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Clean up Australia day - Sun 2nd march

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8	Denman Falls/Killarney Glen	Maxine	3409 4001	DW	M33
15	Barney Gorge Circuit	John	5514 0285	DW	M55
16	Daisy Hill	Michael	3351 3810	DW	M33
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11	JTS – The Alt Bar Powerhouse	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
11	Banff Film Festival	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
12	Artist's Cascades	Justin	3366 3193	DW	
18/21	Mt Kaputar	Michael	3351 3810	BC	Var
19	Ewan Maddock Dam	Desley	3369 5530	DW	
21		Pat	3366 1956	DW	
25/27	Collins Gap to Border Gate Road	Michael	3351 3810	TW	
25	Wagawn	Desley	3369 5530	DW	
28	BCBC Meeting			Meet	
30	Coffee Night	Michael	3351 3810	Soc	
May 2/5	Hawkesbury River	Michael	3351 3810	BC	M33
4	Mt May	Phil	5522 9702	DW	
10	South Stradbroke Island	Justin	3366 3193	DW	
16	JTS – Transcontinental Hotel	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
16	A Night at the Footy	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
17/18	Emu Creek	Michael	3351 3810	BC	
18	Chermside to Boondall	Desley	3369 5530	DW	
19	BCBC Meeting			Meet	
25	Kate Quinlan Society	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
28	Coffee Night	Michael	3351 3810	Soc	
31	Neglected Mountain	Russ	3374 3534	DW	
Jun 1	Mt Zahel	Paul	0412 339311	DW	
6/10	Fraser Island	Michael	3351 3810	TW	
7	Mt Greville			DW	
14	Mt Ernest Traverse	John	5514 0285	DW	
16	BCBC Meeting			Meet	
20	JTS – Gilhooley's	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
21/26	Thorsborne Trail	Michael	3351 3810	TW	

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

D/W	Day Walk	½ D/W	Half Day Walk
O/N	Over Nighter	B/C	Base Camp
T/W	Through Walk	C/W	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

An Australian Blessing

May you always stand as tall as a gum tree,
 Be as strong as the rock Uluru,
 As gentle and still as the morning mist,
 Hold the warmth of the campfire in your heart.

And may the Spirit of God,
 The Creator of this great south land of Australia.
 Always walk with you,

Through Christ
 (From The Catholic Walker)



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 declared 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: 3351 3810.

**SATURDAY 15th FEBRUARY
BARNEY GORGE CIRCUIT
DAY WALK**

Leader: John Carter 5514 0285 or
0433 779 771.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 6.15am.
Cost: \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grading: M55.
Location: South of Rathdowney.
Emerg Off: TBA.

This walk will start at the Lower Portals car park and follow the walking track to the club hut, Yalburu. My plan is to then follow a spur on the western side of Mt Barney Creek. This will lead to the main open forest ridge above the creek which we will follow in a westerly direction. We will drop down into Barney Creek where Barney Gorge joins the creek.

We can then enjoy some rock hopping down the creek until we reach the Lower Portals to complete the circuit. We will then follow the walking track back to the car park. There will be opportunity to swim and enjoy some swimming holes as it is likely to be hot and humid. Please bring along at least two litres of water.

**SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY
DAISY HILL
DAY WALK**

Leader: Michael Simpson 3351 3810
or 0409 620714.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.00am.
Cost: \$5 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grading: M33.
Distance: 12 kms.
Location: Daisy Hill Conservation Park.
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

The Daisy Hill Conservation Park lies near Springwood and is part of the Koala Bushland Coordinated Conservation Area. We will drive to the car park off Daisy Hill Road. We will be following the Buhot Creek circuit mainly but there will be several short detours to enjoy along the way. This circuit follows the creek lined with tranquil pools. This trail passes through the Neville Lawrie Reserves where we will get great views of Brisbane.

We now pass into the Don and Christine Burnett Conservation Area where we follow the Plunkett mallee circuit. We return to the Buhot Creek circuit before returning to the car park via the Stringybark Trail.

While the walk is mainly through dry Sclerophyll forest we will spend time along a couple of creeks with its wetter vegetation. I expect the walk to be roughly 12kms but there are no mountains to climb or raging rivers to cross.

So give me a call to nominate and don't forget the usual equipment for a leisurely walk through an interesting forest region so close to Brisbane.

**MONDAY 17th 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 11 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 2011;
- Receive the Auditor's Report;
- Election of Committee for 2012;
- The appointment of the 2012 Auditor;
- Voting of Honorary Members;
- Other business relating to the annual running of the Club.

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 2011, 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 may 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 21st FEBRUARY
THE FOX HOTEL
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

Leader: Phil Murray 0416 650160.
Address: 71-73 Melbourne St,
South Brisbane.
Time: From 4pm till 9ish.
What For: A chat and a beer and a meal
Emerg Off: Phil Murray 0413 307580.

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

Russ Nelson insisted we come here. So we will. Russ and few others did a pre-outing here in September last year and gave it the thumbs up. A great place to catch up with friends. I hope you can make it.

We will initially meet in the "Long Bar" and at the appropriate time we will traipse across to the 'Meatball Café' for a meal. The Fox Hotels' website proudly proclaims that Meatballs are the most universally appreciated delicacy known to mankind. It's a big call, but it's they're happy to back. We roll each and every bite-sized ball with top quality ingredients to bring you Brisbane's finest menagerie of meatballs and mouth-watering sauces.

Come along for a great night for a drink, a meal and a chat. It is close to transport so it easy to get home after the event.

**SATURDAY 22nd FEBRUARY
ANNUAL MASS & DINNER
SOCIAL**

MASS

Location: St Michael's Church,
250 Banks Street, Dorrington.

Time: 6.30pm.

DINNER

Location: Stafford Tavern – Bistro.

Time: 7.45pm.

Web: <http://www.thestafford.com.au/assets/Menu/Stafford-Tavern-Dinner-Menu.pdf>

Enquiries: Russ Nelson 3374 3534.

RSVP: Thursday, 20th February.

This Mass marks the end of the Club's 56th year and the beginning of a new Club year and a new walking season. This year's Mass will be celebrated by Fr Patrick Doran Cssp, Parish

Priest of Dorrington Parish. In June 2013 Fr Doran said a Mass for the Club at Rathdowney as part of our Queen's Birthday weekend walk which was attended by a number of members from the Victorian Catholic Bushwalking Club. Fr Doran knows us well and is a regular reader of Jilalan. At the end of the Mass, there will be a presentation of the membership awards.

After Mass we will have our dinner at the Stafford Tavern, 51 Webster Road, Stafford – ph 3552 9999. Menu details are available at <http://www.thestafford.com.au/assets/Menu/Stafford-Tavern-Dinner-Menu.pdf>

All members (present and past) and visitors, especially recent visitors, are welcome.

**WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY
DINNER & COFFEE NIGHT
SOCIAL**

Leader: Michael Simpson 3351 3810
or 0409 620714.

Meet at: Earth'n'Sea, Cnr Kedron Brook Rd & MacGregor St. Wilston.

Time: 6.00 to 6.30pm for dinner or 7.30pm for coffee.

Cost: Your choice – visit their website for their menu.

Web: <http://www.earthnseabrisbane.com.au/>

Emerg Off: Michael 0409 620714.

The next coffee night for the year is Earth 'n' Sea Restaurant in Wilston. They offer a range of pizzas and pastas as well as desserts and drinks.

Come along and meet some of our newest members or maybe even meet some of our oldest members. I'm sure a range of conversations will result from bushwalking to whatever

**SATURDAY 1st MARCH
MT FRASER
DAY WALK**

Leader: Peter Constable 3205 5982.

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

Time: 7.00am.

Cost: \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).

Grading: M44.

Location: Fassifern Valley near Aratula.

Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

Mt Fraser is a 598m mountain in the Aratula area. Unfortunately the pre-outing could not be completed before the Jilalan's publication date

so very little is known of the terrain. However after examining the topographic maps and viewing it using Google Earth it does not appear to be too steep. The views from the summit should give a completely different perspective of the Main Range from Beau Brummel to Lizard Point as well as the Moogerah Peaks.

So give me a call to discuss the walk closer to the event and don't forget the usual equipment for a walk seldom if ever completed by the Club.

**SUNDAY 2nd MARCH
CLEAN-UP AUSTRALIA DAY
SANDSTONE POINT
DAY WALK**

Leader: Pat Lawton 3366 1956.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.00am.
Cost: \$10.00 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Location: Near Bribie Island.
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

March 2 is Clean-up Australia Day and this year our Club has decided to do our bit in cleaning up our country. I have noticed on various trips to Sandstone Point (near Bribie Island Bridge) that this place has lots of rubbish that has been washed ashore.

We will start at Sandstone Point and work our way south collecting as much rubbish as possible. High tide is about 9.40 a.m. so we will see how we go before the tide really comes in – be prepared to get your feet (and other parts of your body) wet! The mangroves can be slippery!

With the high tide we will only work until about mid-day. What you will need to bring:-

- (1) Water, morning tea and lunch.
- (2) Old shoes suitable for walking in mud and water.
- (3) Old clothes.
- (4) Strong garbage bags (I will have a supply but a few more would be handy).
- (5) A good sense of humour and the ability to laugh at yourself if you should fall into the mud – and don't mind others laughing at you when you fall.

Come along and do your bit to clean up Australia and at the same time have a great and enjoyable day getting dirty.

**8th TO 9th MARCH
SATURDAY TO SUNDAY
APPLE & GRAPE FESTIVAL
SOCIAL**

Leader: Michael Simpson 3351 3810
or 0409 620714.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.00am.
Cost: TBA.
Web: <http://appleandgrape.org/>

The Festival occurs only every second year. It is more than a country show. There are stalls, many varieties of foods, displays of all sorts, Sunday markets, the Grand Parade, grape stomping competition, local shops open, morning tea places galore, every item imaginable for sale, and more.

This time we are making it an overnighter (leaving good ol' Brisvagas at 7am) so we can see everything, stay for dinner and go back to the motel. Then see the rest Sunday morning and make our way home at lunch time to be at Red Hill mid-afternoon.

What I require now is nominations in advance so I can book the approximate number of rooms. We will probably go twin share (or even triple) to keep the cost of the weekend down. Even now, it will be difficult to find a place with the required number of rooms close to the middle of town as the "professionals" book their accommodation a year in advance.

If anyone has an idea of accommodation in the Stanthorpe area, or has a friend with a spare house, please let me know

**15th TO 16th MARCH
SATURDAY TO SUNDAY
YALBURU BUSH TUCKER RESTAURANT
"The Camp You Have When You Are Not Camping"
OVERNIGHTER**

Leader: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 12 Noon. Non-stop to the
Lower Portals carpark.
Cost: Approx \$45.
Location: On beautiful Mt Barney Ck,
below the Lower Portals.
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 0418 122995.
RSVP: Friday 7th March.

For Members, Visitors, Friends & Family

You are invited to Dinner at Yalburu

- 6pm Cocktails and Hors d'Oeuvres, on the patio while watching the sunset over stunning Mt Barney.
- 6.30pm Soup de jour
- 7pm Main Course – choice of beef or chicken
- 9pm Dessert – choose from a selection in the dessert trolley.
- 10pm Wine and Coffee.

Drinks: Choose from the premium wines, soft drinks & fresh clear mountain water on the Wine List.

Dress: Smart Casual top half.

Overnight accommodation is at a rustic mountain cabin beside a bubbling babbling brook or in one of the detached annexes.

What to bring: spare clothes, Sunday breakfast & lunch, sleeping bag/light blanket, water, toiletries, towel, togs, small pillow, not too bulky air mattress, platex2, bowlx2, mugx2, cutleryx3, tea towel, smart casual top, comfy shoes, camera, a share of the feast food, receipts, and cash.

Be prepared to carry in your own personal gear, sleeping equipment, personal food, AND a share of the “feasting food & drinks.” If you want to sleep outside, include a tent.

I will work out a menu for this 5 course semi-formal meal. Nominees will then be asked to prepare one of the courses. Remember to show imagination and flare. A shopping list will be distributed amongst participants once numbers are known. Some will cook, some will put together and some will just buy. Some will be asked to do some pre-cooking/preparation of food.

Costs depend on the number attending, purchase price of the goodies, & petrol. In the past it has cost each of us approx \$40; however your purchases will be deducted from this amount. There will be a reduced price for non and low drinkers of alcohol.

The cost will be calculated at Yalburu, so bring your receipts and cash.

Sleep in the BCBC hut - borrow a sleeping bag or pack a light blanket. Borrow a weekend pack. The Club has a few to hire out – ring Desley.

The drive from Red Hill to the Portals carpark is 90 minutes.

Have lunch before you leave home as we will be driving straight to Barney. The walk with your pack containing all your gear and shared food & drink is approx 2 hours – up hill & down dale. There are approximately 4 small ridges and one low creek to cross on your way into The Hut. This year we will be walking smarter and faster and in daylight.

**SUNDAY 16th MARCH
CLUB HUT WALK
DAY WALK**

- Leader:** Michele Johns 3399 4472
or 0414 635 542.
- Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
- Time:** 6.30am.
- Cost:** \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).
- Grading:** M34.
- Location:** BCBC Hut, on Mt Barney Ck,
West of Rathdowney.
- Emerg Off:** Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

Come and experience part of the history of the club and join me on a walk to the club hut on beautiful Mt. Barney Creek. The hut is steeped in history being built in the sixties by enthusiastic club members with most material carried by hand.

The hut is a four kilometre walk from the Lower Portals car park. There are a couple of easy creek crossings and slight uphill sections but the walk is definitely within the capabilities of most people.

Bring memories, morning tea to share, catch up with friends, and relive those early trips spent at the hut and be part of this history as we celebrate the club huts birthday.

Bring the usual day walk gear as well as your swimmers.

**FRIDAY 21st MARCH
THE IRISH CLUB
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

- Leader:** Phil Murray 0416 650160.
- Address:** 171 Elizabeth St,
Brisbane.
- Time:** From 4pm till 9ish.
- What For:** A chat and a beer and a meal
- Emerg Off:** Phil Murray 0413 307580.

The Club has a regular gathering in town for a social drink and a chat on a Friday once a month on the third Friday of the month.

For the month of March we are meeting at the Irish Club. The official name of the Club is the Irish Association of Queensland. We usually gather on the ground floor bar on the right hand side just past the entry but last year we were around to the left hand side. Come in, we will be there. The Irish Club is a very nice establishment. The Club is about 200 metres north of the Myer Centre. As it is a club you have to sign in.

The notable beers at the Irish Club are Harp, Guinness and Kilkenny. The JTS society has a keen appreciation of the dark beers and this month we are in beer heaven as the Guinness and Kilkenny are superb dark beers.

JTS meetings are a lovely excuse to come into town on a Friday night and feel the buzz of the city and meet up with a group of friends to share a drink, a meal and a chat. So come along and meet up with friends and discuss your last interstate trip or your next overseas trip and start dreaming about your next trips OS.

In particular we are interested in those who have beer tasting reports from interstate and overseas locales.

So come along and have a good night in town.

For those in the know may have heard that the Irish Club is financially skating on thin ice at the moment and would appreciate a large crew turning up.

SATURDAY 22nd MARCH NORTH COAST MOUNTAINS DAY WALK

Leader: Michael Simpson 3351 3810
or 0409 620714.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.00am.
Cost: \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grading: M44.
Location: Sunshine Coast District.
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

Here's a chance to climb three North Coast mountains and then have fish & chips on the top of another at sunset.

We will climb Mts Erewah, Ninderry and Coolum before climbing Emu Mountain after purchasing fish & chips in Coolum. Mt Erewah is a 402m two peaked mountain just off the highway near Eumundi. It is easily climbed and should take roughly 3 hours to complete. Mt

Ninderry is a 315m peak just off the Yandina-Coolum road and is also easily climbed and will take roughly 1½ hours to complete. Mt Coolum is only a 208m peak close to the township of Coolum and the circuit will only take about an hour to complete. All mountains provide great views of the Sunshine Coast hinterland.

We will then adjourn to Coolum for coffee, if time permits, before purchasing fish & chips and heading up the highway to Coolum SHS. The last mountain, if you can call it a mountain, is Emu Mountain or Mt Peregian and is 71m high and is only really a stroll. We will now enjoy our dinner in quiet, pleasant surroundings with great views over the ocean and north and south. At least two of our conquests will be in view.

So ring me to discuss the walk. Don't forget to bring the usual equipment for this medium day walk, water, food etc.

29th TO 30th MARCH SATURDAY TO SUNDAY NORTH KOBBLE CREEK TRAINING BASE CAMP

Leader: Michael Simpson 3351 3810
or 0409 620714.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.00am.
Cost: \$15 (car pool), \$7 (private).
Grading: M44.
Location: Samford area.
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

You've always wanted to go on through walks or base camps or you want to lead walks but you're not confident. Well here's an opportunity to learn some basic leadership skills as well as lots of handy hints on what to take on through walks or base camps. You will also gain some great advice on how to navigate across trackless terrain using map & compass or GPS's.

The North Kobble camp site lies within a thirty minute walk from the cars and is relatively flat. There is no reliable water supply so you will need to take in enough to support yourself for two days. It is my intention to adjourn to Dayboro for dinner on Saturday night so the only meals required would be lunch on Saturday and breakfast & lunch on Sunday.

The programme is still being written but my thoughts are to spend Saturday morning on leadership requirements, Saturday afternoon on

preparations required for through walks/base camps and Sunday we will probably follow Middle Kobbie Creek to its source and return via the road.

This will be a great weekend so ring me to discuss the details.

**FRIDAY 11th APRIL
THE BANFF FILM FESTIVAL
SOCIAL**

Leader: Phil Murray 0416 650160.
Address: The Powerhouse Theatre
(upper level),
119 Lamington Street,
New Farm.
Time: 7.00pm.
Meet at: Watt Bar.
Cost: about \$33
Emerg Off: Phil Murray 0413 307580.

The Banff Mountain Film Festival is an international film competition and an annual presentation of short films and documentaries about mountain culture, sports, and environment. It is held every fall in Banff Alberta, Canada. Immediately after the festival in November, a selection of the best films entered in the festival goes on a world tour. The host organization in each tour location chooses a program that reflects the interests of their community. The World tour visits approximately 305 cities annually in 20 countries, reaching over 220,000 people. It is coming to Brisbane in April at the Powerhouse Brisbane at 119 Lamington St, New Farm. The date pencilled in Friday 11th April. Hope you can make it.

I need nominations (and money) by the AGM. The reason I need numbers soon is that it sells out very fast especially on a Friday night.

**ADVANCED NOTICE
FEBRUARY
OBI OBI LILO TRIP
DAY WALK**

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702 or
0416 650160.

The Obi Obi lilo trip is going out. I expect the trip to definitely go out this year as my oldest son and his mates are very keen to do it. Please contact me on 5522 9702 to get further details. Also, pray for rain please.

**ADVANCED NOTICE
18th TO 21st APRIL
FRIDAY TO MONDAY
MT KAPUTAR
BASE CAMP**

Leader: Michael Simpson 3351 3810
or 0409 620714.
Meet at: TBA.
Time: 4.00 am.
Cost: Fuel & camp fees.
Grading: Various, mainly S33.
Location: Western NSW near Narrabri.
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

Mt Kaputar is a National Park some 50km east of Narrabri and is therefore about a 7 hour drive from Brisbane. We will be camping and as the camp sites cannot be booked we need to be early. The ranger assures me that if we arrive Friday morning there will be no difficulty in securing sites.

Mt Kaputar is a high plateau formed by volcanic activity some 17-21 million years ago. The park has well maintained tracks ranging from short walks around 2km to long walks around 19km so there are plenty of options.

We will travel into Narrabri on Saturday night for Mass and dinner. I would like to visit Sawn Rocks on our way home on Monday but that is optional.

We last visited this area in 2005 so it's long overdue. Give me a ring to discuss the weekend.

**ADVANCED NOTICE
2nd TO 5th MAY
FRIDAY TO MONDAY
HAWKESBURY RIVER
BASE CAMP**

Leader: Michael Simpson 3351 3810
or 0409 620714.
Meet at: TBA.
Time: TBA.
Cost: \$150 + airfares + train fares.
Grading: M33.
Location: Brooklyn north of Sydney.
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

I have booked a former chapel in the village of Brooklyn for three (3) nights. The chapel sleeps six and I already have four confirmed bookings. If I get more than two people interested I will investigate other options for them. I have booked my flights and am leaving at 11:25 on 2

May on QF521 returning at 17:05 on 5 May on QF540.

The Hawkesbury is a beautiful part of the world and will be a delightful base for a weekend of walking. The plan is to settle in on the Friday and check out the local sites. On Saturday we will use the train system to get to our two walks, Berowra to Mt Kuring-gai and Cowan to Brooklyn. Sunday we will catch the train to Wondabyne and walk to Patonga where we will catch the water taxi back to Brooklyn for fish & chips. Monday is still a work in progress.

Ring me to discuss a great way to spend a weekend.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This Month's Meeting

February is bonus month as you will have two meetings on one evening – Annual General Meeting to be followed by February Monthly Meeting. I would like to say see you there but I will be away in Sydney working but I hope to hear reports of very successful meetings.

Annual Mass and Dinner

Saturday, 22 February is the date when we gather as a community to acknowledge the end of one year and the start of another within a framework of our relationship with God. We begin with Mass at 6.30pm at St Michael's Dorrington and at the end of the Mass our award winners will be presented with their certificates. After Mass we are off to Stafford Tavern for dinner starting at 7.45pm. See you there!

March Monthly Meeting – Speaker - Anthony Cox - Podiatrist

Anthony Cox, Podiatrist will speak to us on Monday, 17 March at 7.30pm. He will explore issues such as -

- footwear selection according to the terrain (compacted earth and bitumen vs grass and “unprepared tracks”).
- lacing – loose, firm, tight. If going on an extended downhill section should lacing be tight to stop toes being “crushed”.
- preparation for a long walk – toe nails, skin under foot and heels
- post walk – dark toe nails, missing toe nails (that fell off during the walk)
- exposure to mud and water – what is the impact if you spend all the daylight hours in water/ wet socks/ and frequent exposure to mud?

Come along and listen and ask your questions.

Club Retreat

In the first twenty years of the Club a religious Retreat was held most years and it was often for a whole weekend. The Club is looking at offering a Retreat in 2015 for one day. An experienced Retreat leader would be engaged at a cost of about \$250 and we would find a venue such as where we hold our monthly meetings at Dorrington on a Saturday or Sunday. A Retreat is an opportunity for spiritual renewal and strengthening your relationship with God. It is an opportunity to step back and look at your life. The cost would be of the order of \$25 per person on the basis you bring your own food. The goal is to recover the cost of staging the Retreat and therefore the price would be adjusted to reflect the attendance.

If you are interested in the Club staging a Retreat, can you let me know? If we have enough members interested, the Club will hold a Retreat in 2015. Can you let me know at either nelhouse@bigpond.net.au or 0427 743 534?

Club Shirts and Badges

The Club has a stock of blue Club Shirts which are available at \$20. These collared shirts are suitable for wearing on walks. Also available are metal club badges suitable for wearing on hats etc. for \$5 each. Both these items are available from Terry Silk, our hard working Treasurer.

Coffee Nights on Wednesdays

We visit a coffee shop / café in suburban Brisbane on the second Wednesday after the Club's monthly meeting which is the third Monday of the meeting. In addition we hold our John Toohey Society meeting on the third Friday of the month at a bar in inner city Brisbane on the third Friday of the month. So we have three regular social gatherings towards the end of the month, namely –

- 3rd Monday of the month – Monthly General Meeting
- 3rd Friday of the month - John Toohey Society meeting
- Wednesday in the week following the Monthly General Meeting – Coffee Night

The Committee is looking at changing the timing of the Coffee night to the first Wednesday of the month. The advantage of this is twofold, namely it spreads the regular social events more evenly across the month

and, secondly, it is easier to remember the date. The committee would appreciate your feedback on this proposal.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 16/12/13	\$3033.12
Plus Receipts	\$651.20
	\$3684.32
Less Payments	\$766.00
Balance 20/1/14	\$2918.32
Term Deposit	\$2657.02

A reminder to those who have not renewed their membership, your fees are now due. You need to complete and sign the renewal form which was in your January magazine as soon as possible to ensure that you do not miss any magazines. If you wish, you can directly deposit your subs into our bank account at QT Mutual Bank Limited at Fortitude Valley, Qld. BSB 804 002 A/c. No. 1567184 ensuring you reference your name on the transaction so that I can reconcile the deposits. Also, you will still need to return your completed renewal form. Terry.

ABOUT PEOPLE

John Bigg, Michele Endicott, Veronica Forsyth, Kerry Mulligan, Michael Simpson, Terry Silk, Erna Smith, and Nampech Wuthapanich are celebrating their birthdays in February.

Welcome back to Karen Frederiks who has re-joined the club after a year's break. Philip Auld was a visitor on Michael's Northbrook Gorge walk. Maree Blackall was a second time visitor on Justin's Cronan's Cascades walk. Margo Springthorpe did her first walk as a visitor along with Mignon Hardie who was on her second walk on Paddy's Kedron Brook walk. Karan Land, Carole Loveridge, Mignon Hardie, Johannes de Bont, Cathy Wood and Brenda Keough were interested visitors at our January meeting. Visitors are always most welcome at any of our club activities.

Liz Little recently returned from a brief holiday in South East Asia and Elizabeth Richards saw the New Year in during her holiday in North Queensland.

It is with great sadness we advise the death of Dave Mort's mother - as you know, Dave was a past editor and president of the Club. His mother prepared food for such gatherings as well as socials.

RAMBLINGS FROM THE OUTINGS SECRETARY

Leaders Needed:

7 June – Mt Greville

22 June – Bunyaville to Samford

6 July – Ipswich Heritage

12 July – Long Creek Falls

I am still chasing leaders for thirteen walks next year. In particular there are two walks programmed to the end of June still without leaders. Please consider leading at least one of these walks otherwise it will only add to the already overloaded programme of some of our experienced leaders. If you have never led a walk and would like to do so let me know. I am only too willing to help you with the planning, pre-outing and paperwork required to lead a successful walk. Overall there are 6 'city walks' and 7 day walks to fill.

Don't forget I'm running a Training Weekend in March for potential leaders and/or anyone who wants to learn some of skills required to navigate through unfamiliar terrain. It will be a great weekend (see article in this Jilalan) so put it in your calendar and come along. I would love to see you there.

There are quite a few through walks and base camps coming up in the next few months. Greg's annual Club Hut Feast is on again. This is always a great night. This Easter we are going to Mt Kaputar. The feedback I've had from the previous visit has been nothing but positive. Many of you may have noticed over the past few years that I have programmed walks along the Main Range. I started in 2006 and am now nearing the end of a long journey with my Collins Gap to Border Gate Road through walk over the Anzac Day weekend. I intend to finish it next year but I have already started again with my series of day walks from Spicer's Gap to Teviot Gap. Stick with me as I walk it all again over the next few years. Then follows my Hawkesbury River base camp. This will be brilliant. We are off to Fraser Island again, this time to the far north and with only 8 vacancies it unfortunately the walk has filled already. Finally a group of 9 of us are walking the Thorsborne Trail. It's just as well I've retired as this is a brilliant series of long walks.

Then of course there are the weekly walks which complement the programme with Pete climbing Mt Fraser, rarely done, Pat's cleaning up Sandstone Point, Michele's visiting the hut

for leftovers again and I'm trying something different on the North Coast.

The numbers on past walks are as follows:

Date	Trip	Leader	Type	No
January 25	Kedron Brook	Paddy	DW	14
February 1	Summer Creek	Justin	DW	9
February 8	Denman Falls / Killarney Glen	Maxine	DW	17

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

Michael (3351 3810, 0409 620714 or michaelesimpson@optusnet.com.au)

PHIL'S VIEWS

Firstly, I would like to wish everyone a Happy and prosperous New Year. I trust you all made a commitment to do lots of walking in 2014.

Bike rides - I hope to be able to organise a few bike rides for next year. The walks program has left a few vacant dates, namely 28th July and 18th October. Providing there are no other 'claims' for Club activities on those dates hopefully we can schedule in bike rides on those dates.

Banff Film night - The Banff Mountain Film Festival is an international film competition and an annual presentation of short films and documentaries about mountain culture, sports, and environment. It is held every fall in Banff Alberta, Canada. It is coming to Brisbane in April at the Powerhouse Brisbane at 119 Lamington St, New Farm. The date 'inked' for our Club to go is Friday 11th April which is the night of our JTS meeting. Cost \$33 (but is worth it). Hope you can make it. I need numbers by the AGM in February so I can book the tickets as the event sells out very fast. Last year we missed out.

Friday Night Footy - It is on Friday 16th May after the JTS meeting at the Transcontinental Hotel. After the success of last year's Friday Night Footy event to take Trevor Kelly to watch his beloved Collingwood, this year we are going to watch the Broncos v Titans game. A Queensland team is sure to win. Hope you can make it. Game time is 7.40 pm. Need numbers by the April JTS meeting.

"G-20 Day" - Public Holiday – Friday 14th November 2014. Please chat to me if you are interested in heading to the summit of Australia, Mt Kosciuszko, for the G20 day. After the success of Justin's day walk to Sydney last year this trip looks very do-able.

Barrani Journal – it is coming together very well. The plan is to publish the journal on a six monthly basis. Also any contributions are most welcome especially details of private treks and interesting historical articles. Russ Nelson has already sent me 2 great articles. One high brow one at the other extreme – I mean socks. Hope to have it published at the AGM. The cost will be \$2.00. I will only be printing 20 copies so get in quick if you want a copy.

Looking ahead. I would love to lead a trip down to Sydney to do a 'basecamp' and do 2 classic coastal walks. One to the north the Patonga to Ettalong Walk and one to the south the Kiama Coastal Walk. Both trips can be done using public transport and as they are out of the main city have a great feel to them. The main issue is getting suitable accommodation. I am happy to stay at backpacker accommodation and I am looking for feedback from other members. More details later.

See you on the track. Phil

AROUND THE RIDGES

KEEP WALKING NEPAL

When: Wednesday 19th February 2014
Where: Little Kings Hall,
Cnr. Carl & O'Keefe Sts.
Buranda, Brisbane
Time: 7:30pm
Cost: Nil - Free

Bushwalking Qld. Inc. has invited Ron Jackson from Walking South Australia to present an Information Evening on Keep Walking Nepal, a Sherpa family run business specialising in personalized trekking in Nepal, with emphasis on family & local cultural contact. The business helps support their local community through provision of medical centres, etc.

Many Australian walkers have already thoroughly enjoyed the trekking experience with Keep Walking Nepal. Come along and be inspired! Slideshow and talk, followed by question time, light supper provided. Off street parking available via the Carl St. gate.

Read the testimonials on their Website: <http://keepwalkingnepal.com/>

BQW has organised door prizes of two (2) Tasman Daypacks 25L courtesy of James from Mountain Designs Fortitude Valley.

RECOGNISING A STROKE

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to

identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster.

The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S *Ask the individual to SMILE.

T *Ask the person to **TALK** and **SPEAK** A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (i.e. **I like Chicken Soup**)

R *Ask him or her to **RAISE BOTH ARMS**.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

CAMINO AUSTRALIA 2014 Portland to Penola – April 5 – 13

The Camino in Spain to do the Way of St James is becoming very popular but many are probably unaware of the Australian Camino in honour of Mary Mackillop.

The trip is from Portland Victoria to Penola South Australia. For a further description visit the following website.

<http://www.cam.org.au/News-and-Events/Features/General-Features/Article/15328/The-Aussie-Camino>

Pilgrims are required to register by 28th February. Further information will have already been emailed.

PAST EVENTS

SOMERSET TRAIL & MT BYRON SATURDAY 4th AUGUST DAY WALK

They came from all directions, but 15 of us met at the Gantry to do two walks in the area. We all set off together until the Mt. Byron turnoff, where some decided to wait while the others did a little side trip to Mt. Byron so Michael could tick it off his bucket list. We actually walked over the top of Mt. Byron to a lookout without realizing until we turned back again!! As we found the others had continued on (after Michael ran down and then up the road looking for them) we walked up the road to the Lookout to rejoin the others and have lunch. A group of people with their BBQ lunch inspired us to discuss having a sunset BBQ during the coming

months. We then continued around the circuit to the cars and a coffee stop at Dayboro.

Thanks to Michael, Karen, Malcolm, Russ, Jan, Sofia, Graham, Andrea T, Beverley, Mary, Barry, Helen and her two Scottish visitors Ailsa and Matthew. Desley

COFFEE CLUB RIVERSIDE FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

Six JTS regulars gathered at the Coffee Club, Riverside for this pre-Christmas meeting of the John Toohey Society. Other venues in the area were busy and noisy, but the Coffee Club was not overcrowded, and provided a pleasant, relaxed environment. In contrast to the December 2012 meeting, weather conditions were fine, and there were good views of the walkway and the river.

As usual, a good range of drinks was available, and Happy Hour came into effect from 5pm (\$5 per drink). The meals were of a high standard, and quite inexpensive. This location continues to be one of our best JTS venues; it is good to see that it has been included in the 2014 JTS program, tentatively for September. Thanks to Liz, Elizabeth, Peggy, Mike, Cathy and Graham for attending this meeting.

DUSKY TRACK SUNDAY TO THURSDAY 5th TO 16th JANUARY THROUGH WALK

My first experience of walking in New Zealand was a surprise. Perhaps it was the track I chose for my first walk or perhaps it was the weather. But anyway, it was an experience and one I won't forget in a long while.

DAYS 1&2: An early morning start in almost record high temperatures and an early evening finish in very cool temperatures. Quite a contrast. We arrived in Te Anau around 7.30pm and with over 2 hours of daylight remaining we had plenty of time to go shopping before heading to The Moose for a few beers (a Speights Golden Ale, very nice) and a \$20 steak. An early start again the next day as we boarded our buses to Lake Hauroko and then a speed boat for our 45min cruise along almost the full length of the lake to our track. It was around then I realized that this part of New Zealand was full of sandflies. And me without insect repellent, what a dope. There is a small hut at the start of the track but we were pushing

onto Halfway Hut, some 8 hours along the track. The track was fairly easy going to start and it was fine but neither condition continued. We were soon following a root bound track and light rain was falling. We crossed the first two of 26 3-wire bridges today (see photo) and we finally had to cross a flooded creek which said goodbye to any hope we had of keeping our boots dry. Halfway Hut was our first introduction to the huts over here. It is a 12 bunk hut with a kitchen area, with table and chairs and a stove, and a toilet outside. Of course finding dry wood to burn was quite problematical.



DAY 3: We awoke to a relatively fine day as we continued to follow Hauroko Burn to its source which I believe is Lake Laffey, our destination today. The track wanders around, over, under or through various varieties of beech thus making concentration paramount. There had already been one member of a NZ group turn back as she had damaged her leg in a fall the previous day. Another two 3-wire bridges today but they were starting to get ho-hum. We reached a beautiful gorge just after lunch where we could finally look around at the beautiful scenery as we climbed through the gorge. Just after we reached the tree line the skies opened and it rained for the rest of the day. We were now at the Lake Roe hut near the top of the Pleasant Range and what a beautiful place. Pete & Michael donned their wet boots again and wandered up the hill to Lake Roe and raved about it when they returned. Remember we have around 16 hours of daylight here and we only walked for 8 of it. Ten people had landed with us and now only seven remained as the two hunters had not joined us tonight.

DAY 4: The day dawned unsettled but the clouds were high and we were confident we would have good vision over the top. The remaining four NZers decided to stay one more night in the hope of good weather and so there

were now only three of us. The trip over the Pleasant Range is hard to describe as it is a magical place (possibly an example of Middle Earth) with small lakes everywhere and creeks emptying the lakes down narrow gorges into the valleys below. It was very near the top when the weather closed in and it sleeted for a while but we were now very close to the descent on the other side. The clouds had lifted and we were rewarded with great views of Shark Cove, part of Dusky Sound, as well as our destination tonight. We could even see the only 3-wire bridge we needed to cross today. Just as we started down we met a group of seven climbing up from the other side. Apparently the wife of the chap we were talking to is a descendent of the first white man to traverse the Seaforth/Spey valleys with a boat. Quite an effort. An effort is too easy a description of our descent. It was a nightmare as we scrambled down waterfalls, cliffs, huge tree root systems, creeks and bogs. Maybe I'm used to it now or I'm fitter but I wasn't really fazed by the descent but I will add I was quietly excited when we finally reached the bottom. It was then we discovered the ladder up to the 3-wire bridge was in water and we had to wade out to it. An Austrian had told us the water was up to his chest the day before. I'm glad we weren't there then. Another 8 hour day was over.



DAYS 5&6: I decided I was not going to Supper Cove with the boys so I stayed in bed and waved them goodbye. There are eight 3-wire bridges on the path to Supper Cove which meant the boys had to come back over eight on the way back. Apparently the track was very similar to what we had already experienced and took 8 hours again. There's a pattern appearing. Supper Cove Hut is right on Dusky Sound and is a very beautiful spot. There was a French couple already there and they had been out fishing, successfully I might add. They both

were completely covered to keep out the sandflies and they looked bizarre in ski goggles. I was joined by two Germans and the four NZers and the Austrian decided to spend another night. Quite a crowded hut. The next day the boys returned after another 8 hour day, the NZers and the Austrian had moved on but the Germans remained. The hut here lies on the shore of Loch Maree, a beautiful lake only recently created by a landslide initiated by an earthquake. Just on dark our two unsuccessful hunters showed up but they decided to camp in the bush. The last two days were overcast but fine and we were hopeful the predicted high was finally arriving.



DAY 7: A beautiful day as we left to follow the Seaforth River to Kintail Hut. The track was relatively easy with only one walkwire. It was great to be able to enjoy the view for a change. The river levels had dropped significantly which meant the track could dry out but we still had to get inventive to cross the various creeks without getting wet boots. The Germans followed us today so we still haven't managed to get a hut to ourselves yet. Again it was an eight hour walking day.

DAY 8: We were hoping for another fine day tomorrow for our crossing of Centre Pass but the rain started again overnight and would remain with us to the finish. The start of the walk today whilst wet was quite scenic especially as we were walking up the gorge to the second of the walkwires. This walkwire crossed the gorge and was quite unstable. I was quite pleased when we were all safely across. From this point to the top the track became very steep and slippery as we clamoured over wet rocks and roots for a kilometre to climb 400m. But when we arrived the scenery was spectacular. The saddle at the top is a plateau and all around was water falling and rushing to the gorge to make its escape. A

vista only possible during heavy rain. As we made our way across the plateau to Centre Pass we began to realize how exposed we were and how cold it was getting. So we didn't hang around at the pass for long before dropping as quickly as we could to the tree line in the Spey valley. The descent to the Upper Spey Hut was quite unexpectedly easy with only a few impossible descents. Again the day was an 8 hour day, uncanny. We thought we had the hut to ourselves but a few hours later our unsuccessful hunters arrived. It was at this hut I had a run in with a Weka. A Weka looks like a fat chicken with long legs and a pointy nose and apparently like gaiters. We had left some of our gear out to dry when this Weka decided he wanted one of my gaiters. I had to rush out to reclaim it as he was heading up a drain with it.



DAY 9: We awoke to rain and decided not to hang around but to get to the ferry as quick as possible. The track today was the boggiest we had encountered all week and was quite time consuming to walk but after 6 hours we finally reached the road. The final three walkwires were easily crossed making a total of 27 for the walk. I managed to fall down a bog to my waist, hyper-extending my knee in the process which I'm still only overcoming. A tourist bus offered us a ride to the ferry thus saving a 45min road bash and a longish wait for the next ferry and was well appreciated. The trip across Lake Manapouri was delightful and the refreshments provided on the ferry were manna from heaven.

DAYS 10-12: Lazy days wandering the towns of Te Anau and Queenstown checking out the food and the other walks in the area. In Queenstown Michael went for a hike towards Ben Lomond whilst Pete & I used the gondola to check out what all the fuss is about Bob's Peak. Well you can just about experience everything NZ has to offer up there. You can

ride the Gondola, walk up/down the peak, mountain bike down the peak, ride in a luge, paraglide, bungy jump, ledge swing and hike along trails above the peak. Or you can just soak up the views and the food and drinks available at the top.

I love it when a plan comes together. Everything went according to plan except the weather but I guess you can't have everything. Thanks to Pete and Michael for joining me and I know it has whet our appetite for more walking in NZ. Michael

THE STORY BRIDGE HOTEL FRIDAY 17th JANUARY JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

Attendance 14.

John Hood, Jan Nelson, Russ Nelson, Graham Glasse, Mike Wood, Cathy Wood, Russell Jones, Louise Jones, Elizabeth Richards, Michael Simpson, Karen Franklin, Greg Endicott, Michele Endicott and Phil Murray.

It was a very warm night. The cricket was on but we too busy chatting to watch the game and anyhow England's cricket team was getting flogged, again. The stories of the wet trip to Tasmania (the South Coast Track) and the even wetter trip to New Zealand (Dusky Sound) were the highlights of the conversation. Why was Michael walking with a limp. Allegedly he fell in a pot hole in New Zealand. At least the Cooper's Pale Ale numbed the pain. Greg mentioned that without a doubt that his latest trip to Europe was the best ever. I will have to get his itinerary. It was a good night and we were on our way home before 9 pm. The best beer for the night was the Cooper's Pale Ale. Phil

SOMERSET LOOKOUT SATURDAY 18th JANUARY SOCIAL

An idea spawned during last year's Somerset Trail walk became a reality when thirteen members and three visitors either walked or drove to Somerset Lookout for a sunset BBQ. The weather was almost perfect, the setting ideal and the sunset and views spectacular. There were nibblys, BBQ'd rissoles & chipolatas, salads and desserts, a veritable banquet. The walkers arrived as the first course was ready and by sunset everyone had eaten their fill and were ready to leave. Two car shuttles later and we were all in our cars heading for home, sad it was over.

My special thanks to Karen for all the organization in my absence, to Peter for his assistance with the logistics and to Richard for the use of his car.

The walkers were Desley Pedrazzini, Peggy Roe, Michele & Richard Johns, Russell and Louise Jones. The socialites were Karen Franklin, Peter Constable, Russ & Jan Nelson, Terry Silk, Greg Endicott, Margaux Springthorpe, Eric and Martlyn Klokman.

SOMERSET TRAIL SATURDAY 18th JANUARY DAY WALK

This walk was planned on the previous August walk I led when we saw a group of people having a BBQ lunch at the Somerset Lookout and thought it looked a good idea for a summer full moon sunset. There was a choice as to transport on the day, walk or drive up. Margot, Peggy, Michele J, Richard, Russell and Louise joined me for a warm-up walk on the 1km Piccabeen Track and then while Margo went up to the Lookout with the non-walkers, the rest of us walked up. The 2.4m carpet python I had warned them was lying curled up next to the track about 15 minutes into the walk was a little peeved to be disturbed when most of us walked over him. It had moved onto the track so Richard found a big stick and he and I did a little detour to avoid the by now 10m snake!! (That's our story, and we're sticking to it).

Michael had organised the BBQ part of the day and it was nice to walk into a lovely sausage sizzle with assorted deserts and watch the sunset over Somerset Dam.

After we ate our fill, everyone was driven back down to the Gantry and their own cars. Thanks to the walkers and Michael, Karen and Peter who organised the BBQ. Desley

KEDRON BROOK SATURDAY 25th JANUARY DAY WALK

Fourteen walkers set off from Toombul Railway Station along the Kedron Brook Bikeway towards Mitchelton. Fortunately it was a cloudy day, with only a couple of light showers, not the heatwave conditions or torrential rain we had seen during the previous week.

Everything looked very green. The path crossed the creek several times, and in some places we could see evidence of a recent flood. We

walked through Kalinga Park, Shaw Park, under Gympie Rd at Kedron, and on to Gordon Park and Stafford, stopping for morning tea in a picnic shed along the way, where Margo decided to turn back.

As we walked along, Robyn spotted a swing hanging from a tall gum tree, and couldn't resist trying it out. Near Stafford City, we left the creek for a short walk along Royal Parade, before the path resumed at Grinstead Park. We had made very good time along this stretch, and as it was too early for lunch, we decided to continue on to Mitchelton.

At Everton Park, Gordana left us to catch a bus home. The remaining twelve walkers crossed under Stafford Rd towards the farm on the other side. It was nice to see cows grazing peacefully so close to the city. We continued on through Enoggera to Brookside Park for lunch.

After lunch, three more people left us, and the remaining nine walked on through Teralba Park and Boundary Park, then down Blackwood Rd to the shops.

Thanks to Terry, Julie, Russ, Jan, Rusty, Louise, Graham, Robyn, Michael, Karen, and our visitors Margo and Mignon for joining me on the day. Paddy

COFFEE NIGHT @ GAYTHORNE RSL WEDNESDAY 29th JANUARY SOCIAL

Oh, what a night it was; twenty-three of us turned up to have a meal at the RSL. With lifelong membership being only \$1, why not.

We sat by ourselves around the corner near the old Samford Rd entrance at 3 tables. Most arrived around 7pm and got into the food line reasonably fast. And there was lots to talk about since this was the first social since Christmas – a few of us had holiday or extended bushwalking trips to talk about. There were conversations as people moved from table to table.

This was our fundraiser for the local chapter of the St Vincent de Paul Society – Terry will tell you how much we gave in his Treasurer's Report (he did hint that we were more generous this year than in the past.)

The night was over all too soon and most were gone on their way home by 9pm.

Thanks to these for their attendance: Graham G, Antonia S, Maria K, Karen F, Terry S, Jan N,

Michael S, Robin T, Michele & Richard J, Minon H, Carol L, Andrea T, Liz L, John H, Susan, Justin & Mary T, Rosemary S, Anne & Bob I and Michele E. Greg E.

SUMMER CREEK SATURDAY 1st FEBRUARY DAY WALK

The club can take you to special places. Bushwalking can show you some great sights. Summer creek is one of these must see places of South-East Queensland. Summer Falls, rock walls, boulders, the red rock I have only seen in the Conondale area, cascades, pools to swim in. Fantastic!

Our journey to this wonderland took us past the Glasshouses, up the range, through Maleny and onto the Conondale Township to meet up with Peter's car, then along the highway to Charlie Moreland and up the Sunday creek road for a short car shuffle. Future leaders please note, make sure the car with the clean clothes is left at the end of the walk. We took the bush track, once just a foot pad now a well-made track with paint and tape everywhere. Why? We crossed over the side creek picked up the great walk track and continued down the ridge for that great view of the falls and pool. Louise and Anne-Marie waited here while the rest continued down the ridge and knoll overlooking the creek. Peter found the taped trail that took us to the bottom of the falls and up to the second pool. What a swimming hole, below the falls and above the creek. I did a few laps before the others decided it wasn't that bad and joined me. You could spend all day here, just swimming and doing nothing, but the top of the falls were calling. Trevor, Michael and Karen came with me to swim through the gorge while the others did the up and over to join us in the creek, looking down the creek where there were pools and more pools and cascades but no time for that we hadn't had smoko yet. Up the ridge for morning tea and onto the Great Walk Track and Summer Falls, a great place for lunch. Sitting on top of the falls gazing down to where we had been. We made our way down to the middle pool for another swim, Beautiful. We had a look at the campsite and planned a future walk before continuing along the track, with the creek below us, and Joe's swimming hole calling to us. The track took us through rainforest, eucalypt and open forest, we were soon back at the cars and onto Bellbird Creek Café for coffee, milkshakes, scones and custard kisses. Anne-Marie enjoyed the custard

kisses so much she had two and convinced Michael to have one as well. All that was left was the journey home with stories to tell of another great BCBC trip. Thanks to Peter Constable, Michael Simpson, Karen Franklin,

Terry Silk, Russell and Louise Jones, Trevor Kelly and Anne-Marie Winlaw who was joining us on her first walk, welcome to the club. I hope you all enjoyed the walk to Summer Falls. Justin.

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 carpark.

VISITORS are always welcome.

OUTINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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