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Date	Event	Leader	Phone	Type	Grade
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	Liz	3356 4874	Rel	
21	Annual Dinner	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
25	Coffee Night – The Gap Coffee Club	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
28	Mt Mathieson & Mt Alphen	John	5514 0285	DW	M44
Mar 1	Clean-up Australia Day	Terry	3355 9765	DW	S11
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 – Taverner Lounge	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
28	Flinders Peak	Trevor	3269 4795	DW	
Apr 3/6	Bunya Mountains	Russell	3399 4472	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
14	Banff Film Festival	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
15	West Canungra Creek	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M33
17	JTS – The Irish Club	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 2/5	Black Snake Ridge Circuit	Michael	0409 620714	TW	XL55
2	Mt Mitchell Circuit	Trevor	3269 4795	DW	
3	Albert River Valley (Des Dickie Walk)	John	5514 0285	DW	
9	South Stradbroke Island	Justin	3366 3193	DW	
15	JTS – TBA	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
17	Kate Quinlan Society	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
18	BCBC Meeting			Meet	
27	Coffee Night - Vagelis	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
30	Seven Hills at Seven Hills Saunter	Maxine	3409 4001	DW	
Jun 4/8	Fraser Island	Michael	0409 620714	TW	XL33
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	
20	Sunset on Mt Warning			DW	
24	Coffee Night	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
26/28	Yamahra Creek	Michael	0409 620714	BC	
Jul 4	Toombul to Sandgate			DW	
10	James Boag @ the Courtyard	Liz	3356 4874	Soc	
12	Camp Mountain to Downfall Crk	Justin	3366 3193	DW	

The Calendar is subject to change without notice

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

KEY – Walk Types

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

Give me work to do,
 Give me health,
 Give me joy in simple things,
 Give me an eye for beauty,
 A tongue for truth,
 A heart that loves,
 A mind that reasons,
 A sympathy that understands.
 Give me neither malice nor envy,
 But a true kindness
 And a noble commonsense.
 At the close of each day
 Give me a book
 And a friend with whom
 I can be silent.

(SM Frazier in Creeds to Love and Live By)

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.

**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.

the stated purpose of the Society is to find the best beer on tap in Brisbane, after 9 years our quest continues.



**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.

**WEDNESDAY 25th FEBRUARY
DINNER & COFFEE NIGHT
SOCIAL**

Leader: Graham Glasse 3371 9623.
Meet at: The Gap Coffee Club,
Shop 30, 1000 Waterworks Rd.,
The Gap
Time: 6.00 to 6.30pm for dinner or
7.30pm for coffee.
Cost: Your choice.
Web: <http://www.coffeeclub.com.au/the-gap>

The first dinner and coffee night this year will be at the Coffee Club at The Gap. The Coffee Club is situated outside of the shopping centre on the main road. There is usually plenty of parking in the shopping centre and the bus stop is right outside. Unfortunately I won't be there this month as I'm off walking in New Zealand but I Graham would love to see you there for either a meal or coffee.



**SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY
MT MATHIESON & MT ALPHEN
DAY WALK**

Leader: John Carter 5514 0285 or
0433 779771.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 6.30am.
Cost: \$15 (car pool, \$2 (private)).
Grading: M44.
Location: South of Aratula.

This walk is at Spicer's Gap in Main Range National Park. It is a circuit walk to Mt Mathieson through some open and rain forest on a rough marked trail. We will see good views to the north and south, in particular from Governor's Chair. Part of the walk is along the historic Spicer's Gap road, a link to the early settlement of Moreton Bay. We will also climb the small hill called Mt Alphen which is above the campground.

It is a relatively easy walk at around 10kms though it may be hot so please bring along at least two litres of water

**SUNDAY 1st MARCH
CLEAN-UP AUSTRALIA DAY
DAY WALK**

Leader: Terry Silk 3355 9765.
Meet at: Downfall Crk Bushland Centre,
815 Rode Road McDowall.
Time: 9.15am.
Cost: \$2.
Grading: M11.
Location: McDowall.
Emerg Off: Carol Kelly 3269 4295.

This year we are joining the Clean-Up Australia organisation at Downfall Creek. The clean-up is to start at 9:30am to 11:30am concluding with a free thank you sausage sizzle.

All equipment is provided including gloves and rubbish bags, however they do ask participants to ensure they are wearing enclosed walking shoes, sun smart clothing, a hat and to bring a drink bottle.

So join me for a couple of hours to assist the environment and get outdoors.



**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 \$12).
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.

News Flash

The big bad news is that the price of the water taxi has gone up to about \$12 per person. Unfortunately the price is out of my control but in the big scheme of things this price rise should be a minor factor – if you want to get there it is still a lot cheaper than buying your own boat to get there.

**14th TO 15th MARCH
SATURDAY TO SUNDAY
CLUB HUT FEAST
WALK-IN SOCIAL**

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 \$40.
Location: On beautiful Mt Barney Ck,
below the Lower Portals.
Web: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Banquet>
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 0418 122995.
RSVP: Wednesday 4th March.

What is a "Feast": A gathering of friends for the purpose of having a formal meal of several courses in nice surroundings spread out over a night.

What is "The Club Hut": it is a hut (Yalburu) built by members about 47 years ago on the banks of the lovely Barney Creek.

**Members, Visitors, Friends & Family
are invited to Dinner at Yalburu**

Each year in March at the time of the anniversary of our Hut's opening in 1967, the Club holds a birthday party for it – we call it "The Feast."

The Feast consists of five courses of food spread over five hours of Saturday evening.

The food is a combined effort of all those attending. As the organiser, I work out the menu and then ask the attendees to buy/prepare the food and drink for the various courses. With the work spread out amongst a dozen people, there is not much to do for each person. Some will buy the nibblies, some prepare the entree, some cook and present the main courses, others prepare the deserts and finally there are the cookies and coffee.

We start nibblies about 5pm as the main cooks prepare the courses to follow. Various wines and other beverages are on offer. Dress is semi-formal top and bushwalking bottom.

The Hut can sleep approximately eight comfortably, and some do bring tents and sleep outside. The Hut is a substantial building with good solid walls, ample ventilation, concrete floor, table & stools, it is water tight; considering it is out in the bush, it is a wonderful place.

The cost of transport and food is calculated from all your receipts and divided by the number of people attending – so the cost is not set in advance; but is not normally over \$40.

What to bring: spare clothes, Sunday breakfast, sleeping bag/light blanket, water, toiletries, small towel, togs, small pillow or something to suite the purpose, something to put under you when sleeping (but not too bulky/heavy, platex2, bowlx2, mugx2, cutleryx3, tea towel, smart casual top, comfy shoes, camera, torch, a share of the feast food, receipts, and cash.

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

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 a light blanket. Borrow a weekend pack. The Club has a few to hire out.

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 carrying your pack is approximately two hours – up minor hill & down small dale. There are approximately four small ridges and one low creek to cross on your way into The Hut. Two hours is a very short day walk.

Ring or e-mail me as soon as possible so I can start the preparations.

SUNDAY 15th MARCH CLUB HUT DAY WALK

- Leader:** Michele Johns 3353 2822 or 0414 635542.
Meet at: St Brigid’s Car Park, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 6.30am.
Cost: \$20 (car pool, \$2 (private).
Grading: S34.
Location: BCBC Hut, on Mt Barney Creek, West of Rathdowney.
Emerg Off: Michele 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 carpark. 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, 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, morning tea to share as well as your swimmers.

MONDAY 16th MARCH 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 to come on the walk. Nominate for a walk. Nominate to lead an outing. Stay for supper. Bring those recent bushwalking snaps.



GUEST SPEAKER

MARCH MONTHLY MEETING

Monday 16th March

Nev McManimm *

**The Early History of
Lamington National park**

This year is the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of Lamington National Park. Nev will provide a wonderful glimpse into the fascinating early history of the Park. It started with a dream and became a reality. Hear how the idea of a National Park became a reality and who were the movers and shakers that made it happen.

* Nev is well known to many members of BCBC and frequently joins us on the harder walks. He is an excellent speaker and has a wealth of knowledge about the history of south east Queensland. Don't miss this rare opportunity to catch a glimpse into the past of a National Park that we visit so often.

**FRIDAY 20th MARCH
THE CRITERION HOTEL
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

Leader: Phil Murray 0416 650160.
Address: 239 George Street.
Time: From 4pm till 9ish.
What For: A chat and a beer and a meal.
Emerg Off: Phil Murray 0413 307580.
Web: <http://www.criteriontavern.com.au>

Come along and enjoy our traditional monthly gathering. We last came here back in 2006. It was extensively refurbished several years ago and it has a very modern look.

Brisbane is a busy bustling city where there are so many people but most of them are strangers so it is reassuring to be able to catch up with friends in a friendly oasis. It is a nice venue near City Hall and I think we can hear the chime of the Town Hall's Bell's. (I know they chime every hour but I can't remember if they also chime at the half hour or whether they also chime on the quarter hour – it will be our research program for the night). So we will sit near the Adelaide Street side so we can hear the bells.

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

**SUNDAY 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 through 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.

**THURSDAY 9th APRIL
MT SUPERBUS & LINCOLN WRECK
DAY WALK**

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Cost: \$20 (car pool, \$2 (private)).
Grade: M66.
Distance: Approximately 14kms.
Emerg Off: Sue Murray 5522 9702.

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.

**TUESDAY 14th APRIL
THE BANFF FILM FESTIVAL
SOCIAL**

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702 or 0416 650160.

Address: Upper Level,
Powerhouse Theatre,
199 Lamington Street,
New Farm.

Time: 7.00pm to about 9.40pm.

Cost: Only \$35.

Web: <http://brisbanepowerhouse.org/events/2015/04/13/banff-mountain-film-festival-2015-tour/>

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.

The film festival is held every November 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 country then chooses a program that reflects the interests of their community.

The usual format is that they have two long films about 30 minutes each. These long films are usually about extreme bushwalks or treks. There are several short films about skiing, abseiling, base-jumping and kayaking. There is usually a human interest story about some old codger in their nineties still doing amazing things.

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

Last year seven members went to the show. Those there were John Hood, Barry Crawford, Mike and Cathy Wood, Greg and Michele Endicott and me.



**WEDNESDAY 15th APRIL
WEST CANUNGRA CREEK
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: \$20 (car pool, \$2 (private).

Grading: M33.

Location: O'Reillys.

Distance: Approximately 13.9kms.

Emerg Off: Sue Murray 5522 9702.

Join me on a medium graded track walk at O'Reilly's. It is an easy 14 km trip through lush green rainforest. The first stop will be at Picnic Rock. We then head down to Elabana Falls, then follow the track beside Canungra Creek. There are a few creek crossings here and unusually the water is not a problem. We will head down to Blue Pool for lunch and the keen and eager can indulge in an optional swim. After lunch we will return to the cars at O'Reilly's.

I have attempted to lead this trip five times in the last five years. The first two got called off due to flooding rain (February 2010 and October 2010). The third time (March 2011) we started the walk but one of our group had a stumble and needed to take the short cut back to the car. So several of us headed back up the Box Forest Circuit and I missed out on Blue Pool. In 2012 I planned to do the trip on Australia day but once again we got flooding rains and the trip was cancelled. In 2013 I planned to do the trip on Australia Day but it didn't go out. I think the track was closed and we did something else. (I will check my notes before the walk goes out). Hopefully, I will get there for the first time in about 20 years.

Please note this trip is a Wednesday Walk, yes a Wednesday but it is during the school holidays. Why a Wednesday? Well, there weren't any free weekends available to do the trip this summer so rather than miss out (the track often gets closed due to flood or storm damage) I wanted to do it before it gets closed again so we are going mid-week.

I hope you can join me on the day. If this trip gets called off some might say I am officially jinxed. Please feel free to bring some Australian cuisine to share e.g. Lamingtons. Please note there is 'a bit' of an uphill walk at the end of the day.

**FRIDAY 17th APRIL
THE IRISH CLUB
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://www.queenslandirish.com/>

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.

The 118-year-old Queensland Irish Association (aka the Irish club) has been placed in voluntary administration after directors of the club resolved that the enterprise was "insolvent or is likely to become insolvent at some future time". The Club is still trading and is still selling beers but we may need to have a 'solid' Plan B in place just in case the doors get locked before we visit in April.

I should note that one of our members Bob Iron forewarned us of this problem with the Irish Club about 2 years ago. So Bob can say "I told you so".

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This month is when we hold our Annual General Meeting which is followed by our Monthly General Meeting on Monday, 16 February 2015 and all members are encouraged to attend. Unfortunately I am unable to attend these meetings as I will be in North Sydney at a meeting on Church matters. So I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the Club's committee for 2014 for giving the members a vibrant Club.

At the end of the same week on the evening of Saturday, 21 February 2015 we hold our Annual Mass and Dinner (see Coming Events for details). At the Mass the winners of our Bushwalking Awards will be presented with their awards. Both members and visitors are welcome to join us at the Mass and Dinner.

My congratulations to Greg Endicott and Terry Silk for organising the Social for St Vinnies where more than 20 members gathered. It was held at Gaythorne RSL and there was a great vibe during the evening.

Two clubs this year, namely Bushwalkers of Southern Queensland inc. and YHA Bushwalkers Qld Inc, celebrate their golden anniversary. Congratulations to the members of both clubs.

BCBC Pictorial - Launched

Your committee has agreed to support the introduction of a BCBC photo book which highlights BCBC during 2015. It will be similar to the pictorial record of the 50th Annual Barney Mass. The book will be available in early 2016 and the draft name for the book is "BCBC Pictorial".

The aim of the Pictorial is that it provides a representative pictorial record of BCBC in 2015. The factual data is captured in the Annual Report. The focus would be on the people in all the different settings in which BCBC activities occur. So a benchmark for success would be to record as many BCBC members as possible. It will be 20 pages with a maximum of 6 photographs per page (Therefore there is an upper limit of 120 photographs.) The cost is expected to be about \$35 and the printing of the Pictorial would be via a retail provider such as Big W.

When the number of walks and activities of the Club is considered, it is unrealistic to expect that every event will have a photograph. The decision on photographs to be included and the

layout of the Pictorial will be up to the production team which will be made up of about three members.

The number of copies to be produced would be on a prior order basis. As a result, the Club should not incur any financial liability for the production of the Pictorial.

The key task now is to send your photographs to the production team who will advise how to do this shortly.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 15/12/14	\$3977.51
Plus Receipts	\$781.35
	\$4758.86
Less Payments	\$1006.70
Balance 15/12/14	\$3752.16
Term Deposit	\$2722.34

A reminder to those who have not renewed their membership that it is time to do so. Also, don't forget our t-shirt sale which sees a limited number of our fiftieth anniversary shirts on sale for \$10.00 which is a fifty percent saving.

Our St. Vinnies' night saw us collect \$145.00 from the members in attendance. As I have just received the receipt book from The Little Kings Movement, I will soon be looking for donations to support this worthy charity which has their annual appeal as their only source of funds. This year they are joining with Marist Brothers to give some support to a school in Cambodia for land mine victims. Donations of two dollars and over are tax deductible.

Keep an eye out for an e-mail shortly about our new club t-shirt. Terry.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Tasmania seemed to be the destination of choice over the Christmas and New Year period as Greg, Michele, Stephen and Lucy Endicott, Andrea Turner and Alan Hodgson and family did some walking and holidaying down there. Robin Thorn spent Christmas and the New Year in New Zealand with family. Elizabeth Richards spent Christmas and New Year in North Queensland whilst Desley Pedrazzini visited South America and did a cruise to the South Pole over the Christmas and New Year period. Peggy Roe and her daughter, Keelin along with Chrissie Turner walked the Australian Camino in early December. In early January, Matthew Palmer took Kerry, Ethan and Heidi to the Blue Mountains where he and

John Bevelander did some walking. Pat Lawton, Jonas Bernotas and Trevor Kelly spent some time in Stanthorpe over Christmas/New Year where they did some walking. Iain Renton has just returned from a visit to Canberra.

John Bigg, John Bevelander, Michele Endicott, Veronica Forsyth, Kerry Muligan, Ilka Salisbury, Terry Silk and Michael Simpson are celebrating their birthdays in February.

Maria Stalker, who is a member of YHA was an interested visitor at our January meeting. Phil had two first time visitors on his Gold Coast Tram Walk. They were Louise Johnson and Zitta O'Carroll. Phil's Toolona Creek walk saw Alan Hodgson's daughter, Hannah, along with Maria Stalker join us for the first time. Visitors are always most welcome at any of our activities.

Tragic Deaths

With a sense of deep sadness, we report the death of Cecilia Bevelander, wife of member John Bevelander on Thursday, 22 January and their daughter Matilda on Wednesday 28 January 2015. Cecilia and Matilda were in a traffic accident on Kyogle Rd near Uki, just over the border in New South Wales on 22 January. During this difficult time for John and son Liam, we extend our prayers and support. Also we extend our prayers to the four other people injured in the accident.

We pray God, through the intercession of Our Lady of the Way that you are attentive to our pleading voices and our heartbreak. Let us find in your Son comfort in our sadness, certainty in doubt, and courage to live through this time. Make our faith strong, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

The funeral for Matilda will be on Saturday February 14th at 1pm at St Bernards Chapel, Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt.

Fr Frank Bendeich who was the Chaplain for the Catholic Bushwalking Club of Sydney for approx. 30 years died in late January. He was an extremely capable bushwalker. He had been battling several illnesses lately including Parkinsons disease. May he rest in peace.

RAMBLINGS FROM THE OUTINGS SECRETARY

Leaders Needed:

5/8 June – Fraser Island Base Camp

20 June – Sunset on Mt Warning

4 July – Toombul to Sandgate

- 26 Sep** – Buchanan’s Fort
- 3 Oct** – Caloundra
- 10/11 Oct** – Summer Creek Traverse
- 24 Oct** – Mt Tinbeerwah Traverse

Date Changes

A new segment in my report to reflect changes to the calendar.

- 3/6 Apr** – Bunya Mountains leader confirmed as Russell Jones
- 3 May** – New walk – Albert River Valley to be led by John Carter
- 26/28 Jun** – Yamahra Creek Basecamp moved from 3/5 July
- 4 Jul** – Toombul to Sandgate moved from 27 June.

Upcoming Walks

John is leading his first walk for the year on a track he helped construct, the Mathieson Circuit. In addition he hopes to summit Mt Alphen, a small mountain behind the Spicer’s campground. Next up Terry will be leading a team to help clean up the Downfall Creek area. Next up Phil is leading an easy walk on the northern beaches of the Gold Coast. This is followed by one of the highlights of the year, Greg’s Club Hut Feast and Michele’s day walk to hut to celebrate its birthday.

The numbers on past walks are as follows:

Date	Trip	Leader	Type	No
January 17	Gold Coast Tram Walk	Phil	DW	17
January 25	Toolona Circuit	Phil	DW	14
January 31	Bare Rock	Trevor	DW	12
February 7	Illinbah Circuit from the Bottom	Greg	DW	7

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

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Update on New members

No new members this month.

Update on Membership Numbers

Number of members as at 2-2-2015 – 108.

Voting at AGM

An issue came up at the January meeting about who was eligible to vote at the AGM and whether you needed to have paid your 2015 membership fees to be eligible vote at the AGM in February 2015.

If you were a member in 2014 you remain a member until 3 months into the 2015 year and if you don’t get around to paying your fees for

several months your membership is regarded as suspended on the 31st March. So in simple terms you can vote at the AGM in February if you have not yet paid your 2015 membership fees.

Update on Publicity Flyer.

We sent out publicity flyers to 3 parishes in December. Why only 3 – it was to test the waters so to speak. We didn’t get any adverse feedback from the parishes and we received a few enquiries.

There was a bulk mail (62 letters) to the other parishes on Tuesday 3-2-2015 to basically every parish in the Brisbane and Beaudesert area. Hopefully your local parish will put the Flyer on the parish noticeboard and include a quick note in the parish newsletter.

I would appreciate receiving an updates from members if your local parish has put the Flyer on the noticeboard at your local church or included a note in the local newsletter.

Update on Visitors Questionnaire

Last month I mentioned about the project to request visitors to complete a questionnaire about how they found out about the Club.

On the Toolona walk I asked the 3 visitors if they would mind completing the questionnaire and they willingly obliged. I would like to thank them for the assistance. The questionnaire actually provided some interesting information and actually prompted one person to volunteer to be a walk leader in due course.

Introducing the “Pocket Guide”

Another little innovation is the new “pocket Guide”. It is designed to be a document or little slip of paper to give to visitors so they have a quick list of the Club’s activities.

It is on a slip of paper that folds down to nearly a credit card size that can be stored in your pocket, your wallet, your purse or even use it as a book mark. It is designed so we have a quick list to give to visitors or friends. It is also presumed that it is a quick summary that members would like as well.

Sample copies will be available at the February meeting. We plan to send the ‘Pocket Guide’ out as a supplement to the March magazine.

Members Register – what year did you join.

I am trying to update the Members register and in particular I am trying to ascertain when our members actually joined the Club and what was their first walk with the Club. For people who joined after 1992 this information is available

but for members who joined before 1992 I will have to ask them individually to get this information. I trust this information is a glowing memory that they will never forget and are happy to share.

See you on the track. Phil.

AROUND THE RIDGES

BWQ Open Day

BWQ is running an Open Day to celebrate the opening of the 2015 peak bushwalking season. It will be held at the Ashgrove Library, 87 Amarina Avenue, Ashgrove from 10am to 3pm. You will need to bring your own lunch. There will be a cake cutting at 12 noon. It is envisaged that most aspects of bushwalking will be highlighted at the venue.

Food for Thought

Resources for the Outings Secretary

I was the Club's Outing Secretary a few years ago. One of many things I noticed was that there were no resources on bushwalking given to me as Outings Secretary. By resources I mean just simple things like a mini-library of books about bushwalking in south east Queensland.

Over the last 40 years there have been numerous books published on Bushwalking in south east Queensland. I have my own collection of books but the Club doesn't have any of these resources dedicated for the use by the Outings Secretary.

Michael Simpson is doing a good job at present and has his own collection of resources but ideally there should be a collection of resources that can be handed over to the next Outings Secretary who ever that may be and whenever that occurs.

The most accessible book about bushwalking in south east Queensland that is available in most bookshops is the following book.

John and Lyn Daly.

Take a Walk – in South-East Queensland (2009). – cost about \$34.00.

It is a very good book that covers most of the graded tracks and many of the off track walks and includes reasonable maps to explain roughly where the walk goes.

There have been several bushwalking guide books published over the years by several different authors

1. Hammond and Young
The Bushwalkers Guide to South East Queensland (1973).
2. Tony Groom and Trevor Gynther
100 Walks in South Queensland (1980)
3. Ross Buchanan
Bushpeople's Guide to Bushwalking in South East Queensland (1987 reprinted several times)
4. Robert Rankin.
Secrets of the Scenic Rim (1992)
5. Thomas W. Lackner
Discovering Green Mountains (O'Reilly's) on foot

All of the above are out of print. If you see one for sale at a second hand store, or 'op shop' or garage sale, buy it, either to keep or to re-sell to the Club. The price to pay is around \$5 to \$10 at the second hand shops or \$1 to \$5 at a garage sale.

There is another book that is still in print

1. Thomas Lackner
Discovering Binna Burra on Foot (2000)
Cost – \$12.95.

As a start the Club should purchase the book by John and Lyn Daly and the book by Thomas Lackner (the Binna Burra book) as a resource for the Outings Secretary that can be handed down to the next occupant of the position of Outings Secretary.

Some readers may ask why put this article in the magazine? Why doesn't the Committee just go off and do this. There are four main reasons, firstly, it is important that these proposals be communicated to the members and to advise the members the reasons for the proposal, secondly, to let members know that these resources actually exist and thirdly and most importantly some of these older books are very hard to come by and we need to alert members to the possibility that if they see these older books for sale at a garage sale or second hand book shop they should snap them up, fourthly it is possible some members have these old books and they don't want them anymore and they may be happy to transfer them to the Club.

Anniversary Party

The YHA Bushies are having a 50th Anniversary 'Party' - Saturday 7th March 2015 (3-7pm) at Rainforest Room at Brisbane City YHA, Upper Roma Street.

Track Closures

The Warrie Circuit – Closed (again). Due to a landslide and tree fall on the track, the Warrie Circuit has been closed for public safety. Rangers are currently working to clear the tree fall and repair the track. During this work the track will remain closed until further notice.

<http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/park-alerts/13173.html>

Barrani Journal

Volume 14 December 2014

Cost only \$2.00 (postage \$1 extra). On sale at the monthly meeting.

This issue is a collection of articles about the early history of Lamington National Park as 2015 is the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of Lamington National Park.

The lead article is by Neville MacManimm and gives a great overview of the background to the history of the Park.

There is a quick note about the facts, history and legends of Woonoongoora, which was the proposed name for the Park. Rather than 'reinvent' the wheel and 'pen' new articles in this issue we have republished articles from the time that Lamington National Park was discussed in the media of the time. These articles from the 1896 and 1911 are extremely well written and provide priceless insights into the mindset and language of the time. The 2 main articles are historical articles by Robert Collins and Romeo Lahey.

There are also some quick anecdotes about Lord Lamington and his interaction with the native bears that ended very badly for the native bear.

This volume also includes a very recent article by Warwick Frost. The article is an academic article exploring the background political factors that impacted on the proclamation of Lamington National Park.

I also included another article but it is not in respect of Lamington. It is an article about a special wildflower called the Mountain Rose that we usually see at the Barney Mass.

Our Lady of the Way

A member's thoughts

On May 24th, the Palm Beach Community of "OUR LADY OF THE WAY CHURCH" kicked off celebrations of their 50th Year Anniversary with a Special Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of the Way Patronal Day.

In preparation for the event, the original statue of our Lady of the Way, (picture1) received a much needed make over, and now sits in a place of honour at the foot of the church's centre aisle.



Extract from Catholic life November issue; Burleigh heads Catholic Parish

Last year the Gold Coast Palm Beach community of Our Lady of the Way Church celebrated 50 years on 24 May 2014, the feast day of our Lady of the Way. You can print your Marian calendar, underline, highlight and draw circles around October 16 and it is a date that means nothing to Our Lady of the Way Communities, It means nothing to Sydney Catholics who we followed in having Our Lady of the Way as our Patron Saint in 1957, and it means nothing to BCBC. In 2014 the Mass for Our lady of the Way was tacked on to Greg's Social. There were six club members at a normal Sunday Mass with no relevance to Our Lady of the Way. Surely our Club Patron deserves more respect than this. All I ask is that you pray one hour with me.



Members past and present will always make an effort to attend the Annual Mass. Many years ago the club decided to take the Annual Mass away from Lent and took the opportunity to move it to May in Honour of Our Lady of the Way, A Mass members have and will attend, to pray for the past and new club year and to honour and give thanks to Our Lady Of the Way, our Patron Saint who has been with us on all our walks and journey through life. Our Lady of the Way deserves more than a token date on a piece of paper. We need to honour her with her own Mass in May. A living, breathing date, a Mass that members will attend. This is more important and relevant than presenting a few awards, which could be done at the AGM.

Don't let this remain as just words on a piece of paper discuss it on walks and whenever members get together. Your point of view is as

relevant as others. One person's view point no matter how far up the food chain they think they are doesn't make it Gospel. May the club continue to journey with Our Lady of the Way and can we please return her Mass to May.

PAST EVENTS

NOOSA HILL via TANGLEWOOD TRACK SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER DAY WALK

This walk was a variation of the coastal walk, taking in the Tanglewood Track and Noosa Hill. It didn't disappoint.

After several pickups along the way, 13 members and visitors regrouped at the carpark opposite the Surf Life Saving Club at Sunshine Beach. We were greeted by two (2) policemen who were checking all parked cars to make sure they were locked. There had been quite a few broken into recently.

With introductions out of the way, we crossed the park and proceeded to walk towards the beach. The day was beginning to heat up with only a gentle breeze. We walked at different paces, some walked along the water's edge. We made it to the northern end of the beach in record time, so a quick regroup was had before we attempted the challenging ascent of the step climb to the headland. As we made our way up the steps, we could see sweeping views out to sea and down to the beach we had walked along.

Once on the headland, we proceeded along a rather eroded track which took us down to Alexandria Bay. A huge cloud above us looked rather menacing, but fortunately, only brought with it a light shower before dissipating into a beautiful day.

The walk along Alexandria Bay was another easy stroll, where morning tea was had at the northern end. No one opted to go for a swim.

A short track connected us with the Tanglewood Track and we were walking inland. The track meandered through rainforest, open eucalypt woodlands and closed woodlands. On this section of the track we came across several black boys in flower. Many a photograph was taken. Noosa hill was on our right further down the track. A short track took us off the main track to the top of Noosa Hill. We then continued on to join up with the main Tanglewood Track which took us down to the

coastal track and onto our lunch spot at Ti Tree Bay.

Because we had made such good time, we were able to have a long lunch stop. A few chose to swim, while the rest of us were fascinated with a koala close by in a tree. Lunch out of the way, we said goodbye to visitors, Eric and Martlyn Klokman and reluctantly continued our walk along the coast back to Sunshine Beach.

On this section of the track, we passed several viewpoints, the most spectacular being Hell's Gate. Half way along Alexandria Bay, we took an inland track which took us through to Sunshine Beach Suburbia. A short walk and we were once again on the beach where we had hanggliders circling above us. A short stroll took us back to where we began and the cars.

We opted to get snacks and return to a picnic table and chairs in the middle of the park. A nice place to relax and share stories.

Time was getting on so we said good-bye to Leigh and Sophie and made our way home, regrouping at Sherryn's place at Burpengary so we could swap passengers and take 3 into Red Hill.

Thank you to my fellow walkers for sharing this idyllic spot with me. Members, Richard Johns, Paddy Taylor, Jonas Bernotas, Gerry Burges, Robin Thorn, Sophie Ramsay, Sue Walsh and visitors, Eric Klokman, Martlyn Klokman, Sherryn Johns, Alan Hodgson and Leigh Ramsay. Michele.

THE STORY BRIDGE HOTEL FRIDAY 16th JANUARY JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

Attendance: 9

A warm night. Great food and cold beers. Most of us sampled the famous Story Bridge pies served either with chips and coleslaw or vegies with mash. It sounded ordinary but tasted delightful. The pies had lovely pastry.

John Hood was a 'winner' on the night as he only got charged \$3.80 for a schooner of beer a Great Northern to be precise.

A highlight for me was that Mike Wood gave us a detailed account of his expeditions in Tasmania. Firstly his trip to the Western Arthurs with the Club – a trip to remember for everything that went wrong with the weather, freezing cold and blowing a gale and they had

to abort the trip. Secondly he had a very successful trip along the Overland Track with Cathy. They had nearly perfect weather and he climbed nearly every mountain in sight including Mt. Ossa, Pelion East and Barn Bluff[#].

Another highlight of the night was that we spotted a few 'celebrities' namely Billy J Smith the former TV presenter and Tony Shaw the former Australian Rugby Union captain. Russ advised that he played in the same team as Tony Shaw in the under 14s but their careers took a different direction in subsequent years. Tony Shaw's nickname was crazy eyes and according to many commentators he was one of the key players who transformed the Wallabies from the easy beats to world beaters. We respected their privacy and didn't ask them for autographs. Nor did we ask Tony why he punched Bill Cuthbertson a narky player from Scotland as there was a chance he would repeat the exercise.

Those there – John Hood, Graham Glasse, Mike & Cathy Wood, Russ & Jan Nelson, Peggy Roe, Phil Murray & Liz Little.

The pick of the beers was the Great Northern. Phil.

[#] One of my burning ambitions is to climb Barn Bluff. It is a spectacular flat top mountain that juts out from the surrounding countryside.

GOLD COAST TRAM WALK SATURDAY 17th JANUARY DAY WALK

Weather: beautiful clear blue skies
Temperature: hot - 31.6^o
Winds: light ENE wind - 17 kph.
Distance: 15 km
Height gain: 10 metres
Attendance: 17 – 15 members – Phil Murray, Graham Glasse, Terry Silk, Pat Lawton, Justin Tobin, Peggy Roe, Rusty Jones, Louise Jones, Trevor Kelly, Andrea Turner, Russ Nelson, Jan Nelson, Liz Little, John Hood, & Sophia Ramsay. 2 Visitors – Louise Johnson & Zitta O'Carroll

This was a great little trip. The only down side to the day was the delay at the start as we were about ten minutes behind schedule getting to the meeting point at the Gold Coast University Hospital Station. The delay was due to road works on the Smith Street Motorway.

We hopped on board the trams about 9.40 am and there was a real buzz in the group as we enjoyed our first trip on the Gold Coast Trams.

The best part of the tram ride is the section between the Uni and Southport. Firstly, there is the huge bridge (or flyover) that goes over the Smith Street Motorway and it is very high here and you get views to Springbrook and Mt Warning. Secondly there was the section along Queen Street where the road goes up and down like a 'sine wave' (that's a mathematical term). We were in the front seats and had a great view of the tracks as the tram zoomed up and down the little hills.

We hopped off the tram at Cavill Avenue to see the heart of the Glitter Strip and decided it was just glitz with lots of tourists. We hopped back on the tram and travelled down to the end of the line at Broadbeach South. We then crossed busy Hooker Boulevard and went through Jupiter's Casino (and tried to look inconspicuous) to get to the monorail station. We had to ascend a long staircase and this was the only hill for the day and so the trip qualifies as a 'walk' as it was over 10 km and had a hill.

We had to wait about 20 minutes at the monorail station to get a ride. The monorail only fits about 20 people and some of the tourists had stayed on to do the loop so we had to wait for the next train. At least the price of the monorail was right as it was free. But only until the Australia Day weekend. Normally it costs \$4. We regrouped at the Kurrawa Surf Club. Some went inside to get coffee and cake but most just blended in with the group watching the Nippers having beach races.

Finally about 11.30 ish we were on the beach and walking north. We made excellent time and got to Surfer's Paradise beach about 12.20 ish. This was the designated spot to re-group. A few in my group took the chance for a quick dip. Liz went in clothes and all to save time. We couldn't see the other group as there were about 800 people there. After 15 minutes we decided to push on as we expected the other group would push on as well. The good news was that we regrouped again after about ten minutes as we had got away from the crowds.

We then pushed on to Main Beach where we had lunch and a swim. After lunch it was a quick zig zag around the Sheraton Mirage, Marina Mirage (lots of big blue jellyfish in the water and lots of boats). Then we walked down to the very trendy Tedder Avenue Restaurant precinct and enjoyed a quick afternoon tea at the Bakery. Then we zipped across to the Main Beach Tram Stop. The tram arrived in about 3 minutes and then zoomed back to the end of

the line where we met up with Pat Lawton again. I had a great time.

I suggested to Russ that we should a similar trip next year as a few people missed out this year. Russ was very supportive. I suggested a few changes. We would walk the section from Burleigh Heads all the way to the Southport Spit. It is very doable as we wouldn't be doing the touristy things with the stops at Cavill Avenue or do the monorail trip. Russ loved the idea and is already planning the train trip all the way down to Varsity Lakes. I was surprised by the interest in the train trip. Russ advised most people in the Club have never done the Gold Coast train trip as they have no need to travel that way. Whereas I used to catch the train every day to work for 3 years and I am totally bored with the train.

Anyhow the suggested date for the next Gold Coast Tram walk is Sunday 10th January 2016. Low tide will be at 2.24 pm.

The distance was about 15 km as we had to park about one km from the Gold Coast Uni Hospital.

There was another down side to the day was that Paddy Taylor missed the trip as she wasn't aware of the change of day to the Saturday.

Some other information about the trams.

1. Is it a tram or a light railway? – the generally accepted definition in transport industry is that a 'light railway' is a track on its own "right of way" as distinct from the streets. The Gold Coast tram track is basically on its own 'right of way' and normally cars are not permitted to drive along the tracks, hence the track is known as the light railway and the vehicles are known as 'trams'. But to confuse the issue Translink want the light railway to be known as the G.
2. A pantograph (or "pan") is an apparatus mounted on the roof of an electric train, tram or electric bus to collect power through contact with an overhead catenary wire.

3. The Tram specifications
 - a. There are only 14 trams - they were built by Bombadier and the model is known as the Flexity 2.
 - b. Bombardier Inc. is a Canadian multinational aerospace and transportation company, founded by Joseph-Armand Bombardier. Its headquarters are in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
 - c. The trams were built in Bautzen Germany
 - d. The tram is 43.5 metres long and have 7 articulated sections (they are the longest trams in Australia – Melbourne's longest tram is only 33.45 metres long -There are only 4 bogies per tram
 - e. Passenger capacity is 309 people – 80 seated and 229 standing
 - f. Maximum speed is 70 kpm and they only do this speed as they cross the Nerang River Bridge.
4. The track is a standard gauge - 4 foot 8½ inches - which is 1435.1 mm – the origin of the standard gauge is from the width of roads marked by chariot wheels dating from the Roman Empire. Queensland Railway are on narrow gauge which is 3 foot 6 inches.
5. The track is 13 kilometres long with 16 stations. The steel tracks were made in Austria. There are 2 major bridges both about 800 metres long.
6. The trams commenced operation in late 2013 but were not open to public while testing was done. There were 2 major flaws identified during testing period – leaking of electrical current from trams caused problems for business beside the track. Secondly the wheels were too big and didn't align with the platforms so the wheels had to be ground down.
7. The trams opened to the public on Sunday 20 July 2014.

The above information is from the magazine *Railway Digest* September 2014 p 30 to 36

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>

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