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>Vallejo Gantner Hut</b> (Victorian Alps)	<b>Peter Constable</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>International Walking</b>	<b>Milford Track – Clinton River</b>	<b>Michele Johns</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>OVERALL WINNER</b> Front cover of the annual report	<b>Group on Mt Barney with Mt Ernest in background</b> Mike Wood, Mary Tobin, John Hood, Justin Tobin, Nicholas Wood	<b>Phil Murray</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>PROPLES CHIOCE</b> Back cover of the annual report.	<b>Forest Path blessed by a rare moment of Sunlight</b> (a raised forest wooden path covered in moss)	<b>Maree Hutchison</b>

## **HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES**

**VISITORS** – for general enquiries contact Greg on Ph: 3351 4092.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month, at 7:30pm. The location is St Michael's Parish Hall, Banks St, Dorrington. The hall is on the terrace below the church, out of sight – drive down to the lower carpark.

**VISITORS** are always welcome.

### **OUTINGS**

- (a) Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
- (b) Walk departures are usually from Red Hill Parish Hall, 78 Musgrave Rd. Check "Jilalan" to determine the location to be sure.
- (c) The Club will usually organise transport for each outing, but you must nominate in advance to the leader. Contacting someone else may lead to your nomination becoming "lost". Nominations should preferably be made by the Wednesday night prior to the activity so that transport etc. can be arranged. Note that nominations for some walks may close well in advance of this. Late nominations may not be accepted.
- (d) Walkers are responsible for their own transport to and from the departure point.
- (e) Walks are rarely cancelled – if they are, all nominees will be notified. Do not presume that outings are cancelled – ie, because of bad weather.
- (f) Should you change your mind and decide not to come to a Club event, please notify the leader as soon as possible.
- (g) If you are running late for the departure point, ring the Emergency Officer, or if the leader shows a mobile phone number, phone the leader.
- (h) All visitors must sign an Assumption of Risk form for insurance purposes.

**EMERGENCY OFFICER:** If you have not returned from an outing by 9:00pm, your family may ring the Emergency Officer (Or "EO" or "Emerg Off") for that outing – but please they are not to panic. If the EO is not mentioned, ring either the President or Vice President. IF any action is to occur, the Club will arrange it.

<http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/EmergOffSyst.html>

**PERSONAL EQUIPMENT:** The Club requires that all walkers on all trips should carry certain minimal basic equipment. This should comprise the following – a first aid kit, a torch, a parka/raincoat, hat, shirt, 30+ sunscreen and at least 2 litres of water. Leaders may require that walkers carry other equipment. Advice of this will be given in Jilalan and/or by the leader.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES** - Membership Subscription fees are:

Ordinary Members: \$40; Associate Members: \$30; Spouse Members: \$10.00; Country: \$30.00.

Fees cover the period 1st January to 31st December, and renewals are due and payable by end of February each year. Payment of fees can be made to the Treasurer.

Pro-rata amounts apply to new members if you join during the year.

**WARNING:** All persons, adult or child, member or visitor, undertakes all activities of the Club at their own risk.



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 For Outings or Socials, contact the leader shown in the calendar or article.

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## **PARK ALERTS & WEATHER**

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Find a Park: <http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/index.php>

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<http://www.bom.gov.au/weather/radar/>

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