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Date	Event	Leader	Phone	Type	Grade
25/27	Collins Gap to Border Gate Road	Michael	0409 620714	TW	L46
25	Wagawn	Desley	3369 5530	DW	L33
28	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
30	Coffee Night – The Taverner	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
May 2/5	Hawkesbury River	Michael	0409 620714	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	0409 620714	BC	L46
17	Chermside to Boondall	Desley	3369 5530	DW	M11
19	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
23	Oklahoma	Russ	3374 3534	Soc	
25	Kate Quinlan Society	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
28	Coffee Night – Kettle & Tin	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
31	Neglected Mountain	Russ	3374 3534	DW	M45
Jun 1	Mt Zahel	Paul	0412 339311	DW	M44
6/10	Fraser Island	Michael	0409 620714	TW	L33
9	Mt Greville	Russ	3374 3534	DW	M44
12	TAFE Restaurant @ South Bank	Antonia	3857 1387	Soc	
14	Mt Ernest Traverse	John	5514 0285	DW	L77
16	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
20	JTS – Gilhooley's	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
21/26	Thorsborne Trail	Michael	0409 620714	TW	XL33
22	Bunyaville to Samford	Maxine	3409 4001	DW	
25	Coffee Night – Vagelis	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
28	Breakfast at Regatta	Russ	3374 3534	Soc	
29	Lost World	Michael	0409 620714	DW	M77
Jul 4	James Boag @ the Courtyard	Liz	3356 4874	Soc	
5/6	Lizard Ridge	Michael	0409 620714	TW	M77
6	Ipswich Heritage	Peggy	5498 7112	DW	
12	Long Creek Falls	Justin	3366 3193	DW	
13	Noosa Heads	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M22
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	0409 620714	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	
18	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
23	Winery & Lavender Farm Lunch	Antonia	3857 1387	Soc	
27	Coffee Night	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
30	Noosa Trails	Terry	3355 9765	DW	
Sep 5	Brisbane Writer's Festival			Soc	
5/7	Pilgrimage	Michael	3351 3810	BC	
13	Mt Maroon	Michele	3353 2822	DW	
15	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	

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

Lord, teach me to be patient – with life, with people, and with myself.

I sometimes try to hurry things along too much, and I push for answers before the time is right. Teach me to trust. Your sense of timing rather than my own.

Help me wait for life to unfold in its own time with all its mysteries, each moment and state of growth contains a loveliness.

Teach me to slow down enough to appreciate life and all it holds. Amen.



COMING EVENTS

TRIPS leave from St Brigid's car park at Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.

The "**Leaders Guide**" is on the web at:
<http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/LeadersGuideV5-02-06.html>

Leaders: Print your own Event Nomination Form from the Club's web site.

A reminder to visitors that you are required to do 2 walks before Committee officially declares you a Member of the Club.

LEADERS

If you make changes to your walk, such as date, where, cancel it – please tell the Outings Secretary Michael Simpson Ph: 0409 620714.

FRIDAY 16th 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.

Come along and join us for a usual gathering on the third Friday of the month. Last year was our first visit to this bar. We actually gathered out the back in the dining room.

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 or
philriver@optusnet.com.au.
Meet at: Transcontinental Hotel
482 George St,
Brisbane.
Time: From 5ish to 7ish at the pub.
From 7ish at Lang Park
Cost: About \$45.

On Friday 16th May the Gold Coast Titans who are leading the comp are playing Brisbane at the Lang Park Cauldron. You may not have been to a game for ages so this is the chance to come along with a few mates and girls and see what all the fuss is about.

For those true Brisbane boys they are allowed (and expected) to support the Broncos and some from southern areas may support the Titans. But no matter the result a Queensland team wins. For those who follow the game the last meeting between the teams was in early April where the Titans won a tightly contested game with a controversial try giving the Titans the win.

The plan is to meet at the Transcontinental for dinner and drinks beforehand the game.

17th TO 18th MAY
SATURDAY TO SUNDAY
EMU CREEK
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/648m,
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.)

Web: <http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/page4.html>

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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 (Any excuse for a lunch in the autumn sunshine) 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.

**Translink: Journey Planner:
<http://translink.com.au/>**

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>

Rail Track Works:

<http://www.queenslandrail.com.au/RailServices/City/Pages/Plannedclosures.aspx> OR

<http://translink.com.au/travel-information/service-notices>

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 bloomin'. 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: 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; to "main" – steak, mixed grill for \$18; to "chicken" – Kiev, Parmigiana, crumbed, grilled, duets for \$14; to "seafood" – battered, crumbed, calamari, prawns, basket from \$10 to \$15; to pasta – carbonara, lasagne for \$9; with "sides" – vegies, chips, bread, sauces for \$4; and desserts – apple pie, pavlova, cheese cake for \$10. Ummm, more. How could you go pasta 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. Very suitable for Visitors and New People – as well as friends, siblings, work mates, children, neighbours, acquaintances, enemies, bus buddies and all comers.

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.

SATURDAY 31st MAY NEGLECTED MOUNTAIN DAY WALK

Leader: Russ Nelson 3374 3534.

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

Time: 7.00am.

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

Grading: M45.

Location: In the Christmas Creek area.

Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

This mountain is on the southern side of Christmas Creek Valley and opposite Stinson Park and the Outdoor Recreation Camp. The track begins at the start of the Stretcher Track which was cut in the 1930s as part of the rescue following the crash of the Stinson aircraft. We will leave the track as it turns east and we climb to the west. We gain height promptly and gain good views of both Christmas Creek and Running Creek valleys. On top there are excellent views of the central Lamington plateau. An outstanding walk for all.

SUNDAY 1st JUNE MT ZAHHEL DAY WALK

Leader: Paul Evans 0412 339311.

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

Time: 7.00am.

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

Grading: M44.

Location: Laidley Creek Valley.

Emerg Off: Carolyn 0412 339322.

Mt Zahel is a mountain peak in the Laidley Gap area. It is 867m in height and the ascent is from the eastern side. It is rarely done by the club and it is a perfect walk for a winter's day. The mountain has two peaks. It provides great views over the valley back to Mt Mort and Beau Brummel. The walk should be about 4 to 5 hours. This is off track but it will be on a good ridge up to the top.

**6th TO 10th JUNE
FRIDAY TO TUESDAY
FRASER ISLAND
THROUGH WALK**

Leader: Michael Simpson 0409 620714
or 3351 3810.
Meet at: TBA.
Time: TBA.
Cost: Around \$200.
Grading: L33.
Location: The North of Fraser Island.
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

Unfortunately this walk is limited to eight (8) by the space in the taxi and I already have eight (8) nominees. However ring me to go on a waiting list as sometimes people have to pull out or maybe you'd like to take your own vehicle.

**MONDAY 9th JUNE
MT GREVILLE
DAY WALK**

Leader: Russ Nelson 3374 3534.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.00am.
Cost: \$15 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grading: M44.
Location: Fassifern Valley near Aratula.
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

This mountain is in the northern central point of the Scenic Rim saucer and provides excellent views of the Main Range, the northern section of the Scenic Rim and of Moogerah Dam from Mt Greville. We will walk the main ridge from the south rather than attempt the northern face which is quite dramatic. It is a steady climb to the top. After a good break on top we will descend via Palm Gorge which will give us a different experience from our ascent.

Experienced walkers will enjoy this walk while those new to walking will find this is a rewarding experience which will be a welcome addition to their bushwalking curriculum vitae.

**THURSDAY 12th JUNE
TAFE RESTAURANT @ SOUTH BANK
SOCIAL**

Leader: Antonia Simpson 3857 1387.
Address: 66 on Ernest,
66 Ernest Street
South Brisbane.
Time: 6.00pm.

Cost: See their Menu.
Web: <http://www.southbank.edu.au/Services-and-Facilities/Restaurants-and-Functions/Pages/66-on-Ernest.aspx>
Emerg Off: Antonia Simpson 0400 571387.

66 on Ernest is one of Brisbane's 'best kept secrets'. The restaurant treats guests are treated to one of the best value fine dining experiences available in the city.

The restaurant is situated in the TAFE precinct off Ernest St in the building next to St Clements Melkite Church (cnr Ernest and Merivale Streets). You walk to the back of the courtyard where there is a stair to the restaurant. The free parking is entered off Glenelg St opposite the side of the Convention Centre and the exit is through to Ernest Street just across from the restaurant building.

**SATURDAY 14th JUNE
MT ERNEST TRAVERSE
DAY WALK**

Leader: John Carter 5514 0285.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 5.45am.
Cost: \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grading: L77.
Location: South of Rathdowney.
Emerg Off: TBA.

This walk will traverse Mt Ernest east to west commencing at the Hargraves farm, following an early start. We will ascend the eastern ridge to the summit. Planned burns have occurred on the mountain in recent years so the walking should have fewer obstructions. We will continue westward across the organ pipes, until we strike the State border on the McPherson Range.

Taking a bearing we walk south east picking up the rabbit fence. This will be followed to the Mt Lindesay border gate, where we will have a car parked for the car shuffle. It is a long walk with a 700 metre climb to Mt Ernest. Please bring along at least two litres of water.

The pre-outing is yet to be held so an alternate route may eventuate on the mountain.



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MONTHLY MEETING**

Time: 7.30pm – Doors open & meeting starts soon after

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Web: <http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/page4.html>

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**FRIDAY 20th JUNE
GILHOOLEY'S
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

Leader: Phil Murray 0416 650160.

Address: 124 Albert Street.

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.

It is the middle of the year and we are headed to the middle of the City.

Gilhooleys has been around since 1995. It looks like an Irish pub, what with all of the heavy polished wooden furniture and fittings.

Come along and enjoy our traditional gathering on the third Friday of the month. We plan to be inside out of the cold.

**21st TO 26th JUNE
SATURDAY TO THURSDAY
THORSBORNE TRAIL
THROUGH WALK**

Leader: Michael Simpson 0409 620714 or 3351 3810.

Meet at: Townsville.

Time: By sunset 21 June.

Cost: Approx \$600.

Grading: XL33.

Location: Hinchbrook Island, North Queensland.

Web: <http://nprsr.qld.gov.au/parks/hinchinbrook-thorsborne/index.html>

Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

The Thorsborne Trail is a 32km trail on Hinchbrook Island, one of Australia's largest island national parks. It is a relatively flat walk and we will not be walking large distances every day. There are many highlights on this walk but the swimming in beautiful freshwater creeks is probably going to be the one for me.

There are currently nine (9) people confirmed on this trip but there is still room for more but you will need to make your own arrangements. I'm leaving Brisbane on QF974 on 21 June at 1355 and returning on QF971 on 26 June at 1135. So give me a ring if you are interested.

**SUNDAY 13th JULY
NOOSA HEADS
DAY WALK**

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702 or 0416 650160.

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

Time: 6.30am.

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

Grading: M22.

Distance: Approximately 12kms.

Noosa National Park is one of the wonders of South East Queensland so come along and enjoy a touch of paradise.

The reason for doing the walk this time of year is to visit Paradise Cave which is on the headland at the end of Alexander Bay. The cave is only accessible at super low tides. There is a full moon on the night of Saturday 12th July and the next day there is a super low tide in the middle of the day. So it is a perfect time to visit the cave.

I plan to park the cars at Noosa Woods and detour around the glitz area of Hastings Street and out along the boardwalk to the National Park. Then it is out along Ti-Tree Bay and Granite Bay to Alexandria Beach. We go past all the bays and the plan is to get to the far end of the Park near Sunshine Beach. So it will be a fairly long, but easy, trip. It is mid-winter but might still be nice for a swim.

So put this one in your calendar and see you at Noosa. Come along for a sunny day at Noosa.

Tide times

Description	Time	Ht
High tide	8.20 am	1.67 metres
Low tide	2.22 pm	0.17 metres
High Tide	6.58 pm	2.24 metres

**ADVANCE NOTICE
SYDNEY CATHOLIC TRIP
29th TO 30th AUGUST
SATURDAY TO SUNDAY
THE MARATHON
THROUGH WALK**

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702,
0416 650160 or
bigrivers@optusnet.com.au.
Cost: Estimate- airfares \$60 &
petrol \$50.

It is an Olympic Year so I'm off to do the Marathon. For those new to the Club the Marathon is the annual "race" (slow walk) to the Shack which is the unofficial name of the Club Hut for the Sydney Catholic Bushwalking Club. The name of Shack is a misnomer as they have electrical lighting, running water, a kitchen sink, a hot shower and a beer fridge. The Shack is located about 25 kilometres due south of Katoomba and 20 kilometres east north east of Kanangra Walls.

This year the plan is to do the trip from Carlon's. (Carlon's is about 15 km south of Blackheath) Total Walking Distance approx. 24 km.

There are 2 river crossings – they are about waist deep in some places, so you need to waterproof your packs. There is a big feast on the Saturday night and a great opportunity to meet the many members of the Sydney Club. This year is the 62nd Anniversary of the first trip. The walk out on Sunday is much shorter as we should be able to get a lift for about 10 kms.

The Marathon is an event to do at least once in your lifetime. You need to carry a sleeping bag and tent with you. Book your flights asap to get the cheapest prices.

I have done this trip 5 times and I highly recommend doing this trip.

**ADVANCE NOTICE
31th OCTOBER TO 4th NOVEMBER
FRIDAY TO TUESDAY
VICTORIAN ALPS
THROUGH WALK**

I have received two (2) messages from Tom regarding this year's walk. Can I ask that people nominate to me by the end of May please so I can give Tom a list of people who wish to go on this trip.

The Suggested Walk

- Fri 31 Oct travel to Mansfield and stay in cabins or on-site vans in a local caravan park; alternatively go on to Sheeppark Flat and camp there;
- Sat 1 Nov travel into the Jamieson River valley to the Clear Creek, do a car shuffle, then start walking there uphill (not as bad as climbing Mt Howitt two years ago) to a campsite below Mt Clear;
- Sun 2 Nov follow the Alpine Walking Track around King Billy 1 and 2 to Lovick's Hut (side trips to Mt Clear and the KBs for any enthusiasts);
- Mon 3 Nov via Mt Lovick to the Bluff Hut, The Bluff, descend to Refrigerator Gap for camp;
- Tue 4 Nov follow the Refrigerator Gap Track down into the Jamieson River valley to the cars, return to Melbourne.

All of this is subject to amendment as needed due to unforeseen circumstances.

We will be less likely to have snow on the ground, which we had last year, but in the valleys (Howqua and Jamieson) there should be flowering mint bush.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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.

Bushwalking Queensland

Our Club is affiliated to Bushwalking Queensland and we have two delegates who represent us, namely Michael Simpson and Desley Pedrazzini. Desley has indicated she

wishes to step down as our delegate and so I now invite you to consider stepping forward to undertake this role.

Reciprocal Rights for Members of Other Clubs

The Committee has decided to quantify the number of walks a member of another Club can do with BCBC without becoming a member of BCBC. The Committee has decided that the limit should be three walks per year. Compared with some other clubs, this is a generous arrangement.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 17/3/14	\$5345.09
Plus Receipts	\$1830.99
	\$7176.08
Less Payments	\$2300.11
Balance 28/4/14	\$4875.97
Term Deposit	\$2689.48

I am still selling tickets in our first raffle for the year. Tickets are only a dollar each and there are two prizes with the first being a Camping and Outdoor Pack containing an 11 function pocket knife, a mini multi-purpose tool, AAA aluminium torch with battery and a belt mounted pouch. The second prize is a 12 LED Head Lamp. Remember you have to be in it to win it. Also, don't forget our small supply of metal club badges and t-shirts which are very reasonably priced. Terry.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Greg Endicott, Joe Finn, Richard Johns, Phil Murray, Helen Mees, Rosemary O'Brien, Catherine Pitt and Joe Tottenham are celebrating their birthdays in May. Past member, Margaret Atkin along with Richard and Michele's daughter, Sherryn and Justin and Susan's daughter, Mary were visitors on Pat's Mt. Alford walk. Peggy was joined by her daughter, Keelin on Desley's Wagawn walk.



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.

Coastal Walks

Australia has the best coastline in the world so it is only natural that we as bushwalkers regularly visit sections of it. But wouldn't it be great if we managed to walk most of it in our lifetimes. I must admit I'm only interested in the areas south of the snapping lizards, around 1770 in the east and I'm not sure where in the west.

Large sections are gazetted National Parks which allows easy access for us. These parks include the sandy islands in Queensland, Fraser, Bribie, Moreton and North & South Stradbroke as well as the following –

- Eurimbula NP & Banks Conservation Park, Deepwater NP, Broadwater Conservation Park and Mon Repos Conservation Park north of Maryborough and
- Burrum Coast NP, Poona NP, Cooloola NP, Noosa NP and Burleigh Heads NP south.

In addition there are two great walks in this area.

New South Wales and Victoria have more and it seems most of their coastline is protected. There are too many to mention but there are at least three that deserve attention, Broadwater, Bundjalung and Yuraygir NPs. They are within easy driving of Brisbane and provide some unbelievable walking. I could talk for ages on this topic as I love beach walking as much as I love remote walking. Look out for these walks on the calendar as they are usually very straight forward and provide much enjoyment.

Upcoming Walks

It must be bushwalking season as we are climbing four (4) mountains this month, some hard, some not so hard. But the highlight of any bushwalking year has to include any walk on Fraser Island. This year we are visiting the very top of the island over four (4) days. I can't wait.

The numbers on past walks are as follows:

Date	Trip	Leader	Type	No
April 18/21	Mt Kaputar	Michael	BC	8
April 19	Ewan Maddock Dam	Louise	DW	10
April 21	Mt Alford	Pat	DW	16
April 25/27	Collins Gap to Border Rd	Michael	TW	7
April 25	Wagawn	Desley	DW	9
May 2/5	Hawkesbury	Michael	BC	8
May 4	Mt May	Phil	DW	9
May 10	South Stradbroke Island	Justin	DW	21

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

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Below is a quick snap shot of the number of members at the end of April

Table of members

Members at end of 2013	105
Less "2013 members" who have not yet rejoined	17
Sub total	88
plus former members rejoining	4
plus new members	1
Members at 30 April 2014	93

The above figures may give the false impression that the membership figures are poor but the Club is actually really buoyant at the moment as attendance on walks and at meetings has been very good and the active participation rate of members has increased.

Membership drive. We hope to do more in 2014 to attract and keep new members. Over the last few years we have had lots of people join up but they disappear just as quickly and it is a trend we would like to reverse. More details next month.

See you on the track. Phil

PHIL'S VIEWS

Looking ahead to 2015 it is the 100th Anniversary of Lamington National Park. The suggestion is that we should plan several day walks up there to celebrate this 'milestone'.

There are already plans of having a weekend up at O'Reilly's next year. Also, next year in early April it is the 60th Anniversary of the Lincoln Wreck and we plan to put it on the program and Michael wants to go in via Mt Superbus this time. Last time we went in through Emu Valley.

Barrani Journal Voume 13 – yes another one is due out in July. Please contact me if you want a copy. Just \$2 including postage.

The proposed trip to the Blue Mountains in October has been postponed to 2015 as there are so many other interstate trips this year.

AROUND THE RIDGES

BWQ – Volunteers needed for 17, 18 May

Over the weekend of 17, 18 May 2014, BWQ. is assisting with the Green Mountains Natural History Association/Friends of Parks project to restore the access track and environs of the Old Forestry Camp near O'Reilly's. This is a project to help commemorate the Centennial of the park in 2015.

The work will involve track clearing, realignment and benching, and removal of the invasive species Cestrum. If any club member is interested, please contact the BWQ Volunteer Coordinator as below. Accommodation will be provided for volunteers on a first enquiry basis.

Reply by email or text to:

John Marshall
 BWQ Volunteer Coordinator
 email: johnbne@bigpond.com
 mobile: 0411 501 391

**Camino Australia 2014
 Portland to Penola
 April 5 - 13**

The Camino in Spain to do the Way of St James is becoming very popular but many are probably unaware of the Australian Camino in honour of Mary Mackillop. The trip was from Portland Victoria to Penola South Australia.

Two Club members did the trip Desley Pedrazzini and Veronica Forsyth. The Club congratulates your achievement of doing this trip.



PAST EVENTS

THE BANFF FILM FESTIVAL FRIDAY 11th APRIL SOCIAL

The Banff Mountain Film Festival is an international film competition and an annual presentation of short films and documentaries about mountain culture, sports, and environment. Our Club sent a small group along.

Once again it was a fabulous night. There were eleven separate films. The highlights were the exploits of two young Norwegian guys and how they set up a hut on a remote beach in the far north of Norway. They built the hut with drift wood they found on the beach. They stayed there all winter with the aim of catching the big winter surf. And yes they did go surfing in mid-winter in the polar 'days' in a very gloomy light and in freezing cold water. The surf was about 6 foot and ok good but it was freezing cold but at least the water was warmer than the air and the beach actually had snow on it. One of the highlights for me was their walk in as it was across some of the most remarkable countryside. It reminded me of the South Coast track in Tassie. I would love to go bushwalking there, but only in summer.

The other main highlight was the ascent of Mt Ulvetanna in Antarctica. It was just amazing scenery. The peak is a narrow slice of rock that sticks up out of the frozen wasteland. There is no snow on the mountain because it is so steep. The name actually describes the shape of the mountain perfectly as it is Norwegian word for a wolf's tooth. The Peak is located at 71° 51'0" South, 8° 20' 0" East in the Orvin Fjell mountains of Queen Maud Land, eastern Antarctica. At 2,930m, it is the most technically demanding peak on the harshest continent. It was first climbed up the 'easy' ridge in February 1994 but the north east ridge extends for 2,000m, with 1,300m of vertical ascent and it was regarded as the world's last great climb. Between December 2012 and January 2013, a team led by Leo Houlding made the first ascent of a new route up the north-east ridge. It was so steep and dangerous you had to look away at times. The good news is that there were no deaths in the making of the film.

The film nite always includes a 'human interest story' and this year it was about Miss Elizabeth Hawley who has become "the High Priestess"

of Himalayan Climbs. So before you can 'claim' you have climbed a mountain you must have an 'audience' with Elizabeth Hawley and report the details of your trip. She has compiled a list of all the ascents for the last 60 years. "It doesn't matter if you're Reinhold Messner# or Ed Viesturs* your summit never happened unless Elizabeth Hawley says it did. She is now in her mid-nineties and she can be a bit crotchety and can make it hard for the gung ho climbers when they have to answer her probing questions. Check out the web for some great articles about her.

There were lots of other climbing sections and a bike ride down the Austrian Alps was sensational. Again I had to look away at times as it was crazy stuff.

They had a session on kayaking down a river in Mexico that had the most amazing light blue translucent water and it had lots of waterfalls where the kayakers just charged and took drops of 10 metres. Stunning stuff.

There was a short film about guy who was a base jumper with a flying suit and he jumped off the cliff lines and zoomed down the mountains like he was a hawk swooping down to hunt a small mouse

Overall a sensational night and I am all enthused to climb a mountain somewhere. I recommend you come along at least once to the Banff Film Festival. We will be going again next year.

Those there were John Hood, Barry Crawford, Mike and Cathy Wood, Greg and Michele Endicott and me. Phil.

Wikipedia note – Reinhold is renowned for making the first solo ascent of Mount Everest without supplemental oxygen and for being the first climber to ascend all fourteen "eight-thousanders" (peaks over 8,000 metres (26,000 ft) above sea level). His astonishing feats on Everest and on peaks throughout the world have earned him the status of the greatest climber in history.

* Wikipedia note - is a high-altitude mountaineer and corporate speaker. He is the only American to have climbed all fourteen of the world's eight-thousand mountain peaks, and the fifth person to do so without using supplemental oxygen.[2] He has summited peaks of over 8,000 meters on 21 occasions, including Mount Everest seven times; only two other climbers, Phurba Tashi Sherpa Mendewa and Juanito Oiarzabal, have more high-altitude ascents.



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

What a fabulous National Park and what a great weekend. Seven walkers joined me for this extended base camp at Dawson Springs campground in Mt Kaputar NP some 56km from Narrabri and 625km from Brisbane. With 13 tracks covering over 50kms in length the park has something for everyone. All the tracks were either S33 or L33 with one track maybe a S34.

Thankfully Mike & Cath decided to travel down on Thursday otherwise obtaining a campsite may have been doubtful. The park was full to the rafters with a constant stream of new arrivals. We arrived just after lunch and after setting up camp we set off to explore the park.

We decided to do the tracks around the camp and headed down the Bundabulla Circuit with side trips to Lindsay Rock Tops and Eckford Lookout. We were wandering through snow gum forests with the occasional view over the northern NSW plains. The lookouts at Lindsay Rock Tops and Eckford provided incredible views to the south and east. Unfortunately the Warrumbungles were never sighted due to the heavy haze which lay on the horizon all weekend. As it was near sunset we drove up to the summit of Mt Kaputar and watched it set over drinks and nibblies. Then it was back to camp for dinner and congregating around the fire.

Saturday dawned quite cool as we headed out to complete four more walks. First up was the 6km long Kaputar Plateau walk, an easy walk that follows part of the old 'pioneer track' from Coryah Gap to Dawson Springs. There were several lookouts with the main ones, Rangers & Laird, providing more great views but this time more south and west. Next up was a short walk through the Bark Hut campground to the Euglah Rock lookout. This whole area was formed by volcanic activity millions of years ago and Euglah Rock is a remnant of this activity. We now headed down to Coryah Gap picnic area for lunch before farewelling Cath & Josh who were returning to camp to visit Dawson Springs itself. We headed up the track to summit Mount Coryah, another volcanic remnant. The track circumnavigates the summit and we were rewarded with great views of the Nandewar Range to the North including most of the other walks. Finally we headed back up the mountain to climb The Governor, a volcanic plug. The

summit of this gentle peak was the best so far with tremendous views north and west. The last two walks demonstrate the great work the NSW National Parks do with plenty of walkways over the more difficult sections thus providing protection for both people and the environment. After hot showers we headed into Narrabri for an early dinner at the RSL followed by Mass before again relaxing around the fire back at camp.

Sunday dawned warmer as we headed down the longest track in the park, Scutts Hut. We followed Scutts Hut Firetrail for most of the way before heading down what was probably an old donkey trail to the top of Kurrawonga Falls. There was not a lot of water tumbling down the 40m or so to the gorge below but they were still spectacular. As Scutts Hut lies 2km further up Horsearm Creek we decided to follow the creek to the hut rather than retrace our steps. Not far up the creek we could hear the bleating of a goat and before long we realized it had its head stuck in the base of a tree. No problems, Pete and Paul to the rescue and in no time the goat was bolting down the creek without a word of thanks. It was easy walking until we reached a great little waterfall but it was easily bypassed and we were soon at the hut. After exploring the area we found the track and headed back. It was now around 10kms back to the cars and it was all up hill. We arrived back at camp just on 5pm with the fire already lit and prepared for dinner.

An early start Monday as most were heading home but there was one more walk to do, the Yulludunida Crater. Mike decided to ride his bike to the start and arrived just as we heading out on the walk. It was a brisk climb to the base of the crater before it became steeper as we scrambled to one of the summits. The views were spectacular in all directions. It was well worth the effort. Mike and Pete decided to cross over to the higher but easier summit whilst the rest descended to cars. Our weekend was almost over. After a brief stop in Narrabri for supplies, Mike & Cath said their farewells whilst the other six headed north to Sawn Rocks. These rocks are one of Australia's best examples of organ-piping and are only a 700m walk from the car park. They were incredible. After saying goodbye to the others Karen & I headed further north to Waa Gorge. Waa Gorge is a box gorge about 1.25km from the car park and is quite spectacular. I'm glad we went. At the entrance to the gorge are twin waterholes known as Mill-Bullah but they were stagnant so

there has obviously been little rain through this area. We stayed the night in the picnic area before heading back to Brisbane Tuesday.

My thanks to Mike & Cath for getting there early and getting us a campsite and to Pete for driving. He tells me he travelled 1532km, a very long drive. Also thanks to my fellow walkers, Karen Franklin, Paul Evans, Gerry Burges and our visitor Joshua Cooke. Michael.

EWAN MADDOCK DAM SATURDAY 19th APRIL DAY WALK

We arrived at 8:30 to start walking after doing a car shuffle. Five minutes into the walk Greg spotted two black cockatoos amongst the gum trees as they were flying very low. Some of the fauna we saw was Banksia Integrifolia – golden flowers catching the sun. We met a friend of mine and had morning tea with them. After morning tea we spotted a Lace Monitor that was climbing a tree. It was not easy to spot as it was camouflaged. When we were walking pass the dam wall Michelle wanted a group photo with the dam in the background. Our lunch spot was at the picnic ground overlooking the Ewan Maddock dam and was very relaxing. After lunch it was a matter of heading back to the cars and off to Landsborough for a drink where we met up with Michelle. My thanks to the drivers, Russell and Graham and thanks for the pleasure of your company as my first walk as leader.

Those on the trip – Russell Jones, Terry Silk, Paddy Taylor, Peggy Roe, Greg & Michele Endicott, Graham Glasse, Robin Thorn and Andrea Turner. Louise

MT ALFORD MONDAY 21st APRIL DAY WALK

It was a fine sunny day for the walk, although 30 degrees was a bit hot for that time of year. Our group, consisting of members of B.O.S.Q., B.C.B.C. and one member from Gold Coast Bushwalkers, meet up at Boonah. We travelled in convoy to the start of the walk on private property (prior permission having been obtained).

After a quick cup of tea etc. and introductions we set off. Justin Tobin kindly offered to act as the tail. It was a slog up the ridge but the wonderful views of Moogerah Dam were

enough to make people stop and get a break, admire the views and take photos.

Glennie's Pulpit is a large rocky outcrop situated on the ridge and we left the track to explore this more closely. Once we were all back from this detour we set off to our morning tea spot at an old abandoned hut. It was a relaxing time with much chattering and sharing of food.

Our lunch spot was our next destination. We followed an old road which brought us up to the main ridge. Our lunch spot gave us good views towards Mt. Moon and down on Minto Crags.

Our return route was via the main ridge. We made a stop at a small rocky outcrop along the way and once again obtained great views of Mt. Moon and various peaks in the west.

We finally arrived back at the cars just before 3 p.m. Some people went straight home while the rest of the group enjoyed coffee etc. at the Moogerah Dam café.

I enjoyed the walk and from comments made later I think all enjoyed the day and the wonderful views.

B.C.B.C. members – Louise and Russell Jones, Paddy Taylor, Terry Silk, Russell and Jan Nelson, Justin and Mary Tobin, Margaret Atkin, Richard and Michele Johns and their daughter, John Hood, Johannes De Bont and Jonas Bernotas.

B.O.S.Q. members – Bronwyn Menkens, Lyn Haslewood, Shino Kojo, Heather Buchanan, Lyn Skaines, Ed Diary, Kay McIntosh, Peter Skippington, Ellen Pezet, Ann and Malcom Alexander, Brenda Keough, Sharon Williams, Euey Mangan, Kerry Necker and Jonas.

Gold Coast Bushwalker Nev McManimm.

And myself (Pat Lawton).

WAGAWN FRIDAY 25th APRIL DAY WALK

After a couple of cancellations and a GPS that sent someone to Byron Bay instead of Binna Burra, 9 of us gathered in the car park for a 18km walk out to Wagawn. It was a fairly easy walk in good weather apart from a few fallen trees that needed to be negotiated closer to Wagawn. The views from Joalah Lookout were photographed both morning and afternoon as it was a very different sight due to the lighting. The Warumblebah and Garragoolba Lookouts

were visited for some good views by half the group while Pat told the rest the story of how she bought her "lairy" shoes on her recent New Zealand trip. Lunch was at Wagawn, unfortunately with no views. The main lunchtime topic was such that Gerry was left in no doubt that the location of his car keys were more important than his location if he fell over a cliff!!!! Keelin had been jokingly told that she could come if she bought homemade brownies – which she did. She has now been told that she can leave Peggy at home in future – just her and the brownies are welcome on any walk. We walked back the same way and the Binna Burra café was still open, so coffee was enjoyed before we made our way home. The general opinion after checking various pedometers and feet is that we actually walked around 20km.

Thanks to Keelin for the chocolate brownies and also Peggy and Gerry for driving. The walkers were Peggy, Keelin, Maree, Pat, Jonas, Terry, Gerry, Paddy and myself. Desley

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

Three days of hard walking along the border fence. What a great way to spend a weekend. The weather was kind to us with little rain but the days were hot and humid. The trackless terrain, however, was another matter as walking through was slow but it did give us plenty of opportunities to look around.

After regrouping at Collins Gap, Greg & Michele kindly helped us move the two cars to the end of the walk. After quick farewells we headed up the border fence around 9.15am. The first hour or so was easy walking as we followed the rabbit fence before it left us with just the border fence for company. It too left us just beneath the Ernest Traverse turnoff and we were now alone with our GPS's and maps for the rest of the walk. Passing the Barney Spur turnoff brought back fond memories of a past walk for Justin but we could not linger. The water stop was where I remembered and it was time for lunch and to discard our Brisbane water for sweet cool rainforest nectar. Justin was very excited when he realized he was sampling water from the source of Mt Barney Creek. It was quite dry along the range despite the abundance of rain we've had over the last few years which was a surprise. Just after lunch we

reached an old forestry road which was actually the continuation of Hills Road where our cars were parked. We managed to mainly follow the road for the rest of the day and actually camped on it some 700m short of the 920m knoll I hoped to reach.

Day two arrived with another spectacular day for walking as we set off again just before 8am. Water was found again near the coordinates given in Buchanan's great guide which was a very welcome sight. After losing the road walking became difficult as loose rocks and thickish rainforest made progress slow and it was not until late in the day when Mt Nothofagus was finally summited. We were now just 1½ kms from Mt Ballow and by 4.30pm we were all at the campsite. The views were limited for the last two days but we could now get glimpses of our surrounds from the top of Ballow.

A front had moved through overnight and we awoke to some cloud cover but it was still dry. Mt Barney could be easily seen through the trees with the sun glinting off the rocky slabs. A great sight. We set off early, just before 7.30am, as we had a long way to go but it's down so how hard could it be. Very hard as it turned out, with the terrain underfoot making progress slow. Navigation was also difficult with a myriad of ridges to contend with. We finally re-joined the border fence around 1.30pm but with 4.5km of border to follow and limited daylight we decided to follow an old logging road, 'Ivan's Road', down instead. Initially progress was painfully slow but eventually the terrain eased and we were soon bolting along at about 1km/hr. Water was now becoming an issue so it was with welcome relief when we found a small stream. Interesting the water was not as sweet as the last two spots but we soon realized why, we were now in NSW. Just after the water spot we found a newly graded forestry road and the last 4kms or so was easy walking. We finally reached the cars just on sunset at 5.30pm which gave us just enough time to call into the Beaudesert RSL for dinner.

My thanks to Greg & Michele for helping with the car shuffle and to Mike for driving. Also thanks to my fellow through walkers, Karen Franklin, Peter Constable, Paul Evans, Michael Wood, Justin Tobin and Ivan Mort. Michael



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

The best attendance for the year with sixteen people attending the Taverner Café in Mitchelton. Most dined whilst a few more had coffee and dessert and the discussion was varied. It was also one of our latest nights out but that may be have been a result of the rain.

Those in attendance were Karen Franklin, Graham Glasse, Gerry Burges, Greg, Michele & Lucy Endicott, Trevor Kelly, Pat Lawton, Jonas Bernatos and his nephew Martyn Priesaitis, Justin & Mary Tobin, Russ & Jan Nelson and Terry Silk. Michael.

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

The Hawkesbury, what a place. Combined with Sydney Harbour and you've almost reached paradise. We left Brisbane on a wet day for the flight to Sydney with most of us arriving at separate times. After a leisurely train trip to Brooklyn (what a great train system Sydney has) we wandered the 2.1km from the station to our accommodation in an old chapel. This was the first of many highlights of the weekend. The chapel has been changed little with high ceilings and stained glass windows and surprisingly warm. After settling in we caught a bus to the Angler's Rest Hotel to meet up with Johns, who incidentally were staying there, for dinner. Then it was back to the chapel for a chat over hot drinks.

An early start as we wandered down to the station again for our train trip to Mount Kuring-gai station and our first walk for the weekend, the Cowan Creek Historical walk alongside, surprisingly, Cowan Creek. We set off down a pleasant track through a eucalypt forest to the creek bank passing many a person involved in an Oxfam event. Strangely there was very little wildlife including birds which surprised me but the flora compensated with many plants in flower including a beautiful orange Heath Banksia, Sweet Scented Wattle and what we now know was a Mountain Devil in early bloom. After reaching the creek we took a side trip to Apple Tree Bay, a popular getaway destination since the early 1900s. We spotted a Lyrebird on the track, a first for me, before stopping for morning tea in this beautiful bay. The creek was

in constant use with pleasure craft, fishing boats and kayaks wandering up and down. After morning tea we returned to the main track and followed it around a number of picturesque bays including Winsome, Lords and Waratah before leaving the creek and climbing to Berowra. The creek was lined with old oyster beds and the banks were littered with middens inferring that this must have been a popular spot for cultures long past. We decided to catch the bus back rather than the train as it passed our chapel and we could avoid the 2.1km walk from the station. Justin and Michele had bought some food so it was time to fire up the BBQ.

The day dawned overcast but soon cleared and we enjoyed a clear but windy day for our Wondabyne to Patonga walk in the Brisbane Waters NP. First up was a train ride to Wondabyne on the northern side of the Hawkesbury. Wondabyne station only exists to serve the National Park and you need to inform the guard you are getting off there. Also you can only exit the train from the last door in the last carriage. Two of our intrepid walkers didn't realize this and decided to jump from the train. The first 2.5km was a link trail to the Great North Walk and was full of birds. A great start to the day. After reaching the GNW we almost immediately started down again through a very rocky area full of granite platforms which sort of reminded me of Girraween. We soon reached a gully with a couple of small waterfalls and all sorts of small colourful birds flitting around. From there it was a short walk to Kariong Brook Falls, a spectacular medium waterfall. It was now up and we seemed to be headed straight towards a rifle range but thankfully we moved away and were soon rewarded with great views back the way we had come and onto Mt Wondabyne which at 247m is the highest point in the park. We were now following ridgelines as we headed towards Mt Wondabyne and after a short rock scramble we were on top. Unfortunately it was too windy to hang around so we dropped to the camp site nearby for lunch. It was all downhill now down to Patonga. As an aside I had noticed a lookout on my map and I had originally decided that might be a good spot for lunch. It was just as well I didn't as the lookout looked out over the Woy Woy dump. It wasn't long now before the Hawkesbury River came into view again. The view from this rock platform is indescribable. It was absolutely amazing. You could see up the Hawkesbury as well as Cowan Creek (where we were Saturday) as well as past Lion Island, West Head and Barrenjoey Lighthouse to

Broken Bay and out to sea. It was hard to move on. It was now just a matter of descending to Patonga for a cold drink and wait for our ferry. It was but a short ride along the Hawkesbury back to Brooklyn and our date with a seafood café for a delicious meal before heading back to the chapel for drinks and dessert. A great day. I can thoroughly recommend this walk.

Monday was the best day weather wise we had had and we were looking forward to our wander along the coastline near South Head and the harbour. We left early by train and caught a bus to Waverley Cemetery. Why I hear you ask? Well Henry Lawson is buried there so we needed to visit the last resting place of the great man. What a view from this cemetery as it slopes down to the ocean. We joined the walkway which leads north. What great foresight to leave this area free for people to enjoy. We wandered along the cliff tops dropping to visit Bronte and Tamarama Beaches before reaching Sydney's iconic beach front, Bondi Beach. Here we stopped for brunch before catching another bus to Christison Park in Vaucluse. We then wandered again along the cliff tops past Macquarie Lighthouse to The Gap, the source of many a tragic death. From there it was but a short walk past HMAS Watson, a training base, to South Head. The views of the harbour were now extensive. What a magnificent place. I have seen many a harbour but none to compare with Sydney Harbour. We are blessed. It was now but a ferry ride across the harbour to Circular Quay and onto the airport and home.

Thanks to Karen Franklin, Russ & Jan Nelson, Justin Tobin, Desley Pedrazzini, Michele and Richard Johns for joining me on one of the great weekends of the year. Michael.

MT MAY SUNDAY 4th MAY DAY WALK

Attendance 9

Leader Phil

Weather – 18° a bright sunny “wintry” day with howling westerly winds

Mt May is a small mountain just north of Mt Barney. We started walking by 9.15 am. We had 8 keen walkers and we ambled up the first part of the ridge from the ‘water reserve’. And took plenty of rest breaks to conserve our energy for the rock scrambling later in the day.

We clambered over a few rocky sections on the way up. We had our morning tea on the brow of the ridge where there were lovely views over the countryside. We came to the junction where we turn off to Mt Maroon. This area was burnt out a few months ago but the wildflowers had already spouted with the yellow flowers including the Star Goodenias, Hibertias, native broom (*Jacksonia scoparia*) in abundance. There was a prolific display of a purple flower which doesn't have a common name but its botanical name is *Seringia hillii* and it had soft velvety flowers and leaves. Perhaps we could call it the “purple velvet flower”. We also spotted a red breasted Robin that I identified later as a Rose Robin. The colour on its back and wings was a dark grey colour rather than a jet black and the red of its chest a muddy crimson colour rather than a bright fire engine red that the Flame Robin has.

Then we continued on to the south peak and marvelled at the views of Lake Maroon which was full. The views of the Moogerah peaks and the Main Range were inspiring. We then headed down into the ‘glen’ between north and south peaks. As we were descended into the ‘glen’ the view over to north peak was somewhat intimidating as the wind was howling through the saddle. The wind was so strong I was concerned about injuries from falling branches. I said a little prayer to myself and continued on. The mountain was beckoning so we headed up the steep slope. We ascended the first cliff line which was an easy scramble for some. When we reached the second cliff (or rocky ledge) rather than go up and over it, we sidled to the right for about 5 minutes and joined the track from the south west ridge. Then we were basically on top.

The views back over to north peak were very interesting and it was hard to believe we were there just 40 minutes previously. We were on top by 11.45 am so a reasonable time for the ascent. We then traipsed across to the summit proper which had ‘grandstand’ views of Mt Barney. They were sensational. We had our lunch in a sunny spot close to the western shoulder of the the top. We lunched here to try and catch some warmth. It felt like we were in mid winter as it was so cool on the summit with the wintry breeze.

We had a quick lunch and everyone was ready before the designated time. At 12.30 pm we headed down the south west ridge. There was a small rocky cliff line that had a ‘chimney’ that was very easy to clamber down. Then we

followed the ridge down to the 'road'. We reached the junction by 1.40 ish. We were back at the cars by 2.30 pm. Pat showed us the little waterfall that was near the camp site. It was an lovely day. It was Aileen and Cathy's first experience of rock scrambling and they did it comfortably and got a real buzz out it.

Thanks to those who came on the day. And thanks to the drivers.

Phil Murray, Rusty Jones, Louise Jones, Aileen Hill, Cathy Thompson, Terry Silk, Maria Kerruish, Jonas Bernatos and Pat Lawton

As quick history note there were 14 people on the Mt May trip in 2011. The walkers were as follows – Phil Murray, Russ Nelson, Jan Nelson, Maria Kerruish, Paddy Taylor, Brenda Keough, Dan Keough, Peter Constable, Michele Johns, Chris Rahmann, Reg Nobbs, Matthew Palmer, Ethan Palmer and Ethan's friend Dominic.

HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

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