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Date	Event	Leader	Phone	Type	Grade
15/16	Club Hut Feast	Greg	3351 4092	ON	S43
16	Club Hut Walk	Michele	3353 2822	DW	S43
17	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
21	JTS – The Irish Club	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
22	North Coast Mountains	Michael	3351 3810	DW	M44
26	Coffee Night – Belesis, Coorparoo	Michael	3351 3810	Soc	
29	Training Day @ Mt Coot-tha	Michael	3351 3810	DW	S22
Apr 5	Edinburgh Castle	Michael	3351 3810	DW	M55
11	JTS – The Alto Bar @ Powerhouse	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
11	Banff Film Festival	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
12	Artist's Cascades	Justin	3366 3193	DW	M34
18/21	Mt Kaputar	Michael	3351 3810	BC	Var
19	Ewan Maddock Dam	Louise	3399 4472	DW	L23
21	Mt Alford	Pat	3366 1956	DW	M44
25/27	Collins Gap to Border Gate Road	Michael	3351 3810	TW	L46
25	Wagawn	Desley	3369 5530	DW	L33
28	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
30	Coffee Night – The Taverner	Michael	3351 3810	Soc	
May 2/5	Hawkesbury River	Michael	3351 3810	BC	M33
4	Mt May	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M44
10	South Stradbroke Island	Justin	3366 3193	DW	M44
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	L46
17	Chermside to Boondall	Desley	3369 5530	DW	M11
19	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
25	Kate Quinlan Society	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
28	Coffee Night – Kettle & Tin	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	L33
9	Mt Greville	Russ	3374 3534	DW	
12	TAFE Restaurant @ South Bank	Antonia	3857 1387	Soc	
14	Mt Ernest Traverse	John	5514 0285	DW	
16	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
20	JTS – Gilhooley's	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
21/26	Thorsborne Trail	Michael	3351 3810	TW	XL33
22	Bunyaville to Samford	Maxine	3409 4001	DW	
25	Coffee Night – Vagelis	Michael	3351 3810	Soc	
28	Breakfast at Regatta	Russ	3374 3534	Soc	
29	Lost World	Michael	3351 3810	DW	M77
Jul 4	James Boag @ the Courtyard	Liz	3356 4874	Soc	
5/6	Lizard Ridge	Michael	3351 3810	TW	M77
6	Ipswich Heritage	Peggy	5498 7112	DW	
12	Long Creek Falls	Justin	3366 3193	DW	
18	JTS – The Theodore Club	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
19	Shepherd's Walk	Terry	3355 9765	DW	
21	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
26	Colonial Ball	Matthew	3876 8125	Soc	
30	Coffee Night	Michael	3351 3810	Soc	
Aug 2/3	Noosa	Justin	3366 3193	BC	
2	Teewah Landing to Cooroibah	Justin	3366 3193	DW	
3	Noosa North Shore	Justin	3366 3193	DW	
3	Mt Coot-tha to Fig Tree Pocket	Russ	3374 3534	DW	
9	Mt Misery	Pat	3366 1956	DW	
12/13	Barney Mass	Greg	3351 4092	DW/BC	M77
15	JTS – German Sausage Hut	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
17	Helidon Hills Wildflower Walk	Phil	5522 9702	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

We are sent in the name of God who comes to set us free.

We are sent with the teachings of Jesus who comes among us with justice and joy.

We are sent to live in the spirit of Christmas proclaiming peace on earth.

Amen

(St Mary's Mass Sheet, South Brisbane)



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.

**25th TO 27th APRIL
FRIDAY TO MONDAY
COLLINS GAP TO BORDER GATE RD
THROUGH WALK**

Leader: Michael Simpson 0409 620714
or 3351 3810.
Meet at: TBA.
Time: TBA.
Cost: \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grading: L46.
Location: Border fence near
Rathdowney.
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

I first started walking the Main Range and Border Fence in August 2006 and am now nearing the end of a long journey. This section from Collins Gap to Border Gate Road is in a very isolated but sensational part of the fence.

We will probably leave early on Saturday morning and after a car shuffle start with a short climb past the Ernest Traverse ridge and Barney Spur. This area is pristine rainforest and last time I was here was quite easy to walk through. We will be camping just before the long ascent to Mt Ballow. On Sunday we will climb and camp on the summit of Mt Ballow before descending once more back to the remains of the border fence. From this point it is an easy walk along a forestry road back to the car. Water can be found on the Saturday but could be an issue on the Sunday and Monday. There are plenty of creeks just off the crest on the southern side but be prepared to carry two (2) days water just in case.

Ring me to discuss the walk.

**SATURDAY 25th APRIL
WAGAWN
DAY WALK**

Leader: Desley Pedrazzini 3369 5530.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.00am.
Cost: \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grading: L33.
Location: Lamington NP – Binna Burra.
Distance: 18kms.
Web: <http://www.binnaburrallodge.com.au/Binna-Burra/Exploring-Binna-Burra/Walking-at-Binna-Burra/Lamington-National-Park>
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

This is a long walk in the Binna Burra section of the Lamington NP. This walk hasn't been done

as a separate walk since 1992 and was last visited in 2004 as part of Greg's Numinbah Gap to Binna Burra walk so it is long overdue.

We start by following the Border Track past the turnoffs to the Coomera Circuit and the Dave's Creek Circuit, before heading off down the Araucaria Circuit to the Mt Hobwee track. It is now just a kilometre to the Wagawn track. If time permits we could visit the Garragoolba Lookout, a 1.2km return walk not far from Wagawn.

We will be walking through remnants of ancient rain forest which have a strong connection to Gondwana. The Wagawn lookout provides great views eastward over Springbrook and the coast. The walk is entirely on graded tracks with limited creek crossings.

**MONDAY 28th APRIL
MONTHLY MEETING**

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

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

**WEDNESDAY 30th APRIL
DINNER & COFFEE NIGHT
SOCIAL**

Leader: Michael Simpson 0409 620714
or 3351 3810.
Meet at: Taverner Lounge & Dining,
9/40 Blackwood St.
Mitchelton.
Time: 6.00pm for dinner or 7.30pm
for coffee.
Cost: Your choice – visit their
website for their menu.
Web: <http://tavernerloungeanddining.com.au/>
Emerg Off: Michael Simpson 0409 620714.

This month's Coffee Night is an old favourite, The Taverner, at Mitchelton. We have been to this venue several times and have always found

it to be a popular and pleasant venue. I hope to see you there for either a meal or just coffee.

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

Leader: Michael Simpson 0409 620714
or 3351 3810.
Meet at: Brooklyn, New South Wales.
Time: Friday sometime.
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. The plan for Monday is to catch the train and then a bus to Bondi Beach, follow the cliffs to Watson Bay and then out to South Head for a late lunch. We will catch the ferry to Circular Quay before jumping onto the train back to the airport and home.

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

**SUNDAY 4th MAY
Mt MAY
DAY WALK**

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702
0416 650 160 or
philriver@optusnet.com.au
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.00am.
Cost: \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grading: M44.
Location: Mt Barney area.
Emerg Off: Susan Murray 5522 9702.

Mt May is an easy off track walk, so put it on your to do list. Mt May has two peaks and is not big a hill to climb. The vegetation is open eucalyptus woodland forest.

We will start near the water reserve. We ascend the mountain via the north ridge, the ridge flattens out two thirds of the way up and in the past we have turned off here to go to Mt Maroon, but we will head south to ascend Mt May's north peak. We will have a morning tea break here on the way up. Then it only a short surge to the main peak.

The water reserve's height is about 250m. The north peak is 787 m high so in 2 km we gain about 500 metres in height so it is a good uphill walk that the bushwalking purists love but it is within the capability of most members.

We will have a small break at north peak then it is down into the gully between north and south peaks. There is a bit of rock scrambling and a small cliff to pass by but not too scary just enough to make it interesting and give us something to chat about afterwards.

The south peak is the main peak and we will have our lunch here enjoying the view of the Mt Barney Massif and the Ballow Range. The height of south peak is 836 metres.

Then it is down the south west ridge to the old Grace's Hut Road (according to the map it is called Waterfall Creek Road). Then it is an easy road walk back to the cars.

All up about 7 kms in distance and only about 4- 5 hours of walking. Bring the usual day walk stuff – lunch, raincoat, water etc. and perhaps bring gaiters and gloves as well.

**SATURDAY 10th MAY
SOUTH STRADBROKE ISLAND
DAY WALK**

Leader: Justin Tobin 3366 3193.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 6.00am.
Cost: \$50.
Limit 12. Members given preference.
Grading: M44.
Emerg Off: Susan Tobin 3366 3193.

South Stradbroke is only a short boat ride across the Broadwater from the Gold Coast. 1800 hectares of Conservation Park. Starting the walk at the Runaway Bay Marina Chris and his water taxi will take us across to South Currigee, from here we will head north, hoping

to see that great view of the Darlington Range and be amazed at the amount of development down this end of the coast. One creek crossing before reaching North Currigee for a swim and lolly break and maybe a sighting of the Golden Swamp Wallaby, better known to us as Trevor's Sand Wallaby, which is endemic to the Southern Moreton Bay area. There are two Wallaby species on the Island the Agile and Golden Swamp. The road will take us over to the surf beach for morning tea and swim in the Pacific. A stroll down the beach beside the rolling surf for lunch at Couran Cove surfside, plenty of time to boil the billy, tell stories, relax and swim. In the afternoon we will explore the Couran Cove track system before heading into the resort for coffee and the ferry back to the mainland. We will finish the day with fish and chips at Labrador. Join me for a walk on an island we rarely visit.

**FRIDAY 16th MAY
THE TRANSCONTINENTAL HOTEL
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

Leader: Phil Murray 0416 650160.
Address: 482 George St,
Brisbane.
Time: From 4pm till 9ish.
What For: A chat and a beer and a meal
Web: <http://www.transhotel.net.au/>
Emerg Off: Phil Murray 0413 307580.

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

The address is listed as being in George Street but is actually virtually opposite the Roma Street station. But I am sure all competent bushwalkers will be able to work out how to find it. I will have to check if it is actually more in Roma Street than George Street.

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

**FRIDAY 16th MAY
FRIDAY AT THE FOOTY
SOCIAL**

Leader: Phil Murray 0416 650160.
Address: Suncorp Stadium.
Emerg Off: Phil Murray 0413 307580.

After the gathering at the Trans Phil is leading a group to the footy to watch the Broncos play the Titans. Ring Phil for more information.

**EMU CREEK
SATURDAY TO SUNDAY
17th TO 18th MAY
BASE CAMP**

Leader: Michael Simpson 0409 620714
or 3351 3810.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 4.00 am (or go down Friday
night and camp)
Cost: \$25.
Grading: L46.
Distance: Day 1 – 11 km, Day 2 – 8 km.
Ht Gain/ Day 1 – 648m/608m,
Loss: Day 2 – 400m/400m.
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

Emu Creek is a valley on the western side of the Main Range. It is a three (3) hour drive from Brisbane hence the early start. After arriving we will commence our day walk rather than set up camp. We will leave it to later. We will be climbing the Steamers, a classic walk, following the range beyond Mt Steamer to the descent ridge to the Steamers campsite. From there it is an easy walk back to Davies Ridge and down to the waiting car. It will be a long hard day but the views are well worth the effort.

The next day we will explore the Prow. There could be views at the summit but there are great views from the Funnel. Whilst this is not an arduous climb it will take all morning to complete so we will break camp before starting the climb. It is now a three (3) drive home with stops at either Yangan (preferred) and/or Aratula.

There is the opportunity for members to organize day walks on either of these days. Please ring me for more information.

**SATURDAY 17th MAY
CHERMSIDE TO BOONDALL
DAY WALK**

Leader: Desley Pedrazzini 3369 5530.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.45am (Catching the 8am bus).
Cost: GoCard fare + \$2.
Grading: M11.
Location: Northeast Brisbane.

The plan is to catch a bus from Red Hill to Ashgrove and then another bus to Downfall Creek to start the walk. This 15km walk is a section of the Mountains to Mangroves Corridor

which the Club has now done in its entirety a couple of times over the years. We spend most of the walk on the bike paths with one big hill walking along Sandgate Road near the Boondall Entertainment Centre, where we will catch a train back home. For those catching public transport to Red Hill, the 61 bus goes from Roma Street to Ashgrove and terminates a block away on the other side of Stewart Road. So if this is a better option, just make sure you can be at Ashgrove by 8.30am to catch the Great Circle bus.

Please join me for an easy day walk through the Brisbane suburbs where we hope to discover many little hidden treasures and unvisited spots.

MONDAY 19th MAY 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.)

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FRIDAY 23rd MAY OKLAHOMA MUSICAL THEATRE

Love's journey is as bumpy as a surrey ride down a country road

Leader: Russ Nelson 3374 3534, 0427 743 534 or nelhouse@bigpond.net.au

Theatre: Burke Street Studio, 8 Burke St, Woolloongabba. (Located between Park Rd Railway Station and Ipswich Rd, on the southern side of Burke St)

Map:<https://www.google.com.au/maps/place/8+Burke+St/@-27.494573,153.032922,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x6b915a692e380613:0x8cd1c3b97e27b474?hl=en>

**Time: 7.15pm for 7.30pm.
Curtain up 7.30pm
(Performance time 2 hours 30**

minutes, including 20 minutes interval)

Cost: Adult \$33, Concession \$21.50

Purchase Tickets at

<http://www.conevents.com.au/oklahoma>

Option #2: Dinner at the Norman Hotel at 6pm. Park in Burke St, and walk the 500m in 10mins to the Hotel. <http://www.normanhotel.com.au>

Option #3: Come with us to Woolloongabba Central for Coffee & Cakes after the show.

Note - Please buy tickets directly and let Russ know that you are coming.

Oklahoma!, the first collaboration of legendary team Rogers and Hammerstein, was a milestone in American musical theatre.

Performed by second year Queensland Conservatorium Musical Theatre students and featuring the beloved songs *Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'*, *People Will Say We're in Love* and, of course, *Oklahoma*.

Set just after the turn of the 20th century amidst the high-spirited rivalry between local farmers and cowboys this much loved musical tells a story of new love and new beginnings. Based on the play *Green Grow the Lilacs*, *Oklahoma!* follows the romance of cowboy Curly and headstrong farm girl Laurey. However, the road to true love never runs smooth, as when their love is challenged an exciting and dangerous tug of war begins.

Celebrate the rugged Wild West this May!

SUNDAY 25th MAY KATE QUINLAN SOCIETY WALLOON SALOON SOCIAL

**Leader: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.
Meet at: Roma Street Railway Station OR along the way on the Ipswich Train.**

Time: 10.20am for the 10.30 train to Ipswich OR at 12 noon at the Hotel.

Where: The Walloon Saloon, 1 Queen St (corner Haigslea - Amberley Rd) Walloon.

**Cost: Train - \$13.24 return standard GoCard fare. Free if you used the GoCard 9 times already. Concession GoCard \$6.62 return.
Food – between \$8 and \$24 for**

Mains.

Location: Just west of Ipswich.

Web: <http://www.gdaypubs.com.au/QLD/walloon/54603/walloon-saloon.html>

Emerg Off: Greg 0418 122 995.

The KQ Society is just an excuse under another name to go somewhere for lunch.

The sun will be shining, the weather will be warm, the birds will be singing and the flowers will be a blooming. In other words, all will be perfect. The pre-outing has been done.

This time we are again hopping on a train to go out to lunch. This time to a nice old refurbished country pub. It has been around for over 100 years, so they know how to serve lunch. Meals range from "light" – quiche, rissoles, snags, salads for \$10; to "small" – fish & chips, rissoles, snags, chicken salad for \$8; "main" – steak, mixed grill for \$18; "sides" – vegies, chips, bread, sauces for \$4; "chicken" – Kiev, Parmigiana, crumbed, grilled, duets for \$14; "seafood" – battered, crumbed, calamari, prawns, basket from \$10 to \$15; pasta – carbonara, lasagne for \$9, desserts – apple pie, pavlova, cheese cake for \$10. Ummm, more. How could you go past it?

Come along for the great company of friends old and new, enjoyable conversations, amiable surroundings, good food and value for money. And a train trip in the country as an added bonus.

**WEDNESDAY 28th MAY
DINNER & COFFEE NIGHT
SOCIAL**

Leader: Michael Simpson 0409 620714 or 3351 3810.

Meet at: Kettle & Tin,
215 Given Terrace,
Paddington.

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.kettleandtin.com.au/>

Emerg Off: Michael 0409 620714.

We last visited this café last year as part of Justin's 'Progressive Dinner by Bus'. It was such a great venue that I believe we should return and try the rest of their menu. I hope to see you there for either a meal or coffee.

**ADVANCED NOTICE
14th TO 16th NOVEMBER
FRIDAY TO SUNDAY
YURAYGIR COASTAL WALK
BASE CAMP**

Leader: Michael Simpson 0409 620714
or 3351 3810.

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

Time: TBA.

Cost: TBA.

Grading: L33.

Location: Northern NSW Beaches.

Web: <http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/yuraygir-national-park/yuraygir-coastal-walk/walking>

Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

The Yuraygir Coastal Trail is a 65 km trail along the Northern NSW beaches. We will be basing ourselves at Minnie Water and walking the Brooms Head to Red Rock section which is only 47km. It will involve three river crossings but we will be using boats. This is a beautiful part of Australia with plenty of isolated beaches and swimming will be compulsory. We may even spot the elusive Coastal Emu. More information will be provided closer to the event.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Response to Justin's Letter in March Jilalan

Thank you for acknowledging the success of this year's Annual Mass and Dinner. The issues you raised about the future were fully explored in the consultation period prior to the Committee making its decision and later confirmed by the membership at a Monthly General meeting. The sincerity of your argument is appreciated and I hope that Our Lady of the Way will continue to guide the Club in its decision making.

Looking for a Social Secretary

There is still a vacancy on your committee for this role. If you want to have a go at being Social Secretary, please let me know.

March Monthly Meeting – Speaker – Podiatrist

Anthony Cox, Podiatrist at Spring Hill and Boondall spoke at this meeting and gave us the basics of what constitutes good footwear and care of our feet from a walker's point of view. I

am sure all who were there appreciated Anthony's talk.

May Monthly Meeting – Speaker – Food on Long Walks

If you don't know the difference between your freeze dried and your dehydrated, or which food brands are tasty and which are tasteless, then this talk is for you!

James Nicholson and Jordana Headberry of Mountain Designs, Fortitude Valley will run through all you need to know about providing meals for your walk or expedition from types, flavours, brands and even a taste test! Did someone say apple pie?

There will be plenty of time to ask questions, have a taste and get to know what options in the freeze dried/dehydrated food market are out there. They will also have information on cookers that would be best suited to cooking this type of food. We might not win a Michelin star but that doesn't mean you can't have tasty meals whilst out on our walks.

Donations

Thanks to the good work of a couple of our members early this year \$308 was collected for the Little Kings Movement and \$191.20 for the St Vincent de Paul Society. The General Committee authorised some top up funding to bring the amounts to \$350 and \$200 respectively. Thanks to all who contributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 17/2/14	\$4927.54
Plus Receipts	\$882.42
	\$5810.04
Less Payments	\$464.95
Balance 17/3/14	\$5345.09
Term Deposit	\$2657.02

Well, the moment you have all been waiting for has arrived as I am about to start our first raffle for the year. And there is even more good news as the tickets are still only a dollar each. There are two prizes with the first being a Camping and Outdoor Pack which contains an 11 Function Pocket Knife, Mini Multi-Purpose Tool, AAA Aluminium Torch with Battery and Belt Mounted Pouch and the second prize is a 12 LED Head Lamp. Terry.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Therese Abernethy, Lucy Endicott, Malcolm Hill, Russell Jones, Ann Iron, Pat Lawton, Chrissie Turner and Julie-Anne Williamson are celebrating their birthdays in April.

Congratulations to our latest new member, Gerry Burges. Past member, Dianne Robertson joined Pat on her Clean up Australia walk. Michele Johns had her daughter, Sherryn join her on her Club Hut walk along with Ben Charles and Graham and Janet Marshall who were on their first walk with us. Emily Steele was another first time visitor on Michael's North Coast Mountains walk along with past member, Brenda Keough. Anne-Marie Nash, Gael Schmitt, Graham Marshall, Bill Perry and Ken McCarron were interested visitors at our March meeting which proved to be very popular. Visitors are always most welcome at any of our activities.

Pat Lawton and Jonas Bernatos recently had a flight over Antarctica as well as another walking trip in New Zealand. Louise Jones has also just returned from doing a walk in New Zealand. Robin Thorne recently had a trip to New Zealand to catch up with family.

Late News: Late last year, Cathy Thomson and Aileen Hill did The Great Ocean Road Walk. Just before Christmas, Maxine Brophy along with her daughter and two granddaughters had a brief holiday in Europe. Also last year Lawrie and Thea Kearney did some walking in Tasmania and at Mt. Kaputar. Earlier this year they visited St. George.

It is with great sadness we advise the death of Bernard Ivers' mother. Bernard was a member of the Club until a few years ago when illness shortened his membership.

RAMBLINGS FROM THE OUTINGS SECRETARY

Leaders Needed:

- 4 October** – Alderley to Aspley (City)
- 11 October** – Mt Bally (Medium)
- 15 November** – Ugly Gully (City)
- 22 November** – Enoggera Creek (City)
- 20 December** – Enoggera Reservoir (City)
- 26 December** – Boxing Day Walk (Easy)

I am still chasing leaders for six walks next year. 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 4 'city walks' and 2 day walks to fill.

Queensland's Great Walks

Queensland has ten (10) Great Walks right across the state. They are

Carnarvon

- An 87 km walk over 6 days in the Carnarvon National Park,

Conondale Range

- A 55.2 km walk over 4 days in the Conondale National Park,

Cooloola

- A 102 km walk over 6 days in the Cooloola Recreation Area,

Fraser Island

- A 90 km walk over 6-8 days on Fraser Island from Dili Village in the south to Happy Valley in the north,

Gold Coast Hinterland

- A 54 km walk over three days from O'Reilly's to The Settlement camping area at Springbrook,

Mackay Highlands

- A 56 km walk over four days mainly in the Eungella National Park west of Mackay,

Sunshine Coast Hinterlands

- A 58 km walk over four days in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland,

Wet Tropics

- There are two sections of the Wet Tropics Great Walk; the Juwun and Jambal walks, a 61 km walk over seven days and the Wallaman Falls section, a 132 km walk over 7 days. All these walks are west of Cairns,

Whitsunday

- A 30 km walk over 3 days in the Conway National Park near Airlie Beach,

Whitsunday Ngarno Sea Trail

- A variable canoe trip around the Whitsunday Islands near Airlie Beach.

The Club frequently completes sections of the southern walks but has rarely travelled further afield. It is hoped in the coming years we can complete the lot.

Upcoming Walks

Easter has come and gone so the weather must be cooling. Oh how I wish. The coming month is again packed with some great walking to be had. A month of multiday walks with one

through walk along the McPherson Range and two base camps on the Main Range and on the Hawkesbury. These are complemented with walks at Binna Burra, on South Stradbroke Island and Brisbane as well as a great little mountain, Mt May, to climb. Shame I can't do the lot.

The numbers on past walks are as follows:

Date	Trip	Leader	Type	No
March 15/16	Club Hut Feast	Greg	ON	13
March 16	Club Hut Walk	Michele	DW	10
March 22	North Coast Mountains	Michael	DW	12
March 29	Training Day	Michael	DW	3
April 5	Edinburgh Castle	Michael	DW	11
April 12	Artist's Cascades	Justin	DW	13

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

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

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Is it time?

The call has come again to include all members as one. I think it is time for the change to happen, but it won't happen by quoting Vatican II or thinking I must be a better Catholic than you because I embrace the change.

I don't want it to happen by a 50-50 vote or not allowing proxies at the meeting. It will happen when we address and listen to the concerns of all members. Explaining to them that if members are willing to lead walks, be involved in the day to day running of the club and have B.C.B.C. as their club, they should be allowed a say in the decision making and Executive Duties of their club. With that comes the responsibility to ensure that the Catholic Ethos, traditions and spirituality of the Club continues. After all it is a Catholic Club you have joined - it's the C in B.C.B.C.

Since 1957, when Raoul Mellish and Father Hayes decided to form the Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club it has been passed on and continued as a Catholic Club.

So it's up to all members to ensure that as we approach our fiftieth anniversary this will always be so.

Without the past there's no present, without the present there's no future.

As we travel through the trials and tribulations of Lent through to Easter with its promise of

new life, new hope and new beginnings, let us pray to Our Lady of The Way for guidance, to help us to listen to and respect the concerns of all.

It is Time!

I wrote the above article in the lead-up to the clubs Fiftieth anniversary. Time has passed and we are in the clubs fifty-sixth year still waiting for direction from the committee, still waiting to include all members as one. Still waiting for an amendment to be put to the club to vote yes or no.

I don't think it's right or fair to have associate members continue to be involved in the running of the club, leading walks, organising socials and not have a say in the decision making of the club.

We don't need Vatican II and Ecumenism or outside influences to tell us a change has to happen. I once was blind but now I see. There will always be concerns but our faith in our God should be strong enough to allow us to move forward. To be strong enough to make the change. To have all members and the club as one.

We can write and talk forever and still nothing will be done. It's time to take it off the back burner. It's time to move it forward. It's time.

A time line is needed.

- May: Committee discusses proposal and allows a sub-committee to be formed.
- May: The sub-committee and its chair take its direction from the committee and begin discussion within the club about proposed amendment and takes their concerns on board in drafting the amendment.
- June-July-August: Sub-committee busy getting amendment ready to bring to committee for approval. Seeking expert advice if and when needed.
- September: Committee discusses the sub-committee proposal and grants approval to place in Jilalan.
- October: Proposed amendment to the constitution and proxy forms placed in Jilalan to inform members and for discussion.
- November: Committee allows vote to take place at the November Meeting,
- December: Committee informs members in the Jilalan of the result of the voting at the November meeting. Committee updates Constitution if needed, ready for the new club year in 2015.

Yes it is time. This Easter let us listen to God at the foot of the cross, to continue to pray to our Lady of the Way for Guidance and remember the Serenity Prayer:

God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change
Courage to change the things I can
And wisdom to know the difference

Justin.

PAST EVENTS

DENMAN FALLS & KILLARNEY GLEN SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY DAY WALK

The ranges of Binna Burra, Lamington National Park, were clear and blue as we drove up from Canungra to the Beechmont Plateau. We were heading to Denman Falls, a first visit for our Club. Volunteers of the Beechmont Landcare group, have revived a century old bush track in the Back Creek Gorge, access to the track is through Denman Scenic Reserve.

Our first glimpse of this huge Back Creek Gorge, was from a look-out near the start of the walk, with Denman Falls dropping over a 20 metre cliff. Back Creek itself coursing north, flowing over many spectacular waterfalls and through Killarney Glen before reaching the Coomera River.

Many steps down through cool forest, passing private properties nestled along the cliff line, with glimpses of wallabies making themselves at home in backyards. There are clear views of the course of the Creek as we walked down the winding path, soon reaching Lip Falls. Here the falls were dropping over a huge crescent shape rock overhanging a deep swimming pool. Cool swims before morning tea were exhilarating, and we sat on the rocks sharing our favourite snacks. The gorge here was an amazing sight, high cliffs covered in thick rainforest, with Back Creek gushing past on its journey, to meet us at Killarney Glen in a few hours.

A steep climb back up to the cars with our next stop 5 kms down the mountain. Killarney Glen was owned by the Fitzgerald Family since the late 1800's with Paddy Fitzgerald born in 1909. Paddy ran a productive banana farm on the steep western slopes, but after some landslides, he and his son Pat replanted the slopes with over 7000 rainforest trees including hoop pines and white beech. In 1971 the

Defence Dept decided to resume the property as a buffer zone for the Canungra Land Warfare Centre covering hundreds of acres of land surrounding Killarney Glen. This was the start of a 26 year battle to keep this unique property open to the public. With support from the local community and media, in 1977 Killarney Glen was listed by the Australian Heritage Commission on the Register of National Estates.

We stopped to look at the original bush huts, before climbing down over massive rocks to amazing swimming pools and a perfect lunch spot. After a relaxing time over lunch, we packed up to walk up the steep 4wd track to the cars.

Canungra was our welcome coffee stop, before the trip back to Red Hill. A big thank you to those who helped make this walk so enjoyable...Justin, Joe, Peggy and Keelin for the pre-outing and Pat L for Denman Falls.

Thanks also to the drivers. Rusty J, Cathy T, John H, Richard J. Walkers who joined us: Terry S, Justin, Karen F, Mignon, Cathy, Ayleen, Trevor, Paddy, Louise & Rusty J, Janelle & Gerard, Paul, Richard & Michele, John H. Maxine.

BARNEY GORGE CIRCUIT SATURDAY 15th FEBRUARY DAY WALK

What a beautiful day! It was a rather hot and humid, but this was compensated by refreshing swims in and walking along Barney Creek.

The fourteen of us met at the Lower Portals car park just after 8.00 am. After introductions, the group walked along the track towards the club hut. We were able to note the regrowth following last year's major wildfire on the mountain. A short break at the club hut, which was tidy. The surrounding lantana has been notably killed off due to the burn.

The circuit started with us leaving the creek and heading up the open forest ridge in a south westerly direction. Immediately we could feel the heat climbing towards knoll 560. There were superb views of Mt Maroon to the north and the many peaks of Barney to the south. Once we drew close to Barney Gorge, a green ribbon cutting through the massif, we turned south. A pair of glossy black cockatoos was spotted overhead.

The descent saw us reach Barney Creek at the junction with the gorge, where we refreshed ourselves in the water. The creek was noticeably at a very low level, which would allow easily rock hopping. Heading downstream, we appreciated being close to water. At a long pool we stopped for good swim. The yabbies were abundant and had nibbles at our toes, but we also kept an eye out for eels.

Lunch was enjoyed at Barney Beautiful with another swim. From here we continued downstream towards the Lower Portals, where most decided to climb over the ridge. A final refreshing swim in the creek was had, while we regrouped. The walk back to the cars was hot but uneventful. Thanks to go all who came for making it an enjoyable day – Karen, Chrissie, Justin, Brenda, Mike, Terry, Michael, Paul, Peter, Jonas, Thomas and visitors Gerry and David. Thanks to all the drivers. John

MT FRASER SATURDAY 1st MARCH DAY WALK

Mt Fraser is one of those small mountains in the shadows of the Main Range. Unfortunately the abundance of foliage did not allow great views of the Main Range but there were spots where the views were good.

The weather was warm and humid and after a lengthy car shuffle we were ready to go. But wait, why didn't my boots fit? I finally realised they weren't mine and Louise had mine on. After exchanging boots we headed along an old road in the general direction of the mountain. We were traversing the mountain basically from west to east and initially we needed to cross a fair amount of cattle country to reach the base. It was open forest and the going was easy until we reached the base when the foliage thickened and the incline steepened.

After a break for morning tea we continued on and just short of the summit ridge the group divided with half going straight to the top whilst the other half detoured to visit the lower summit of the mountain. After discovering there were little views to be had they quickly turned and followed the other group to the top for a welcome lunch break.

It was now just a matter of following a gentle ridge down to the cars, collect the other cars and head into Aratula for a welcome cold drink.

Thanks to Karen Franklin, Paul Evans, Paddy Taylor, Terry Silk, Justin Tobin, Desley Pedrazzini, Russell & Louise Jones and Michele & Richard Johns for joining Peter Constable on an enjoyable walk on a warm day. Michael.

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

We left Red Hill at 7.a.m. and travelled in Diane's comfortable Forrester to Sandstone Point, where Michael, Karen and Joshua. Even though high tide was not till 10.am, the water was well and truly in. After a quick cup of tea, garbage bags and gloves were distributed; we set off walking on piles of sea grass which had been brought in by the incoming tide. Gerry found himself a good pair of thongs!

With the tide still coming in we eventually had nowhere to walk when we reached the sandstone cliffs. We were forced uphill and continued our journey on a nature strip in front of the luxurious houses (we were at the back of these houses). A few of the occupants told us we were doing a good job, while all the dogs came out to "bark bark". There wasn't a great deal of rubbish along that section, however Michael and Karen managed to find a rubbish dump which they excavated and in the process filled two bags.

The rest of us continued up high above the water to Godwin Beach whilst Michael and Karen decided to drop back down to the water (which was where most of the rubbish was). When we got to the beach we discovered that the Godwin Beach Protection Group had already been active collecting rubbish an hour or so before us. No wonder there was little rubbish! The rubbish they had collected was piled up by the picnic shed.

Michael and Karen were missing – had they drowned in the incoming tide! They were safe. We learnt that they had found a mattress buried deep in the sea grass and no matter what, they wanted that mattress! As their treasure was proving a bit hard to retrieve the excavating team "Tobin & Burgess" was send in to assist.

While having lunch the rubbish man came by to collect all the bags (including ours) and we had a chat to him. We then walked the length of Godwin Beach. Justin, Michael and Karen decided against going for a swim. Four of us

decided to stay put while the others returned to Sandstone Point and then returned to Godwin Beach. While this was happening Desley read the plaque telling the story of Mr. Godwin – Joshua had a sleep on the beach.

We finished the day with refreshments at a service station on the way back. I think the day was successful – even if the tide was too high.

I would like to thank those who came along to help – Michael Simpson, Karen Franklin, Joshua, Justin Tobin, Gerry Burgess, Desley Pedrazzini and Dianne Robertson (who was a club member in the 1960s). I would also like to thank Ivan Mort for supplying the hessian bags for collecting the rubbish. Pat

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

Ten members were heading to Stanthorpe at various times to enjoy the bi-annual Apple & Grape Festival. Karen & I had travelled down on the Friday and were staying at Tenterfield, the Endicott's; Liz & Antonia along with the Murray's were staying at Back Creek and travelled down Saturday morning. Finally the Jones' were staying in Warwick and also travelled down Saturday morning.

Karen & I met up with the Jones' just after 10am and wandered around the stalls looking for something to do with apple & grapes. Eventually we found it. Tucked away at the end of a side street was a fenced off area with several stalls displaying their wines and ciders for tasting. There was even a boutique brewery there as well as Kingaroy Cheese. I didn't know Kingaroy was on the Granite Belt.

After tasting several wines we heard the others had arrived and were adjourning to the Anglican Church Hall for a delicious morning tea. The hall and the tables were appropriately decorated with grapes and apples. They checked out the Catholic Church which was resplendent with beautiful arrangements of flowers. The nearby quilt exhibition was a big eye opener. Who would have thought such designs and pictures could be made as quilts. They next wandered among the stalls and into the wine tasting area until the 2pm street parade which consisted of floats, marching bands, schools and the rural fire brigade, complete with sirens! There were several young ladies called Young Ambassadors. They

seemed to be the politically correct version of the Miss Grape and Apple entrants. The others supported the local Lions Club by buying their very tasty steak burgers for lunch. For dessert they sipped on slushies made from a chocolate, wine based liquor and ice cream. They checked out the craft market, purchasing a few bits and pieces before driving out to our accommodation on a small vineyard, returning to town just in time for a great view of the fireworks from the veranda of the restaurant. Meanwhile we checked out the stalls in the street before the parade. We then walked along Quart Pot creek before joining the others at the restaurant.

Most of us went our separate ways during the day, recombining at various times for reports. We had booked into Anna's, a fabulous Italian Restaurant just outside the main centre. The menu was buffet and provided a wide range of culinary delights. It was then back to our various accommodation after a long tiring day.

On Sunday the Back Creek gang had a leisurely start followed by breakfast in town and a quick farewell lap of the stalls, purchasing a few more items, including wine and then heading home. Liz's only regret is that she ran out of time to have a ride on the giant slippery dip! Yes, seriously!! Next time she will make sure to allow time for it.

Karen & I spent the Sunday exploring the wonderful region around Tenterfield and discovered that they have their own festival called 'Oracles of the Bush' sometime in April. Maybe something for the future. On the Monday we called into various National Parks in both NSW and Qld on our way home. A great weekend.

Those who travelled to the festival to join me were Karen Franklin, Greg & Michele Endicott, Phil & Sue Murray, Liz Little, Antonia Simpson and Russell & Louise Jones. Michael.

ISOLATED PEAK SATURDAY 15th MARCH DAY WALK

This was my second attempt to climb Isolated and to give ourselves the best chance to succeed we decided to stay overnight at the hut and set off early. So after dinner at the Dugandan Hotel we walked into the hut under moonlight for late night refreshments.

We left the hut at 7.10am and were on top of Tom's Tum at 8.40am with the view of what we

needed to do all before us. The views of Barney are amazing from here but we couldn't hang around and we knew they would get better. Where oh where did Eagles' Ridge go from here? We knew we had to get around the second and third peaks of Tom's Tum but how? After contouring around the eastern side for seemingly ages we finally arrived at the saddle between the third and fourth peaks by 10.30am and I knew Isolated was at our mercy.

I should have known better by now. Barney never gives up easily. She is always a challenge. But after an hour and a half and several rope climbs we finally succeeded. And boy was it worth it. Another view of Barney from Midget to East you'd kill for. Unfortunately we could only spend an half an hour here and we needed to return for the Feast. So down we went back to our descent ridge, Iain's Ridge. This is a great ridge which drops off the third peak and was the one we used on my first attempt at Isolated. It is an open rocky ridge with great views of Short Leanings and the ridge that drops from the first peak of Tom's Tum. We were swimming in Barney Beautiful by 4.30pm after a 3¾ hour descent. Finally we had to drag ourselves away for the final half hour stroll back to the hut. Thanks to Pete for carrying my bag whilst Karen and I swam through the Lower Portals. We finally arrived back at the Hut for the Feast around 5.30pm. Thanks Mike for the beers, they went down well.

Thanks to Karen & Peter for a great day and particular thanks to Peter's rope because without it we may not have reached the top. Michael.

CLUB HUT FEAST SATURDAY TO SUNDAY 15th TO 16th MARCH OVERNIGHTER

This was probably one of the best "modern" feasts we have held at the Club Hut. Feasts have been going on at the hut and elsewhere (incl the top of M^t Barney) for almost the life of the Club, and in my time since the late 1970's. I eventually had 13 persons in attendance this year. Having organised this event for the last 5 years or so, I have the planning down to pat. I just have to pull out the master plan, dust it off, amend it for the numbers and tell people what to do. And each year make the carrying load lighter and lighter.

Some came down early and dropped off their feasting goodies before climbing Isolated Peak on Barney (and arrived late to The Feast), and the rest came down to meet at the car park about 3pm Saturday. We walked in together. (Rocky Creek was bone dry at the crossing.) Our group arrived at the hut about 5pm – too early to feast so we sat in/around Barney Creek to waste some time.

Then it was off to do the preparation, table setting, getting dressed and partaking of the nibbles while the other courses were being prepared. Overall we only had 6 courses this year – Starters, Beginners, Entree, Main, Desert and Afters with Tea/Coffee at the end.

The weather was balmy, the sky clear, the darkness black and the company great. The nuts and chips just got the gastric juices going, the Australian cheese varieties and crackers just has us wanting more; the home made pumpkin & carrot soup was delicious but did not take the desire off for the prawn cocktail. The creamy mushroom chicken curry with roasted vegies complemented the beef and salad served with crusty fresh bread. Oh, toooo much food. But wait – there is dessert yet to come – pecan nut pie, traditional plum pudding and the inevitable Pavlova with cream and all the fruit on top. Sugar overload. And finally there were the selection of white chocolate & macadamia slices to go with the caramel, lemon and chocolate slices, and tea & coffee. All followed by port. And after all this we had to lie down and try to sleep. All washed down with copious amounts of wine.

Up early (considering the late night, all that rich food and drink). Breakfast, hut clean up, packing and off by 9am.

Too good to miss.

Thanks to myself, Kerri-Anne & Jason Pearce, Michael Simpson, Peter Constable, Karen Franklin, Cathy & Mike Wood, Jan & Russ Nelson, John Hood and Louise & Rusty Jones. Greg E.

CLUB HUT SUNDAY 16th MARCH DAY WALK

An early morning start saw us travelling via the Mt. Lindesay Highway to the Upper Portals car park. A small group from the Saturday Feast had already walked out to the car park. We greeted each other and then we assembled, firstly to the boot cleaning station.

Then it was a steady climb, uphill and down dale. The day was beginning to heat up. Plenty of water stops were needed along the way. We noticed how dry it was – the two creeks on the track were waterless. The track was very dry and dusty and the surrounding bush typical of the Australian bush with gum trees and grass trees.

With Mt. Barney always in view we plodded on till our turn off point. There was a slight debate between Richard and Terry about the path to be followed. It was eventually sorted and we made our way to the hut. There were numerous fallen trees and barely any grass covering the ground, a sign that the drought had really taken hold.

While Richard boiled the billy, some changed into swimming gear as a most anticipated swim was awaiting us. Morning tea was most welcome as we tucked into some home-made and brought treats. Discussions were numerous.

With morning tea out of the way, we were on our way to the Lower Portals for a swim. For the first time in a long while, the creek was very low which made the crossing from the hut very easy. There were several ways we were able to get to the Lower Portals because of the lack of water levels. All but two went swimming.

We swam, basked on the large rock, some climbed onto the rocks to explore and before long it was time to make our way back to the hut.

Lunch was had, stories exchanged and by 2pm we were on our way back to the Lower Portals car park. We noticed how humid it was and we seemed to take a lot longer to get back than getting there. We went home via Boonah and a much anticipated coffee stop was canned due to the shop shutting early.

Thanks to Maria Kerruish, Paddy Taylor, Terry Silk, visitors Graham and Janet Marshall, Sherryn Johns and Ben Charles and Drivers Richard Johns and Therese Abernethy, for joining me. A great day was had by all. Michele.

NORTH COAST MOUNTAINS SATURDAY 22nd MARCH DAY WALK

Four mountains in a day with fish & chips on top of the last. What a great way to spend a day even though the weather wasn't kind to us.

The first of our four mountains was Eerwah, a 402m twin peaked mountain near Eumundi on the Sunshine Coast. This is a steep mountain with little views. There is wait-a-while on this mountain which suggests rainforest but you wouldn't know it. The ground is so dry and covered in leaf litter I think the rainforest has little time to survive. After an hour or so we were on top and seven of us decided to wander over to the lower second summit which we duly did. About four drops of rain dropped on our descent and that was the last of any indication of rain. We were back down in just under 3½ hours and ready for our second mountain.

Mt Ninderry, a 315m peak on the Yandina-Coolum road, was our second mountain. We were soon parked in the small car park and ready to go. Julie-anne decided to have an early lunch in the shelter whilst the rest of us made the 30 minute ascent along a dusty, rocky road. There are great views of the coast to be had on the summit and this is where we stopped for lunch. There was also a slight breeze which was very welcome. Justin recited the dreamtime story of Ninderry and Coolum over lunch and after 30 minutes or so it was time to head back to our cars and Mt Coolum. Aileen and Cathy decided to leave us here as they had other commitments so we were down to ten.

Coffee beckoned another two of our group and so there were now eight of us to make the traverse of the 208m Mt Coolum. First up a 20 minute road bash to the back of the mountain before joining an old track. There are a couple of lookouts along the way where some views of the south may be had. It wasn't long before we were up along with a throng of people. This is obviously a very popular mountain. It's so great to see people out and about and enjoying nature. After visiting the various viewpoints we quickly descended the mountain and headed off for our final destination.

But first we needed to buy dinner, fish & chips for some, burgers for others and ice-cream for one. We then headed off to Emu Mountain, a 71m hill just outside Coolum. We arrived with plenty of time to enjoy our dinner and watch the sunset before walking back to the cars and home. A very successful day and a great way to end it on Emu Mountain.

Thanks to Karen Franklin, Peter Constable, Justin Tobin, Terry Silk, Gerry Burges, Michele Johns, Aileen Hill, Cathy Thompson, Julie-anne Williamson, Brenda Keough and Emily Steele

(visitor) for joining me. Also many thanks to Michele for driving. Michael

COFFEE NIGHT & DINNER WEDNESDAY 26th MARCH SOCIAL

Another month and I had problems with my original location. The Taverner was closed for the week for renovations so I decided to swap my April café, Belesis, with the Taverner. Karen, Graham and Gerry joined me for a wet night but the food was plentiful and delicious and the conversation great. Back to the north side next month. Michael

TRAINING DAY @ MT COOT-THA SATURDAY 29th MARCH DAY WALK

Unfortunately I was unable to get enough acceptances to run this course for a weekend. The training was rearranged to run for a day and I moved the venue to Mt Coot-tha. Thanks to Gerry and Karen for their attendance. I know they got a lot out of the day and they even managed to lead me around some of the tracks on Mt Coot-tha. Michael

EDINBURGH CASTLE SATURDAY 5th APRIL DAY WALK

An early start on an unseasonably hot April day did not daunt the intrepid walkers from summiting Edinburgh Castle for a late morning tea. After an uneventful trip to Woodenbong we headed east through the Edinburgh Castle State Forest and Toonumbar NP to a small fire trail which would lead to our objective. The highlight of the trip was the constant sighting of many beautiful parrots on the road out of Woodenbong. I believe them to be Scaly-breasted Lorikeets but I could be corrected.

As mentioned earlier the weather was hot and humid as we set off down the recently graded fire trail. It was easy walking which lulled us into a false sense of security as the fire trail suddenly became a bush track and steepened considerably. We stopped about three quarters of the way up where the views back into Queensland were amazing. When we reached the top cliff line we took another breather to take in the striking geology of the mountain. We were also able to get limited views from this point as well. It was now just a matter of ascending the simple gully to the northern

summit. The climb took two hours and we all deserved a lengthy stop for morning tea. The logbook in the can was updated as we relaxed. The mountain has a number of high points but the actual summit is on the southern side. The top was very overgrown; not what I remembered from the last trip and unfortunately the views I remembered from the actual summit were not there so we didn't linger. After the family photo we headed back to our morning tea spot for lunch.

We had spent nearly 1½hrs on the top when we headed back down the steep slippery slope back to our cars, 15 minutes quicker than our ascent. It was now but a 2½hr drive back to Brisbane with a drink stop at Rathdowney. All in all a great day out.

Thanks to Karen Franklin, Peter Constable, Terry Silk, Justin Tobin, Gerry Burges, Jonas Bernatos, Jan Nelson, Maria Kerruish, John Hood and John Bigg for joining me. Michael.

ARTIST'S CASCADES SATURDAY 12th APRIL DAY WALK

I would like to begin this report by thanking the drivers; Peter, Richard and Ivan for without their support to take us up to the Breadknife we would not have been able to have had the great day in Booloumba Creek that we did.

Taking the Range route through Maleny, we regrouped at Conondale Township and then onto the National Park and Campsite three. We managed to fit 3 cars into 2 and continued up the road to the Breadknife car park. The walk was underway. The track took us to the first swimming hole, a photo stop and a swim for Ivan, back on the track to the look-out, the falls were flowing, the creek was looking good, it was going to be a great day. Morning tea at the pool above the falls, cup of tea, swimming and exploring for some of the group. The old track behind the look-out took us up to the Great Walk Track which we followed through open forest to Artist's Cascades; no one was willing to sample the mushrooms, views along the way of Kingfisher Falls and Mt Allan. Dropping into the creek we could easily see the purple rock,



phyllite. I have only ever seen it in the Conondules, the greenstone was harder to pick but I 'm sure it was what I thought it was. Artist's Cascades, what a fantastic pool this is, we stopped for lunch, boiled the billy, relaxed, slept and swam and swam again in that great water hole. Too soon it was time to go, we crossed the creek and continued on to the Strangler Cairn, a rock sculpture in the forest, it looks like an egg, today it was the Easter Egg.

The drivers left us here to do the car shuffle while the rest of us visited the old gold mine and walked on to the day use area, admiring the Bunya and Hoop Pines along the way. The drivers and walkers arriving almost at the same time, a quick change and onto Kenilworth for coffee. My tea and scones at the Bellbird Creek Café would have to wait as we were too late for afternoon tea and too early for the wood-fired pizza. Thanks to Richard Johns, Terry Silk, Paddy Taylor, Gerry Burges, Peter Constable, Mary Kelly, John Hood, Trevor Kelly, Ivan Mort, Maxine Brophy, Peggy Roe and Keelin Roe . I hope you enjoyed the day in the Conondules, thanks for sharing it with me. 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 car park.

VISITORS are always welcome.

OUTINGS

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

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

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

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

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