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Date	Event	Leader	Phone	Type	Grade
17	JTS – Gilhooley’s	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
18	Mt Eerwah and Mt Allan	Justin	3366 3193	DW	M55/44
19	White’s Hill Navigation Training	FMR		Trg	
20	Pre Meeting Fish & Chips	Justin	3366 3193	Soc	
20	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
22	Coffee Night – Kookaburra Café	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
24	Anzac Eve Concert	Cath	0428 755100	Soc	
26	Rocky Creek Falls	Greg	3351 4092	DW	M54
May 7	Helidon Hills	Phil	5522 9702	DW ^t	M44
9	South Stradbroke Island	Justin	3366 3193	DW	M44
15	JTS – The Alliance Hotel	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
17	Kate Quinlan Society	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
18	Pre Meeting Fish & Chips	Justin	3366 3193	Soc	
18	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
21	White’s Hill Night Navigation	FMR		Trg	
23	Our Lady Of The Way Mass	Justin	3366 3193	Rel	
23/24	Club Hut Clean-Up	Iain	3870 8082	ON	S43
27	Coffee Night - Vagelis	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
30	Seven Hills at Seven Hills Saunter	Maxine	3409 4001	DW	M22
31	Legacy Tunnel Opening Day	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
Jun 4	Mt Goolman	Phil	5522 9702	DW ^t	
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	L57
15	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
19	JTS – Archive Bar	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
20	Sunset on Mt Warning	Greg	3351 4092	DW	
21	Bike Ride	Phil	5522 9702	Bike	
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 ^t	
4	Mt Mitchell Circuit	Trevor	3269 4795	DW	M44
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 ^t	
8	Dave’s Creek Circuit	Peggy	3863 1464	DW	
11/12	Barney Mass	Greg	3351 4092	DW/BC	M77
14	JTS – Woolly Mammoth Alehouse	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
14/16	Pilgrimage	Rusty	3399 4472	BC	Var
17	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
23	Wildflower Walk	Phil	5522 9702	DW	
26	Coffee Night	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
29/30	Elanda Point	Cath	0428 755100	BC	
Sep 3	North Stradbroke Island	Phil	5522 9702	DW ^t	
4	Brisbane Writer’s Festival	Russ	3374 3534	Soc	
4/6	Simulated Search & Rescue	FMR		Trg	
5	Ngungun, Coochin & Cooee	Paul	0421 339311	DW	

The Calendar is subject to change without notice

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

KEY – Walk Types

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

KEY – Walk Gradings

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

Example: M48 is a medium walk 10 to 15kms long, over unformed rough ground with obstacles, in which the trip is hard or strenuous for fit walkers requiring agility and endurance.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

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 15th 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 17th MAY
LUNCH AT CLEVELAND
SOCIAL**

Leader: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.
Where: Cleveland Sands Hotel,
Corner Middle & Bloomfield Sts.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill AND
Roma Street Station.
Time: 11:15am at Red Hill & Roma St
Station 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 by Friday 15th 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. If you fail to nominate I time, do not worry and still come along – the more the merrier.

Come along and enjoy the good company, the good food and the great atmosphere. Ring me to nominate so I can book enough places.

**MONDAY 18th MAY
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 18th 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>

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.

**SATURDAY 23rd 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
23rd TO 24th 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.

**WEDNESDAY 27th MAY
DINNER & COFFEE NIGHT
SOCIAL**

Leader: Michael Simpson 0409 620714.
Meet at: Vagelis,
30 Racecourse Road, Hamilton.
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.vagelis.com.au/>
Emerg Off: Michael 0409 620714.

The State of Origin apparently clashes with our Coffee Night in May every year. And so we visit a café that is fairly distant from Lang Park. We came here last year and found it to be a

delightful venue with good food. So we are going back again. So join me for a meal and coffee or just a coffee.

**SATURDAY 30th MAY
SEVEN HILLS SAUNTER
DAY WALK**

Leader: Maxine Brophy 3409 4001 or 0417 493605.
Meet at: South Bank Bus Station, Tribune St, South Brisbane.
Time: 12-30pm to catch Bus 212 at 12-45pm.
Cost: Go Card – Bus & Ferry + Dinner (\$15)
Grading: M22.
Emerg Off: Mike Brophy 3409 4001.

“The Seven Hills are 220 to 240 ft above sea level and each command a view of the City on both sides of the river, and is swept by strong sea breezes every afternoon.”

(J.J. Kingsbury 1919).

Suburban walks can be likened to “Pandora’s Box”, full of surprises. This walk is all of that and will not disappoint you. We will travel by bus to the Stop 36 cnr of Stanley and Viminal St, Seven Hills. Viminal Cres will be the start of our walk as we pick up the Heritage Trails that lead us to explore the Seven Hills: Viminal, Esquiline, Caelian, Aventine, Quirinal, Capitoline and Palatine. These Hills were named after the Seven Hills of Rome, in Italy. We will have afternoon tea on the last hill, Palatine with unbroken views overlooking the City. Fresh coffee can be picked up from a nearby café.

From Palatine Hill we drop down into Norman Park and follow green space through to the Brisbane River, catching the Norman Park ferry across to New Farm Park, and City Cat along to Teneriffe. Beccofino’s Pizzeria, (10 Vernon Tce Cnr Florence St) will be our dinner stop for some delicious Italian Pizzas or Pasta at around 5-30pm.

A stroll along the river after dinner back to New Farm Park and City Cat ferry around to South Bank for coffee to complete our afternoon/evening walk exploring a Heritage suburb of Brisbane. Bring the usual water, snack for afternoon tea, warm jacket for latter part of the walk.



**SUNDAY 31st MAY
LEGACY WAY TUNNEL WALK –
THROUGH ON OPENING DAY
SOCIAL**

Leader: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.
Meet at: Any one of the Five (5) Bus Connection Points.
Time: 11am at the Bus Connection – For me it is Roma St Bus Station. The more of us there, the merrier.
Cost: Free.
Grading: S11.
Location: Under Brisbane 27°27’47.89”S 152°59’54.17”E

Web: <http://wired.ivvy.com/event/TCW15/star-t-registration/delegate>

Distance: 9.2km.
Weather: Fine, some cloud, cool, some wind.
Hgt Change: 20m
Tickets: Print them and bring them with you.
RSVP: Let me know what bus you are catching at what time and how many of you are included with names & mobile phone numbers.
Emerg Off: Greg E Ph: 0418 122 995



Legacy Way Tunnel is opening and to celebrate the completion, residents are invited to take part in an once-in-a-lifetime experience inside the tunnel. On Sunday 31 May, Council is hosting a family friendly walk through Legacy Way before it opens to traffic. This is the Toowong to Kelvin Grove tunnel. (Or the Kelvin Grove to Toowong tunnel depending on where you live.)

The event will only be accessible by public transport, with free bus pick-up and drop-off points at Roma Street, King George Square, Toowong, Indooroopilly and Darra. Registration is essential so [book your spot now](#) for this free event.

You can only get to the walk by one of these 5 buses – You cannot drive to the start. Buses go every 15 minutes from each of the nominated 5 stops. Numbers at each 15 minute interval are limited. Book NOW.

Remember to print off your tickets and bring them on the day.

I am catching the 11am bus from Roma Street Busway Station Platform 1. It will probably be the same from King George Square and Darra. Toowong and Indooroopilly probably 15 minutes later.

The best chance of starting together and staying together is the 11am bus from Roma Street. Let me know who is coming, mobile phone numbers, from what bus stop and at what time.

Registration is now open so lace up your walking shoes and get ready for this money-can't-buy event.

http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-transport/roads-infrastructure-bikeways/tunnels-bridges-transport-links/legacy-way/tunnel-walk-through-event?utm_source=legacy&utm_medium=promo&utm_term=-&utm_content=text-version&utm_campaign=promo_LW_tunnel_event

Register now for an exclusive look inside the Legacy Way tunnel

Come and enjoy a family-friendly walk through the Legacy Way tunnel before it opens to traffic and celebrate the opening of Brisbane's newest tunnel.

How to book your tour

- Secure your exclusive tour by clicking the Register link at the top right of this page.
- Registration is free however numbers per tour and for the day are strictly limited.
- You must bring proof of your booking on the day to ensure you can join a tour.

The ticketed time is for bus pick up at the selected station.

Free buses will be available to and from the tunnel throughout the day from Roma Street, King George Square, Toowong, Indooroopilly and Darra.

Important information for your visit

- Registration is essential.
- All bags and property such as prams, strollers etc. will be subject to security searches on entry and departure from the event.
- Please pay careful attention to your registered tour time and try and arrive at your departure location early.
- Bicycles, skateboards, scooters etc. will not be permitted on tours.

- You must bring proof of registration/tour booking in order to attend the tour on the day
<http://wired.ivvy.com/event/TCW15/>

<http://wired.ivvy.com/event/TCW15/start-registration/delegate>

See you there.

THURSDAY 4th JUNE MT GOOLMAN DAY WALK

- Leader:** Phil Murray 5522 9702 or 0416 650160.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.30am.
Cost: \$10 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grading: M33.
Location: Near Ipswich.
Distance: Approximately 10kms.
Emerg Off: Sue Murray 5522 9702.

The Club walked to Flinders Peak in late March this year. Just to the north we could see the peaks of Mt Goolman and Mt Blaine. This is an opportunity to visit this interesting pocket of bushland just south of Ipswich.

There should be good views of Flinders Peak and the mountains of the scenic rim. It is an easy trip through open eucalyptus woodland along a mixture of forestry roads and rough tracks. The distance is about 10 km.

Join me on a medium walk and bring the usual day walk stuff.

The proposed trip is a repeat of the walk that Pat Lawton led on Sunday 9th August 2008.

For those who like a spot of history the attendees on that trip were - Pat Lawton, Philip Kearns, Michael Simpson, Justin Tobin, Terry Silk, Paul Evans, Desley Pedrazzini, Tracey Hagger, Michele Johns, Sofia Ramsay, Paddy Taylor, Phil Murray, Ray Rowe, Debbie Casperson, Maria Galvin, Merv Galvin, Benno Nunninck, Marianne Gibbons and Grant Judge.



**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
5th TO 8th 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 km; Sunday's 17.9 km; 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.

**SATURDAY 13th JUNE
MT ERNEST TRAVERSE
DAY WALK**

Leader: Michael Wood 3398 1465 or 0407 434834.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 5.00am, possibly a late return.
Cost: \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grading: L57.
Emerg Off: Cath Wood 3398 1465.

This mountain is SE of Barney, between Barney and Lindsay. Our aim is to do the Mt Ernest traverse, which will make it a long day walk (expect about 8 hrs) with some good rock scrambling skills needed. We will need to be on the summit for an early lunch. Going up the mountain we will be following the fairly straightforward east ridge to the summit, although there is a good deal of loose rock.

Mt Ernest presents as a spectacularly jagged skyline, with a series of sloping organ-pipe cliffs. The traverse route proceeds along the very crest of these organ-pipes, with spectacular sweeping views, a good deal of loose rock and scrambling and only a few exposed and razorback sections. Probably not suitable for anyone afraid of heights. We eventually meet the border fence and follow it to Collins Gap where we finish the walk. There is no water along the way, so make sure you have sufficient. All walkers will need torches and warm gear in case we are late getting out.

**MONDAY 15th JUNE
MONTHLY MEETING**

Time: 7.30pm – Doors open & meeting starts soon after.
Where: St Michael's Parish Hall, 250 Banks St, Dorrington (in the lower carpark behind the church. Drive down the ramp at the left.)
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Nominate to lead an outing. Stay for supper. Bring those recent bushwalking snaps.

**FRIDAY 19th JUNE
THE ARCHIVE BAR
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

Leader: Phil Murray 0416 650160.
Address: 100 Boundary Street, West End.
Time: From 4pm till 9ish.
What For: A chat and a beer and a meal.
Emerg Off: Phil Murray 0413 307580.
Web: <http://www.archivebeerboutique.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 June we are meeting at the Archive Bar at West End which was recently renovated.

The Archive Bar prides itself on a huge range of beers on tap and includes many boutique beers.

The 2 beers I have on my 'must do' list are

Beer	Alcohol %
Holgate Millennium Falcon	10.0%
Noisy Minor Anzus IPA	6.0%

So come along for a good night in a different part of town.

This venue was suggested by Graham Glasse and we are very happy to visit new and interesting venues. Phil.

**SUNDAY 21st JUNE
RIVERSIDE BIKE RIDE
NEWSTEAD TO WEST END &
RETURN
BIKE RIDE**

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702 or 0416 650160.
Meet at: Newstead House.
Time: 8.30am.
Cost: \$2.
Grading: Easy.
Distance: Approximately 34kms.

This will be the first bike ride for the year. This is a fairly easy ride along the pathways and bikeways beside the river.

The plan is to ride from Newstead House to Orleigh Park at West End. We start at Newstead House below the Eagle sculpture.

We then ride along the riverside boardwalk, then through New Farm, along the new pedestrian walkway (that replaced the floating walkway) then past the Gardens, over the Goodwill Bridge, through Southbank and on to Orleigh Park for a late morning tea. I plan to return via the same way. But if people would prefer to catch the ferry back that option is available.

Approximate distance is about 34 kms and I hope to finish before 1 pm. Phil.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Guest Speakers at May Meeting – Monday, 22 May 2015 at 7.30pm

At the May meeting John and Lyn Daly, authors of many bushwalking books, will be the guest speakers. (Web: <http://www.takeawalk.com.au/>) John and Lyn rank among Australia's most experienced bushwalking writers. They have been writing and publishing bushwalking books for many years and have turned their passion for conservation, bushwalking and travel into an occupation that allows them to spend months at a time working (walking) in the bush.

They have also written a wide range of feature stories for outdoor, travel and lifestyle books and magazines including: Lonely Planet, Outdoor Australia and Wild, Go Camping, On The Road, Caravan & Motorhome, Caravan World, Off-Road Great Escapes, the Heart Wise Journal, Inflight Magazine and Heritage in Trust. They have had articles and photos published in metropolitan and regional newspapers in Queensland, NSW and Victoria as well as in the Washington Post. Both are walk leaders and active members of the National Parks Association of Queensland.

Everywhere they go, they find time to 'Take A Walk...', regardless of the season. Even if it's November in Cape York, or June in Tasmania. Overseas and Australian holidays are always planned to include one of the 'classic' walks.

They have trekked in Nepal, tramped in New Zealand, hiked in Canada and the USA, and backpacked in diverse, out-of-the-way places like Africa's Drakensberg Range, the steamy jungles of Borneo, Alaska's Arctic tundra, the Peruvian Andes, southern Africa, Galapagos Islands and along the shores of the Dead Sea. Their European adventures have included multi-day hikes in Spain, France, Switzerland and Italy. They have climbed volcanoes in Chile, hiked around Torres del Paine in

Patagonia and camped in Antarctica. Their Scandinavian experiences include several 'classic' walks in Norway and Sweden. Long distance walking is a particular passion.

Come along to the presentation by John and Lyn Daly and also hear about what has been happening at recent club events, as well as our coming events and past walks.

Car parking at St Brigid's Red Hill

For over two decades now our trips have departed from St Brigid's. Previously they departed from North Quay and then Turbot Street. Each time there was a change in departure point, it was triggered by increasing road traffic volumes in Brisbane. At one time we held our monthly meetings at St Brigid's. Our meeting venues have moved over time as well and we began on the corner of Edward and Ann Streets, then moved to Penola Place, 143 Edward Street, next we crossed the river to the Little Kings Movement premises at Buranda, then returned to north of the river at St Brigid's and to our current location at St Michael's, Dorrington. Each time a change has been imposed on us the Club has adapted and found a viable solution.

The recent display of signs advising that those who are not authorised to park at St Brigid's may have their vehicles towed with a release fee of \$450 to regain their vehicle. The committee has been in touch with the Parish Office and, at the Parish Office's request, advised them of our calendar and emphasised that our primary usage is on weekends and public holidays. Clearly, at St Brigid's there is a demand for car parking on weekdays, during "business hours" from St Vincent's Health Care plus for funerals. In addition, St Brigid's is a popular church for weddings which usually occur on Saturday afternoon. I have been told that nearby organisations also use St Brigid's for car parking some with, and others without, explicit permission. So there may be some difficulties if we want to use St Brigid's during week days.

The committee is well aware of the sensitivity of this matter and will keep a close eye on it during the coming months. In the meantime you would have seen an email from Greg Endicott, on behalf of the committee, seeking details of your cars so that we are in a position to advise the Parish which cars belong to Club members. This is not a complete solution but has the potential to go a long way to resolving the matter.

OUTINGS RAMBLINGS

G'day

Another month gone, the first nip in the air came and soon went but it will be back. The change in the weather that gets bushwalkers excited as its time to head to the peaks. As the following article from the Jubilee Parish Newsletter says we all need Mountain Moments .as bushwalkers we have had quite a few mountain moments spending most of our winter days on the high tops, seeking the magic being up high brings, quite moments in God's garden.

Mountain Moments

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From Jubilee Parish News letter

1 March 2015

Our readings this weekend mention two mountains on which people had an extraordinary experience of God: the mountain Abraham climbed with his son Isaac, and the mountain that Peter, James and John climbed with Jesus.

For some reason mountains have always had a strong connection with our imagination and the experience of accomplishment, encounter, fulfilment and happiness. If we use the imagery of our Scripture passage for today, we call it a "mountain experience". It is an experience of fulfilment, like celebrating a birthday or passing an exam. It is that experience that words can't quite capture, that euphoric feeling you have graduating from school or university, your first pay packet or your honeymoon after the wedding. Whatever the experience that comes to mind for you there is an understandably human urge to want that moment of sheer bliss to last forever. For a moment it reinforces everything that is good and worthwhile in life!

If you know what I am talking about then perhaps you are getting closer to the kind of experience the three disciples had on the mountain. It was their "mountain top experience".

They were so overwhelmed by their happy experience that none of them wanted to end it. Peter famously said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Who in their right mind would want to go back to ordinary life? You can almost imagine the 3 disciples saying, "Let us stay here. Let us be happy. I do not want to have problems anymore. I do not want to go back down the mountain and confront all my problems."

But a voice said to them, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" God wanted the disciples to be realistic. As Jesus led them up a high mountain to experience happiness, Jesus would also lead them down to face

the ordinariness and messiness of life. They do so, however, this time with a new perspective. Life is not simply a search for happiness but a journey with God.

We all need mountains in our lives. Life can be flat, routine sometimes even dull. Now and then, we need high mountains, not just little hills, mountains that take us to great heights and give us an experience of God that stays with us long after we've come down from the mountain.

Sometimes I wonder if we are inclined to settle for small hills now and then, because it takes too long and it's too much work to climb a mountain. Perhaps this Lent we might have the imagination to move beyond our normal routine, climb a mountain, to open ourselves to the possibility of experiencing God and, in the process, allowing God's grace and that experience to make sense of our lives, our relationships and the highs and lows of living authentically these remaining weeks of Lent.

~ Fr Peter Brannelly

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 16/3/15	\$5607.64
Plus Receipts	\$1616.35
	\$7223.99
Less Payments	\$745.00
Balance 20/4/15	\$6478.99
Term Deposit	\$2752.88

Whilst the new club t-shirts are being prepared, I would like to remind people that we still have a limited supply of the fiftieth club t-shirts at the bargain price of \$10.00. The sizes are:- Women's 18 and Men's L, XL, 2XL & 3XL. I am now selling tickets in our first raffle for the year. There are three prizes with the first being a Large orange 50cm x 100cm Micro-Fibre Towel, the second is a 750ml aluminium water bottle and the third prize is a 12 LED Head Lamp. Tickets are still only one dollar. Terry.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Greg Endicott, Joe Finn, Richard Johns, Phil Murray, Rosemary O'Brien, Catherine Pitt and Joe Tottenham are celebrating their birthdays in May.

Pat Lawton, Jonas Bernotas and Trevor Kelly recently returned from walking in New Zealand. Michael Simpson and Paul Evans recently returned from a walk in northern Victoria. Iain Renton recently returned from a holiday in the U.S.A.

It is with great sadness we advise the death of Sofia Ramsay's mother, Bronislawa Ceglarski. Bronislawa passed away peacefully on 4th May.

It is also with great sadness we advise the death of Matthew Palmer's father, Wayne Palmer. Wayne passed away peacefully on 6th May.

It is also with sadness we advise the death of Maxine Weekes' father last month. Many club members would know Maxine through her association with the Club as a long-term friend of Joe Finn.

May they rest in peace, Our prayers are with the families in this difficult time.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Update on New members

Only 2 new members so far for 2015.

Update on Membership Numbers

Number of members as at 4 May is 90.

Update on Publicity Flyer

So far the response from the publicity flyer has been very very modest with only a handful of enquiries. But on the positive side the poster has lifted the Club's profile and has increased our recognition within the local Catholic community. It is presumed there will still some uptake in people joining the Club through this process.

The Walking Season

I have often heard that many members regard winter as the walking season. This idea was reinforced just recently when Bushwalking Queensland organised a party in March to welcome the walking season.

I have always been very perplexed by this concept as I always thought walking was an activity that we could do no matter what the season.

By way of contrast in Victoria our colleagues from the Catholic Walking Club of Victoria have walks all year round but of note they regard winter as the ski touring season and I note that they mainly do their multi day walks in summer like the Cup Weekend Walk and the Boxing Day Walk. I note that on last year's Cup Weekend Walk we had a blizzard.

In Sydney they regard summer as the season for lilo trips and canyoning trips and winter as their walking season through the Blue Mountains especially around the Wild Dog Ridges.

In Queensland we have a summer season where we do rainforest walks in the summer and in winter we often have walks where we climb the mountains. I also note that many of the summer trips have large numbers on the trips and recently the numbers on walkers has trended downwards.

In summary some members regard winter as the walking season but not all members do, as some members regard walking as a sport you can do in any season.

Thursday Walks

The program for the other Thursday walks for 2015 is as follows:-

- 4th June Mt Goolman
- 2nd July Trachyte Circuit & Tibberoowocum
- 6th Aug Mt May
- 3rd Sept North Stradbroke Island
- 1st Oct Broken Head to Lennox Head
- 5th Nov Castle Crag (O'Reilly's)
- 3rd Dec Purling Brook Falls

JTS Itinerary 2015

May	15	Alliance Hotel
Jun	19	Archive Bar (West End)
Jul	17	Theodore Club
Aug	14	Woolly Mammoth Alehouse
Sep	18	Caxton Hotel & The Barracks
Oct	16	Tomahawk Bar
Nov	20	The Scratch Bar – Park Road
Dec	18	Bavarian Bier Café – Riverside

Hope to see you on a walk soon. Phil.

AROUND THE RIDGES

Hole in the Wall Collapse

It has been reported that the Hole in the Wall has collapsed and is now just two pillars. Some wag has named it the Laidley Creek Pillars.

PAST EVENTS

THE PORT OFFICE HOTEL FRIDAY 20th FEBRUARY JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

It was the end of a very rainy week when the true believers gathered at the Port Office Hotel for the monthly JTS gathering. Luckily, the rain cleared and we established ourselves at an outdoor street-side table to bask in the crisp, clean, post-rain, evening air. The gathering was relaxed and congenial and, as usual, a variety of topics was discussed, a range of issues canvassed, an assortment of drinks sampled and a selection of food consumed.

The Port Office Hotel is one of Brisbane's iconic venues in Edward St down near the Botanical

Gardens so it was a delight to meet there. It is a venue that could be considered once again next year.

MT SUPERBUS & LINCOLN WRECK THURSDAY 9th APRIL DAY WALK

48 hours before the walk, Phil rings me, ah yes I think, arranging logistics. But no it's "Hi Matthew I'm injured and can't go can you lead the walk?"

So the day of the walk dawns (due to our 4.30 start). We all met in Boonah before heading to Teviot Gap on the coldest day of the year so far. We start walking at 7am a beautiful day a quick peak at the full flowing Teviot falls before hitting the forestry road. Even though it is 9 degrees jumpers are soon shed as we head straight up the old fence line. I had not been this way since the fence was taken down around 20 years ago. The route has certainly closed in a fair bit but was easy enough to follow, I was concerned about the very steep area being too muddy from the rain five days earlier but the ground had dried out well. The early morning light in the rainforest felt like twilight. After an hour and a half we reached the ridge line between Mt Roberts and Mt Superbus, All jumpers were well and truly shed. After a short stop we head up another ten minutes to the one of two views for the day, a filtered view of the eastern part of the Steamers, Mt Roberts and the back of Lizard Point. Smoko at the cairn on one of the tops of Superbus. Now was the time for the map and compass. Until now we had been following a rough track but that all but disappeared as we headed South West from the top of Superbus. We shortly came to today's other view of the Ballows and Barney. From here there were no landmarks to guide us, I was very heavily focused on my compass as we had many subtle changes of direction to follow between here and the wreck. Now and again we would come across what would look like an overgrown disused path only for all signs of it to vanish after about 20 metres. The terrain wasn't too scungy but we were often slowed down as we had to find our way around and through tree falls. Just after 11 O'clock I thought we must be pretty close, we were in a very large flat plateau and there was no distinguished way to go. A couple of bits of pink tape led us to the clearing above the wreck and we then ventured down a well-worn trail only about 50 metres straight on to the top of

the wreck. Sixty years after the crash there are still many parts of the frame, wings and tail scattered across a very steep slope. The wreck is more complete than the Stinson and the Piper Comanche on Mt Glorious but it was a much bigger plane. Half hour lunch back at the clearing as there is nowhere to sit down at the wreck and then we retraced our steps often finding better routes than on the way there. One thing I learnt was that spiders can rebuild their webs in three hours or less as I spent the day clearing a path for those behind me. Thinking that walking the return path would be spider web free but wasn't. I wonder if they were also responsible for all the bites I had on my chest and stomach that took almost two weeks to clear up, like a tick bite but with no tick? Just before we reached where I suspected was our smoko top on Superbus we came across a well-defined path marked with a rock cairn, we followed it for a few hundred metres as it swung us around in the completely wrong direction to head due west, not sure where it went maybe another day? A bit of back tracking had us shortly on top of Superbus for our afternoon smoko before heading down the old fence.

We made excellent progress all day as we walked at a good pace, I had everyone on a tight leash time wise as I had football training to run that night in Brisbane. Thanks to my companions for the day sharing the journey, Terry, Brenda, Rusty, Veronica, Dave, Kylie and Ben, I know I was quiet on the day as I was heavily focused on navigating but I got a massive buzz out of coming out right on top of the wreck and not missing a beat.

I also had one of the best excuses I heard for a late withdrawal, I'm not going to name names to protect the innocent but I can tell you it involved whiskey and skateboards, I'll let you fill in the blanks. Matt.

THE BANFF FILM FESTIVAL TUESDAY 14th APRIL SOCIAL

Seven members from the Club enjoyed this marvellous collection of short films at the Powerhouse.

Those there - Phil Murray, Anne Iron, Barry Crawford, Michael Simpson, Karen Franklin, Justin Tobin and Julieanne Williamson.

There were 9 films in all covering climbing, paragliding, skiing and mountain biking.

The details of the main films are as follows

1. The Ridge - 7 mins. Danny MacAskill did some amazing feats of m Mountain bike riding on the Isle of Skye.
2. Return to the Tepuis – 9 mins. Search for very rare Frogs in the rainforests Lost World in Venezuela. (A tepui is a native word for a rainforest covered plateau).
3. A Snowball's Chance in Hell - 53 mins. David Lama is climbing's world champion (I didn't know they had a world champion). Anyhow David climbs the infamous south-east face of Cerro Torre called the compressor route (because there is a compressor (similar to a small generator) that is bolted to the cliff-face near the top of the ridge. The compressor was used to drill the holes for the pitons for the first ascent of the ridge). No one has ever free climbed this needle of granite. But this is exactly what David did – on the third attempt. He must be spider man as it just defies belief that he was able to climb these sheer walls of granite, yet I saw it with my own eyes and I still don't believe it. There has to be some trick involved.
4. Delta Dawn – 16 mins. The Colorado River no longer reaches the sea as every drop of water is used for irrigation or drinking water. There was an experimental release of water made in the spring of 2014 and a filmmaker Pete McBride chronicles how this flow of water can restore the seeming arid river beds and bring life back to an area that has been turned to desert by man. The film was very relevant to Australia in view of the problems that the Snowy River has lost most of its water to the Dams.
5. Touch – 5 mins. A film about paragliding. A colorful and spectacular flying tour of Santorini in Greece, the Aiguille di Midi above Chamonix and the Col du Galibier in France, just good clean fun.
6. Out on a Limb – 7 mins. Vasu Sojitra lost his right leg to a blood infection at 9 months old. Rather than letting his disability define him, Vasu has always treated his amputation as a mere hiccup in life and has become an expert skier and takes all the usual risks that skiers do. Jumping off cliffs etc
7. Africa Fusion – 20 mins. A film about new rock climbing venues in southern Africa. Climbers Alex Honnold (USA) and Hazel Findlay (UK) have a combined

journey through the exotic landscapes of southern Africa. Alex and Hazel are possibly two of the best young climbers in the world and explore southern Africa and uncover some of the best climbing on the planet, in an unforgettable setting. But they are not a couple, no they are more like brother and sister who argue over most things especially the minor things.

8. Sun Dog – 5 mins. A dog story about a man and his friend a dog. The film festival always has a film about a dog. This time it is Santiago Guzman and his dog Conga in the rugged and wild peaks overlooking Bariloche, Argentina just stunning scenery and a cute dog.

There were 3 other films and one was about an old person (he was 88 years old) and he still goes downhill skiing nearly every day during winter.

It was an excellent range of films presented and I would recommend that most members should come along at least once to see the films. Phil.

WEST CANUNGRA CREEK CIRCUIT WEDNESDAY 15th APRIL DAY WALK

Weather: beautiful clear blue skies

Temperature: mild 260

Distance: 13 km

Height gain: 400 metres

Attendance: 5 – Phil Murray, Paddy Taylor, Sue Walsh, Kerriane Pearce and her son Joe.

This was a great little trip. We started about 9.45. We decided to do the circuit in a clockwise direction. It was a quick trip down to Blue Pool to enjoy the lovely view along the Creek.

For future reference we noted an anomaly with the map and a sign on the track for Darramboola Falls. It seems the falls were signposted at the wrong spot as the sign was on the watercourse that matched with the feature on the map called Bundoomba Creek. I will have to go back soon to confirm the above observations and if there is fact an anomaly as suspected we are obliged to send a letter to the National Parks service.

Anyhow we had a lovely morning tea at Blue Pool we spotted some gorgeous wildflowers and took many photos.

We then walked back along the track that criss-crosses the creek. There were several creek crossings but on all but one we easily kept our boots dry.

We had a lunch and we were soon making our way back to the O'Reilly's by 3.30 pm. A quick visit to the café for an ice cream and then we were on our way home. Thanks to those who came on the trip. Phil

MT EERWAH & MT ALLAN SATURDAY 18th APRIL DAY WALK

Mt Eerwah conquered.

A trip to Red Hill to pick up Maria with a stop at Hawbridge Street to show her the Mud Springs, a rare geological feature in the middle of suburbia, check it out for yourself sometime, according to the sign there are only two in Australia.

Comino's Garage was our next stop where John was waiting to take over his duties as designated driver. Then it was Adam at Kallangur who did his last walk with us in 2006. Four eager bushwalkers looking forward to a day in the scrub.

A quick run along the highway where you get that great view of both peaks of Mt Eerwah just before the Kenilworth T/ Off. The walk to Eerwah follows a bit of a bush track along the fence over a couple of gullies with a rope to give you a hand over the steep bits then onto the ridge and through the lantana and cliff line to arrive at the welcome sign and first peak. This is normally where we stop, have lunch and head back down, today we had the second peak to do, lunch would have to wait as we continued on. We started to descend going further and further down, John thought we were heading off the Mountain. We finally reached the saddle and then it was a quick up to open eucalypt and the second Peak of Eerwah was finally conquered.

There were views on the way up and further on you could see Ninderry and Coolum and the coast. Back to the welcome sign for lunch realising how far we had dropped when we started to head up from the saddle. We boiled the billy (thanks John) shared stories, enjoyed the break before heading back down.

Back at the cars about 2:30 to head over to Charlie Moreland and the start of Mt Allan. Only having one car John drove up to the end of the

walk and walked in from there. Three on the road, we started walking about three, nothing exciting about the road, there was a bit of water at the creek crossing some views but generally a 4 km road bash. When I reached the 1st km marker I thought they would be 1km apart but it was ½ a km at a time, not good for the psyche. We reached the forestry tower at the same time as John. The views made the slog worthwhile. You could see North South East and West, all the mountains spread out before us. We wanted to stay longer but time was getting on, we followed the great walk track back to the cars, through the forest along the closed road and back at the cars at 5:45, the troops pleased we managed to get out before dark. Coffee on the way home and back in Brisbane about 9:00 pm. A great day in the Sunshine Cast Hinterland Thanks to Adam Kurpiel, Maria Kerruish and John Hood for sharing it with me. Justin.

DINNER & COFFEE NIGHT WEDNESDAY 22nd APRIL SOCIAL

Nine people from our club gathered at the Kookaburra Café at Paddington on an excellent autumn evening, fine and cool. This venue is somewhat of an institution in Paddington, having commenced trading in 1982. It offers many interesting rooms; on the night of our visit, some patrons were playing board games in the rear section of the restaurant. The club has visited it for social events on a number of occasions over the years. It is currently for sale, so we wait to see what the future holds for this iconic building.

The menu includes a wide range of wholesome meals. Everyone enjoyed their food and drinks. Thanks to Sue, Mary, Justin, Gerry, Jan, Karen, Josh, Terry, and Graham for supporting this coffee night.

ANZAC EVE CONCERT FRIDAY 24th APRIL SOCIAL

On Friday 24th April a group of us met at Southbank piazza for a free concert. I managed to get there early and was able to hold seats for the whole group. The concert was performed by the Queensland Symphony Orchestra, with the support of 2 major choirs and other pipe and brass bands. I think everyone's response at the end of the performance was just WOW!!! There was a variety of military and wartime music,

interspersed with an address by the Governor of Queensland, etc. and it was just spectacular. The finale of the 1812 overture, accompanied by fireworks, was amazing.

After the concert we wandered along to have coffee and a chat. A really special night. Thanks to Mike, Russ, Jan, Greg, Michele, Justin, Julie, Rusty, Louise, Michelle, Richard, Antonia, Karen and Josh for coming along and enjoying an amazing free event. Cath.

ROCKY CREEK FALLS SUNDAY 26th APRIL DAY WALK

The twelve of us gathered at Red Hill and moved off in 3 cars. We headed up the Cunningham Highway to Cunningham's Gap and down to Yangan and Emuval. We quickly found the farm where the walk starts.

I checked in with the tenant farmer and the party moved off – a bit too late in the morning as it turned out (we should have left Brisvagas a bit earlier.) The two Clydesdales, the other horse and the two donkeys entertained us while I spoke with the farmer.

Then it was off up the creek along a farm track which made our progress faster and easier. Though this went up hill and down dale (and in/out of gullies) it was faster progress than rockhopping in the creek. Also, as we progressed in towards the mountains, it gave us good views of the cliffs around the falls that if being in the creek we would have been denied this.

Once I saw the rainforest along the creek, we changed course and dropped into it. The creek itself here was clear of vegetation and scunge, has little water and the rocks were large enough to allow fastish rockhopping. The forest beside the creek was pretty and a nice olive green – it looked very healthy. The only problem was that I underestimated the time it would take for 12 people to get up to the falls this way.

By lunch time we arrived at the lower/smaller falls, but could see the "real" falls just behind them. However, it was lunch time by now. We sat beside the creek, opened our packs, took out our sandwiches and rested.

The wind at the top of the main falls was so blowy that as the water flowed over the cliff, it was immediately blown to the side and dissipated into a fine spray that made the falls seem like not flowing at all. The falls are the

highest in the area – twice as high as Queen Mary's further down the ranges.

By the time lunch was finished, it was too late to continue on with the original plan, so the party backtracked the same way. We got to see the reverse side of all the trees and rocks. There were one or two interesting episodes on the way back. The faster front group stopped occasionally for the tail to catch up.

The group made it back to the farm road, and as the sun disappeared behind the high ridge to the left, we walked out on the farm road back to the cars at the farm shed. The horses were still waiting for us.

Thanks to my brave explorers: Louise & Rusty, Therese A who can only do Sunday walks (and for driving), Gerry (and for driving), Michele and Richard (and for driving), Jan, Terry, Justin, Julie Ann and Paddy. A walk we will need to do again someday – perhaps after some rain in the area. Greg E.

HELIDON HILLS THURSDAY 7th MAY DAY WALK

Weather: beautiful clear blue skies

Temperature: mild – 26^o

Distance: 9.7 km

Height gain: 230 metres

Attendance: 5 – Phil Murray, Paddy Taylor, Michael Simpson, Paul Evans and Rusty Jones.

This was a great little trip. The trip was a circuit of a large natural amphitheatre at the head of Redbank Creek. The vegetation was mainly open eucalyptus woodland with some nice views through the trees.

It was a week day and because we were heading out west we changed our meeting spot from Red Hill to Goodna. We met at Goodna at about 7.15 am and left our cars outside the Goodna Police Station, as we presumed there was little chance the cars would be broken into there.

By way of background there was torrential rain on Friday 1st May (Brisbane received 190 mm of rain) and I was reluctant to take 2 wheel drive vehicles and I only had one 4 wheel drive available. It was a wise move as the final section of road (actually called Logan Road) was badly rutted with several boggy sections and further the road was slippery and treacherous in a few spots.

We arrived at the designated parking spot at the National Park gate at about 9 ish and were walking by about 9.10 am. (As an aside the park is the Lockyer National Park).

The walk itself has about 8 distinct sections.

1. The long road bash along the forestry road from the gate down to Red Bank Creek. – about 3 km
2. The rough motor bike track beside the creek - for about 300 m.
3. The bush bashing section to get on to the ridge - about 200 m (this was the yucky bit as we had to push through some lantana).
4. The ascent along the ridge for about 2 km - this was a lovely section with lovely grassy ridges under a canopy of tall ironbark trees.
5. A quick rock scramble to the ascend the main plateau – about 300 metres
6. There were views of Mt Castle and Mt Barney from here. The uninitiated may not have noticed these mountains in the far distance but we could spot. (We didn't have lunch here but I will on my next trip here).
7. We then joined up with an old road on the main plateau – the road has not been used for decades – we followed it for about 2 km.
8. Then there was the section I will call the "4 tops" – this was an undulating series of knolls where the "cow track" did a roller coaster ride up and over a series of knoll and then down into the saddle. - about 2 km
9. This is where the wildflowers were mainly in bloom.
10. Finally we had the last upland plateau section to cross back to the cars - of about 500 m.

All up the trip was only about 4 hours walking with 2 mini breaks. We then returned through Gatton and had a bite to eat. I was back home on the Gold Coast by 4.40 pm.

It was a lovely little walk with lots of navigation challenges to keep us busy. Michael and Paul took on the navigational duties and ensured we returned to the cars. I didn't feel it appropriate to interfere with their efforts as they were having great fun going through new and different country but they were mindful that they consulted and conferred with the leader at the appropriate junctions.

There was also a reasonable number of wildflowers spotted. I saw a few special ones I hadn't seen before, in particular a plant I small call "mauve eyebrights" – a similar flower to the tube flower to the mint bush. It's botanical name is *Chloanthes parviflora*. The flowers were about the size of a ten cent piece so they were reasonably large for Australian wildflowers.

Another plant of note, although not a wildflower, but a special grass or sedge called a 'Koala Fern'. This was a bright green little bush along the top of the ride line of the 'four tops'. There was a profusion of these plants dotted all along the ridge. It's botanical name is *Cautis blakeyi subspecies macrantha*

Pronunciation: COS-tis BLAKE-ee-eye

Common Names include:- Foxtails, Curleywigs, Koala Fern.

Apparently the plant is very very rare and is only found in the Helidon Hills area.

I can't wait to go back and will ask for it to be listed as a walk for next year.

Thanks for those who came on the trip. Apologies to those who wanted to come but I only had one four wheel drive vehicle available for the trip.

This trip was the first of the regular monthly mid-week walks and hopefully it will be well supported in the future.

A special thank you to the Toowoomba Bushwalking club as I did the pre-outing for the walk with the Toowoomba bushies on Sunday 10 August 2014. The walk was led by Ian Ryan. Phil.

HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

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

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

VISITORS are always welcome.

OUTINGS

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

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

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

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

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