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27	Coffee Night - Vagelis	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
30	Seven Hills at Seven Hills Saunter	Maxine	3409 4001	DW	
Jun 4	Mt Goolman	Phil	5522 9702	DW	
4/8	Fraser Island	Michael	0409 620714	TW	XL33
5/8	Fraser Island	Joe	3848 4642	BC	M44
13	Mt Ernest Traverse	Michael	3398 1405	DW	
15	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	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 2	Trachyte Crt & Mt Tibberooowuccum	Phil	5522 9702	DW	
4	Toombul to Sandgate			DW	
10	James Boag @ the Courtyard	Liz	3356 4874	Soc	
11/12	FMR Training Weekend	FMR		Trg	
12	Camp Mountain to Downfall Crk	Justin	3366 3193	DW	
17	JTS – Theodore Club	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
18	Shepherd’s Walk	Terry	3355 9765	DW	
20	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
22	Coffee Night	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
24/26	O’Reilly’s	Cath	0428 755100	BC	
31	Blue Moon			Soc	
Aug 1	Beau Brummel to Grass Tree	Michael	3398 1405	DW	
6	Mt May	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

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

### KEY – Walk Gradings

Distance	Terrain	Fitness/Endurance
<b>Short</b> Under 10km per day	<b>1</b> - Smooth reasonably flat path	<b>1</b> - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Flat
	<b>2</b> - Graded path/track with minor obstacles	<b>2</b> - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Minor Hills
<b>Medium</b> 10-15km per day	<b>3</b> - Graded track with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	<b>3</b> - Easy - Suitable for beginners. Up to 5 hours walking. Undulating terrain
	<b>4</b> - Rough unformed track or open terrain with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	<b>4</b> - Easy - Suitable for beginners. Up to 5 hours walking. Up to 300m gain/loss per day
<b>Long</b> 15-20 km per day	<b>5</b> - Rough or rocky terrain with small climbs using hands or rock hopping	<b>5</b> - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking. Up to 450m gain/loss per day. Agility required
	<b>6</b> - Steep, rough or rocky terrain with large climbs using hands or rock hopping	<b>6</b> - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking. Up to 600m gain/loss per day. Agility required
<b>Extra Long</b> Over 20 km per day	<b>7</b> - Climb/descend steep rock using hands or footholds. May be some exposure. Good upper body strength	<b>7</b> - High - Up to 8 hours walking. Up to 750m gain/loss per day. High fitness. Endurance and agility required
	<b>8</b> - Climb/descend near vertical rock with exposure. Climbing skills may be required	<b>8</b> - High - Up to 8 hours walking. Up to 1000m gain/loss per day. High fitness. Endurance and agility required
	<b>9</b> - Sustained climbing or descending of vertical or near vertical rock with exposure. Advanced climbing skills required. Good upper body strength	<b>9</b> - Challenging - Up to 12 hours walking. 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

Loving and holy spirit of God,  
 Teach us to care for the resource of the world,  
 To keep the earth beautiful and unpolluted,  
 And to see that all will have their share.  
 May the world learn your ways of peace and  
 Freedom,  
 So that all nations will learn to share,  
 Equal rights and opportunities.  
 Amen.  
 (Atkins 1987:43)



## 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 Justin Tobin Ph: 3366 3193.

**FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> 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".

**SATURDAY 18<sup>st</sup> APRIL  
MT EERWAH AND MT ALLAN  
DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Justin Tobin 3366 3193 or 0417 710371 (daytime 7.30-2.30).  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.  
**Time:** 7.00am.  
**Cost:** \$20.00 (car pool), \$2 (private).  
**Grading:** M55/M44.  
**Emerg Off:** Susan Tobin 3366 3193.

Mt Eerwah at 379 mtrs above sea level is in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland on the way up to Kenilworth. A bit of a scrub track takes us over gullies, through lantana, vine forest, rainforest and endangered plant species to arrive at the welcome sign and first peak. Here you may rest and wait or continue on to the second peak, more scrubby and loose rocks but hopefully a view as the views on the first peak are rather limited. Lunch will be on top before retracing our steps to the car. Then we are off to the Conondales on the other side of Kenilworth for our walk to Mt Allan (593 mtrs). We will use the Great Walk Track to do a traverse of the mountain. Starting up where the track crosses Sunday Creek Road to Summer Falls and finishing at Charlie Moreland for a swim. The Fire Tower has just re-opened for those great views right across the Hinterland and out to the Coast. Coffee on the way home to finish what should be an enjoyable day climbing another two peaks on the Sunshine Coast. Come and join me.

**SUNDAY 19<sup>st</sup> APRIL  
WHITE'S HILL NAVIGATION  
TRAINING  
FMR TRAINING**

**Leader:** FMR Leader.  
**Contact:** Michael Simpson 0409 620714.  
**Meet at:** Jones Road and Kildare Street Entrance to White's Hill Reserve, Camp Hill.  
**Time:** 7.30am.  
**Cost:** Free.  
**Location:** White's Hill Reserve, Camp Hill.  
**Web:** <http://fmrqld.bwq.org.au/>

FMR (Federation Mountain Rescue) is a non-profit association operating in Queensland Australia and is affiliated with Bushwalking Queensland Inc. Its aim is to keep Queensland bushwalkers safe by teaching them to navigate, belay, and look after their parties. To achieve

this they offer training programmes to all members of clubs also affiliated with Bushwalking Queensland Inc.

The first such programme this year is a two and a half hour navigation instruction followed by a two hour rogaine style event through the state forest. This is an ideal opportunity for our members to obtain excellent training with experienced bushwalkers.

**MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL  
PRE MEETING FISH & CHIPS  
SOCIAL**

**Contact:** Justin Tobin 3366 3193.  
**Where:** Fisherman's Café,  
Cnr Wardell St & Samford Rd.  
**Time:** 6.00pm.

Join us for fish and chips at Enoggera before we head up the hill to the meeting.

**MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> 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 to come on the walk. Nominate for a walk. Nominate to lead an outing. Stay for supper. Bring those recent bushwalking snaps.

**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL  
DINNER & COFFEE NIGHT  
SOCIAL**

**Leader:** Graham Glasse 3371 9623.  
**Meet at:** Kookaburra Café,  
280 Given Terrace,  
Paddington.  
**Time:** 6.00pm for dinner or 7.30pm for coffee.  
**Cost:** Your choice – visit their website for their menu.  
**Web:** <http://www.kookaburra-cafe.com.au/>

For this month's Coffee Night we are visiting Paddington and a café that we haven't visited as a club for quite a while. It is a delightful spot

and this may be the last time we get to enjoy its hospitality as it may be closing. Unfortunately I will be away walking this month but I know Graham is looking forward to seeing you there for either a meal or just coffee.

**FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL  
ANZAC EVE CONCERT  
SOCIAL**

**Leader:** Cath Wood 0428 755100  
(leave text messages during school hours).  
**Meet at:** Courier Mail Piazza,  
South Bank.  
**Time:** 4.30pm onwards for the 6.30pm concert.  
**Cost:** Free.  
**Web:** <http://qso.com.au/special-events/anzac-eve-concert>

Meet at the Courier-Mail Piazza, South Bank Parklands from 4.30pm onwards for the 6.30pm concert. It is a free event so we will need to grab seats. Either be there early or let someone else know so they can hold seats for you. BYO dinner & drinks or take your chances on buying something nearby. Basically a picnic in the Piazza chatting while we hold seats and wait for the concert.

"Since 2010, QSO (Queensland Symphony Orchestra) has proudly partnered with RSL to present the annual ANZAC Eve Concert, paying tribute to veterans and serving defence personnel, and honouring those lost in past and present wars.

The 2015 ANZAC Eve Concert will commemorate the centenary of the landings at Gallipoli. This free and family-friendly event will be held at The Courier-Mail Piazza, South Bank Parklands, 6:30pm -8:00pm on Friday 24 April. "

**SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL  
ROCKY CREEK FALLS  
DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Greg Endicott 3351 4092.  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.  
**Time:** 7.00am.  
**Cost:** \$20.00 (car pool), \$2 (private).  
**Grading:** M54.  
**Location:** The Main Range off Emu Creek.  
**Google Earth:** 28 14 30.0031S  
152 19 46.0695E  
**Emerg Off:** Greg Endicott 0418 122995.

This is a nice little trip that the Club rarely does. It is off the Emu Creek Rd, near Emu Vale. We start out in open cattle country, following the creek along its bank. As we get further in, the country becomes more tree covered, so off into the bush we get. Further in there is rainforest as the ridges on either side get higher and higher and steeper. Finally we are in rainforest proper – just like you would recognise in Lamington.

Then around a corner are the Falls – high and majestic (especially if there is any water in them.) They are in a big semi-circular amphitheatre. It all is rather a surprise considering the type of country you have been walking through.

Now the navigation commences as we have to back track a little, and find our way up through the left hand cliff line – through the vegetation. The fun begins. Once on top, still in the forest, we head to the top of the Falls – to find a surprisingly small creek flowing. How could such a teeny weenie creek form such big falls?

The return trip is via the top of the ridge on the right side of the Falls. It will be followed till a point where we can safely descend back down to the creek and the cars.

A simple walk, except for the climb out of the creek up to the top of the falls, and if taken slowly and carefully, should be ok. Check it out on Google Earth.

### **SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY MT MITCHELL CIRCUIT DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Trevor Kelly 3269 4795.  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.  
**Time:** 6.30am.  
**Cost:** \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).  
**Grading:** M44.  
**Location:** Cunningham's Gap.  
**Distance:** Approximately 15kms.  
**Emerg Off:** Carol Kelly 3269 4795.

The Mt Mitchell circuit walk starts at Cunningham's gap on the border of Queensland and New South Wales and is part of the main range. Our walk starts on the Southern side of car park at Cunningham's Gap and we take the box forest track south and come out at West Gap Picnic area.

We will cross the Cunningham Highway into the Queensland national park building, and follow an undulating fire trail for a couple of

kilometres until there is a timber gate marking the western ridge to Mt Mitchell. Once on the ridge we follow a well-defined track, climbing gradually.

We will find a suitable stop for morning tea then continue until we hit the graded track on the western side of Mt Mitchell. Following the graded track to east Peak of Mt Mitchell where we will have a well-deserved lunch break.

After lunch we follow the normal graded track back the main car park. We will stop for well-earned coffee break at Aratula then back to Brisbane.

This is a great walk and well worth doing hope you can join me on the day.

### **SATURDAY TO TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> TO 5<sup>th</sup> MAY BLACK SNAKE RIDGE CIRCUIT THROUGH WALK**

**Leader:** Michael Simpson 0409 620714.  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.  
**Time:** 6.00 am.  
**Cost:** \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).  
**Grading:** XL55.  
**Location:** Lamington National Park –  
Western Section.  
**Distance:** About 35kms.  
**Ht Gain/Loss:** 1264m/1264m.  
**Emerg Off:** Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

It's hard to believe that it's nearly six years since we had to abort my Richmond Gap to Christmas Creek through walk due to excessive scunge. We had made it to Black Snake Ridge after an unbelievable pace of six kilometres in ten hours. Well I'm going back to complete it and at the same time cover some ground that's missing from my tick list. This is the second last section of the Edward's Gap to Point Danger extended walk I need to complete, the last being a short section from the Garden of Eden to the Tomewin Gate.

We will park our cars at the usual spot for the Running Creek Falls walk. However we will leave a car at Christmas Creek in case we need to drop out early. After an easy walk across farmland we suddenly start to climb. We walk up Black Snake Ridge to the border fence (or what's left of it). I expect to be there for lunch. All timings after this point are anyone's guess.

The plan is to follow the border to Point Lookout where I hope to be Sunday night. Then we drop

to the Stretcher Track and follow it to the England Creek Track. After visiting the top of Lamington Falls we will either camp at the junction of the Stretcher Track and the England Creek Track or, preferred, camp at the junction of Running and England Creeks camp site. The last day would involve a rock hop up to Running Creek Falls before following the track back to the car.

This will be a difficult walk with little time to contemplate your navel. So ring me to discuss the walk.

### **THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MAY HELIDON HILLS DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Phil Murray 5522 9702 or 0416 650160.  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.  
**Time:** 7.00am.  
**Cost:** \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).  
**Grading:** M44.  
**Location:** Near Toowoomba.  
**Distance:** Approximately 9kms.  
**Hgt Gain:** 400m  
**Emerg Off:** Sue Murray 5522 9702.

This will be the first official Thursday mid-week walk. Helidon Hills, is just north of Helidon (which is east of Toowoomba). Much of this area is State Forest.

The walk is a circuit around a huge bowl shaped valley at the end of Red Bank Creek. I did a pre-outing with the Toowoomba Bushwalkers here last year and it was a very nice little walk. The area is mainly dry eucalyptus woodland with many native wildflowers species (pea flowers, acacias, a couple of Grevillea and Banksia species, persoonias, grass trees, etc.) They aren't prolific flowering species but a keen eye will spot most of them. As an aside there was an excellent wildflower display on the Mt Mathieson walk. This walk was programmed in August last year but heavy rain made the roads a bit tricky for ordinary two wheel drive cars so the walk was cancelled.

There is a book called "Bush Walks in the Toowoomba Region" (by N. McKilligan and I. Savage, published by the University of Southern Queensland Press) that provides a useful reference for this trip.

I have always wanted to explore this area. As far as I am aware our Club has never ventured

into this part of the area before. A few decades ago Barry Ellerington led a trip around the Murphy's Creek area which is about 10 kms to the west of where we will be walking.

So come along and be a "First Explorer" on the Club's first Thursday of the month. Next month a walk to Mt Goolman (on 4 June) which will be a repeat of the trip that Pat Lawton led in 2008.

Bring the usual day walk stuff plus a jumper as we will be coming into the cooler months.

### **SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY SOUTH STRADBROKE ISLAND DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Justin Tobin 3366 3193.  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.  
**Time:** 6.30am.  
**Cost:** \$50.00 + Tea (car pool), \$2 + Tea (private).  
**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 and home to Trevor's Sand Wallaby. Wilderness beach walking at its best. Starting at the Runaway Bay Marina where the water taxi will be waiting to take us to Tipplers on the Northern end of South Straddie. From here we head north to the yacht club and school camp. The western side now runs into mangroves, so we will head over to the ocean side and the huge sand dune which we will follow to the Bedroom for Lunch and a swim. There will be plenty of time to relax in this peaceful place. The campsite is closed, the sand dune has taken over, and apparently the toilet block is buried under the dune. After lunch we will head south on the ocean beach to Couran Cove Surfside for a swim, onto Couran Cove Resort and then taking the track beside the Broadwater to Tipplers., where we will have tea at the café before the water taxi picks us up at 7:00 pm for the run along the Broadwater to Runaway Bay. South Straddie Part 3 is waiting come and walk it with me.



**FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MAY  
THE ALLIANCE HOTEL  
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

**Leader:** Phil Murray 0416 650160.  
**Address:** 320 Boundary Street,  
Spring Hill.  
**Time:** From 4pm till 9ish.  
**What For:** A chat and a beer and a meal.  
**Emerg Off:** Phil Murray 0413 307580.  
**Web:** <http://www.thealliancehotel.com.au/>

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 May we are meeting at the Alliance Hotel which was recently renovated. This venue was suggested by Graham Glasse and we are very happy to visit new and interesting venues.

But there is a wee hill to walk up but as self-respecting bushwalkers it shouldn't be a challenge and I doubt if any self-respecting bushwalker would dare mumble about a little hill.

So come along for a good night.

**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY  
LUNCH AT CLEVELAND  
SOCIAL**

**Leader:** Greg Endicott 3351 4092.  
**Address:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill AND  
Roma Street Station.  
**Time:** 11:15am in the city OR  
12 Noon at the hotel.  
**Cost:** \$5 if going by Club transport  
**Menu:** \$16 to \$26, Seniors Discounts  
of 20% applies.  
**Location:** Southern Bayside  
**Web:** <http://www.clevelandsands.com.au/>  
**Sponsor:** Kate Quinlan Society  
**Emerg Off:** Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

**Please ring me to nominate so I can book enough places at the table.**

The Train Trip You Are Having When Track Works Shut Down The Line!!!

Come along to our bi-annual hotel lunch – this time at the Cleveland Sands Hotel, cnr Middle and Bloomfield Sts. It is an old pub that has been done up to become a classy joint. The pre-outing has been done and it has passed the test.

The menu contains various salads, chicken in many guises, beef done several ways, pasta, risotto, and seafood of many types. There are breads, entrees and starters of various kinds. More food than you can poke a stick at.

You can drive there yourself. You can meet us at St Brigid's Red Hill, or you can meet us outside Roma St Station at the back street at the Parklands End – come off the platforms and turn left and go out the back exit (NOT towards Roma Street.) If coming by bus, come off the Roma St Bus Station and go into the Railways Passenger Tunnel to the back exit – as above. You cannot go to Cleveland by train because track works have closed the line this weekend.

We only do this twice a year, and have not been to the southern bayside at all yet. Come along and enjoy the good company, the good food and the great atmosphere. Ring me to nominate so I can book enough places.

**SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY  
OUR LADY OF THE WAY MASS  
AND BREAKFAST  
RELIGIOUS CEREMONY**

**Leader:** Justin Tobin 3366 3193.  
**Where:** St Thomas More Church,  
Chapel Street, Petrie Terrace.  
**Time:** Mass 7:45 am for 8:00 am  
Breakfast 9:00 am.  
**RSVP:** Friday 15 May.  
**Web:** <http://www.gambaro.com.au/>



The lady of the Way Mass for 2015 will be held at St Thomas More Church Petrie Tce. Celebrate with other members as we give thanks to our Patron Saint for being with us on all our walks and journeys over the past year. Since 1958 she has been our guiding light. There is a small carpark off Caxton St.

I would suggest car-pooling, maybe even meet at Red Hill or catch the bus. Breakfast will be across the road at Gambaro's restaurant. Join us for Mass and breakfast or just breakfast.



### **Our Lady of the Way.**

Mother, Mother I am coming  
Home to Jesus and to thee  
But my country hills are distant  
And the lights I cannot see.

Mother, hearken as I pray,  
Meet me on my homeward way  
Meet me Lady of the Way  
Meet me Mother dear today.

Often times my skies are clouded  
I can see no sun, no star.  
And the road is rough and narrow,  
And the end seems very far.

Mother meet me on my way,  
Lest perchance my feet should stray,  
Meet me Lady of the Way,  
Meet me mother dear today.

### **SATURDAY TO SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> TO 24<sup>th</sup> MAY CLUB HUT CLEAN-UP OVERNIGHTER/DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Iain Renton 3870 8082 OR  
0401 429085.  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.  
**Time:** Saturday after breakfast  
approximately 11:00 am OR  
Sunday: 6:30 am.  
**Cost:** \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).  
**Grading:** S43.  
**Emerg Off:** Susan Tobin 3366 3193.

The club Hut "Yalburu" used by many, maintained by a few, needs a bit of attention. Iain has managed to organise a week-end in his busy schedule to go down and give the hut a bit of a spruce up. If you have Saturday or Sunday spare come down and give him a hand. The jobs he hopes to get done: weeding, clearing lantana, cleaning windows, cleaning, paint prep, painting and general maintenance. Somewhere in this list is a job for you. If you are coming down on Saturday we will be leaving after the Mass and breakfast to walk into the hut, hopefully get stuck into the work before a late swim at the portals. Saturday night, tea around the camp fire where I am sure many hut and Barney stories will be told. If you can only spare Sunday we will be leaving Red Hill at 6:30 am to walk into the hut and join the overnights who will already be hard at work. A late lunch and swim before heading home, leaving the Hut a lot better than when we came.

The more members who can come in to give their Hut a bit of love the more we will get done.

### **THURSDAY TO MONDAY 4th TO 8th JUNE FRASER ISLAND THROUGH WALK**

**Leader:** Michael Simpson 0409 620714.  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.  
**Time:** Thursday afternoon after work.  
**Cost:** \$TBA.  
**Grading:** XL33.  
**Location:** Fraser Island.  
**Distance:** About 50kms.  
**Ht Gain/Loss:** 244m/244m.  
**Emerg Off:** Greg Endicott 3351 4092.



I can only take eight (8) nominations for this walk and unfortunately it is now full. Fraser is always a popular location and the walks always fill fast but there is always next year.

It's April and I can hear Fraser Island calling. It's time to pack the bags, book the taxi and head off. Last year we finished at Wathumba Creek and so this year we will be heading back to continue down the beach and across to the mouth of Eli Creek.

We will be leaving as early as possible on Thursday afternoon and head to Hervey Bay. After a night there we will catch the early ferry to Fraser and onto Wathumba Creek by taxi. We will now walk down the beach to Awinya Creek before heading inland towards Lake Bowraddy. From there we will climb Mt Bowraddy, the highest point on the island, on our way to Lake Allom, Deepwater Lake and Freshwater Lake. Coomboo and Hidden Lakes will be the highlight of the day as we search for the source of Eli Creek. This creek will be traced to

its mouth where we will be collected by the taxi for our journey home.

There is nowhere else in the world like Fraser Island. It is a magical place.

**FRIDAY TO MONDAY  
5<sup>th</sup> TO 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE  
FRASER ISLAND – THE SOUTHERN  
LAKES  
BASE CAMP**

**Leader:** Joe Finn 3848 4642.  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.  
**Time:** 5:00pm Friday.  
**Cost:** \$180.00 (Cost is based on 5 people).  
**Grading:** M44.  
**Location:** Fraser Island.  
**Emerg Off:** Susan Tobin 3366 3193.  
**Limit:** Five (5).



Fraser Island is the largest sand island in the world formed by sand moving north from the Tweed. It is an amazing place to visit. Lakes, Window, perched, and Barrage, big trees including kauris and satinays, rainforest, the beautiful Wangoolba Creek, sand blows and tranquillity. Leaving Brisbane Friday night we will stay the night at Hervey Bay before catching the 6:45 am Barge from River Heads to Kingfisher where the taxi will be waiting to take our packs to Central Station and then continue further south to Dilli Village. Saturdays walk is back to Central Station. The track passes Lakes Boomanjin, Benaroon, Birrabeen and Jennings. Hopefully there will be time to swim in all of them. A relaxing night at Central Station to tell your bushwalking and Fraser Island stories. Sunday we are off to Lake Mackenzie for lunch and afternoon tea at Basin Lake. More stories Sunday night.

Monday, we will pack up so everything is ready for the taxi in the afternoon. A smaller walk today – Saturday's walk is 21 klm; Sunday's 17.9 klm; the walk is 9.9 to Eurong and then a stroll up the beach to meet the taxi at 1 o'clock wherever it finds us. From there it's off to Wangoolba Creek via the packs to meet the 3.00pm barge. Come and visit the Southern Lakes and see the beauty Fraser has to offer.

**ADVANCED NOTICE  
FRIDAY TO TUESDAY  
30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER TO 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER  
THE GRAMPIANS  
BASE CAMP**

**Leader:** Phil Murray 5522 9702 or  
0416 650160.

The proposed trip for the Cup Weekend Walk in 2015 is the Grampians in western Victoria. Our Victorian colleagues insisted that we come to the Grampians, so this year we are. The proposed co-leader will be Peter Matheson.

The Grampians are near the town of Stawell which is 235kms west-north-west of Melbourne. The Grampians are a series of rugged sandstone mountain ranges that rise abruptly from the surrounding Western Plains.

It will be a base camp with a 3 or 4 days of walks. Some are short and we can do 2 or 3 short walks on some days and there 3 longer ones. We fly down early Friday and fly back late on Tuesday (about 7 pm). The plan is to take a slight detour on the Friday afternoon to visit Hanging Rock of Picnic at Hanging Rock fame.

There are about 10 main walks to do but we will only have time to do about 5 –the draft proposal is as below

Date	Venue
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	Fly from Brisbane about 7 ish Arrive Melbourne about 10 ish Drive to Mt Macedon pm <b>Hanging Rock Walk</b> D 2 km 2 hrs Drive to Halls Creek – stay 2 nights Dist 280 km T 3 hr 15 min
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>The Wonderland Walk &amp; The Pinnacle</b> D-9 km T 4 hrs
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	pm or Mt Stapylton D -5 km T 2 hrs am drive to Dunkeld D 65 kms T 1 hr Stay at Dunkeld 2 nights pm <b>Mt Abrupt</b> D 7 km T 4 hrs
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>The Fortress</b> 12 km 7 hrs
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	am <b>Mt Sturgeon</b> 7 km 3 hrs pm drive back to Melbourne catch 7 pm flight home

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

**ADVANCED NOTICE  
SATURDAY TO SUNDAY  
28<sup>th</sup> TO 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
KIAMA COASTAL WALK  
BASE CAMP**

**Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702 or  
0416 650160.**

This a great trip in one of the most scenically beautiful coastlines in Australia. With steep mountains rolling down to the coast that is fringed by golden sandy beaches. The trip involves 2 medium walks over 2 days.

Day 1 is about 11 km from Minnamurra to Kiama.



*CATHEDRAL ROCKS – LOOKING NORTH*

Day 2 about 14 km from Gerringong to Kiama.

For the workers we are flying down on Saturday morning at 5 am on QANTAS flight QF501 arrives in Sydney at 7.35. Catch a train at the Airport Domestic train station at 8-29 am to Wollie Creek to catch the South Coast train at 8-39 am.

The retirees and those who don't like getting up very early can fly down the day before and stay wherever they choose (possibly the YHA) but they need to meet us on the train. They can even catch the train down to Kiama the day before and met us at Minnamurra Station.



*WERRI BEACH GERRINGONG LOOKING NORTH*

We get off at Minnamurra station at 10-46 am and walk to Kiama via Bombo and walk to Kiama. We can't store our gear before the walking so we need to pack light.

Sunday up early, catch the train to Gerringong. Then we walk back to Kiama along the very scenic coast line. The first beach is Werri Beach which is a beautiful long beach.

Most of this walk is on the grassy headlands but there are 4 beaches along the way.



*GRASSY HEADLAND SOUTH OF EASTS BEACH*

We will have a quick swim and shower at Main Beach at Kiama. We will then catch the train from Kiama to Sydney at 5-04 pm. Back at the Airport about 7-30 and catch a plane about 8-05 pm back to Brisbane. The flights on QANTAS were \$95 each way. (during their Easter sale).

There is plenty of beach walking and a chance of a swim or two. The recent TV show called Winter had several location shots around Kiama and the Kiama Harbour.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Bushwalking Queensland held a gathering at Ashgrove Library on 29 March to mark the autumn equinox, the start of the Bushwalking season in Queensland. Chris Towers, President of Bushwalking Australia spoke to the meeting and said that research indicated that only 3% of Bushwalkers in Australia were club members. Most members were baby boomers which reflects the situation in our Club. I congratulate Bushwalking Queensland for holding this event and hope they make it an annual event.

At the May meeting John and Lyn Daly, authors of many bushwalking books, will be the guest speakers. In July we are planning a swap and sale night of gear. This is an opportunity to sell equipment you don't need or buy some missing piece that you need. Also, at the July meeting I expect that all of our archival material will be on

display, namely monthly magazines from our earliest days, annual reports, maps etc.

In the near future the Committee will be looking at the design of a revamped Club website and whether we should have a presence on Facebook and Twitter. If you have any views on these topics, please let me know.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 16/2/15	\$5325.23
Plus Receipts	\$1359.98
	\$6685.21
Less Payments	\$1077.57
Balance 16/3/15	\$5607.64
Term Deposit	\$2722.34

I am finalizing our new t-shirt order. If you have not ordered one you need to contact me immediately so that you do not miss out. Also, if you wish to make a tax deductible donation to The Little Kings charity, you should contact me immediately. Terry.

## ABOUT PEOPLE

Therese Abernethy, Lucy Endicott, Mignon Hardie, Russell Jones, Bob Iron, Pat Lawton, Chrissy Turner and Julie-Anne Williamson are celebrating their birthdays in April.

Monica Grzesiak was an interested visitor at our March meeting. Kay Heidke and Barbara Abey along with past members Dave and Frances Mort were visitors on Phil's Wavebreak Island walk. Erwin Perez was a first time visitor on Michele's Club Hut walk. Peter Lawrence was also a first time visitor on Trevor's Flinders Peak walk. Erwin Perez and his wife Arlene along with Henry and Louella Boutell were visitors on Gerry's Highgate Hill walk. Trish Rashad (on her second walk with us) and her daughter, Jackie, Erwin Perez and Fr. James Grant (both on their third walks) along with Karen Frederiks' daughter, Angie were visitors on Pat's Northbrook Mountain walk. Ben Sotiriadis (on his second walk with us) was joined by past member Brenda Keough and Dave Nickson from the Logan and Albert club were visitors on Matt's Lincoln Wreck/Mt. Superbus walk. Visitors are always most welcome on any of our activities.



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### Update on New members

No new members in March.

### Update on Membership Numbers

Number of members as at 31 March is 87.

### Members Register – What was your first walk with the Club?

I mentioned last month that 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.

I am slowing getting around to asking people and so far for most people I have asked their first walk is a very clear memory and they have being happy to share. In particular, Iain Renton who was on the Flinders Peak walk, was chuffed to mention that his first walk with the Club was to Crookneck in the morning and Mt Beerwah in the afternoon. The walk was led by Matthew Palmer in 1993. It is sad to say that access to both Crookneck and Mt Beerwah have been closed by the National Parks & Wildlife Service for many years now.

Hope to see you on a walk soon. Phil.

## AROUND THE RIDGES

### Combined Bushwalking Camp

The Bundaberg Bushwalkers Club is having a combined camp. The camp will be located at the Gin Gin Showgrounds from 1st May to 4th May. This event is similar to our Pilgrimage with registrations closing on 20th April. I have emailed the details out earlier and if you missed it please contact me.

### New Minister for National Parks

The Hon. Dr. Steven Miles, member for Mt Coot-tha is our new Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection, and Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef.

BWQ is endeavouring to seek a meeting with the Minister to establish a relationship as well as understand the policies of the new government and if any policies from the previous government are still on the table and what will happen now the National Parks portfolio has been removed from Sport and Recreation.

### BOSQ's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

Bushwalkers of Southern Queensland (BOSQ), originally named Binna Burra Bushwalkers Club (BBWC), is celebrating its 50th anniversary

this year, and will be holding a reunion on 23 May 2015 at Brookfield.

Former members of BOSQ/BBBWC are cordially invited to contact the club at [bushwalksq@gmail.com](mailto:bushwalksq@gmail.com) or on 3875 1090 (a message can be left) to register their interest in attending the event.

### **Big Burke & Wills Trek**

The Burke & Wills Trek from the Dig Tree to Birdsville is on again this year. Walk the 330kms over 11 days retracing Burke & Wills footsteps.

Visit their website for more information.

<http://www.burkeandwillstrek.com.au/burke-and-wills-trek/index>

### **Are We Seeing the Death of the Word 'Bushwalking'?**

Most people use Google to search the web. Did you know that Google Trends reveals that hiking is a more popular term than bushwalking in Australia and the gap is widening. A worrying trend. Interestingly New Zealanders have not yet forsaken the word tramping but the word hiking is catching up.

### **A Film To See**

**The Man from Coxs River**, is a documentary film by husband and wife Russell Kilbey and Amy Scully.



The film explores what happens when a fiercely independent local horseman (Luke Carlon) and national parks ranger (Chris Banffy) are forced to work together to remove a mob of brumbies from the Burragorang Valley before the threat of an aerial cull becomes a reality.

The film was awarded a Heritage Award from the National Trust,

The vibe I am hearing is that it is a modern version of the Man from Snowy River. It has received excellent reviews but as it is an independent film the major outlets aren't interested in pushing it as there is no money in it for them. Hence it is could be described as an 'underground film' for want of a better term.

The film was screened in Brisbane at the Regal theatre (Graceville) in June last year. But I didn't hear any publicity about it when it was screened.

Hopefully it will have a repeat screening soon. Keep an eye out for any news about possible screenings.

Phil (from an article in the CBC Waysider)

## **REFLECTION**

On the Barney Mass 2006 we prayed the prayer to St Francis and attributed it to like so many others have done to St Francis. Father Bernie Thomas a Franciscan Friar from Kedron and now back in New Zealand, informed us it had nothing to do with the Saint at all and it was written and prayed a long time after his death. Thanks to Australian Catholics magazine here is the Prayer explained for us all.

### **Channelling God's peace**

(Words Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ. Reprinted with permission from Australian Catholics Magazine Summer 2015 edition)

*Australian Catholics* takes a look behind another popular prayer in the Catholic tradition – the Peace Prayer of St Francis.

Although it is attributed to St Francis of Assisi, the Peace Prayer of St Francis was composed much more recently. It was first published in a small French devotional magazine in 1912 as a prayer that could be said during Mass. It came to a wider audience in 1915 when a French Catholic group sent it to Pope Benedict XV who was passionate on bringing an end to the Great War raging in Europe. He had the prayer published in the Vatican newspaper. It was then reprinted in *La Croix*, the French daily newspaper, as a prayer for peace to end the war. In the United States it was attributed to St Francis of Assisi, and was widely distributed on a prayer card during the Second World War and afterwards.

There are many English versions of the prayer. The most familiar, printed here, is the hymn composed by Johann Sebastian von Tempelhoff, a South African Franciscan. It grew in popularity when Mother Teresa included it in the morning prayers of the Missionaries of

Charity, the Congregation she founded. She also had it recited at the ceremony in Oslo when she was awarded the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize.

No one knows how it came to be associated with St Francis. But the simplicity of the language, the warmth and generosity of the thoughts and the focus on others echo the spirit of St Francis perfectly.

The prayer invites us to move away from the negative attitudes that can infect our relationship with God and one another – such as anger, hatred, doubt and darkness. It encourages us to let go, forgive, trust and hope.

**Peace Prayer of St Francis**

Make me a channel of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love,  
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord,  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace,  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope,  
Where there is darkness – only light,  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek,  
So much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood, as to understand,  
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving to all men that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

As we Commemorate 100 years of the Gallipoli campaign and with hatred and wars still taking place every day let us continue to pray for peace.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

**Interstate Base Camps**

In last month's magazine I mentioned the concept that the Club could do interstate trips to Sydney and Melbourne.

I thought I should flesh out the details of what these trips entail. The proposed trip to Phillip Island and the Mornington Peninsula in southern Victoria would be a roving base camp and include several day walks as follows

Date	Venue
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	Fly from Brisbane about 9 ish Arrive Melbourne about 12 Drive to San Remo Near Philip Island Dist 150 km 1 hr 45 min Stay at Cowes for 2 nights Tour of Philip island and <b>walk at the Blow hole</b> 1 hr and watch the <b>penguin parade</b> at night

Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cape Woolamai Walk</b> – d- 8 km – T 4 hrs pm chill out time
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	am <b>Bass Coastal Walk</b> d- 13 km – T - 5 hrs pm drive to Sorrento d 127 km , T – 1 h 40 m Stay at Sorrento 2 nights
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	am – <b>Fort Nepean Walk</b> d 9.2 km T 4 hrs pm – <b>Arthurs Seat</b> 1 km
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	9 am - <b>Ferry from Sorrento to Queenscliff</b> Crossing time – about 50 mins \$62 per vehicle & driver plus \$11 per extra adult Pm <b>beach walk</b> or wak around Queenscliff Stay at Barwon Heads 2 nights
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bells Beach to Point Addis</b> – d 14 km 5 hrs
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	am drive back to Melbourne D – 95 km T 1 hr 15 m pm walk from Docklands to Botanic Gardens along the Yarra Stay in Melbourne Dinner at Lygon St
Sun 13th	catch 9am flight home

Estimated costs	
Airfares	\$150 each way \$300
Accommodation	\$300
Car Hire	\$200
Food	<u>\$200</u>
Estimate of total	\$1,000

I know I am a dreamer but we need dreams so we can make plans.

I have dreams of doing a similar style of roving basecamp on the East coast of Tasmania and visiting places like Freycinet National Park, Maria Island, Cape Huay and Crescent Bay.

Do you have any bushwalking dreams you want to share?

**MBS**

Despite our recent heavy rain, the club was unable to obtain a "Fire Permit" to help celebrate Pat's birthday on her Easter Monday walk. Fittingly, thirty-four of her fellow walkers joined her on Lawton Road to enjoy the patty cakes which were cooked by Michele Johns and Maxine Brophy.

**A REFLECTION ON A POSSIBLE TOPIC FOR A CLUB RETREAT**

The Club's committee has endorsed the holding of a retreat. By way of background information below is a copy of a summary from the retreat that the Sydney Catholic Bushwalking Club held.

**A Day Of Reflection At Mt Schoenstatt**

On Tuesday September 9 more than thirty CBC members showed up for a day of meditation at the Mt. Schoenstatt Retreat Centre outside Mulgoa, in the foothills of the Blue Mountains.

This spiritually refreshing event on the CBC's programme has been a regular activity for many years, and most of those present were regular participants. Whereas nearly all CBC activities involve frenetic pursuit of geographically distant goals in minimum time, this day was different. Led by Sr. Mary Agnes and ably assisted by Father Denis Foley, we were cajoled into sitting and thinking for several hours, un-distracted by any electronic media.

While most of the population would regard this situation as one of sensory deprivation, Sr. Mary Agnes gently led us through the remarkable document "Evangelii Gaudium", an Apostolic Exhortation from Pope Francis.

Some direct quotes from the Exhortation were included in the handouts provided to us, and were discussed at some length. They are thought provoking:

"How can it be that it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure, but it is news when the stock market loses two points? This is a case of exclusion".

"Money must serve, not rule! "

"One of the more serious temptations which stifles boldness and zeal is a defeatism which turns us into querulous and disillusioned pessimists, "sourpusses". Nobody can go off to battle unless he is fully convinced of victory beforehand."

"It always pains me greatly to discover how some Christian communities, and even consecrated persons, can tolerate different forms of enmity, division, calumny, defamation, vendetta, jealousy and the desire to impose certain ideas at all costs, even to persecutions which appear as veritable witch hunts. Whom are we going to evangelize if this is the way we act?"

"But we need to create still broader opportunities for a more incisive female presence in the Church"

In these turbulent times for the Church, such directness is inspiring. A writer for the (U.S.) National Catholic Reporter put it succinctly:

"Evangelii Gaudium is remarkable the way Pope Francis is remarkable. He has set forth a bold vision for the Church, in this text and in the past nine months. The "sourpusses" are grumbling but we can hope that they, too, will catch the Francis Fever and see that it is not Francis fever at all; it is the zeal of the Gospels, a Gospel that is credible when grasped and preached as attractive, not scolding, welcoming and not exclusionary".

Maybe it's time to revisit Pope Leo XIII's 1891 encyclical letter Rerum Novarum, and explore the rich landscape of Catholic social teaching. All of us left that gathering with much food for thought, and gratitude to the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary.

Little more needs to be said, other than to urge CBC members to look at the following:

For a synopsis from the Vatican website:

<http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/synopsis-of-the-apostolic-exhortation-evangelii-gaudium>

For a commentary from the NCR:

<http://ncronline.org/blogs/distinctly-catholic/evangelii-gaudium-first-impressions>

For the complete 105 page document, do a search for: [papa-francesco\\_esortazione-ap\\_20131124\\_evangelii-gaudium.pdf](http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/synopsis-of-the-apostolic-exhortation-evangelii-gaudium)

By Owen Holmwood (From the CBC Waysider)

## **PAST EVENTS**

### **ILLINBAH CIRCUIT FROM THE BOTTOM SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY DAY WALK**

What a lovely trip this circuit is: Cool rainforest; Ever green vegetation; Good scenery; Easy walking. I had seven members with me this time – several repeat offenders included.

We started off in a slight light shower that stopped as we entered the rainforest. The track was mainly clear – especially away from the creek. Once or twice we were geographically embarrassed, but soon overcame the problem. Some of the creek crossings had altered – what do you expect after a flood or two.

We followed the track to the first creek crossing and the National Parks signs – only a minor doubt almost within sight of it. Once on the clear track, we whizzed along at great pace. Whenever we lost the track we kept a lookout for the orange triangles, or strangely, the pink poker dot tape.

Chrissie even managed all the creek crossings dry shod. The rest did not even try. At about 15 crossings, not worth it. We could see in some places where the occasional flood had torn up the track or placed debris over it and hid it.

We had lunch in/beside the creek at approx 1pm just short of the climb up to the pools turnoff. We watched the white butterflies forming little moving clouds up and down the creek. We met a couple walking in the other direction about here.

No one was interested in going down to the pools, so we bypassed them. Instead we went straight up the track zig zagging up the cliff line. Up and up it went – not as many steps though as I remembered. We made the next turnoff – to the road/back down to the start; some broke away to have a toilet break. The rest moved on down the other half of the circuit back to the start. This track is high and dry, following the terrain in and out as the ridge winds its way along. It is an old graded track, still maintained.

We saw some of the very old wooden track mile posts – still readable. And we met the couple from the paragraph above making their way up – and going at a good pace as well.

Our breakaway party met up again, and we all made the National Parks signs again for the “after” photo. Then out to the cars at the farm house – and there was a light shower again to round off the day.

Thanks to Gerry B, Chrissie T, Peggy R, Paddy T, Jan N and Ray R for accompanying me on this very lovely walk in a very lovely part of the world. Greg E

**MT MATHESON & MT ALPHEN  
SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY  
DAY WALK**

What a lovely day! A pleasant shortish walk, but it was an enjoyable class 4 track trip. A cloudy, humid summer’s day spent in the mountains.

The seventeen of us met at Aratula by 7.45 am. We then headed for Spicer’s Gap in Main Range National Park. After introductions with the two visitors, we started by first inspecting the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Pioneer Graves memorial and then climbing Mt Alphen that is a small hill beside the camp ground. Through the long grass in mixed eucalypt open forest we were on the knoll’s summit in mild conditions. The open forest had an open shrubby understorey, which allowed for easy walking. We then returned the same route.

We then were off on the 8 kilometre Mt Matheson Trail (there is no ‘i’) in moist rainforest. As we climbed onto the ridge line we entered open forest of eucalypt, angophora and corymbria trees. On the peak’s summit we could see Cunningham’s Gap and highway below us. Due to jumping ant nests, we pushed on further to another viewing point for smoko – this location provided great views of the northern main range and Ipswich area.

Climbing further, we re-entered rainforest. Here we found some grand strangler figs in various stages of smothering their host tree. The track continued on past an old timber jinker a reminder of logging in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

Returning to the old Spicer’s Gap we followed it back to Governor’s Chair, where we met Pat. We enjoyed a relaxing lunch looking over the Fassifern Valley and the full Moggerah Dam. To the south, Spicer’s Peak towered over us. A large group from the Mitsubishi 4WD drive club

turned up as well. After lunch, we continued eastwards past Moss’s Well, a watering point for the bullock teams of yester year. We finally reached the cars, and headed to Aratula for a break before returning home.

Thanks to go all who came – Pat, Louise, Sophie, Veronica, Maria, Paddy, Elizabeth, Patricia, Trevor, Gerry, Jack, Jonas, Phil, Justin, Russell, Terry. Thanks also to the drivers Trevor, Terry, Russell & Veronica. I enjoyed your company on a very relaxing day walk. John

**CLUB HUT FEAST  
SATURDAY TO SUNDAY  
14<sup>th</sup> TO 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH  
DAY WALK**

Eleven of us gathered at Yalburu – the BCBC Hut on the banks of the lovely Mt Barney Creek. The one hour walk in was not too bad – pleasant weather. Once at the Hut, some sat in the creek; some lay and rested, some thought about food.

Soon the cheese & cracker were out, and we talked. Then the entrees while main course was being warmed up. By this time the wine was cracked and the party commenced as the sun set over the Barney Massif. Soon it got dark. The tables & stools were brought outdoors so the main part of the evening could be conducted in the cool. Choofers going, food simmering and water boiling. The call to main course rang out. We served ourselves the two mains – lamb and chicken. Salad. Rice. More than enough – could go for seconds. Later in the evening the desserts. All this over about five hours.

Oh what a night. Coffee & tea with the slices to finish off the evening. Now the bunks were cleared, sleeping bags rolled out, and those in tents departed into the dark. Some snoring to keep the alert awake.

Up early to walk out before the heat of the day arrived. Some lingered a little longer to visit the Portals for a swim.

Thanks to: Michael S, Karen F, Peter C, John H, Cath & Mike W, Jan N, Kylie M, John B, and Sue W. See you again next year. Greg E





**CLUB HUT WALK  
SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH  
DAY WALK**

Another successful club hut day walk saw 11 members and visitors assemble at Red Hill. We were delayed momentarily, but were soon on our way, first to Rathdowney for a regroup and then the lower portals carpark.

Several of the overnighers were assembled at the carpark. We swapped stories, some had boots to put on, but time was of the essence, so we said goodbye and gathered first at the boot cleaning bay and then a quick introduction saw us on the track by about 8:50am.

The day was a typical autumn day, a little warm but a gentle breeze kept the temperatures down. The bush was lush and green with lots of black boys. Along the way we passed the other overnighers, with packs weighing heavily on their shoulders. They described spending a pleasant night at the hut.

The path to the hut was easy to find as we made our way down the slope with the hut coming into view about half way down. Packs off our shoulders and boots off our feet, then the billy was boiled. Morning tea was shared as we reminisced the early days of the hut.

After morning tea, we crossed the creek at the hut and made our way down to the lower portals swimming hole. We didn't linger long in the water as it seemed to be a lot colder than usual. Back at the hut and lunch was had.

Reluctantly, we made our way back to the cars, arriving about 3.30pm then off to Beaudesert for a coffee stop on the way home.

Thank you to fellow walkers, Paddy Taylor, Gerry Burges, Terry Silk, Justin Tobin, Richard Johns, Sue Walsh, Sophie Ramsay, Julie-Anne Williamson and visitors Erwin Perez and Sherryn Johns. Michele.

**THE CRITERION HOTEL  
FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH  
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

This month we returned to one of the original venues (the third in fact). I was interested in how much the venue had changed and was surprised to find very little change. It is a delightful hotel and very central with very little noise to spoil the conversations around the table. The drinks were reasonably priced and the food was ok. A pleasant surprise in fact.

Those there – Greg E, Jan N, Michael S, Karen F, John H, Graham G, Liz L, Kylie M, Peggy R, Mike & Cath W. Michael.

**DINNER & COFFEE NIGHT  
WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH  
SOCIAL**

Twelve members gathered at the Taverner Lounge & dining in Mitchelton. We usually visit this café at least once a year and are never disappointed. It has now changed hands again but the service and food are still great value. We will return next year I'm sure.

Those who joined me were Karen F, Gerry B, Graham G, Liz Little, Trevor K, Pat L, Jonas B, Terry S, Greg, Michele and Lucy E. Michael.

**FLINDER'S PEAK  
SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH  
DAY WALK**

There were 20 walkers, coming in 5 cars on the Flinders Peak walk. The walk is only about 8 Kilometres with a height gain of around 530 metres.

The high humidity and heat made the rocky ridge line ascent a bit more challenging than normal, however it was a great walk with rewarding views, and every now and then a cool breeze would hit us, which signal a view stop and a drink. We arrived at the top about 12 O'clock with everybody thankful for the shade created by the buildings surrounding communications tower on top. There were good views of Mt Goolman and Mt Blaine.

A wedge tailed eagle glided past, and Phil also spotted a Coral tree with common name Batswing Coral tree, because it has a leaf shaped like a bat. (*Erythrina vespertilio*)

After reasonably long lunch we set off back to the carpark in very warm conditions along the rocky ridge line.

We stopped for cool drinks and ice cream at Maccas at Yamanto

Those on the walk were Sophia Ramsay Russell Jones Terry Silk Louise Jones, Justin Tobin Robyn Thorn, Paddy Taylor Maria Kerruish, Phil Murray, Iain Renton, Jonas Bernotas, Russ Nelson, Jan Nelson, Joe Finn, Michele Johns, Richard Johns, Julianne Williamson, Peter Lawrence, and Pat Lawton.

Thanks to the 5 Drivers Russell, Joe, Richard Iain, and Rusty. Trev.

## HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

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

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month, at 7:30pm. The location is St Michael's Parish Hall, Banks St, Dorrington. The hall is on the terrace below the church, out of sight – drive down to the lower car park.

**VISITORS** are always welcome.

### OUTINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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