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Date	Event	Leader	Phone	Type	Grade
15	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
19	JTS – The Riverbar	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
20	Christmas Party	Jan	3374 3534	Soc	
26	Boxing Day – Northbrook Gorge	Russ	3374 3534	DW	S44
28/4	Western Arthurs	Michael	0409 620714	TW	XL88
Jan 3	Mt Mitchell Sunset Walk	Russ	3374 3534	DW	M22
10	Denman Falls to Killarney Glen	Ivan	0405 487312	DW	M45
16	JTS – Story Bridge Hotel	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
17	Gold Coast Tram & Beach Walk	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M12
19	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
25	Toolona Circuit	Phil	5522 9702	DW	L34
28	Coffee Night – Gaythorne RSL	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
31	Bare Rock	Trevor	3269 4795	DW	M33
Feb 7	Illinbah Circuit from the Bottom	Greg	3351 4092	DW	L34
15	Orleigh Park to Teneriffe	Gerry	0404 947960	DW	M11
16	BCBC Meeting – AGM	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
19	BWQ Meeting	Michael	0409 620714	Meet	
20	JTS – Port Office Hotel	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
21	Annual Mass and Dinner	Greg	3351 4092	Rel	
25	Coffee Night	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
28	Mt Mathieson & Mt Alphen	John	5514 0285	DW	
Mar 1	Clean-up Australia Day			DW	
7	Wave Break Island	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M12
14/15	Club Hut Feast	Greg	3351 4092	ON	S43
15	Club Hut Walk	Michele	3353 2822	DW	S43
16	BCBC Meeting			Meet	
20	JTS – The Criterion Hotel	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
22	Obi Obi Lilo Trip	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M66
25	Coffee Night	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
28	Flinders Peak	Trevor	3269 4795	DW	
Apr 3/6	Bunya Mountains			BC	
4	Boggo Road to City	Gerry	0404 947960	DW	
6	Easter Monday Walk	Pat	3366 1956	DW	
9	Mt Superbus & Lincoln Wreck	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M66
15	West Canungra Creek	Phil	5522 9702	DW	
17	Banff Film Festival	Phil	5522 9702	DW	
17	JTS – Powerhouse Alt Bar	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
18	Mt Eerwah and Mt Allan	Justin	3366 3193	DW	
20	BCBC Meeting			Meet	
22	Coffee Night	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
26	Rocky Creek Falls	Greg	3351 4092	DW	
May 1/4	Black Snake Ridge – Running Creek	Michael	0409 620714	TW	
2	Mt Mitchell Circuit	Trevor	3269 4795	DW	
9	South Stradbroke Island	Justin	3366 3193	DW	
15	JTS – Irish Club	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
17	Kate Quinlan Society	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
18	BCBC Meeting			Meet	
27	Coffee Night	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
30	Seven Hills at Seven Hills Saunter	Maxine	3409 4001	DW	
Jun 4/8	Fraser Island	Michael	0409 620714	TW	
5/8	Fraser Island			BC	
13	Mt Ernest Traverse	Michael	3398 1405	DW	
15	BCBC Meeting			Meet	
19	JTS – Archive Bar	Phil	5522 9702	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

DW	Day Walk	½ DW	Half Day Walk
ON	Over Nighter	BC	Base Camp
TW	Through Walk	CW	City Walk
TRN	Training	S&T	Safety & Training
FMR	Federation Mountain Rescue	SOC/SW	Social/Social Walk

KEY – Walk Gradings

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

We are sent in the name of God who calls us to walk this land refreshed with justice and peace.

We are sent with the teachings of Jesus, to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly on the earth.

We are sent to live in the spirit so that our lives will be a blessing of liberation for all people and all creation.

(Source: St Mary's, South Brisbane, Mass Sheet)



COMING EVENTS

TRIPS leave from St Brigid's car park at 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, cancel it – please tell the Outings Secretary Michael Simpson Ph: 0409 620714.

**FRIDAY 16th JANUARY
STORY BRIDGE HOTEL
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

Leader: Phil Murray 0416 650160.
Address: 200 Main Street,
Kangaroo Point.
Time: From 4pm till 9ish.
What For: A chat and a beer and a meal.
Emerg Off: Phil Murray 0413 307580.
Web: <http://www.storybridgehotel.com.au/>

Come along and enjoy our traditional gathering at the Story Bridge Hotel. We gather in the area called the Outback Bar and Grill.

This pub is one of our favourites. But there is a push from the JTS regulars to see different locales around town and we will spread our travels further in the future but not before we say goodbye to the Story Bridge Hotel.

So come along for a great night for a drink of water or wine or a beer and a meal.

**SATURDAY 17th JANUARY
GOLD COAST TRAM & BEACH WALK
DAY WALK**

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702 or 0416 650160.

OPTION 1:
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.30am.
Cost: \$15 (car pool), \$2 (private)
plus Tram fares.

OPTION 2:
Meet at: Roma Street Railway Station.
Time: 7.15am.
Cost: \$2 + Train and Tram fares.
Grading: M12.
Location: Gold Coast.
Distance: Approximately 12kms.
Emerg Off: Sue Murray 5522 9702.

The train option (option 2) was Russ's idea and could be a free option if you have already done 9 trips on your GoCard. Russ Nelson (0427 743534) is the coordinator for this option.

- 7.32am Depart Roma Street on the Gold Coast train,
- 8.37am Arrive at Helensvale Railway Station and walk to the bus station – stop D,
- 8.42am Depart Helensvale Bus Station, Stop D, on bus route 709,
- 9.05am Arrive at Gold Coast University Hospital Station,

- The return trip is the reverse, departing the Gold Coast at 3.52pm or 30 minutes later. You will arrive at Roma Street at 5.37pm.

The "concept" for this trip has grown like topsy. Now it will be a Train, Bus, Tram and Monorail trip and for the bushwalking purist there may be actually some walking but only a little bit. Then a Tram, Bus and Train to get home.

The plan is to either drive to the University or catch the train from Roma Street, a bus from Helensvale, a tram from the University down to Broadbeach South. Then we will walk about 500m, yes there is some walking, up to Jupiters Casino to catch the Monorail. The Monorail is back in service after being out of action for a year. It is now over 25 years old and may be pensioned off soon. So we will take the opportunity to ride it while it is still operating.

From the Oasis at Broadbeach we will walk up to Kurrawa Surf Club. Have morning tea around here. Then we will walk up to the Southport Spit (about 8 km), then zip across to the Marina Mirage have a quick look around then head back to the Broadwater and find a shady spot to have a late lunch. Then we will walk across to catch the Tram at Main Beach station back to the Gold Coast University Hospital. Fare on GoCard is \$2.68.

We will probably stop for a coffee or milkshake at the café at the University Hospital called the "Express Bug" before we head home.

If the weather is yucky and rainy I still intend doing the trip and walk along the beach and not along the parklands as previously advised. Bring an umbrella just in case.

This could be a very popular trip so members will get priority. Bring your lunch, a hat, sunnies and sun screen and your swimmers and towel. (Low tide is at 12.40 pm). Also bring your GoCard and your mobile phone as I have a suspicion we may get spread out like Brown's cows.

**MONDAY 19th JANUARY
MONTHLY MEETING**

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.

SUNDAY 25th JANUARY TOOLONA CREEK CIRCUIT DAY WALK

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.00am.
Cost: \$20 (car pool, \$2 (private)).
Grading: L34.
Location: O'Reilly's Section of Lamington.
Emerg Off: Sue Murray 5522 9702.

A lovely rainforest walk on the Australia day weekend. An 18.5km walk but is entirely graded track. There are a few creek crossings but usually they not are not too difficult.

The walk is to commemorate the Club's first ever official walk which was held on Saturday 25th January 1958 up at O'Reilly's.

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

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

WEDNESDAY 28th JANUARY NEW YEAR GET TOGETHER SOCIAL FOR ST VINNIES

Leader: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.
Meet at: Foyer of Gaythorne RSL.
Time: 6.30pm or come straight after work.
Cost: Depends on your order - approx \$12 to \$25 for a main course.
Location: 534 Samford Road, Mitchelton, near the corner of Heliopolis Parade.
Parking: at the rear off Tel-El-Kebir St.
Transport: Bus Stop outside. Mitchelton Train Station within walking distance. Free courtesy bus covers wide area – see their web.

Web: <http://gaythornersl.com.au/club/>

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 when you like, leave when you like. Stay as long as you want. Come along to have a meal with friends, talk, show photos of Christmas, and have a good time.

SATURDAY 31st JANUARY BARE ROCK DAY WALK

Leader: Trevor Kelly 3269 4795.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.00am.
Cost: \$20.00 (car pool, \$2 (private)).
Grading: M33.
Location: Cunningham's Gap.
Emerg Off: Carol Kelly 0413 018469.

The Bare Rock walk starts at Cunningham's gap and is part of the main range. This summer walk provides an opportunity for walkers to enjoy a walk mainly under the rainforest canopy. It is a graded track walk with gentle inclines. As we walk through the rainforest, we will see all the hard work which National Parks have put in following the horrendous land slips in the area. Care needs to be taken in these areas. We will stop and have Smoko probably around the other side of Mt Cordeaux where there are good views of the Main Range. There is also an old gold mine which is well worth taking a look. After Smoko we will head along the ridge going west towards Bare Rock. This section is quiet open, so be sure to have a hat, sunscreen and at least two litres of water. We will stop for lunch at Bare Rock where we are afforded fantastic views of the Main Range. One the way back we can stop and at Mt. Cordeaux lookout then it is back along the graded track system to the cars.

We will stop for a well-earned coffee break at Aratula then back to Brisbane.

Hope you can join me on an easy summer walk.

**SATURDAY 7th FEBRUARY
ILLINBAH CIRCUIT FROM THE
BOTTOM
DAY WALK**

Leader: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.30am.
Cost: \$20 (car pool, \$2 (private)).
Grading: L34.
Location: Downstream from Binna
Burra's.

Web:<http://www.binnaburrallodge.com.au/Binna-Burra/Exploring-Binna-Burra/Walking-at-Binna-Burra/Lamington-National-Park>
UTube:http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fOh7j_kAs6Y – video is from 2009 and ignore the music

Map:www.npsr.qld.gov.au/parks/.../pdf/lamington-binna-burra-map.pdf

Google Earth: 28 10 45 S, 153 10 21 E

Emerg Off: Michele 3351 4092 or Greg 0418 122995.

This is a lovely day walk for that hot summer's day. You will be going through delightfully cool rainforest & along a mountain creek. What more would you want? (Answer – a rock pool at lunch time for a swim.) And there is a rock pool at lunchtime for a swimmmmm.

If you read the notes in the brochures, the circuit starts at Binna Burra. Not for me – I do things differently. You will start in the middle, walk anti-clockwise and finish in the middle. All for the same price. The walk is approaching 20km.

We start downstream, and follow the old brush trail beside the creek (actually the Coomera River) upstream, following either bank through the rainforest, and crossing it numerous times (approx 12). Some of the crossing points may be interesting as floods tend to move the crossing points! It is a bush track all the way up (and not a "graded track"). Depending on the rain the Border Ranges has been getting, you may cross dry shod, get your feet wet, or get your knees wet (Everyone will have wet shoes by the end of the day – there will be no stopping to take shoes off). We all have been praying for rain, haven't we? There are the occasional tree roots to get over, some minor uphill bits, places where the bank is a bit high at the creek, and lovely piccabeen groves.

The pool, Gwongoorool, is in a gorge deep in the valley. After lunch, you will climb THE steps

to the track junction (to me it feels like 1000 of them), which takes you near to the Binna Burra Road & National Parks hut. This is not a steep climb, the steps just go on & on, but is daunting after all the walking, and is straight after lunch. Near the top, there is a turnoff that takes us back along Top Illinbah Track to our commencement point. It is generally wide and in good condition. This is a remade track - a few bridges across gullies. You will gradually wind downhill, along the side of the valley.

There is nothing too technical – after all, you will be on bush tracks all day. It is a long day – expect to get out near twilight. My daughter Lucy did this as a 12 year old primary school kid.

A good trip for that "after Christmas" mood. We will be having a toilet stop only on the way down – no coffee, but a goodie stop at Canungra on the way home.

**SUNDAY 15th FEBRUARY
ORLEIGH PARK TO TENERIFFE
DAY WALK**

Leader: Gerry Burges 0404 947960.
Meet at: Orleigh Park,
Orleigh Street West End.
(Outside the West End Ferry Terminal).

Time: 8.00am.

Cost: \$2 + GoCard Fares.

Grading: M11.

Location: Brisbane City along the river.

Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

We will meet at Orleigh Park at 8:00am and the walk will commence soon afterwards. We will follow the walkway along the river until we get to the back entry to the Parmalat Factory where we will turn to get onto the Go Between bridge. Once we get to Corro drive we go under the road to get to the other side which will give us access to the Grey Street Bridge. As we cross the Grey Street Bridge there are steps down to a park where we will take us to the Kurilpa Bridge. We then walk along North Quay until we get to Adelaide Street where we cross the road to walk up to the Victoria Bridge. Once we are over the Victoria Bridge we take the ramp down onto the Clem Jones promenade. We will stop for morning tea at Southbank.

After morning tea we will continue to walk along the promenade until we get to the Goodwill Bridge. I want to stop for a coffee on this bridge. Once we get over the bridge we take a track

down to the riverside walkway, which will take us to Teneriffe. You will then have the option to go to one of the cafes to have your lunch or eat your own. The River Boat or 199 Bus will take us back to our cars. Don't forget your GoCard.

MONDAY 16th FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING & AGM

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>

We need a quorum for the AGM to be held. A quorum is 15 members – so come along and help make up the quorum and ensure that the AGM can proceed.

The business conducted will include:

- Receive the Committee's Report,
- Receive the Statement of Income & Expenditure, Assets & Liabilities, for the year 2014;
- Receive the Auditor's Report;
- Election of Committee for 2015;
- The appointment of the 2015 Auditor;
- Voting of Honorary Members;

All persons are welcome to attend – Do NOT be put off – you are getting two (2) meetings for the price of one.

Members should attend to carry out their democratic right of questioning, in a civilised and polite manner, the outgoing committee about the running of the Club during 2014, and to vote in the new committee. It works better if we have more than the usual number of members present.

As soon as the AGM is completed, the normal February Monthly Meeting will commence under the command of the new committee.

Visitors will find it a bit slow, but will see the Club in operation. Also, the regular monthly meeting is on afterwards, so Visitors can ask leaders about their coming trips.



FRIDAY 20th FEBRUARY PORT OFFICE HOTEL JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

Leader: Phil Murray 0416 650160.

Address: 40 Edward Street.

Time: From 4pm till 9ish.

What For: A chat and a beer and a meal.

Emerg Off: Phil Murray 0413 307580.

Web: <http://portofficehotel.com.au/>

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

We have only visited this venue once before But it was years and years ago in 2006 so it is time to come back.

This pub is one of Brisbane's iconic venues down by the Botanical gardens and has lovely street side dining.

So come along for a great night for a drink of water or wine or a beer and a meal.

SATURDAY 21st FEBRUARY ANNUAL MASS AND DINNER SOCIAL

Leader: Liz Little 3356 4874 or lizlittle@bigpond.com.

Address: Mass: St Carthage's Church, 115 Beaconsfield Terrace, Gordon Park.

Dinner: Stafford Tavern, 51 Webster Rd, Stafford.

Time: 5.00pm.

Cost: Mass is free. Pay individually for dinner and drinks.

It is important to nominate for the meal as our numbers are so large now that the Stafford Tavern requires definite numbers to confirm our booking.

The Annual Mass and Dinner is always a pleasant evening in which we give thanks for the past year of bushwalking and acknowledge the beginning of a new one. Father Frank O'Dea (Barney Mass 1980) will concelebrate with Russ. We follow the Mass with a satisfying and companionable dinner.

Please contact Liz if you can help with readings or processions at the Mass.



**SATURDAY 7th MARCH
WAVE BREAK ISLAND
DAY WALK**

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702 or
0416 650160.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.30am.
Cost: \$15 (car pool, \$2 (private)
+ Water Taxi fares (about \$5).
Grading: M12.
Location: Gold Coast.
Distance: Approximately 12kms.
Emerg Off: Sue Murray 5522 9702.

I have heard that many people don't know where Wave Break Island is. It is the man-made Island in the Southport Broadwater opposite the Southport Seaway. Its name alludes to its primary function to stop the ocean waves from eroding the shoreline at Labrador and Southport.

The purpose of this trip is to do a loop around the southern end of the Southport Breakwater and to visit Wave Break Island. The future of Wave Break Island is very clouded. There has been a strong push, by influential political forces, for a Cruise Ship terminal to be constructed on the Gold Coast and Wave Break Island is one of the preferred venues.

So as this island may be out of bounds soon I thought we should take the opportunity to visit it before it meets its demise under the name of 'progress'.

This walk is a favourite of the Gold Coast Bushwalking Club. I have done it with them twice before.

The planned route is to start at the Grand Hotel at Labrador and walk along the shoreline of the Southport Broadwater.

We will walk past the new Gold Coast Aquatic Centre where the Commonwealth Games will be held in 2018. We have a mini-break at the revamped Southport Pier where the used to be a Cinema Complex in days gone by. We head over the Southport Bridge and up towards the Marina Mirage where we have another mini break to allow times to have a coffee at McDonald's and to look at all the trendy shops. We then walk across the over bridge and walk down to the beach. It is then a 4 km walk up to the Southport Spit. We will walk to the end of the breakwater and enjoy the view of the boats coming and going.

Then we head along the shoreline for about 2 km to a beach on the Broadwater where the water taxi will collect us for the trip across to Wave Break Island and drop us off on the eastern side.

We will have late lunch here and enjoy a quick swim before we explore the island a bit more. Then we will be picked up on the western side by the water taxi again and be taken back to the Grand Hotel at Labrador.

So come along for an interesting walk on the Gold Coast.

**ADVANCED NOTICE
SATURDAY 22nd MARCH
OBI OBI LILO TRIP
DAY WALK**

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702.
Grade: M66.
Distance: Approximately 12kms.

The Obi Obi trip is a lilo trip where we float down a rainforest stream. Obi Obi is located in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland near Montville. The walk starts near Baroon Pocket Dam and finishes at the bridge on the Mapleton to Kenilworth Road.

There are about 20 pools of water that are often joined by rapids that we can float down. But sometimes we need to walk around the rapids. One of the highlights of the trip is the paddle trough the Narrows as the 50 metre high gorge walls tower above you.

For those who are new to bushwalking a lilo is a canvas airbed and a lilo trip is similar to canoe trip but on a lilo airbed. And the Obi Obi lilo trip is the best lilo trip around. It is a real buzz floating down a rainforest creek on lilos.

It is a real asset if you can swim as the prospects of coming off are high. As we are in moving water there is of course a potential for things to go wrong (including drowning) so you have to bring your water smarts along and be brave but respectful of the power of nature.

Please contact me to get further details about what food to bring and what clothes to wear.

**ADVANCED NOTICE
THURSDAY 11th APRIL
MT SUPERBUS & LINCOLN WRECK
DAY WALK**

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702.
Grade: M66.

Distance: Approximately 14kms.

This walk to the Lincoln Wreck is to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the wreck of the Lincoln Bomber on Mt Superbus.

This walk will be from Teviott Gap. It is a bit steep in places up a very vague old 'track'. It is a very long day but very rewarding.

The walk is on a Thursday as that is the day of the anniversary. It is during the school holidays so hopefully there are a few people free for this walk.

We last did this walk as a day walk back in 2005 for the 50th Anniversary but we did it from the Emu Creek side.

**EXTREMELY ADVANCED NOTICE
30th OCTOBER TO 3rd NOVEMBER
FRIDAY TO TUESDAY
VICTORIAN ALPS – THE GRAMPAINS
BASE CAMP**

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702.

The proposed trip for the Cup Weekend Walk in 2015 is the Grampians in western Victoria. Our Victorian colleagues insisted that we come to the Grampians, so we are.

The proposed leader will be Peter Matheson. The Grampians are near the town of Stawell which is 235kms west-north-west of Melbourne. The Grampians are a series of rugged sandstone mountain ranges that rise abruptly from the surrounding Western Plains. The area is rich in wildlife and wildflowers.

It will be a base camp with a 3 or 4 days of walks. Some are short and we can do 2 or 3 short walks on some days and there are 3 longer ones. We fly down early Friday and fly back late on Tuesday (about 7 pm).

So come along and see a part of Australia you are unlikely to see.

For the cognoscenti I am aware that the Grampians aren't actually in the Victorian Alps. But we do our Vic Alps walk this weekend every year hence the name stuck.

**EXTREMELY ADVANCED NOTICE
28th TO 29th NOVEMBER 2015
SATURDAY TO SUNDAY
KIAMA COASTAL WALK
BASE CAMP**

Leader: Phil Murray 0416 650160.

This is a proposed trip to the south coast of New South Wales. The plan is to walk the Kiama Coastal walk on the Saturday and the Sunday.

Why the very early notice? Because the airlines usually have extremely cheap airfares on sale this time of the year. The train fares are about \$22 each way.

I will have to limit the numbers at 12 people otherwise it gets too disorganized. Also it will be a club members only trip. Nominate soon to reserve a spot.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Committee is looking at how the Club might have an official presence on "social media". Facebook is clearly popular amongst some members as evidenced by the exchange of photographs that occurs immediately after a walk, sometimes in less than 24 hours after a walk ends. There are other "social media" platforms other than Facebook. If you have ideas about how the Club should proceed, please let me know as your ideas will be most welcome.

As the calendar has moved onto 2015, committee members are busy writing their contribution to the 2015 Annual Report. In February we have our Annual General Meeting where we decide who occupies which position on our Committee. Our constitution indicates that all positions are declared vacant, nominations are called and elections held, if required. Taking on a role in our Committee is a matter all should consider and each member should, over the life of their membership, nominate for at least one position on their committee. A periodic rotation of those who serve on the Committee is healthy and helps to ensure the Club remains relevant to the membership. Please consider nominating.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 17/11/14	\$3780.22
Plus Receipts	\$379.27
	\$4159.49
Less Payments	\$181.98
Balance 15/12/14	\$3977.51
Term Deposit	\$2722.34

Happy New Year!! Being the beginning of another year, it is time to renew your membership. Ordinary Membership is \$40.00, Associate is \$30.00, Spouse is \$10.00, Country

is \$30.00 and there is now a \$10.00 discount for those who wish to only receive an electronic magazine. You must complete and sign the enclosed Membership Renewal Form. If you wish to pay your money electronically, our BSB is 514179 and the account number is 1567184 making sure that you reference your name so that I can identify who the money is from. You will still need to send in your renewal form. It is almost eleven years since we did a club t-shirt. An email will be shortly heading your way so could you please indicate by return email what size you would require if interested in purchasing a new shirt. I expect that the price will be between twenty and thirty dollars and the material similar to that of the fiftieth t-shirts. Terry.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Michael Brophy, Peter Constable, Michael Dowd, Jack Desmond, Maria Galvin, Tracey Laing, Ray Rowe and Peggy Roe are celebrating their birthdays in January.

Welcome back to Peter Constable, Kerriane Pearce and the Woods who have all been in Tassie walking the Overland. Also Paul Evans has recently returned from a week in Tassie.

RAMBLINGS FROM THE OUTINGS SECRETARY

Leaders Needed:

- 1 March** – Cleanup Australia Day
- 3/6 April** – Easter Trip to Bunya Mountains
- 5/8 June** – Fraser Island Base Camp
- 20 June** – Sunset on Mt Warning
- 27 June** – Toombul to Sandgate

Outings Programme

Leaders for next year have been flowing in. There are now only 16 walks out of 58 to be filled. A big thank you to all who responded last month. There are still 5 City/Easy Walks, 6 Day Walks, 4 Base Camps and 1 Through Walk to be filled.

Upcoming Walks

A great month of walking is in the offering with two creek walks, a stroll onto the Main Range and a city walk. First up Phil is celebrating both the 100th anniversary of Lamington NP and the club's first official walk. This is followed by Trevor visiting Bare Rock. This is a relatively easy track walk in the Cunningham's Gap area and provides great views of the Fassifern Valley. Then Greg is walking an old favourite,

the Illinbah Circuit with a twist. He starts from the bottom. And lastly Gerry is leading his first walk for the club, a gentle stroll alongside the Brisbane River from West End to Teneriffe.

Kiandra to Blue Waterholes

Peter, Paul and I recently completed a lovely walk in the north of Kosciuszko National Park.

We started from an old gold mining town, Kiandra, which is currently being restored to reflect some of its former glories. After a lengthy car shuffle (thanks to my daughter) we put on our boots and headed off. Fifty metres later we took off our boots and crossed the Eucumbene River. Thankfully we could leave our boots on for the remainder of the walk except for our crossing of the Murrumbidgee River. The walking was easy, along fire trails with great views of the surrounds and the countryside. I love the high alps. Unfortunately the only downside was the constant sighting of brumbies and rabbits. Apparently they have thrived in the past few good rain seasons. The first night was spent near Witzes Hut, an old graziers hut.

The second day was a highlight with lunch on the Murrumbidgee. An interesting section started here as the track disappeared and we headed overland to Miller's Hut and onto Ghost Gully campsite. A delightful spot although sleep was interrupted by the grazing of a lone brumbie.

The final day of walking was an easy stroll to Blue Waterholes passing Hainsworth & Bill Jones' Hut. Blue Waterholes is a spectacular area well worth a couple of days exploring the various caves and gorges.

The numbers on past walks are as follows:

Date	Trip	Leader	Type	No
December 26	Boxing Day Walk	Russ	DW	8
December 28/4	Western Arthurs	Michael	TW	6
January 3	Sunset on Mt Mitchell	Russ	DW	9
January 10	Denman Falls to Killarney Glen	Ivan	DW	9

Good walking and I hope to see you in the bush.

Michael (0409 620714 or michaelesimpson@optusnet.com.au)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New members

Welcome to our latest new member Alan Hodgson who was admitted to the Club on 5 January 2015. Alan was on Michele Johns 2 walks in November; the Gheerula Circuit walk

and Noosa Hill walk. The Club has 108 members as of 5 January 2015.

Demographics of our Club.

In general the average age of the members of the club is trending to an older age bracket. But we haven't published any information previously to quantify the details so set out below are some tables to show some interesting information.

	All Members	New Members
Under thirty	4	0
30-39	2	2
40-49	10	4
50-59	41	7
60-69	38	4
70-79	10	0
79 plus	2	0
Total	107	17
Average age	58.84	53.1
Median Age	59.2	51.0

An observation to make is that the Club has an under-representation in the groups under 30 and 30 to 39.

Gender

Males	44	41%
Females	63	59%
Total	108	100%

Visitor Statistics

I was looking through the walker statistics (that Michael Simpson collates and presents in a very professional way). I was trying to get an idea of where the visitors on walks come from (ie how did they hear about the Club and what was their background) but unfortunately there is no reliable information available.

There is possibly a simple way to gather this information in the future. As an observation all visitors to the Club are required to complete the liability waiver form and perhaps this form should also include a few quick questions about how they heard about the Club and if they are a member of another Club.

I should also mention that the reason I was looking at the walker stats was to ascertain the number of visitors who do a walk with the Club eventually become club members. The committee endorsed the idea of the new questionnaire. I will conduct a trial questionnaire over the next few months to ascertain if the questionnaire is easy to complete and provides some relevant details.

As the initial part of the analysis I have estimated the following categories of 'visitors' to

get some idea of what "conversion rate" we have of visitors actually becoming members.

Group	Visitors	Number became members	Conversion Rate
ACU students	10	0	0%
Barney Mass priests	4	0	0%
former members	7	2	28%
friends of members	5	2	40%
New visitors	36	7	19%
Other Clubs	6	1	17%
Relatives	10	0	0%
Total	78	12	15%

Without a history of the 'conversion rate' I am unsure if this is a good outcome or otherwise for the year. My initial impression is that the conversion rate was a bit low.

The visitor's liability form will in future include a questionnaire to request some information to ascertain some background about where are visitors are from.

See you on the track. Phil.

AROUND THE RIDGES

2015 - The year of Anniversaries

The year 2015 will see several major anniversaries. The major national milestone is the 100th Anniversary of the ANZAC's at Gallipoli which will be a major national event.

But there are also some anniversaries closer to home. This year I am aware of the following Anniversaries in relation to the Bushwalking movement in South East Queensland.

1. YHA bushies - 50th Anniversary
2. BOSQ bushies 50th Anniversary
3. Gold Coast Bushies - 40th Anniversary
4. Lamington National Park 100th Anniversary

BOSQ (Bushwalkers of Southern Queensland) is having a 50th Anniversary event in 2015

The major celebrations that I am aware of are

1. Anniversary Walk at Binna Burra
co-ordinator - John Marshall
Date - Sunday 15 March
2. The Anniversary Luncheon –
Date - Saturday 23rd May 2015
venue - The Brookfield Hall.

Many BCBC members may be unaware that several members of BCBC are also members of BOSQ. Some notable members with dual membership are Pat Lawton, Desley Pedrazzini and Justin Tobin.

Of note is that Pat Lawton has lead a "joint" trip on Easter Monday for the last 12 years.

BOSQ was formed in December 1964 as an offshoot of the Binna Burra Lodge. Over time the club evolved more into a Brisbane based organisation. In 1997 the Club made a decision to change the name to Bushwalkers Of Southern Queensland to reflect the broader range of operations.

The YHA Bushies is also having a 50th Anniversary. They have the several events organised including

50th Anniversary 'Party',
Date - Saturday 7th March 2015 (3-7pm) At
Rainforest Room at Brisbane City YHA,
Upper Roma Street.

They also have several commemorative walks planned

- 'Binna Burra' Weekend 12 -14 June 2015,
- Mt Barney' - 31 July, 1st,2nd August,
- Mt Warning' Saturday 29th August 2015 - 50 years to the day of the first YHA bushwalkers trip,
- O'Reilly's' 30th, 31st October, 1st November.

The Gold Coast Bushies are having their 40th Anniversary. BCBC has links with the Gold Coast Bushies mainly through Nev MacManimm and Bernie Malone, who often do trips with BCBC and Bernie and Nev joined us on last year's Barney Mass.

The major events planned are as follows.

40th Birthday 'Party' Sunday 12th April
Venue - Mudgeeraba Hall

Plus they plan to have special 40th Anniversary outings on the Saturday 11th April; including a bike ride, a bushwalk and a kayak trip.

Lamington 100th Centenary

The website with the details is still a work in progress but please note that BCBC Walks to Lamington in 2015 include

Jan	25	Toolona Circuit	DW
Feb	7	Illinbah Circuit	DW
Mar	16	Talk about history of Lamington at March monthly meeting by Nev MacManimm	
Apr	15	West Canungra Ck	DW
May	1/4	Running Creek loop	TW
Jul	24/26	O'Reilly's Camp	BC
Aug	8	Dave's Creek	DW
Sep	26	Buchanan's Fort	DW

60th birthdays. - Several club members are having their 60th Birthday this year but I haven't named them here as some people have a very strong preference for keeping their yearly milestones very quiet. So we don't make any fuss (unless told otherwise).

Food for Thought – A Gear Sale Night

Several other Clubs allow members to advertise their surplus gear for sale in the Club's magazine.

It is perhaps something we should do more of and allow members to advertise items for sale in the Jilalan magazine as many members may have surplus gear they would like to sell.

Another way to facilitate the sale of surplus gear is to allow members an opportunity to recycle gear is that we should have a 'trash and treasure sale' at one of the monthly meetings once every two years. Perhaps in the May 2015 monthly meeting.

PAST EVENTS

JAMES BOAG GATHERING IN THE COURTYARD FRIDAY 4th JULY SOCIAL

This year we moved the gathering into winter, just for a change. The weather proved to be mild that evening, so the brazier kindly supplied by Russ was needed more for ambience than warmth. A couple of regulars were out of town so missed the event this time. Michael missed his first one ever. Such a shame!

A variety of drinks were enjoyed, although James Boag Beer certainly dominated the bar. What a surprise! We supplemented this with a range of tasty pizza varieties and followed up with coffee and dessert.

As the evening wore on we gathered around the brazier in cosy companionship and continued to enjoy the pleasant atmosphere and conversation.

When it came time to draw things to a close a problem arose. The shed was such an untidy mess that the tables and chairs could not be fitted back in. Thanks to James Boag for the inspiration I needed to spend the next three days sorting and cleaning out my garden shed!! Thanks to Russ for delivering and collecting the brazier that was such a highlight and thanks to all who attended and made it such a delightful occasion: Rusty, Louise, Terry, John H,

Michele, Greg, Antonia, Peggy, Jan, Russ, Mike, Cath. Liz

**CATHEDRAL RANGE
MONDAY 3rd NOVEMBER
DAY WALK**

Weather: just beautiful – temp. 25°
Attendance: 7
Distance: 11 km; **Height gain:** 525 m

Last month I included the write up of the Clear Mountain saddle walk which was called off on the second day. This is the report on the second walk done that weekend.

The Cathedral Range is a spectacular seven kilometre ridge of sharply upturned sedimentary rock. The top of the range is reminiscent of the jagged ridge line of Wilpenna Pound.

The Cathedral Range is in a State Park adjacent to the Maroondah Highway which travels up through Healesville to Alexandra. The closest town (village) is called Taggerty. It is only about 120 kilometres from Melbourne but it seems to be in a time warp. It feels like you are back in the 1960's. This walk was put on after the Bluff Circuit through walk was called off on the second day of a four (4) day walk as we got snowed out.

As a stop gap measure Tom suggested we camp at Sheepyard Flats and then do some exploring along the Jamieson River. But I was very keen to visit the Cathedral Range for several reasons. I have read about it several times. Our sister Club in Melbourne, the Catholic Walking Club of Victoria, have an annual gathering and Mass in a camp site below the range. But what really caught my eye was that the book about bushwalking in Victoria by John Chapman dedicated the front cover of their book with a photo of the Cathedral Range. So the presumption was that it was a very scenic place to visit.

Over coffee at the Mansfield Regional Produce Store (it is now a coffee shop) a plan was worked out that we would stay at Alexandra on the Sunday night, get up early and do a day walk at the Cathedral Range. Dinner was had in Alexandra at the Shamrock Hotel and we regrouped early next morning at the appointed hour.

The walk was duly done. It was great walk with sensational views and lovely ridgetops that were almost razorbacks. To make a comparison it was somewhat like doing Mt

Maroon but with more ridge top walking. But the views from Mt Maroon are definitely better.

We started from Ned's Gully camp carpark (320m). Then it was a very brisk walk up to Ten Fathom's Ridge where we discarded our jumper's as we had well and truly warmed up. Then we kept going up to Ned's Peak (762 m). The wildflowers here were sensational lots of yellow daisies and white sunrays. Back down to the gully and then we turned right and headed north to the northern most knoll called the Little Cathedral (706 m) There are great views from here and we enjoyed a leisurely morning tea here. We then headed back along the main ridge line in a southerly direction. Next stop was the peak called The Cathedral (845 m). Once again great views. We also saw a large herd of wild goats.

There was once again a choice available here - the soft option was to head back down to the cars but everyone was keen to push on and I am glad we did as the next section was continuous ridgetop walking with great views. The rock was dry and very grippy. We just zoomed along the skyline.

We were soon at the next junction called the Farmyard. We had another choice. The next peak called the North Jawbone (795m) was an optional diversion and three (3) of us took the diversion (Michael, Peter and I). There were good views from here to the south towards the Sugarloaf. But time was getting away.

Then it was a down the very steep track beside a gully. A lot of work had been done here with rock stairs installed to prevent the erosion of the track. It was a bit of a slog going downhill at a fast pace as we were trying to catch the others.

We had a long road bash to do or the other option was to hitch a ride. Michael was quickly able to get a lift. Michael picked up the car and came back and collected Peter and I. We then got back to the carpark and waited for the others who had walked back along the track beside the Creek.

It was a great walk that I would highly recommend to anyone.

Those on the walk -
BCBC - Michael Simpson, Joe Finn, Peter Constable and Phil Murray.

CWCV - Tom Buykx, Bernie O'Shea and Janet Wilkinson.

Distance – Michael, Peter and Phil – 10.5 km.
– Joe, Tom, Jan and Bernie 13.5 km.

THEATRE OUTING – GODSPELL FRIDAY 7th NOVEMBER SOCIAL

This was a delightful evening on which we joined the second year Musical Theatre students from the Conservatorium of Music for their vibrant production of Godspell. Many of us gathered first at the Norman Hotel for an enjoyable meal before taking the short walk down to the Burke Street Studio.

The show was extremely impressive. It was often difficult to remember that all the performers were students. Some of those who took lead roles are worth remembering as their future in the theatre industry looks bright indeed.

Those who attended included Michele, Greg, Jan, Russ, Mike, Cathy and her sister, Louise, Rusty, Sue, Phil and Robyn.

KOSSIE – THE G20 SUMMIT WALK FRIDAY TO SUNDAY 14th TO 16th NOVEMBER BASE CAMP

Weather: Day 1 cool, Day 2 very cool and windy, Day 3 wet and rainy .
Attendance: 12
Distance: Day 1 - 13 km, Day 2 - 13 km, Day 3 - 2 km.



In summary, it was lovely to get to the summit of Australia on the day Australia held the G20 Summit in Brisbane.

The Kossie trip was a "glamour camping" trip as we camped at the Jindabyne Alpine Hotel. The buffet breakfast in the morning was sensational. The weather was very kind to us. And the walking was great too.

Up early on Saturday morning and met in Canberra Airport at the designated time. It was a beautiful sunny morning. Joe Finn got the Hyundai iMax van sorted and we were soon on our way.

We checked in at the Thredbo Alpine Hotel. Dumped our travel gear and donned our walking gear and made for chairlift. We paid our \$41 for the two (2) day chairlift pass.

The weather was cool and with grey overcast skies with strong breeze. We didn't start walking until 1.20pm. Several of the group got to the summit of Kossie. We got there and had to turn around straight away to get the last chairlift back to the hotel. Some took it easy and just soaked up the vibe and smelt the wildflowers and played in the snow drifts and only got to Kossie Lookout. Some were back in time to enjoy a beer on the deck at the Hotel. But three (3) walkers came in late as they were too late for the chairlift and had to walk down the very steep track. We had a lovely dinner at the Hotel then back to the 'Loft' to watch the Rugby League or chill out on the balcony of Greg's apartment.

Saturday - up early, a long breakfast, got the chair lift up and walking by 9.30 am. We were faced by very dark and ominous skies with a howling wind. For the hard walkers, the aim was to get to Mt Townsend but this was dependent on the weather. The party splintered due to the weather and a small group of four (4) who did Kossie the day before wanted to do the Ramshead Range traverse and duly did so. (Justin, Joe, Trevor and Maxine).

Those who missed out on Kossie the day before really wanted to get there today. So the main party was slowed to their pace. So rather than splinter the group again we made do with Kossie as our aim for the day. Got to top of Australia and just reveled in the feeling.

It is just a great place to be especially taking it easy to soak up the vibe of the place. A lot more people here today but still just an enchanting place to be and to look at all the snow- capped mountains around.

I thought about making a solo dash out to Mt Townsend but the weather was looking very dodgy and thought I should stay with the group. The wind was howling and you could see the rain showers in the distance and they were coming our way. We donned our rain pants as it looked like the rain would hit within the hour. But it skirted us and we didn't get a spot of rain.

It was very cold at about 2° with a howling wind. So it was balaclava and glove weather.

At times the wind was blowing us off the track. Calling it a track is a misnomer as it was an elevated steel grill walkway. It was a steel grid that was raised about 6 to 12 inches above the ground. It wasn't installed for our comfort but was installed to protect the environment by stopping the constant erosion of the track caused by walkers.

I have to mention the views. The views were just fantastic as most of the main range still had about a 30% snow coverage so it just looked wonderful in the "growling" weather.

We had a leisurely stop overlooking Lake Cootapatamba. It is the highest lake in Australia. It was just gorgeous with snow covered ridgelines behind it.

We got back to the chairlift in plenty of time to have a coffee at the coffee shop called Eagles Nest. Also we got back for Mass in plenty of time. There were 14 people at the Mass – 12 from BCBC. So we assisted in all the readings. And the two (2) collections, yes two (2) collections. After Mass we had a lovely discussion with the priest about the parable about the "talents".

Sunday we were up early and the "weather" put on a show. It was torrential rain, dark and ominous. It was nice to be a hotel enjoying a sumptuous breakfast. During breakfast as we having a cup of tea and lovely pastries the wind picked up to cyclonic force and the rain was horizontal. I started to worry if it would be safe to drive but thankfully the wind and rain eased considerably.

The plan was to visit Tidbinbilla National Park in the ACT. We got there about 11.30 am but just a smidge too late to do the planned walk to Gibraltar Rocks and still make the plane. So we did a lovely circuit along one of the easier tracks. It was actually very good. Saw lots of wildlife including a platypus and time to soak up the vibe and read all the inscriptions in the path.

Thanks to everyone on the trip and special thanks to Joe for driving and Justin for getting the booking at the hotel.

I would like to do a similar trip next year and have already slotted in the Kiama Walk.

I am keen to go back to Kossie but not next year. My proposed plan for future years:

2015 Kiama Coastal Walk

2016 Bogong High Plains (Falls Creek)

2017 Woy Woy area

2018 Kosciuszko and Mt Townsend.

Those on the trip 12 - Justin Tobin, Joe Finn, Anne Iron, Trevor Kelly, Maxine Brophy, Liz Little, Maree Hutchinson, Margaret Morgan, Phil and Sue, Greg and Michele Endicott.

Thanks to all those who came for making it such an enjoyable trip. Phil.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION MONDAY 15th DECEMBER

	Category	Description	Photographer
1	Best overall	Mt Lindsay & Ernest from Mt Maroon	Paddy Taylor
2	People's Choice	Mt Lindsay from Mt Barney	Liz Little
	Other	Categories	
1	Landscape	Mt Lindsay	Liz Little
2	Moods of nature	A snowy summer in Victoria – tents in the blizzard at the Mt Clear Saddle	Phil Murray
3	Nature Close up	Lizards on a Rock	Michele Johns
4	People and Faces	Maria Kerruish	Paddy Taylor
5	Miscellaneous	Walk Softly, Tread Carefully. (A red bellied black snake on the Kosciuszko track)	Trevor Kelly
6	International	On top at last (a photo of Jonas in New Zealand)	Pat Lawton

Thanks to all the members who put in entries. Thanks to Joe Tottenham for being the judge. Phil.

CHRISTMAS PARTY SATURDAY 20th DECEMBER SOCIAL

The BCBC annual Christmas event moved to the western slopes of Mt Coot-tha at Brookfield where the menu featured starters of a cheese ball, cheese and bacon mini quiches (which were devoured even by the men) and mini salmon pancakes. Main course featured turkey and chicken supported by a number of different salads.

The eating paused while quiz master Russ conducted a quiz made up an eclectic series of 20 questions including knowledge of Australian geography and BCBC history. The winner was Michele Endicott by a good margin. Dessert

was then served which was followed by an exchange of presents via a Secret Santa.

Those attending the Christmas Party were Michael Simpson, Karen Franklin, Jack and Bernadette Desmond, Russ and Jan Nelson, Michele and Richard Johns, Justin, Sue and Mary Tobin, John Hood, Anne and Bob Irons, Liz Little, Greg and Michele Endicott, Pat Lawton, Jonas Bernatos, Gerry Burges, Maria Kerruish and Terry Silk. Thanks to Karen for assisting with supplying desserts.

NORTHBROOK GORGE FRIDAY 26th DECEMBER DAY WALK

The day dawned to be one of the drier days in the Christmas season in Brisbane. Our drive from Brisbane took us over the high points of the southern section of the D'Aguilar Range and then we turned west on the Northbrook Parkway. We took the opportunity to stop at the Wivenhoe Lookout and gained a good view of the lake upstream of the Wivenhoe Dam wall. Cars were parked at the bee hives and we walked uphill past the "F34" and "S30" distance markers looking for a route towards Eagle's Nest (on the other side of Northbrook Gorge). We found a relatively scunge free exit point and turned south, descending towards the Gorge itself, but soon found ourselves in the midst of the Lantana. After about 20 minutes in the Lantana we found a small gully which steadily became easier to travel along. It was joined by other gullies and became quite large, rocky and the foliage was typical of rainforest. The rainforest provided a beautiful environment in which to complete our descent into Northbrook Gorge itself.

On arrival in the Gorge we paused for lunch while Russell had the first of many swims, even though the water level was down about 30cms. Resuming the walk, we soon found our first compulsory swim which was waist deep, soon to be followed by a chest deep swim. Then we found a part of the Gorge which was deeper than the tallest member of our group, much to the delight of our keenest swimmers Russell and Keelin. We came across a few shallower pools which kept our legs cool. The pathway out of the Gorge was picked up easily and we returned to the cars. Nearby the cars, there were a collection of bee hives with many bees visible and one found Russell particularly tasty.

On the way home we stopped at Elm Haus Café, Mt Glorious where the coffees and fruit

drinks were good but the food was missing. (Although we were there for almost 30 minutes, orders for cake were not fulfilled and refunds were sought and given when we left.) Only a few spots of rain were felt on the walk, but the roads around Mt Glorious were quite wet, so we were rather lucky with the weather.

Those on the Club's last walk of 2014 were Russell (the fish) Jones, Louise Jones, Peggy Roe, Keelin Roe (the youngest walker on the trip), Maria Kerruish, Gerry Burges, Jan Nelson and Russ Nelson (Leader).

By the way did you know the highest point in the D'Aguilar Range is Tenison Woods Mountain at 770m. This peak is not distinct and is not marked on old maps and is north of Mt Glorious near the highest point on the road called "Northbrook Parkway", the access road to Northbrook Gorge. The Congregation of the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration created a plaque on the summit to commemorate the naming of the mountain in 1974. The year also marked the centenary of their order which was founded by J.E. Tenison Woods, priest and mentor to St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

THE WESTERN ARTHURS SUNDAY TO SUNDAY 28th DECEMBER TO 4th JANUARY THROUGH WALK



The Christmas – New Year period is certainly a busy time to be travelling. Virtually all of us had some delay in reaching Hobart with Peter and Karen losing nearly 2 hours when their plane broke down. Consequently it was 6.30pm before we were ready to start walking from the Scott's Peak Dam carpark. It was only about 8km to Junction Creek, our campsite for the night, but it was after 9.30pm when we had all arrived. We had seen our final destination, the Arthur Range, in front of us as we walked and

wondered how you could traverse such a jagged range.

The next day we arose to a magnificent day and so we set off early for the short crossing of the Arthur Plain to the foot of the range. Now for the ascent, some 700m of steep rocky terrain. We were about halfway up when thunderstorms began to build up in the west but we hoped they would bypass us. They didn't and it about the same time when Paul and I decided we weren't going to complete the traverse. We broke into two groups with the first group quickly moving ahead of us. We were passed by three other people all heading to Oberon which is the point of no return. Once past Oberon there is little point in turning back as you are closer to the end. The weather continued to get worse. By the time we reached the top the wind was cold and howling and the rain had started. But what a view. Lake Pedder, Mts Anne & Eliza, Frenchman's Cap and many others were all there before us. We could also see the Port Davey Track snaking its way across the plain below us. Then we walked out onto the range itself and were stunned by the stark beauty of it. As we summited Hesperus the rain strengthened and the mist danced around us. The first lake, Fortuna, came in and out of view constantly making photography difficult. Then as we climbed out of Lake Fortuna's catchment, Lake Cygnus, our destination, came into view well below us. The rain had stopped as we descended to the campsite near the lake. It was then I could see Chris coming towards us from the other side of the crater. Why I wondered? Lake Cygnus has three camp spots, two single wooden platforms and one covered with rubber matting that take six tents (we got seven on it). It wasn't long after we set up camp the others came in. They had decided to turn back as well because of the weather and terrain. Pete had in fact been lifted off his feet by a gust of wind whilst crossing one of the passes. Scary stuff. Then the weather really got bad and we were confined to our tents for the rest of the day.

In fact we were confined to our tents for the whole of the next day as the winds, hail and slushy snow conspired to drive us off the range. Michael W decided he wanted to go on and complete the traverse so by mid-morning he was on his way. It came as a great surprise when he returned late in the day. Apparently nobody at Oberon wanted to move on because of the weather and consequently there was a traffic jam there. With nowhere to pitch a tent Michael had little choice but to return. I made

the decision to break camp and return the next day regardless of the weather as I couldn't spend another day confined to a small tent.

The weather had improved by the next day. At least the wind had dropped and it had stopped raining. We made the decision to return to the carpark as we no longer had any faith in weather forecasts. The walking was very pleasant and picturesque as we basically strolled across the range, down Alpha Moraine and across the Arthur Plains back to Junction Creek. We arrived early afternoon and had a lengthy break before continuing on. The walk in on Sunday had been relatively easy so we were surprised by the damage to the track by all the rain over the last two days. The track was now a nightmare with bogs and flooded creeks everywhere. Quite a contrast to the crossing of Arthur Plains which was still in reasonable condition. So it was no surprise we took longer to return but still in daylight. It was New Year's Eve and as we were all tired we celebrated the New Year by New Zealand time and retired early.

It rained again during the night and was still drizzling by the morning. Thankfully the camp ground had a day shelter and we were able to have breakfast in comfort. Michael W decided he didn't need a break and wanted to walk somewhere that day. We had met a fellow from Perth at Lake Cygnus and he was heading to Mt Field NP so Michael decided to go with him. The rest of us headed into Maydena to look for accommodation but not feeling too confident. So it came as a surprise when I managed to book two nights in a quaint little hotel in the town of National Park. (The hotel had been used in the film 'The Hunter' starring Daniel Dafoe and Sam Neill.) Here we spent the afternoon drying our clothes and resting.

The weather was brilliant for our last two days in Tassie and as we were just around the corner from Mt Field we decided to get in a couple of day walks. The first was an all-day walk to Mt Field West on the edge of the National Park. The walk starts from Lake Dodson at 1040m and begins by walking up the road to the Mawson Ski Fields before wandering along the track to the start of the Tarn Shelf Walk. There are lakes everywhere up there and the views were amazing. To get to Mt Field West we first needed to cross a boulder field which seemed to go on forever. But eventually we reached the turnoff where there is an emergency hut (built out of stone not wood). We could see the summit of Mt Field

West just over the next hill or could we. In fact the summit was not the first hill with the trig point but was another kilometre further on the other side of a plateau full of glacial ponds. After a short scramble to the summit we were rewarded with tremendous views including the Arthur Range. We returned by a different route which provided us with another perspective of this delightful National Park. The second of our walks was a 2½ hour circuit of the three waterfalls in the park. Russell Falls, the first, are spectacular and are what draws most people to the park. The other two, Horseshoe and Lady Barron, are also lovely in their own right but unfortunately are lessened by Russell Falls. We now headed back to Maydena and a changed of accommodation, a delightful four bedroom cottage on the outskirts of the town. We had a wonderful home cooked meal here and hoped to see the resident Platypus but unfortunately the night's thunderstorm kept him/her indoors.

With our week over it was time to head home. Chris to Hobart Airport, Paul to Maria Island for a quiet week, Pete and Michael W to Launceston and the Overland Track and Karen and I to Launceston Airport. Whilst the scenery in Tasmania is incredible the Government's lack of maintenance on the tracks and facilities and their lack of support for National Park staff make me think walking in New Zealand is a better prospect. Shame really. Michael.

MT MITCHELL – SUNSET WALK SATURDAY 3rd JANUARY DAY WALK

The day dawned with rain and a weather forecast that did not encourage optimism for good views from the top of the mountain. Driving to Cunningham's Gap from Red Hill was dry but we encountered rain at Churchbank Weir but it was dry again at Aratula. Looking at the Great Dividing Range, there was cloud on the very top of Mt Mitchell. Little did we know that this was a signal for our own experience on top of the mountain. On arrival at Cunningham's Gap the Police were undertaking random breath testing for those heading to Brisbane.

We began walking at 3.40pm under cloudy skies and soon discovered that we were in for a treat. The normally dry Mt Mitchell was awash as every creek and gully had a strong flowing stream in it. There were even a few waterfalls. As walkers, we often speculate what the countryside would be like after rain. On this

walk we found out and it was a rare view into the beauty of the bush.

As we gained height we saw the Fassifern Valley and then Mt Cordeaux. The landslide on the southern side of Cordeaux that closed the track for so long was clearly visible. As we moved to the western side of Mitchell we saw the highway to Warwick in the distance looking like a shining ribbon. Soon the mist started to roll in and the view disappeared, but not before we saw Spicer's Peak crowned with mist.

On reaching the saddle between the peaks of Mitchell just before 5.30pm, the view east was full of mist. So ascending the steps was not as dramatic as it usually is as you could not see the drop off. On top of Mitchell those new to Mitchell discovered what limited level land is available on top. These people did not realise how dramatic a sight it was because the mist excluded the view from all sides. Then suddenly there was a gentle puff of wind and the Fassifern Valley appeared with all our friends such as Mt Greville, Mt Edwards and the Ballow Barney Massif in the south. This was enhanced by the presence of a rainbow. Another puff of wind revealed the west and there we saw the southern Darling Downs. At this time the sun was trying to shine through and there was a debate as to whether it was in fact the moon. It was ephemeral - mist rolls away and the mist rolls in – views come and views go. All this time there was no rain (on us).

We left the top after 6.00pm as there was no chance of experiencing starlight because of the cloud cover. Our luck was in again. As we traversed the western side of the mountain, we were shown a spectacular sunset which was framed by the forests on Mt Mitchell. Soon all sunlight was gone and we turned our torches on and successfully returned to the cars. We stopped at the Shell servo at Aratula where the staff not only attended to drink orders promptly, but also offered first aid to those bleeding from leech bites.

I expect the beauty of this walk will be highly represented in the 2015 photographic competition. For those who missed the walk, it will be a long wait until the photographic competition in about 11 months' time, but those who went will remember this walk for a very long time. Those on the walk were Michele Johns, Liz Little, Ann Irons, Terry Silk, Gerry Burges, Paddy Taylor, Maria Kerruish, Jan and Russ Nelson (Leader).

HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

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

GENERAL MEETINGS: Meetings are held on the 3rd 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.

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. There is a \$10 discount for Ordinary and Associate Members who elect to receive an electronic Jilalan only. 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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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 16th February 2015

Contact: Greg Endicott 3351 4092
Location: St Michael's Hall, 250 Banks St, Dorrington.
Time: 7:30pm

We need a quorum for the AGM to be held. A quorum is 15 members – so come along and help make up the quorum and ensure that the AGM can proceed.

The business conducted will include:

- Receive the Committee's Report,
- and Statement of Income & Expenditure, Assets & Liabilities, for the year 2014;
- Receive the Auditor's Report;
- Election of Committee for 2015;
- The appointment of the 2015 Auditor;
- Voting of Honorary Members;

All persons are welcome to attend – Do NOT be put off – you are getting 2 meetings for the price of one.

Members should attend to carry out their democratic right of questioning, in a civilised and polite manner, the outgoing committee about the running of the Club during 2014, and to vote in the new committee. It works better if we have more than the usual number of members present.

As soon as the AGM is completed, the normal February Monthly Meeting will commence under the command of the new committee.

Visitors will find it a bit slow, but will see the Club in operation. Also, the regular monthly meeting is on afterwards, so Visitors can ask leaders about their coming trips.

See you all there, Graham Glasse, Club Secretary

NOTICE ELECTION 2015

Call for Nominations for All Committee Positions.

1. Elections will be held on Monday 16th February at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM is held prior to the February Monthly Meeting – from 7:30pm, and
2. The normal February Monthly Meeting will start straight after.
3. All existing Committee Positions are deemed vacant and all are up for election.
4. All existing Committee Members are eligible to stand for election.
5. The positions are voted on in the following order: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Outings Secretary, Social Secretary, Vice-President, Training Officer, and Membership Officer.
6. If you cannot make it to the AGM, you can vote by Proxy – the form is available from the website, in this Jilalan or from the Secretary – fully complete the form and have it in the hands of the Secretary by Monday 26th January..
7. Associate Members are not eligible to be on Committee.
8. Associate Members are not entitled to vote on any matter before any meeting of the Club, i.e. vote at the election of members to Committee.
9. Nominations must be in writing, signed by the Nominator, the Secunder & the Candidate.
10. Any two (2) members of the Club may nominate any Ordinary Member for a Committee Position.
11. The Candidate cannot be his/her own Nominator or Secunder, or nominate anyone else for the same position as she/he is standing for.
12. The Nomination Form must be in the hands of the Club Secretary at least 21 days prior to the AGM – This is Monday 26th January. The January Monthly Meeting is on Monday 19th January, so this is the best practicable time. You can post them to the Club (at PO Box 31, Red Hill Qld 4059), provided they are stamped by the Post Office prior to 26th January.
13. The list of all the Nominated Candidates, their Nominators & Seconders will be emailed to all members by 1st February.
14. A person can be nominated for more than one Committee Position. They are elected to the first position they win. If they do not win the first position nominated for, they are still in the ballot for the next nominated position until elected, or remain unelected at the end of the night.
15. If only one person stands for a position by having the fully completed form in the hands of The Secretary by the required date, that person is automatically elected to that position.
16. In the event of more than one person being nominated for a Position, there shall be an election by secret ballot.
17. Should there be no candidate for a position at the start of the AGM, nominations will be called from the floor for nominations to that position.
18. Nomination Forms are enclosed in this Jilalan.
19. In recent years, if a position has been left vacant due to no one nominating for it, the Club has allowed any member, regardless of category, to act in the position unofficially without being formally elected. Being in the position unofficially means the person is not actually in the position, thus cannot vote at committee when a vote is necessary.

Graham Glasse, Secretary

And for those who cannot attend the Annual General Meeting on Monday 16th February, here is the way to vote – complete the Proxy Form.

BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB INC - RULES AND BY-LAWS
APPENDIX 1

FORM OF PROXY

APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB INC.

(incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act, 1981.)

I _____
(Full Name)

Of _____
(Residential Address)

being a Financial Member of the above named Association,

hereby appoint _____
(Full Name)

Of _____
(Residential Address)

whose signature appears below, and who also is a member of the Association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the *Annual General Meeting* of the Association

to be held on the 16th day of *February 2015* and at any adjournment thereof.

_____/ /
(Signature of Appointer)

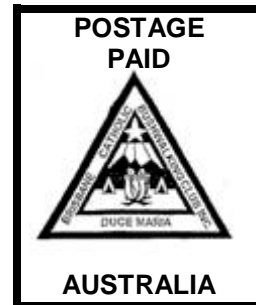
I _____ being a financial member of the
(Full Name)

Association, hereby agree to act as a proxy for the above named member.

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(Signature of Appointee) (Date)

THIS FORM is also available on the Web at <http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/ProxyFormBCBC.pdf>

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Nomination Form for Management Committee 2015

Brisbane Catholic Bushwalkers Club Inc
 PO Box 31, Red Hill. Qld. 4059.



Position	Nominee Name	Nominee Signature	Nominator Name	Nominator Signature	Seconder Name	Seconder Signature

Committee positions are available to Ordinary Members only.
 This form must be in the hands of the Club Secretary – Graham Glasse, by Monday 26th January.
 Post it to the Club PO Box, or hand it to Graham at the Monthly Meeting on the 19th January.
 You (the Candidate) can ask a member to nominate you and another member to second the nomination.
 You can nominate for more than one position. Note that all three must sign the form.
 Nominations in any other form cannot be accepted; ie, e-mail, by word, on paper without Nominee's signature or "Seconder", - using just 3 examples.

This form is also available on the Web at
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