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# *DECEMBER 2017*

Date	Event	Leader	Phone	Type	Grade
17	JTS – Bitter Suite Bar	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
20	General Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
25	Boouloumba Falls (Q)	Michele	3353 2822	DW	M44
30	Broken Head/Byron Bay	Phil	5522 9702	DWt	M33
Dec 2	Tibrogargan – Summit (Q)	Richard	3353 2822	DW	S54
2	Tibrogargan – Tibrogargan Circuit	Kylie	0432 095 659	DW	S21
2	Tibrogargan –Trachyte Circuit (Q)	Liz	3356 4874	DW	S22
4	Committee Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
4/10	Victorian High Country (Q)	Russ	33743534	BC	Var
15	JTS – Coffee Club Eagle St Pier	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
18	General Meeting – Photo Comp	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
21	North Stradbroke Island (Q)	Phil	5522 9702	DW <sup>t</sup>	M22
23	Summer Soltice Salute	Russ	33743534	DW	M12
26	Tamborine Boxing Day Walk	Louise	3399 4472	DW	S22
27/1	Walls of Jerusalem (Q)	Michael	0409 620 714	TW	XL47
Jan 1	Greene’s Falls/Western Window (Q)	Michele	3353 2822	DW	S22
3	Palm Beach to Currumbin	Phil	5522 9702	Stroll	S22
6	Epiphany	Jan	33743534	Soc	
8	Committee Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
13	Bellbird/Tullawallal Circuits (Q)	Michele	3353 2822	DW	M33
15	General Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
18	Coomera Falls (to Bahnamboola Falls) (Q)	Phil	5522 9702	DW <sup>t</sup>	M33
19	JTS – Alliance Hotel	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
20	Mts Beerburrum & Ngungun (Q)	Needed		DW	S24
24	Coffee Night for Vinnies	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
26/28	Bunya Mountains (Q)	Michael	0409 620 714	BC	Var
28	Toolona Circuit (Q)	Phil	5522 9702	DW	L35
Feb 3	Purling Brook to Appletree Park (Q)	Kylie	0432 095 659	DW	S32
5	Committee Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
7	Coffee Night – Tuttos	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
10	Enoggera Reservoir (Q)	Needed		DW	M24
13	Shrove Tuesday	Russ	3374 3534	Soc	
15	Wellington to King Island	Phil	5522 9702	DW <sup>t</sup>	S11
16	JTS –	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
17	Tallebudgera Walkabout (Q)	John	5514 0285	DW	S22
19	General Meeting – AGM	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
24	Annual Mass and Dinner	Michele	3351 4092	Sp	
Mar 2	James Boag @ the Courtyard	Liz	3356 4874	Soc	
3	Tallebudgera to Main Beach	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M11
4	Clean-Up Australia Day	Needed		DW	S11
5	Committee Meeting			Meet	
7	Coffee Night – Café 63 Wilston	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
10	60th Anniversary			Soc	
15	Varsity Lakes to Broadbeach	Phil	5522 9702	DW <sup>t</sup>	M11
16	JTS –	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
17/18	Club Hut Feast (Q)	Michael	0409 620 714	ON	S43
17	Club Hut Walk (Q)	Michele	3353 2822	DW	S43
19	General Meeting			Meet	
24	North Coast Mountains (Q)	Needed		DW	S45
30/2	Easter – Boonoo Boonoo (Q)	Michael	0409 620 714	BC	Var
Apr 2	Pat’s Easter Monday Walk (Q)	Pat	3366 1956	DW	
4/15	Commonwealth Games				
4	Coffee Night – Neighbourhood Pizza	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	

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>DW</b>	Day Walk	<b>BC</b>	Base Camp
<b>ON</b>	Over Nighter	<b>S&amp;T</b>	Safety & Training
<b>TW</b>	Through Walk	<b>SOC/SW</b>	Social/Social Walk
<b>TRN</b>	Training	<b>SP</b>	Spiritual Event
<b>FMR</b>	Federation Mountain Rescue	<b>Q</b>	Qualifying Walk

**KEY – Walk Gradings**

Distance	Terrain	Fitness/Endurance
<b>Short</b> Under 10km / 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 / day	<b>3</b> - Graded track with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	<b>3</b> - Intermediate - Suitable for fit beginners. Up to 5 hours walking and/or minor hills
	<b>4</b> - Rough unformed track or open terrain with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	<b>4</b> - Intermediate - Suitable for fit beginners. Up to 5 hours walking and/or up to 300m gain/loss
<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 and/or up to 450m gain/loss. 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 and/or up to 600m gain/loss. 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 and/or up to 750m gain/loss. 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 and/or up to 1000m gain/loss. 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 and/or over 1000m gain/loss. 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 OF THE MONTH**

God,  
 Grant that peace may be established throughout the world  
 And that conflicts may be justly resolved.  
 May all settlements be realistic  
 And such, that future wars do not spring from them.  
 Help us to see that peace is a matter for all  
 Including us.  
 Amen  
 (Johnson 1986:104)



**COMING EVENTS**

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

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

**Leaders: Print your own Event Nomination Form from the Club’s web site.**

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

**LEADERS**

If you make changes to your walk, such as date, where, or cancel it – please tell Michael Simpson Ph: 0409 620 714.



**FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
COFFEE CLUB RIVERSIDE  
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

**Leader:** Michael Simpson 0409 620 714.  
**Address:** 10/1 Eagle Street.  
**Time:** From 4pm till 9ish.  
**What For:** A chat and a beer and a meal.  
**Web:** <http://www.coffeeclub.com.au/stores/eagle-st-pier/>

The Club has a regular gathering for a social drink and a chat on a Friday once a month on the third Friday of the month. For the month of December we will be dining down by the river. It is a lovely venue with great views over the river.

Please advise Michael if you are coming as it is handy to know how many to book for.

JTS Quote of the month

*"On victory, you deserve beer.  
In defeat, you need one!" — Napoleon*

**MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
MONTHLY MEETING AND  
PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION**

**Contact:** Greg Endicott 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 to come on the walk.

Nominate for a walk.

Nominate to lead an outing.

**THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER  
NORTH STRADBROKE ISLAND (Q)  
DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Phil Murray 5522 9702 or 0416 650 160.  
**Meet at:** Emmett Street, Cleveland.  
**Time:** 8.40am.  
**Water Taxi:** Catch the 8.55am taxi.  
**Cost:** about \$30.  
See below for details.  
**Distance:** 8 km approximately.

**Grading:** M22.  
**Emerg Off:** Sue Murray 5522 9702.

It always great fun doing a beach walk in summer and the 21<sup>st</sup> December is the summer solstice or midsummers day. The plan is to visit North Stradbroke Island and walk from Point Lookout to Adder Rock.

We will start the walk at the sort of latish time of 8.40 due to the low tide is at about 4 pm.

We will catch the ferry over to Dunwich then get the bus out to Point Lookout. We will walk down to the patrolled beach at Point Lookout (for the water babies in the group they can have a swim here). We will then walk around the Gorge Walk which is fabulous. Then past the shops at Point Lookout and then down the long stairway to Frenchmans Beach and around the sandy headland to Cylinder Beach. We will have lunch here and a second swim.

I am not planning on lunch at the hotel so you need to bring your own lunch. But we may zip in for a refreshing drink.

After lunch we will walk along Cylinder Breach and Home Beach to Adder Rock. It is about 3 km. Then walk back to the road to the little shop. I hope to be able to buy an ice cream. We will then catch the bus back to Dunwich.

It is expected to be warm and sunny so bring all your usual day walk stuff plus swimmers. (Plus raincoats as we could get a summer storm).

We last attempted this trip on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016 but we didn't complete the walk along Home Beach as one of our walkers became ill because of some dodgy ice gelatto.

**Tides**

High Tide	10.04 am	1:57 metres
Low Tide	4:35 pm	0.23 metres

**Fares**

Water taxi.	adult.	\$20	return
	conc.	\$10	return
Bus.	adult.	\$9.40	return
	conc	\$4.70	return

**Summer Solstice**

The summer solstice is on the 21<sup>st</sup> December. In the northern hemisphere the summer solstice is also called Midsummer and is also known as St John's Day. But the day is celebrated on 24<sup>th</sup> June. It is celebrated six months before Christmas because the Bible in Luke 1:26 and Luke 1.36 imply that John the Baptist was born six months earlier than Jesus. In many European cultures the day is celebrated by

visiting healing water wells and making a large bonfire to ward away evil spirits.

The tradition in medieval England, "...in worship of St John the Baptist, men stayed up all night and make three kinds of fires:

- one is of clean bones and no wood and is called a "bonnefyre"; *(editor's note - I always wondered why fires were called bonfires perhaps it from these old traditions where they used the old bones. Actually I didn't know you could burn bones like this)*
- another is of clean wood and no bones, and is called a wakefyre,

because men stay awake by it all night; and the third is made of both bones and wood and is called, "St. John's fire".

### **SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER SUMMER SOLSTICE SALUTE DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Russ Nelson 3374 3534 or 0427 743 534.

**Meet at:** Darra Railway Station,  
Railway Parade, Darra.  
(If travelling by train, catch 6.45am "Springfield" train from Roma Street.)

**Time:** 7.15am.

**Cost:** \$2 + GoCard.

**Grading:** M12.

**Emerg Off:** Graham Glasse 3371 9623.

The Summer Solstice for Brisbane in 2017 is on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> the day before this walk. This walk seeks to be on the high point of Ipswich just 24 hours after the mid-way point of the Solstice (as measured by time). The highpoint is Denmark Hill. This walk begins by exploring the eastern environs of Wacol, Carole Park, Gailes and the southern expanses of Goodna, through Redbank. Then we reach the not so well known New Chum, skirt Dinmore we enter Ebbw Vale. All these areas draw heavily on their coal mining heritage. Coal was originally discovered by Allan Cunningham in 1828.

We cross the railway line and then walk over Station Hill and head west to cross Bundamba Creek. Bundamba, as it was originally called, is believed to have derived from the Aboriginal words 'bundan' and 'ba', meaning a stone axe and place of. This referred to Bundamba Creek which was a source of good stone for hand

axes. The name was officially changed to Bundamba in 1932.

This creek is one of six major tributaries of the Bremer River. The explorer John Oxley named Bremer after Captain James Gordon Bremer (later Sir James) in 1824. Captain Bremer was in charge of the H.M.S. Tamar, in New South Wales.

From there we will stay on the southern side of the Bremer River and enter Ipswich via the appropriately named King Edward Parade which years ago was the location of Johnson's Brewery.

We will then transverse the central business district of Ipswich and head up Denmark Hill which was established as a reserve in the 1880s. On top of the Hill there are 360° views which will allow us to recap our journey. The goal is to have lunch here to mark the Summer Solstice which occurred 24 hours previously. After lunch we go downhill to Ipswich Railway Station for our homeward journey which should be completed in the early afternoon, in time to do some Christmas shopping.

### **TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER MT TAMBORINE DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Louise Jones 3399 4472.

**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill.

**Time:** 7.00am.

**Cost:** \$15.00.

**Grading:** S22.

**Emerg Off:** Graham Glasse 3371 9623.

Witches fall was declare the first national park. Over the years additional reserved have been declared and today is made up of 14 sections on the Tamborine Plateau and surrounding foothills.

The plan is to complete the Witches Falls track before continuing onto the Curtis Falls track. This walks begins in wet eucalyptus beneath towering flooded gums.

Most club members are able to do this walk. Please come and join me to wear off your Christmas cheer. Bring 2 litres water and usual day walk equipment.



**27<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER TO 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY  
WALLS OF JERUSALEM  
THROUGH WALK**

**Leader:** Michael Simpson 0409 620 714.  
**Meet at:** Brisbane Airport.  
**Time:** 11.30am Wednesday.  
**Cost:** TBA but around \$1000.00.  
**Grade:** XL47.  
**Distance:** About 60 km.  
**Hgt Gain:** About 1000m.  
**Emerg Off:** Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

The Walls of Jerusalem NP is one of the great walking areas of the world. However it is not an easy area to walk in. The tracks, if any, are usually narrow and boggy and can be covered with slippery duckboard. There is significant height gain over the five (5) days and it has been known to snow over the Christmas period.

Now that I've given you the cons let me now laud the pros. This area is almost impossible to describe adequately. From its majestic landscapes, idyllic campsites, towering peaks and incredible lakes, it pretty much has everything Tasmania has to offer and has it in spades.

This walk is not for everyone and not everyone is capable of doing it. Ring me to discuss the finer points.

**MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY  
GREENE'S FALLS/WESTERN  
WINDOW  
DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Michele Johns 3353 2822 or 0414 635 542.  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill.  
**Time:** 10.00am.  
**Cost:** \$10 (car pool), \$2 (private).  
**Grading:** S32.  
**Emerg Off:** Richard Johns 0409 871 641  
**Web:** <http://stufftodoinbrisbane.com/maiala-national-park>

We will welcome in the New Year with 2 short walks in the Mt. Glorious area. A late start still means we can celebrate on New Year's eve.

The morning walk starts from Maiala and is approximately 4.3km return. This is a lovely rainforest walk in the Brisbane Forest Park and is a great chance to see Greenes Falls with water flowing as they have been relatively dry

for so long. With all the rain of late the rainforest should look at its best.

After lunch we will walk along the Westside Track. This walk takes you through some of the best rainforest in Brisbane Forest Park. The rainforest is varied with strangler figs, buttressed trees, stinging trees and large rainforest trees. About 500 metres from the start is the western window lookout. On a clear day views can be seen of the mountains to the west, including Cunninghams Gap and Mt Barney. Steep steps will take us to a junction where we will walk below basalt cliffs and through wet sclerophyll forest and rainforest. We will finish the walk following the track in the opposite direction to join Joyners Ridge Rd and onto Mt Glorious Road back to Maiala.

These walks are right on our doorstep, so join me as we welcome in the new year.

We will finish the day with a picnic afternoon tea at Maiala. Please bring a plate to share of left-over Christmas treats or other and we will supply tea, coffee, sugar and milk. Please bring a cup or mug.

I look forward to your company.

**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY  
PALM BEACH TO CURRUMBIN  
AND RETURN  
STROLL**

**Leader:** Phil Murray 5522 9702 or 0416 650160.  
**Meet at:** The Pirate Carpark at Palm Beach.  
**Time:** 8.45 am at Palm Beach.  
**Distance:** 6 km approximately.  
**Grade:** S22.  
**Emerg Off:** Sue Murray 5522 9702.

(Public Transport – if coming by train from Brisbane – Catch the 7.02 am from Roma Street. It arrives at Varsity Lakes train station at 8.22 am. I can pick you up from the train station and arrive at Palm Beach by 8.45 am)

A short stroll on the Gold Coast in the middle of summer. Plus a chance to see how high the summer King Tide is.

In particular, I want to check out the pedestrian bridge that goes under the road bridge at at Thrower Drive. Apparently the water will cover the pedestrian bridge by about 15 cm at the top of the tide. The predicted high tide is 1.90 m at 9.09 am.

The plan is to start walking at the Pirate Carpark meander along the board walk towards Throver Drive then along the footpath the other side of the Currumbin Creek. We then walk out along the breakwater to Currumbin Rock. Then along the beach to Currumbin Surf Club for morning tea. We then re-trace our steps back to Palm Beach. I hope to have a quick swim or two long the way.

Recommended footwear is crocs as they provide better support than thongs plus they are so easy to get on and off.

Expected finishing time of the stroll will be about 2 pm.

### **SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY CHRISTMAS PARTY (in the theological Christmas Season)**

**Leader:** Jan Nelson 0401 030 137.  
**Address:** 12 Bolton Close, Brookfield.  
**Time:** 6:00pm – Swimming pool available as well.  
**Cost:** \$25 (dinner and punch provided – BYO alcoholic drinks).  
**Payments:** Can be paid to Jan Nelson, Terry Silk or Karen Franklin.  
**RSVP:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018

The Club's Christmas Party will be held on the twelfth day of Christmas which is also Epiphany.

Nibbles, main course and, of course, dessert will be provided. Fruit punch as well as tea and coffee will be available.

For those so inclined, the pool will be available, so bring your togs and towel if you wish.

By way of background the Twelfth Night (Epiphany) marks a visit to the baby Jesus by The Magi, (also widely referred to as the Wise Men). The word 'Epiphany' comes from Greek and means 'manifestation'. It celebrates 'the revelation of God in his Son as human in Jesus Christ'. In the West Christians began celebrating the Epiphany in the 4th century, associating it with the visit of the Wise Men to Jesus. According to the Gospel of Matthew, the Magi found baby Jesus by following a star across the desert to Bethlehem. Tradition, but not the Gospel of Matthew, says the Magi were three wise men - named Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar – who followed the star of Bethlehem

to meet the baby Jesus. The Magi offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

So that supplies can be purchased, please nominate with payment by the 1<sup>st</sup> January. Payment can be made to Terry, Karen or Jan.

### **SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY LOWER BELLBIRD CIRCUIT DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Michele Johns 3353 2822 or 0414 635 542  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park, 78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill.  
**Time:** 7.00am.  
**Cost:** \$25 (car pool), \$2 (private).  
**Grading:** M33.  
**Emerg Off:** Michele Endicott 3351 4092  
**Web:** <http://www.geonaturewalksandtoursse.qld.com.au/walks-tours>

Come and walk off some of those excess Christmas kilojoules and join me on a medium walk at Binna Burra. The distance is only 12km and is rated easy to moderate. A small car shuffle is needed .

We start south of the information centre on the Shipstern Track to the bottom of the Nixon's Creek Valley. There are good viewing areas at two lookouts from where Egg Rock, Turtle Rock, the Numinbah Valley and Ship's Stern can be seen. From here the track winds down through eucalypt forest, rainforest and mixed forest. There are a few small cliff faces with orchids and ferns. The track finally leaves the rainforest and enters an area where there was an old dairy farm and traces of its previous existence are still visible.

We will finish the walk about 500 metres down from the Information Centre. Depending on time, we may do the short Tullawallal circuit afterwards.

The walk is all on graded track, and suitable for most walkers of average fitness.

Bring the usual day walk gear as well as at least 2 litres of water. We will finish the day with a coffee stop at Canungra.





**MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY  
MONTHLY MEETING**

**Contact:** Greg Endicott 3351 4092  
**Time:** 7.30pm – Doors open & meeting starts soon after.  
**Where:** St Michael's Parish Hall,  
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**THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY  
COOMERA CREEK  
(TO BAHNAMBOOLA FALLS)  
DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Phil Murray 5522 9702 or 0416 650 160.  
**Meet at:** To be advised.  
**Time:** 6.30 am.  
**Cost :** \$25 (car pool), \$2 (private).  
**Distance:** 14 km.  
**Grade:** M34.  
**Emerg Off:** Sue Murray 5522 9702.

This is graded track walk up at Binna Burra.

We walk down the Coomera Creek Circuit past Coomera Falls to Bahnamboola Falls. We will have lunch here and possibly a quick dip. The highlight of the day is the Coomera Falls which are just awesome.

The walk is mainly through rainforest but also through a few areas where it is dry eucalyptus forest with an understorey of wildflowers.

It is an out and back walk. You may be asking why we aren't doing the full circuit, well, the answer is that the return journey along the Border Track is a bit boring (plus there is a trip along the Border Track in July 2018 to Mt Merino) and by stopping at Bahnamboola Falls it allows more time for a swim and to look for the Lamington Crayfish which should be out and about this time of year. Also we walk past Coomera Falls twice by doing an out and back trip.

The distance is 14.22 km, see details at page 48 in Tom Lackner's book *Discovering Binna Burra on Foot*. (2000 edition).

Bring the usual day walk stuff, plus I suggest you bring at least 2 litres of water as it will probably be very warm. May I suggest you bring a ground sheet or large raincoat to sit on at lunch time as it could be damp on the ground or rocks. Also ensure you apply rid or other insect repellent as there could be leeches.

I would like to start walking before 9.00 am and hopefully finish before 3.30 pm.

**FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY  
THE ALLIANCE HOTEL  
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

**Leader:** Michael Simpson 0409 620 714.  
**Address:** 320 Boundary Street,  
Spring Hill.  
**Time:** From 4pm till 9ish.  
**What For:** A chat and a beer and a meal.  
**Web:** <https://www.thealliancehotel.com.au/>

The Club meets regularly to enjoy a chat, enjoy a few craft beers and a meal. We meet somewhere in the inner City close to public transport. This month we are meeting at the Alliance Hotel in Spring Hill. We have only been there once before but those who were there loved it.

**ADVANCED NOTICE  
THURSDAY TO SUNDAY  
25<sup>th</sup> TO 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY  
BUNYA MOUNTAINS  
BASE CAMP**

**Leader:** Michael Simpson 0409 620 714.  
**Meet at:** TBA.  
**Time:** TBA.  
**Cost:** \$35.00 for petrol + \$170.00/\$17.25 accommodation/camping costs.  
**Grading:** Various.  
**Location:** Bunya Mountain North West of Toowoomba.  
**Emerg Off:** Terry Silk 3355 9765.

The Bunya Mountains National Park was gazetted on 1 August 1908 making it Queensland's second national park and the first of substantial size. This will be the first time we have visited the park in 13 years and I still have fond memories of that visit. The park is around 220kms by road and the trip should take around 3 hours.



I have booked a 5 bedroom/loft retreat with 3 bathrooms and the cost for 6 people will be \$170 each. Accommodation will be first in best dressed. However, there is plenty of camping available at the National Park campground. I expect people to arrive anytime from Thursday afternoon to Friday morning therefore we will start walking late on Friday.

There are plenty of walks available ranging from 500m strolls to 20km all day walks.

Ring me to discuss the finer points.

### **SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY TOOLONA CREEK CIRCUIT DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Phil Murray 5522 9702 or 0416 650 160.  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill.  
**Time:** 6.30 am.  
**Cost :** \$25 (car pool), \$2 (private).  
**Distance:** 18.5 km.  
**Grade:** L34.  
**Emerg Off:** Sue Murray 5522 9702.

This walk is designed to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club's first walk

The Club was "officially" formed at a meeting in January 1958.

The Club's first ever official trip was a weekend camp at O'Reilly's and the first walk was the Toolona Creek Circuit and the date of the walk was Saturday 25th January 1958. So to mark the occasion we are retracing the steps of the Club's first official walk. At lunch time up at Wanungra Lookout we will have a few very short speeches and cake, which of course will be lamington's.

This walk is a lovely long walk up at O'Reilly's. The walk is 18.5 km long but is entirely graded track. But I should mention that there are a few creek crossings but usually they are not too difficult (but the crossings were difficult in January 2015 when there was heavy rain and we cancelled the trip and did an easier option.)

We will be descending down to Picnic Rock and then visit Elabana Falls. Then up along Toolona Creek and up to the Border Track. We turn left here and walk a bit to Wanungra Lookout where we will have lunch. There should be views of Mt Warning from here. Then we return to O'Reilly's along the Border Track.

Bring your usual day walk gear, in particular your raingear namely a raincoat and a small collapsible umbrella.

Make sure you bring a mug to have a cup of tea with your Lamington cake at lunch time. Plus all the usual stuff.

Grading – "L" as it is a longish walk at 18.5 km, "3" for terrain as although it is a graded track it is a bit rough in places with a couple of creek crossings where you could get your feet wet and "5" for endurance as it takes at least 6 hours to do the walk. Also, I need to mention that there is a significant amount of uphill walking from Toolona Creek up to Wanungra Lookout that may become a bit onerous if you haven't been working on your fitness lately.

Hopefully we will get back to the coffee shop in time for a coffee or ice cream.

The trip has been done several times over the years but is always a great walk.

### **ADVANCED NOTICE 22<sup>nd</sup> TO 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2018 A WALKING TOUR OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL CANBERRA CITY WALK**

**Leader:** Liz Little [lizlittle@bigpond.com](mailto:lizlittle@bigpond.com)  
or 3356 4874.

This tour combines city walking and sightseeing in Australia's National Capital. Each day we will set out from our centrally located accommodation (YHA Canberra City) and walk to a key location in Canberra. We will walk 10 - 15 kilometres most days, usually on flat ground, but two small mountains are included. We expect to attend a ceremony at The Australian War Memorial on ANZAC Day. Other highlights include the RG Menzies Walk, National Museum of Australia (free), Parliament House tour (free), Parliamentary Gardens, Museum of Democracy (\$2/ \$1 concession), Mt Ainslie, Black Mountain, Telstra Tower (\$7.50 / \$3 concession), Australian National Botanic Gardens (free), Scrivener Dam and the National Film and Sound Archive (free).

Breakfast can be ordered at the accommodation or prepared in the guest kitchen. It will be important to carry morning tea and lunch each day. There will be an opportunity to shop for food on the day of

arrival. Dinners will be eaten at local restaurants.

Bookings are open now and can be secured with \$100 deposit per person, given to Terry or Liz. Bookings cannot be accepted after the end of February, 2018 and are always subject to the availability of accommodation. Accommodation will probably be between \$45 and \$75 per person, depending on the type of room or dorm preferred. **I urge you to book as soon as you can while accommodation is still available.**

For a detailed itinerary, please email [lizlittle@bigpond.com](mailto:lizlittle@bigpond.com).

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Our latest raffle will be drawn at the December meeting. It has two prizes with the first being a St. John Ambulance Outdoor sixty-eight (68) piece First Aid Kit and the second a Trafalgar Out 'N' About sixty-seven (67) piece First Aid Kit. Tickets are a dollar each which is good value and, of course, you need to be in it to win it.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the members a Merry and Holy Christmas and a Happy, Safe and Prosperous New Year. Terry.

## ABOUT PEOPLE

Jonas Bernotas, Jeanette Chew, Alan Hodgson, John Hood, Anne Iron, Lawrence Kearney, Peter Nally, Sofia Ramsay, Antonia Simpson, Janell Sammon and Barry Taylor are celebrating their birthdays in December. NEWSFLASH!! Barry Crawford is still a member and continues to celebrate his birthday every July. Susan Walsh has just returned from doing some walking around The Waterfall Way in Northern New South Wales. Congratulations to Maxine and Michael Brophy who recently celebrated fifty (50) years of marriage.

John and Gwen Huth were interested visitors at our November meeting where Members, Allan and Paulette Schmidt gave a very interesting talk about their recent walk along Hadrian's Wall in the U.K. Steven Mitchell was a visitor on Liz Little's Remembrance Day Ramble and Michele Johns' Booloumba Falls walk where he was joined by his sister Maria Purdie who was on her first walk with us whilst Steven was on his third. Other visitors on Michele's walk were Tom Houlihan's daughter, Anita Muecke who was on her second walk with us and Dominic

Savio who was on his first. Visitors are always most welcome on any of our activities.

## OUTINGS REPORT

I am still chasing leaders. Huge thanks to those who have already stepped up. There are two (2) easy walks, nineteen (19) medium walks and one (1) hard walk still needing leaders.

Some people have been very proactive in reading the calendar and nominating very early for some of the base camps and through walks being conducted throughout the year. Consequently one or two have filled rapidly and the glamping option for these are already filled. However there is always the camping option.

Hope to see you on the tracks.

Michael 0409 620714 or

[michaelesimpson@optusnet.com.au](mailto:michaelesimpson@optusnet.com.au)

## LEADER'S NEEDED

**January 20** Mts Beerburum & Ngungun

**February 10** Enoggera Reservoir

**March 3** Clean-Up Australia Day

**March 24** North Coast Mountains

## OUTINGS STATISTICS

Date	Trip	Leader	Type	No
November 11	Remembrance Day	Liz	DW	9
November 25	Booloumba Falls	Michele	DW	13
November 30	Broken Head/Byron Bay	Phil	DW	3
December 2	Tibrogargan Summit	Richard	DW	6
December 2	Trachyte Circuit	Liz	DW	25
December 2	Tibrogargan Circuit	Kylie	DW	29

## SAFETY & TRAINING

FME has released its draft training Program for 2018.

- ? March Psychological support (probably a Tuesday evening)
- 12-13 May Members only familiarisation trip.
- 19-20 May Search and Rescue weekend
- 22 Apr Basic navigation
- 16-17 June Rope's course by Phil Box (2nd preference 9-10/6)
- 12 Aug GPS Navigation
- 28 Sep/ 1 Oct BWQ Pilgrimage weekend
- ? Nov Members only visit to QGAir

## **PAST EVENTS**

### **COFFEE NIGHT AND DINNER WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER SOCIAL**

Ten members gathered at the Hub Café Kitchen, Ashgrove, on a mild spring evening. This restaurant offers a wide range of meals, and as usual, the quality was excellent. The drinks menu also provides plenty of choice. Prices for both food and drinks are very reasonable. Service is of a high standard, and patronage was good on the night. Thanks to Liz, Greg and Michele, Helen, Pat and Jonas, Richard and Michele, Terry, and Graham for supporting this coffee night.

### **TWIN FALLS CIRCUIT SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER DAY WALK**

Wow, what a beautiful walk this was!

After an easy commute, we met at Tallanbana car park and picnic area. We welcomed the two visitors and then we were off!

Whilst the heat haze obscured some of the views from the various lookouts, it was very easy to see why this is rated one of the most beautiful walks in Springbrook. Soon enough we reached the falls, and enjoyed the opportunity for a refreshing “kiss” from the waterfalls as we walked behind them.

The return part of the circuit offered again gorgeous views and a chance to truly appreciate this beautiful national park.

After a spot of morning tea we made the short trip to Goomoolahra lookout, then Best of All lookout - which was, ironically, best of all. Our final stop was to Canyon lookout, where we enjoyed a coffee and a cake before our journey back home.

Many thanks to our 8 club members, Michael Simpson, Karen Franklin, Josh Cooke, Liz Little, Robin Thorn, Benno Giuliani, Paddy Taylor & Helen Williams and 2 visitors, John & Gwen Huth, who joined me and special thanks to Michael Simpson as lead walker and Karen Franklin as tail-end Charlie. Kylie.



### **VICTORIAN ALPS & WILSON'S PROMONTORY ROVING BASE CAMP**

Another great trip. 4 days of walking and one of the best trips I have done down south. It was also the coldest in the morning. It would have been warmer if it had snowed.

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Nov Mt Howitt.  
Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Nov Crosscut Saw and Mt Buggery  
Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Nov Conglomerate Falls & Pieman Falls

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Nov Wilsons Prom - Tidal River to Little Oberon Beach & return

The views from Mt Howitt and the Crosscut saw are the best in the Victorian high country according to the locals.

There were 6 on the trip for the first 3 days and only 3 for the last day.

Thanks to Peter Matheson, Sue Russell, Adrian Jones, Mel Chua and Allan Rose for joining me. Sue is from the Catholic Bushwalking club of Sydney the others were from the Catholic Walking club of Victoria.

Full report next month. Phil.

### **FILM – MOUNTAIN WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER SOCIAL**

Russ made a suggestion that we attend a fund raiser for Queensland Trust for Nature (QTFN). They screened a film called Mountain which was a unique combination of music from the Australian Chamber Orchestra and a cinematic extravaganza directed by Jennifer Peedom. It was quite extraordinary with incredible scenes of mountains from around the world and unbelievable stunts by a number of death defying daredevils. I know the seven members who saw it were spellbound. The attendees were Karen & Michael, Greg & Michele, Russ & Jan and Benno.

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY RAMBLE SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER DAY WALK**

Nine walkers assembled at Nundah to honour the 99th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). Under the branches of a shady tree we shared a short prayer to set the scene and to pray for peace, hope, compassion, justice and love.



We then walked beside Kedron Brook through several suburbs to Mitchelton. The parkland was green and lush after the recent rain. A scouts' outdoor theatre provided a comfortable morning tea spot for us.

From Mitchelton, we walked down to the Sid Loder Park for the Gaythorne RSL Remembrance Day Ceremony. Soon after we arrived a heavy rain shower hit. We realized how fortunate we had been all morning to avoid the rain and to be safely under shelter when it came. After the rain, the service was moved across the road to an upper room in the RSL Club.

The service was quite beautiful. It included the National Anthem, The Lord's Prayer, the Ode, the Last Post, the Minute of Silence and the Reveille. The choir from Our Lady of Dolours School also sang I am Australian. Our members looked great in their club shirts. Morning tea was provided by the RSL. Following the service, we headed downstairs to the Bistro for a tasty and companionable lunch. The fourteen kilometre morning walk to the service was an excellent way for a bushwalking club to acknowledge the occasion. Thanks to members who attended and wore their club shirts – Paddy Taylor, Sophie Ramsay, Robyn Thorne, Terry Silk, Richard Johns, Sue Walsh, Greg Endicott and visitor, Stephen Mitchell. Liz.

### **MOVIE NIGHT TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER SOCIAL**

Ten of us gathered at our favourite cheapest cinema in Brisbane, the Balmoral in Bulimba. Six of us managed to have a meal at the Coffee Club before the movie. (I left my run a little late and I arrived as most of the group were leaving.) Once again nine of us were in the beautifully refurbished Cinema one whilst Amanda, who had seen "Murder on the Orient Express" on Monday night with her work colleagues, went to see "Loving Vincent" in Cinema number six.

"Murder on the Orient Express", with an all-star cast was very well done. Kenneth Branagh who played Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot also directed and produced the movie.

Sadly, once again, nobody wanted to stay for a coffee and debrief after the movie. Thank you to those who joined me, John Hood, Andrea Turner, Richard and Michele Johns, Russell

and Louise Jones, Greg and Michele Endicott and Elizabeth Richards. This time the north sides outnumbered the south sides seven to three. Keep an eye on your e-mails for notification of our next movie night. Terry.

### **MUSICAL – FAME WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER SOCIAL**

Seven of us (one was a ring in from Greg's stroll) met at the Norman Hotel for a lovely meal and conversation. It was then a short walk across to the Burke Street Studio. All together there were sixteen (16) of us which was the largest number we've had for a musical here.

Everybody enjoyed the night, some more than others but everyone agreed that it's a worthwhile experience. We will have to see what's on here next year.

The sixteen musical buffs were Karen & Michael, Greg & Michele, Mike & Cath, Russ & Jan, Rusty & Louise, John & Gwen, Phil & Sue, Liz and Helen.

### **BITTER SUITE BAR FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

The Bitter Suite Bar is a great little bar in the suburbs of New Farm. Phil had booked us an outside table and with the weather behaving you would go a long way to find a better spot. The bar has a large selection of craft beers as well as traditional lagers which suited everyone. The meals were reasonable and the company delightful. The venue is well worth another visit.

Thanks to the eleven who came along, Graham, Liz, Karen & Michael, Russ & Jan, John, Phil, Kylie, Peggy and Anne.

### **BOOLOUMBA FALLS SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER DAY WALK**

Threatening rain and possible showers weren't enough to deter 14 keen bushwalkers from making the long trip to Conondale National Park. After regrouping at the small township of Conondale, we then travelled the extra 30km into Booloumba Creek Road where we met Heike. We left Richard's and Heike's car at the day use area and 6 of us were able to fit into Steven's car and travel up to the start of the walk.

We started walking just before 10am and quickly made the short distance to Booloumba falls for morning tea, a delightful spot beside a tempting rock pool – no one went swimming. We then walked to a viewing platform where many a photo was taken of the breadknife, one of the many scenic attractions in the area. A group photo was taken with the breadknife in the background.

After re-joining the main track and regrouping, we followed an undulating track down to Booloumba creek. Considering the amount of rain recently, the track was very dry. The white Christmas Orchid was known where to be seen but there was the occasional native violet. Quite a few goannas were also spotted.

We arrived at Artists Cascades in time for lunch and soon had ourselves spread out on the rocks enjoying the break. So far, not a drop of rain had fallen, the clouds were thinning and the sun was starting to provide some heat. It looked like we would stay dry after all.

Lunch out of the way, we once again started walking towards our next stop, the Strangler Cairn. Just as the last of the group arrived so did the rain. The fig at the top doesn't look like it is doing very well. It was a hurried group that left the cairn and headed for the lower car park. No one wanted to deviate past the old gold mine. By the time we got back to the car park, the rain had stopped.

To finish the day, a relaxed and jovial group sat around a picnic table and shared sweet treats and hot drinks. Meanwhile, the drivers went back to the to retrieve the vehicles.

Thanks to all who attended, Rosie O'Brien, Maria Kerruish, Paddy Taylor, Tom Houlihan, Sherryn Minetti, Heike Krausse, Richard Johns, Russell and Louise Jones and visitors Anita Muecke, Maria Purdie, Steven Mitchell and Dominic Savio. Michele.

### **BROKEN HEAD TO BYRON BAY THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER DAY WALK**

- Weather:** A grey cloudy misty day.  
**Temperature:** 27°.  
**Wind:** 19 kph from NE onshore breeze.  
**Weather:** An overcast cloudy sky with rain threatening all day.  
**Distance:** Approximately 17kms.  
**Attendance:** 3 – Phil Murray, Paddy Taylor and Joe Tottenham.

This trip nearly didn't go out because of the weather. The day before parts of Brisbane received over 100 mm of rain and the forecast for Byron bay was showers and about 20 mm of rain. After a bit of discussion we decided to go but only because no one wanted to be the first one to pull out.

We are lucky we went as it was a very nice trip with basically no rain on the walk. (we did have a 10 minute shower of rain but this was when we under cover for morning tea.

On the drive down to Byron Bay we encountered torrential rain near Burringbar but thankfully it cleared when we reached Byron Bay. We left our car in Middleton street then walked back to Jonson street to catch the local bus (Blanch's Bus Lines Rout 637 10.10 am service) down to the Caravan Park at Suffolk Park.

We started walking at 9.31 and finished walking at 4.34. The weather was a bit dodgy all day as it was a grey overcast sky that constantly threatened to rain on us but thankfully the only rain we got on the actual walk was at morning tea when we cover in a picnic shelter at Broken Head.

From Suffolk Park rather than head north we headed south for about 1 km down the beach and then out to the point at Broken Head. Even under overcast skies it is still a beautiful location and has very impressive views.

I love the views from the headland at Broken Head as the area is so wild and rugged.



**Joe & Paddy at Broken Head Heading South to the Lookout to King's Beach**

We then retraced our steps a bit back to Suffolk Park and headed to Cape Byron along the beach (called Broken Head Beach at the southern end and Tallows Beach at the northern end near Cape Byron.).

We traversed the full length of the beach (approximately 7.5 km) in under 2 hours and

had our second morning tea on the rocks at the end of the beach.

Rather than go straight up the ridge to the lighthouse we backtracked about 600 metres down the beach to the carpark and across to Lighthouse Road and took the designated track (near the end of Lee lane). This added about 2 km to the length of the walk.

There is a bit of a hill to climb to get up and over Cape Byron. A bit harder than expected as the ridge going up to the lighthouse was steep and a bit tough after walking 10 km along the beach. We took a few rest breaks coming up the ridgeline as it so hot and humid. We finally reached the summit and had a short lunch break at the coffee shop just below the Lighthouse.



There was a lovely vantage point at the coffee shop and it provided spectacular views of the coast and ranges and the many rainclouds surging over the Bay.

We then zoomed down the track to Little Wategos Beach as the weather looked extremely threatening. We traversed around the rocks to Wategos Beach. Then up the track to get to headland called The Pass. The beach just to the south of The Pass has been very

badly eroded and was basically just a rocky foreshore for about 300 metres.

As an aside it was clear that many 'schoolies' from NSW had descended on Byron Bay and it was noticeable that many youngsters were out and about to have a good time.

We were basically worn out by the time we got back to car at 4.34. As we drove up the highway near Brunswick Heads the rain bucketed down for about 40 minutes and we truly blessed not to have rain like that on the walk. Phil.

## **60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS TIBROGARGAN SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER SOCIAL**

A very successful day with 45 members, past & present, attending. Of the 45, 39 walked one or more of the three walks planned for the day. And the weather played its part as well, dry and not too hot although it was very muggy. I would like to thank all those who were involved in making the day a great success. In particular Liz and Kylie for coming with me to look over the tracks and the venue for the barbeque. Also thanks to Michele E for organising the barbeque, all the drivers who ferried people to/from the walks and the barbeque. The next event is Phil's Toolona Creek Track in late January before the main celebration at St Williams on 10 March. Michael.

## **TRACHYTE AND TIBROGARGAN CIRCUITS SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER DAY WALK**

These two circuit walks were part of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Club Celebrations. Mt Tibrogargan was the first walk done by the group who, later, officially formed the Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club.

The Trachyte Circuit was a pretty, six-kilometre walk along a well-defined and well signed track. We enjoyed reading the interpretive signs along the track as they provided details of the area's special features. We had a morning tea break at the Jack Ferris lookout, on Trachyte Ridge, where we enjoyed good views of the surrounding peaks in spite of the hot and humid weather and the threat of rain. During our break we also discussed the landforms, the



land use and the traditional Aboriginal Legend of the area.

Crossing Tibrogargan Creek proved more of a challenge than was expected due to the recent rain. Thanks to John B and Pat who got us all safely across, with only a few wet feet.

Another treat was passing Terry, John C and Therese on the track. Larry and Jan found themselves unable to resist the chance to catch up with these three friends and turned around and walked back with them. The remaining twenty walkers completed the circuit and thirteen continued on to the Tibrogargan Circuit. The Tibrogargan Circuit one was an easy 3.3 kilometre walk around the base of Mt Tibrogargan and was also along a well-defined and well signed track. The landscape varied as the track made its way through casuarina groves, open eucalypt and melaleuca forests and we savored some great views of Mount Tibrogargan.

Michael also led a group around the Tibrogargan Circuit earlier in the day. Some on that walk were original and early members of the Club. It was wonderful to have them walking with us again.

Eventually all walks led to the nearby Matthew Flinders Park for a lovely reunion of old and new walking friends. Those who walked were:

**Trachyte Circuit:** Graham Glasse, Andrea Turner, Paddy Taylor, Greg Endicott, John Blumke, Melissa Blumke, Julieanne Williamson, John Hood, Liz Little, Kylie Moore, Sofia Ramsay, Russel Woodford, Pat Lawton, Mary Hood, Tom Hoolihan, Don Keating, Robyn Pugh, Sue Walsh, Jonas Bernotas, Robyn Thorn, Terry Silk, John Carter and Therese Little.

**Part of Trachyte Circuit:** Larry Corkran, Jan Corkran.

**Tibrogargan Circuit:** Graham Glasse, Paddy Taylor, John Blumke, Melissa Blumke, Julieanne Williamson, John Hood, Liz Little, Kylie Moore, Sofia Ramsay, Russel Woodford, Mary Hood, Sue Walsh, Robyn Thorn, Terry Silk, Peter Gleeson, John Carter, Therese Little, Richard Johns, Sherryn Minetti, Michael Simpson, Barry Crawford, Julie Philippi, Maureen Diamond, Dianne Robertson, Marian Arthur, David and Marnie Niland.

**Part of Tibrogargan Circuit:** Mary Rogers and Margaret Moss.

**The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration BBQ at Matthew Flinders Park on Saturday 2 December**



## **ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION**

**MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

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

This is the fourteenth time we have had this photo competition. One of the main reasons for the photographic competition is to find a "cover photograph" for the Annual Report. The other reason for having a photograph competition is to encourage members to bring their photographs out and to share them with other members.

Our goal as a club is to encourage the love of the bush and bushwalking. I trust the photographs will display the spirit of the Club and the beauty of nature and why we go bushwalking. The best overall photograph will go on the front cover of the Annual Report.

The categories of the competition are –

1. Landscape - this includes all the landscapes, waterscapes, mountains,
2. Moods of nature - sunrises, sunsets, storm and rain or misty days,
3. Nature Close up - plants, animals, birds, rocks, leaf litter etc.,
4. People and faces - portraiture & club character,
5. Miscellaneous - any photos that do not fit into any other category,
6. Best overall - awarded to the print deemed to be best overall by the invited judge,
7. People's choice - the best photo selected by the members.

The Competition Rules

- entry is open to club members only,
- the photographs must be submitted in two formats,
- printed on paper and displayed at the December meeting and
- delivered electronically to [michaelesimpson@optusnet.com.au](mailto:michaelesimpson@optusnet.com.au) by sunrise on 18 December,
- size - photograph must be able to fit on the front cover of the Annual Report (paper size A5). It may be submitted in a size up to A4 so long as the photograph can be reduced to a size suitable for publication,
- each person may enter 4 photographs per category,
- each photograph must be titled and have the owner's name and date,
- the photographs must be from a BCBC trip (Name of trip and date to be supplied),
- photographs can be entered on the night but no later than 7.40pm,
- there is no entry fee,
- there will be an overall winning photograph,
- the winning photograph will go on the front cover of the next annual report,
- the ownership of each photograph will remain that of the photographer but BCBC has permission to publish the photograph in any of its publications, print or electronic.

The winners of the photo competition last year were as follows

CATEGORY PHOTOGRAPHER PHOTO

1. Landscape – The Breadknife, Warrumbungle National Park – Michele Johns.
2. Moods of Nature – On the beach north of Coolangatta – Liz Little.
3. Nature Close-up – Coloured Sands – Paddy Taylor.
4. People and Faces – Kalangadoo – Louise Jones.
5. Miscellaneous – Blinkie Bill on the Beach – Liz Little.
6. Best Overall - Kalangadoo – Louise Jones.
7. People's Choice - Crater Bluff, Warrumbungle National Park – Michele Johns.

The previous major winners are as follows

	<b>Year</b>	<b>Best Overall</b>	<b>Photographer</b>	<b>People's Choice</b>	<b>Photographer</b>
1	2004	The Creek Crossing	Ian Renton	Pat's Bluff	Phil Murray
2	2005	Mt Barney	Patricia Mackie	Karawatha Pool	Robyn Jones
3	2006	Mt Lindsay	Marie Ricketts	Mt Kaputar	Michele Johns
4	2007	Archbishop at Barney Mass	Patricia Lawton	Mt Lindsay with morning cloud	Phil Murray
5	2008	Bushwalker on the Razorback (Pages Pinnacle)	Richard Johns	The Club Founders – 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass- Willie Hayes and Raoul Mellish	Phil Murray
6	2009	Bushwalker on the Glasshouse Mountains	Paddy Taylor	Early Morning	Patricia Lawton
7	2010	Barney Mass at Larkins for 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Barney Mass	Phil Murray	The Main Range Escarpment	Paul Evans
8	2011	Pandanus tree on Stradbroke Island	Andrea Turner	Tranquil Morning at Tooloom Falls	Maree Hutchinson
9	2012	Group on summit of Mt Barney for Barney Mass with Mt Lindsay in background	Phil Murray	Forest Path (in Cradle Mountain) blessed by rare moment of sunlight	Maree Hutchinson
10	2013	Roper's Hut (near Falls Creek, Vic)	Jan Nelson	The Rainbow	Patricia Lawton
11	2014	Mts Lindsay & Ernest from Mt Maroon	Paddy Taylor	Mt Lindsay	Liz Little
12	2015	White's Beach (Broken Bay, northern NSW)	Paddy Taylor	Clinton River – Milford Sound Track	Michele Johns
13	2016	Kalangadoo	Louise Jones	Crater Bluff, Warrumbungle NP	Michele Johns



## **HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES**

### **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.

All visitors must sign an Assumption of Risk form for insurance purposes.

**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 car park.

**VISITORS** are always welcome.

**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: \$20; Associate Members: \$16; Spouse Members - Ordinary: \$20;  
Spouse Members – Associate: \$16; Country: \$20.

Fees cover the period 1st January to 31st December, and renewals are due and payable by end of February each year. There is an additional \$25 cost for Ordinary and Associate Members who elect to receive a printed Jilalan with the exception of Life & Honorary Members. 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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As a result of problems experienced by emergency call-takers and emergency services, in late 2013 TZAWG launched a free smartphone app: Emergency\*. TZAWG identified that more than 66% of incoming emergency calls were now made from mobile phones; however, mobile callers often do not know exactly where they are, meaning call-processing times are longer and call-takers are then unavailable to take the next incoming emergency call.

Determining caller location is the most critical piece of information emergency call-takers need when a call comes in. If callers don't know where they are, emergency services can't send help.

Emergency+ uses the existing GPS functionality of smartphones to enable callers to provide emergency call-takers with their location information as determined by their smartphone. When activated, the built in accessibility features of a smartphone will describe aloud what appears on-screen, so a caller can use the app without seeing it.

The Emergency+ app is available for free download in Apple iOS, Android and Windows phone versions, and has already saved lives by ensuring emergency services arrive on-scene as quickly as possible to assist someone in need. One group for which Emergency+ has obvious benefits is bushwalkers, and TZAWG has numerous examples where lost or injured bushwalkers have used the app to pinpoint their location for emergency services.

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