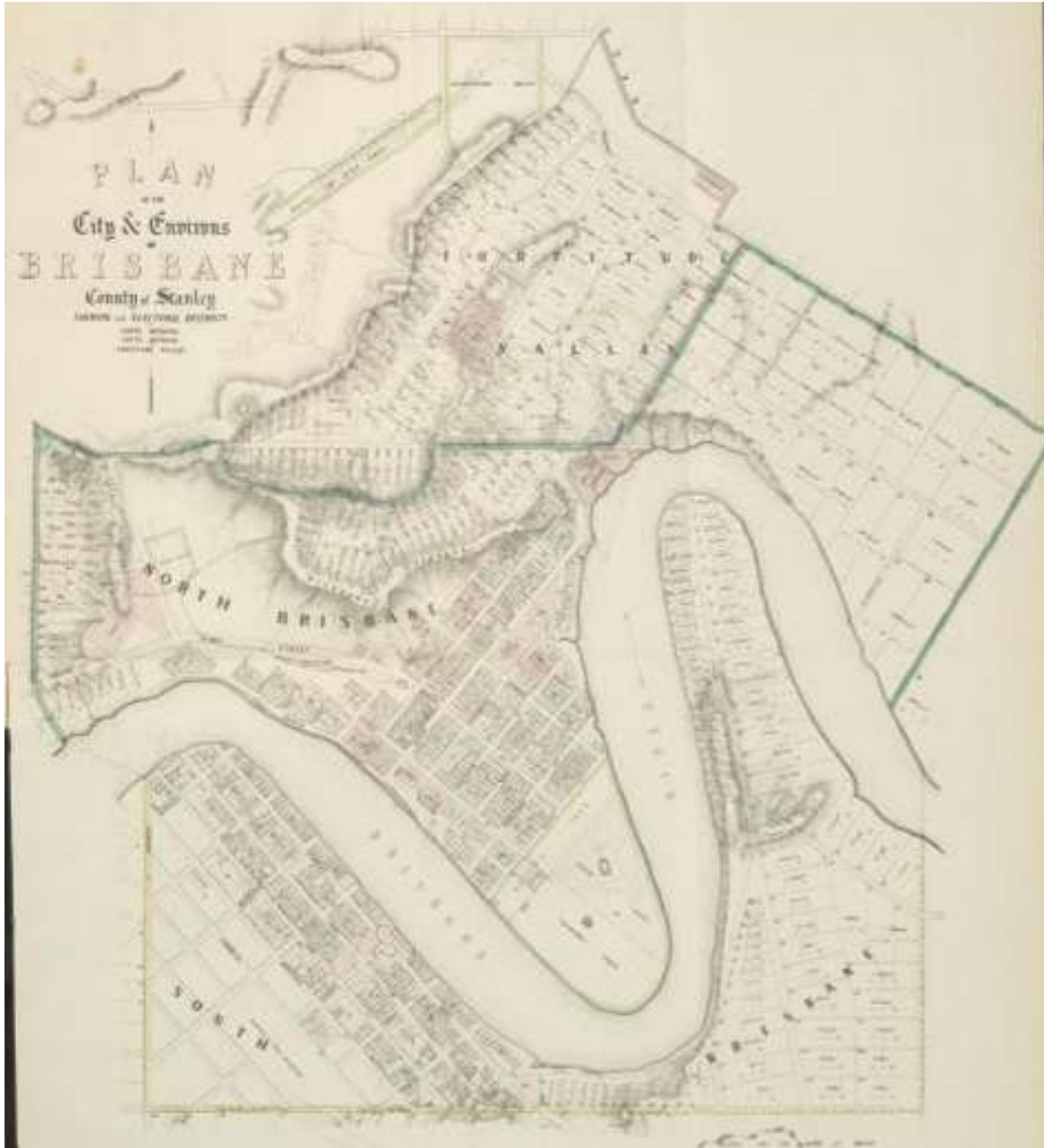


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Brisbane Square Mile walk, Sunday June 24th Ring Desley NOW

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Date	Event	Leader	Phone	Type	Grade
May 25/27	Spicer's Gap to Teviot Gap	Matthew		TW	L67
25	A Night at the Museum	Greg		Soc	
26	Spicer's Peak Traverse	Michael		DW	
Jun 2	Brisbane Valley Trail – Fernvale to Lowood and return	Helen		DW	
3	Lunch at Oxford 152 – Elizabeth's 60th	Phil		Soc	
9/11	Fraser Island	Justin		TW	
9	Mt Mitchell	Desley		DW	
15	JTS – The Groove Train Bar	Phil		Soc	
16	Camp Fire and Hot Pot Night	Justin		Soc	
17	Bally Mountain	Phil		DW	
18	BCBC Meeting	Greg		Meet	
Jun 24	Brisbane Square Mile	Desley	3369 5530	DW	S11
30	Mt Bell Circuit	Michael	33513810	DW	M57
Jul 7	Abbey Medieval Festival	Antonia	0400 571 387	Soc	
7/8	High End Adventure Bushwalk	FMR		TW	
8	Luke's Bluff	Liz	3356 4874	DW	S21
14	Ballow Circuit	Michael	33513810	DW	M57
16	BCBC Meeting	Greg	33514092	Meet	
20	JTS – Granada Tapas Restaurant & Bar	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
21	Shepherd's Walk	Terry	3355 9765	DW	S43
26	Christmas in July	Antonia	0400 571 387	Soc	
28	Colonial Ball	Matthew	3876 8125	Soc	
29	Mt Mistake	John	5514 0285	DW	
Aug 4/5	Bald Rock to Wallangarra	Pat	3366 1956	TW	
5	Greenslopes to Sandgate	Phil	5522 9702	Bike	
11	Mt Warning		3366 6420	DW	S35
12	Karawatha Forest	Phil	5522 9702	DW	S21
14/15	Barney Mass	Russ	3374 3534	DW/BC	S77
17	JTS – Elephant and Wheelbarrow	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
18	Noosa Trails	Terry	3355 9765	DW	
20	BCBC Meeting	Greg	33514092	Meet	
23	Buffet at Bronco's	Antonia	0400 571 387	Soc	
24/26	The Marathon	Phil	5522 9702	TW	XL47
25	Mystery Walk and Dinner	Justin	3366 3193	Soc	
Sep 1	Swan Knoll			DW	
2	Bridge to Brisbane	Greg	33514092	Soc	
7/9	Pilgrimage			BC	
15	Greenmount to Currumbin	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M21
16	Lunch at the Rosewood Pub	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
17	BCBC Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
21	JTS – Theodore Club	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
22	Horseshoe Falls	Pat	3366 1956	DW	M44
22/23	Search and Rescue Training	FMR		Trn	
29	Mt Maroon			DW	
29/1	Black Canyon	Justin	3366 3193	TW	
Oct 6	Open House Brisbane	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
7	Kate Quinlan Society	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
14	Coochin Hills/Ngungun			DW	
15	BCBC Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
19	JTS – MJs	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
20	Love Creek Falls	Peter	3205 5982	DW	
27	Boyd's Butte	Justin	3366 3193	DW	M55
Nov 2/6	Australian Alps	Phil	5522 9702	TW	XL46
10	Kondalilla Circuit	Michele	3353 2822	DW	S34

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

D/W	Day Walk	½ D/W	Half Day Walk
O/N	Over Nighter	B/C	Base Camp
T/W	Through Walk	C/W	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

Loving God, in the course of my days,
 Help me to pause amidst the hustle and bustle of life
 To wonder at the beauty of the setting sun;
 To feel the wind in my hair,
 And the raindrops on my face;
 To hear the song of the birds;
 To marvel at the formation of the clouds in the sky above me;
 To gaze into the night
 And behold the majesty of the starlit sky;
 To embrace the beauty of a tree and fascination of falling leaves;
 To acquaint myself with the occurrences of the moment!

(Source: All Hallows' Staff Prayer Dec 2007)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Winter is officially upon us, so our best walking season has commenced. It is now time to try all those harder walks. We can now adventure to those more open and sun exposed, and steeper, areas. But oh, does that evening light arrive a lot earlier!

This is the time to push yourself a bit harder – try those walks you feel are out of reach. Now that the oppressive humidity of the summer months is a thing of the past, these walks are a bit easier – and cleaner. And less probability of rain!

However, this does not mean to say the flatter walks or trips within Brisbane are not "good" walks. They are walks which is what we do. It does mean we can come out from under the trees

and be more in the open, or go up some of our local hills.

We are out of the rainforest and bush, so are rewarded by spectacular scenery, views of distant mountains, ridges as far as the eye can see and craig after craig. In the rainforest of summer walks, you cannot see beyond the next bend, the lookout is framed by trees that block the all round view, with the aspect small and only a few can view at a time. Now for the wide views where everyone can see it all at the same time. No trees to splice the view. You have 180^o or 360^o views.

Michael's Mt Bell Cct or Ballow Cct are examples of walks out in the open that are not done in the heat of summer, but can be done by most members who have done some off-track walking.

Phil's Bally Mountain is one that is probably shorter and less challenging, but one where you will be rewarded by views that we do not normally take in.

Other open autumn/winter walks to do for those used to tracks are Liz's Luke's Bluff, and Terry's Shepherd's Walk. These are good walks with brush trails over reasonable open terrain with great views.

Desley's Brisbane Square Mile walk is along suburban streets where the summer heat would drain you. Now is the time to do this daywalk.

Come walking in winter when walking is more pleasant.

Ring the leaders now to nominate.

OUTINGS SECRETARY REPORT

The cooler days are already on their way and the "peak" walking season is starting.

All the walks have gone out recently. The weather has been either spectacular or a bit so so. The Main Range walk went out but conditions were against us and we had stop after the first night as it was so wet and slippery we only made 4.2km in 9 hours of hard walking on the first day. Sometimes we just have to make the hard decisions and leave it for another day. Thanks to Michael and his team for coming to our 'rescue'. Hopefully we will try the Main Range again next year.

My Outings Report didn't make the magazine last month I had a lot to say but space is limited so I will keep it short.

Past Walks

Looking back over the last month of walks the number of people on walks has been on an upward trend. The attendance on the recent trips:

Date	Trip	Leader	Type	
Apr 9	Knapp's Peak	Pat	DW	34
14	Gateway Bridge	Barry	EDW	10
15	Bohgaban Falls	Michael	DW	4
21	North Coast Mtns	Justin	DW	6
25	Upper Portals	Peter	DW	18
28	Byron Bay	Phil	EDW	6
May 5-7	Green Gully	Justin	TW	6
5	Thorneside to Wynnum	Desley	EDW	7
8	Tooloona	Liz	DW	7
12	Straddie	Maxine	DW	17
12	Cougals Traverse	Michael	DW	5
20	Ashgrove to Mt Coot-tha	Justin	DW	11
25-27	Main Range	Matthew	TW	6
26	Mt Matheson	Michael	DW	3
Ju 2	Fernvale to Lowood	Helen	EDW	8

The Knapps Peak figure of 34 was high because it was joint trip with BOSQ

And the Upper Portals trip was also basically a joint trip with the informal group called the 'Wednesday Walkers'.

The Bohgaban Falls and Cougals traverse were private trip that Michael Simpson organized at the last minute. Michael does these harder trips with little advanced warning. I included it in my report so members know these types of trips are sometimes going out and if you want to get on these harder trips have a word to Michael to be in the loop for these special "little" trips.

The Thorneside to Wynnum walk was part of the Brisbane Backyard Explorers group's walks which are a welcome addition to our Club's program. There has to be room in the Club for all types of walks.

Coming Walks

Looking ahead for the next month there is a huge selection of trips available. There are several easy trips, some juicy medium and hard tips coming up.

Date	Trip	Leader	Type	Grade
Jun 16	Bally Mountain	Phil	DW	Medium
24	Brisbane Square Mile	Desley	EDW	Easy
30	Mt Bell	Michael	DW	Hard
Jul 8	Luke's Bluff	Liz	DW	Easy
14	Ballows	Michael	DW	Hard
21	Shepherds Walk	Terry	DW	Easy

There are so many trips available; hopefully you have the time available to come along and support the leaders who do so much work to make the trips special events.

Advanced Notice – Interstate Trips

I would just like to put a plug in for the 2 interstate trips coming up later in the year. The Blue Mountains trip in August and the Victoria Alps trip in November. See the articles in the magazine.

Reports on private trips

I also would like to be able to read in the magazine members’ extended trips and walks overseas. For example, Matthew did a private trip to Collins Bonnet near Hobart and has included a great article about it. Also one member has been very active in NZ and did 3 walks with the Otago Group (the Milton Rotary and the Otago Youth Adventure Trust) last month. I think he said the 3 walks they did were the: Milford; Kepler; Routeburn/Greenstone.

I have heard whispers about members heading off to Spain, Poland and New Zealand and I would love to hear about the walks in these far flung corners of the world and I sure other members would love to read about these trips.

Leaders Needed

Looking ahead we still need a few leaders for trips

Sep	29	Mt Maroon	DW	L66
Oct	14	Cochin Hills/Ngungun	DW	M44
Nov	17	Larapinta Falls	DW	M44
Dec	9	Moreton Bay Islands	DW	M22
	15	Northbrook Creek	DW	M45
	26	Boxing Day Walk – Killarney Glen	DW	M22

Outings Planning Meeting for 2013

We need to lock in a date for the next planning meeting. Can we arrange this for towards the end of August early September? If you would like to be involved please contact me or if you would merely like to add a few walk suggestions please contact me.

A new walk to put on your ‘bucket list’ - from Collioure to Cadaques? (The rough pronunciation is “col-e-air” to “car-da-kes”). Where is it? – The south east corner of France and north east corner of Spain.

The trip description from the web was as follows - Bathed in warm Mediterranean sunshine, and with the final peaks of the Pyrenees providing a dramatic backdrop, the coast either side of the Franco-Spanish border invites exploration on foot. This is Catalonia, vibrant and proud of its distinct

culture, and to walk between the charming fishing villages that nestle along its coast on both sides of the frontier is a joy, passing small, rocky coves, craggy headlands and rugged cliffs, below which the sea sparkles in the bright sunlight. It is a lovely trip that you can do in 6 days and stay at delightful villages.

<http://www.inntravel.co.uk/holidays/walking-holidays/France/Other-Regions/Collioure-to-Cadaques.aspx> Ask Russ and Jan for further details.

Anyhow, I have rambled a bit this month and I hope to see you on the track, and remember the only walks you regret are the ones you didn’t do. Phil

TREASURER’S REPORT

Balance 16/04/12	\$5077.47
Plus Receipts	\$ 960.70
	\$6038.17
Less Payments	\$ 1378.65
Balance 19/05/12	\$4659.52
Term Deposit	\$2472.13

I am still selling tickets in our first raffle for the year. There are four prizes and the tickets are a dollar each. The first prize is a Workzone three LED Dynamo Torch with emergency mobile phone charger, the second prize is an Adventure Ridge three LED Headlamp, the third prize is a glass covered framed 74cmx59cm photo of Kakadu National Park and the fourth prize is a glass covered framed 74cmx59cm photo of The Victorian Coastline. The second prize was donated by Michele Johns and the third and fourth prizes were donated by The Red Cross at the Royal Brisbane Hospital through Desley.

Once again I urge people to not delay buying their club t-shirts and/or metal badges. Terry.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Michele Foley, Mervyn Galvin, Louise Jones, Susan Lomas and Ivan Mort are celebrating their birthdays in June.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Cheryl Layzelle whose mother passed away on Holy Thursday. Also, our best wishes are with Cheryl and Viv whose young grandson recently underwent open heart surgery.

Our feelings are with Justin T and Francis Mort on the death of their sister Mave.

Welcome back to Russ and Jan who have just returned from a holiday in Europe.

Congratulations to our latest new member, Erna Smith.

Russell Adams and Erna Smith were welcome visitors at our May meeting. Manuela van Heydebrand was a visitor on Liz's Toooloona Circuit walk. Maxine had seven visitors on her North Stradbroke Island walk - Cathy Thomson, Aileen Hill, Julie & Tony Wallace, Erna Smith (on her second walk), Julie Williams and Rossi Minata. Rossi and Ora Duffley were visitors on Helen's Rail Trail walk.

Visitors are most welcome to join us on any of our activities.

COMING EVENTS

TRIPS leave from St Brigid's car park at 78 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. Please print the Leader's/Treasurer's Calculation page when they print their Trip Sheets.

A reminder to visitors that you are required to do 2 walks before Committee officially declared 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 Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702

24th JUNE, SUNDAY BRISBANE SQUARE MILE DAYWALK

Leader: Desley Pedrazzini Ph: 3369 5530
Meet: St. Brigid's Car Park, Red Hill
Time: 8am
Cost: Nothing
Grade: M11
Location: Around the centre of Brisbane
Web: <http://www.chapelhill.homeip.net/FamilyHistory/Other/QueenslandHistory/TheStreetsofBrisbane.htm>
<http://www.ghatlas.com.au/maps>

Do you know where the original Brisbane Town Boundary was and why it was set up? Then come on my walk to find out the answers and also much more about the history of Brisbane. It is about 13km as I plan to take a detour though Kangaroo Point and even more history.

Please bring lunch with you as we will be stopping at a park along the way. And if you're curious in advance about the planned route – think about all the named Boundary Streets in Brisbane.

History:

1829 'The 1829 Regulations' regulation 35 gives the Commandant the 'full authority to remove at his discretion, any Free person from the Settlement, who's Conduct shall appear to him to render this proceeding necessary for the due maintenance of discipline.'

1842 Wade's survey of Brisbane shows survey of streets and allotments for sale on north side and on south side around Stanley Quay etc. but not the town boundaries as below.

1844 Wade's plan of the environs of Brisbane, 1844, from West End to Eagle Farm; shows boundaries as described above and surveyed allotments around Montague Rd and around Stanley St, Grey St etc.

1846 - as early as September 1843 Wade had prepared a plan of the town for police purposes. Burnett followed this up with a further plan six months later; this involved 'tidying up' central Brisbane to give it a clear identity. But almost two years elapsed before the government decided to bring Brisbane within the provisions of the Police Towns Act of 1839. The town limits were drawn roughly into the shape of a square, straddling the river. Today the limits fall with Boundary Street on the north and west, Vulture Street on the south, and Wellington Road on the east.

This act was aimed at the removal and prevention of nuisances and obstacles, and 'for the better alignment of the streets'. Wickham had complained in April 1846 that dogs, apparently without owners, were 'constantly prowling about'; pigs and goats were also a nuisance rambling about 'in search of food, destroying gardens, crops'. So the Police Towns Act and the Dog Act came to apply to Brisbane.'

30th JUNE, SATURDAY Mts BELL, ROBERTS AND LIZARD POINT DAYWALK

Leader: Michael Simpson Ph: 3351 3810
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park
Time: 6.00am
Cost: \$20
Grading: M57
Location: Near the border between Boonah and Queen Mary's Falls

Web: <http://www.southee.com/Bushwalking/Ch14-MainRange.html>

Emerg Off: Catherine Ph: 3351 3810

Dist: 12km **Ascent:** 913m **Descent:** 913m

At the end of May we ascended Spicer's Peak which is the start of the Spicer's Gap – Teviot Gap classic through walk. Now we can ascend Mt Roberts and complete the finish of the same classic walk. Please note that there will no pre-outing and hence the walk will be an exploratory.

We park the cars in the usual place at Teviot's Gap and briefly follow an old road. We will twice cross Teviot Brook and may even visit the falls before following an obvious ridge to Mt Bell. The walk starts in rain forest but nearing the top of Bell we should break out into open forest and be rewarded with great views of the Main Range and the Fassifern Valley. Mts Bell and Roberts are connected by a long steep ridge and we will enter rain forest again.

The route to Lizard Point is the usual and we should be there in time to enjoy the endless views over lunch. We will return the usual way until we descend Roberts where we will seek out and follow what is known as the Middle Ridge back to the cars. The day will be long and hard but the rewards great (we might not make it out before dark so you will need to be prepared).

The club has not done this walk during my time in the club and may never be done again. So ring me to discuss the walk. Michael.

7th JULY, SATURDAY ABBEY MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL SOCIAL

Leader: Antonia Simpson Ph: 3857 1387 or 0400 571 387

Meet at: Abbey Museum Information stall or FOTAM (Friends of the Abbey Museum) Information stall. They should be side by side. Check the Festival map or ask at the gate when entering.

Meet Time: 9.30am (Official opening is at 10.00 am)

Cost: Adults \$27 Pensioners \$16 (See below for other pricing)

Location: Abbey Museum, off Bribie Island Rd at Caboolture UBD Map 49, N14.

Web: <http://abbeytournament.com/>

Emerg Off: Antonia S Ph: 0400 571 387

Come along and meet me on Saturday 7th July for a truly colourful and very authentic medieval day

as the Museum is strict about the authenticity of the re-enactment groups taking part. I will be wearing the Abbey Museum medieval "uniform" of a long red and blue dress and I will be working some of the day at the stalls mentioned above. I will probably be there on Sunday, too, but meet time then would be 11.00am.

Photographers among you can have an especially good time as the Festival grounds abound in medieval sights – encampments, knights, their ladies, squires, beggars, troubadours, horses in full jousting regalia. To secure a seat to see the jousting, find the ticket stall for this very early in the day as most shows are booked out quickly. It's \$2.

Food for sale is plentiful and there is a licensed tavern. For those not enamoured of tournaments, jousting or oil wrestling, there will be music, dancing, lectures, displays and sales of crafts including jewellery.

If travelling from the south, take the Caboolture-Bribie Island exit off the Bruce Highway, then, move into the Bribie Island exit (152). At approximately four kilometres along Bribie Road, turn left into Old Toorbul Point Road and follow directions for Tournament parking. There are large fields for parking if you do drive and the parking is very well supervised by various community groups, e.g. SES.

To get there other than driving, take a train to Caboolture station (departing Central every 30 mins) and take the free bus. These buses meet trains on both days until 8pm (Sat and Sun).

Tickets are available (cheaper) online (\$24 adult, \$14.50 concession) at <http://abbeytournament.com/> OR at the gate on the day. Other prices are Children \$16 (5 -15 yrs) and Family \$68 (i.e. 2 adults and up to 4 children). Prices for both days are just \$8 extra except for Family which is \$10 extra. Waiting time is much shorter if you have paid online.

7th -8th JULY, SAT- SUN HIGH END ADVENTURE BUSHWALK FMR

Contact: Ted at fmrqld@gmail.com

Web: <http://www.fmrqld.bwq.org.au/>

For FMR Inc Members Only

Abseil 7 waterfalls east side Mt Barney area. Camp Sat night for early Sunday start. Full abseil gear required. Limit of 9 + leader = 10.

**8th JULY, SUNDAY
PAT'S BLUFF AND LUKE'S BLUFF
DAYWALK**

Leader Liz Little Ph: 3356 4874
lizlittle@bigpond.com;
Meet Time St Brigid's, Red Hill
8:00am
Grade M22
Cost \$20
Location: O'reilly's in lamington NP
Web:<http://www.lamingtonnationalpark.net.au/Documents/Scene/Pats.htm>
Emerg Off: Peggy Roe Ph: 3863 1464

This is a lovely little walk at O'Reilly's. The views of Mt Lindsay and the mountains of the Scenic Rim are fantastic.

The walk begins a short distance down the road from O'Reilly's at the Python Rock turnoff. A graded track leads to Python Rock Lookout where views of Castle Crag and Moran's Falls can be enjoyed during the morning tea break.

A retracing of steps back towards the road leads to a turnoff on the left into an old track through a patch of rainforest until the top of the cliff line is reached. Pat's Bluff is a short distance along the top of the cliff line. From the Bluff, great views are available over the Albert River Valley and towards Mt Barney and the Scenic Rim.

The route then moves down a gully to the Bridal Veil Falls and a Pat's Bluff photographic opportunity. The track zigzags along a creek before opening up on to some paddocks and into a four wheel drive track. A detour from the track to the left leads to a lookout point at Luke's Bluff. The return to O'Reilly's is along the four wheel drive track.

The walk is about 10 kilometres long and involves a height gain of approximately 200 metres. There is some uphill walking, but overall the walk is fairly easy. Liz.

**14th JULY, SATURDAY
BALLOW CIRCUIT
DAYWALK**

Leader: Michael Simpson Ph: 3351 3810
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park
Time: 5.00am
Cost: \$20
Grading: M57
Location: Between Boonah and Rathdowney
Web: www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/mount-barney/pdf/mt-barney-np-map.pdf
Emerg Off: Catherine Ph: 3351 3810

Dist: 10km Ascent: 1045m Descent: 1045m

This will be my fourth attempt to visit this wonderful section of the Main Range. I am hopeful I will not fail again. Please note that there will no pre-outing done and the walk will be an exploratory. I have not had any up to date information on the condition of the area so it may be clear but it may well be scungy. But that's the beauty of exploratorys, the unknown.

We will park the cars in the usual place at Cleared Ridge and the follow the well used track to Montserrat. I hear that Montserrat provides the best views of Mt Barney. None other compares so I can't wait.

From Montserrat we will follow the obvious ridge before tackling Focal Peak. This is a short but steep ascent and descent but the summit apparently does not provide any views. We will pass through Cedar Pass before climbing Durrumlee and Mowburra. If time permits we may even visit Double Peak which is only 750m from Durrumlee.

The route back to the cars is gentle but does require a short steep climb from Yamahra Creek. The day will be long and hard but the rewards great (we might not make it out before dark so you will need to be prepared). So ring me to discuss the walk. Michael.

**16th JULY, MONDAY
CLUB MEETING**

Contact: Greg Ph: 3351 4092
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.bcbsc.org.au/page4.html>

Come along to hear about what has been really happening at recent club events, as well as our coming events and past walks.

Ask questions of our leaders about their coming events, so that you can make up your mind as to whether come on the walk.

Nominate for a walk. Nominate to lead an outing.

Stay for supper.

Bring those recent bushwalking snaps.

Visitors are always welcome

**20th JULY, FRIDAY
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY
GRANADA CAFÉ & TAPAS BAR**

Contact: Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160
Where: 154 Melbourne St, South Brisbane,
Between Manning & Cordelia Sts,
on the outbound side
Time: From 4pm till 8ish
What For: For a chat, a drink and a meal
Web: <http://www.granadatapasbar.com.au/>
Emerg Off: Phil on Ph: 0413 307 580

We are trying something a little different. It will be cultural expanding event to try some Spanish drinks and food at the Granada Café & Tapas Bar.

Why a Spanish Bar? Well several members have been to Spain to do the Camino and hopefully this will bring back fond memories of walking through northern Spain. Plus some members will be back from a trip to Catalonia. A question: has anyone walked in Granada or Andalucía??

The Granada Tapas bar is unassuming. It's tucked away on the ground floor of a fairly nondescript office building on Melbourne Street, sitting halfway between the bright lights and hubbub of Southbank and West End.

So come along and try something different.

Translink says catch the West End Buz 199 via Valley/City and get off at Manning St stop. The Granada is only a 75 metre walk along Melbourne St. Or it is a 500m walk from the Cultural Centre Bus Stop. Melbourne Street is basically just an extension of Queen Street, but on the other side of the Victoria Bridge. Phil

**21st JULY, SATURDAY
HISTORICAL SHEPHERD'S WALK
DAYWALK**

Co-ordinator: Terry Silk Ph: 3355 9765
Meet at: St. Brigid's, Red Hill
Time: 6.45 am
Cost: \$10.00 + \$20.00
Grading: M34
Location: In the Kerry Valley near
Beaudesert
Web: <http://beaudesertmuseum.org.au/main/special-events/shepherds-walk.html>
Emerg Off: Carol Kelly Ph. 3269 4795

This event is run by The Beaudesert Historical Society. They provide the Leader and Tail End Charlie. There are usually over one hundred walkers on this event and the pace is determined by the slowest walker as there is a great range of

fitness and ability. Numerous rest breaks are taken and we have morning tea, (which you need to bring), on the saddle of the Gin Broken Range before we commence our descent to the famous Sausage Sizzle Lunch which The Historical Society provides.

During the walk excellent views of the surrounding countryside can be had. A number of areas in which we walk can be seen. After our recent good rain the countryside has never looked better. (So don't forget your camera.)

I believe that all our members are capable of doing this short walk and it is my wish that all our members do it at least once. You should not delay doing this walk as I do not know how many more years it will be staged, particularly as many of the volunteers are quite elderly.

Even though this is a short walk (about three and a half hours) it is mainly off track with some long grass and uneven ground and a steepish climb followed by a descent. At the end of the walk there is a small water crossing where I got my feet wet for the first time last year in thirteen years of doing this walk.

The Sausage Sizzle Lunch is supported by the famous damper and syrup washed down with tea, coffee, cordial or water. There is usually plenty of food including some home baked cakes and biscuits.

The Historical Society provides the busses to take us to and from their complex in Beaudesert to a monument in the Christmas Creek valley where a short informative address is given on the significance of the Shepherd's Walk and the era of Chinese shepherds in the area. Then the busses take us a little way down the valley to where the walk starts. After lunch (all too soon) the busses return us to Beaudesert, thus allowing us to return to Brisbane before dark.

I highly recommend this walk as the Historical Society is famous for their country hospitality, the views are quite spectacular and the food is most enjoyable. What more could you want? The Historical Society does an excellent job of running this event. They charge \$20.00 for the bus trip and lunch and our club charges \$10.00 for car pooling. Children are half price and non walkers can wait at the lunch spot. I am sure that you will enjoy interacting with walkers from other clubs and areas. This walk has become an annual event for our club. The Historical Society has been running this walk for a quarter of a century.

You need to bring your own morning tea and water. Also, you need to nominate ASAP as

numbers are needed for catering purposes. I look forward to your company on the day which I am sure you will enjoy. Terry.

**26th JULY, THURSDAY
CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT THE
BRONCOS
SOCIAL**

Leader: Antonia Simpson Ph: 3857 1387 or 0400 571 387
Meet at: Broncos Club, foyer
Meet Time: 6.30 pm
Cost: \$15.50 (Members) \$22 (Non-members)
Location: Fulcher Road, Red Hill
Web: <http://www.broncosleagues.com.au/>
Emerg Off: Antonia S Ph: 0400 571 387

The 26th is one of only two days when Christmas in July will be celebrated at the Broncos Club. Come along and enjoy the full range of Northern Hemisphere dishes in the buffet at an appropriately cold time of year.

This is usually a heavily booked event so ensure you have sent me your RSVP by Friday, 13th July on 0400 571 387

**28th JULY, SATURDAY
QUEENSLAND COLONIAL BALL
SOCIAL**

Leader: Matt Palmer & Kerry Mulligan
Ph: 3876 8125
Held at: Morningside School of Arts
cnr Wynnum & Thynne Rds,
Morningside.
Time: 7.00pm
Cost: \$35.00 or \$25.00 if purchased at the first practice on July 14th. (Assuming the prices are the same as last year)
Grading: S11
Web: <http://members.optusnet.com.au/colonialdance/ball.html>
Emerg Off: Kerry Mulligan Ph: 3876 8125
Practices: Uniting Church Hall, Kadumba St, Yeronga - 1 to 4pm on the 14th and 21st July,
Cost for these is \$3 each.

The 27th Queensland Colonial Ball is the night of nights. Back in the 1980's and 1990's it was the highlight of the club social calendar, up there with the progressive dinner and annual Mass and dinner. At some of the early balls 30 BCBC members or more would attend and make up a large percentage of the dancers.

Colonial Dancing consists of reels, jigs, waltz, circle dances, polkas and schottisches just to name a few. From a personal experience it is an event not to be missed and is loads and loads of fun whether you can dance well or can't dance at all.

It is a night where you dig to the back of the wardrobe and put on your best clobber or beg, borrow or steal from someone. Costumes can be readily procured at good rates from your local St Vinnies or Lifeline.

The dances danced on the night mostly come from the 19th Century, some have been written recently but are kept in style of the period. If you are unfamiliar with colonial dancing attending practices are a good idea and you get to meet some of your fellow dancers who will be at the ball. The dancers are called through on the night so you know what the steps will be. The etiquette of the period is maintained as much as possible.

On the night it is a good idea to arrive early as you are issued with a dance card which you mingle with the opposite sex to procure a partner for each dance. It is good form not to dance with the same partner more than once unless you are intermit with them and then only three or four times.

If you are unable to attend practices never fear turning up on the night you will still be able to dance with help from the callers. To give you a little bit of an idea what it is like take a look at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6fa2wZEsRWM&feature=related>

You can also get some practice in at the Morningside bush dance at 8.00pm on Saturday June 23rd where many of the dances for the ball will be called (entry \$15).

You can get more information about the Queensland Colonial Ball from <http://members.optusnet.com.au/colonialdance/ball.html>

Kerry and I won't be collecting the money you will need to purchase tickets at the first practice or mail a cheque to:
Queensland Colonial & Heritage Dancers
PO Box 3011 Yeronga Qld 4104

You can also talk to Vic or Jan Orloff who run the ball on: (07) 3848 7706

The programme for the 2012 Ball will be:
Grand March, Brisbane Quadrille, Childgrove, Dashing White Sergeant, Waterfall Waltz, Flirtation Reel, Pride of Erin (Irish Version), Rockhampton Alberts, Draper's Garden, Circassian Circle 5, Belgian Waltz, Salmon

Chanted Evening, Manchester Gallop, Dennis's Delight, Katrina's Waltz, Postie's Jig, Prince of Wales Schottische, The Waterloo Dance, Mexican Waltz

Many of these dances have been animated by Keith Wood and you can see them in action at <http://www.dancekaleidoscope.org.au/dance.html> This website has music, descriptions and visual positions so you can watch and practise in the safety of your own home.

I hope you can join Kerry and me on the night.
Matt Palmer

29th JULY, SUNDAY Mt MISTAKE DAYWALK

Leader: John Carter Ph: 5514 0285,
0433 779 771
Meet at: St Brigid's, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Meet Time: 6.15 am
Grading: M67
Cost: \$20
Location: South of Laidley
Web: <http://www.southee.com/Bushwalking/Ch15-MistakeMountains.html#label042>

Mt Mistake at 1,013 metres is the highest point of the Mistake Range. Our walk is to ascend its North East Ridge from the Laidley Valley through private property.

It is mainly an open forest ridge with a climb of 800 metres and will be steep in places with some exposed slopes. The last section of the climb is through rainforest though we will see great views on the ascent. Hopefully we will have time to explore the national park, which lies across the plateau before we return down by the same route. It is a sustained climb which can be quite warm on a sunny day, but an early start will provide us with sufficient time. John

5th AUGUST, SUNDAY STONES CORNER TO SHORNCLIFFE BIKE RIDE

Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702
Web: <http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/facilities-recreation/sports-and-leisure/cycling/bikeway-and-shared-pathway-maps/index.htm>

Another bike ride. Once again it will be a combined trip by BOSQ and BCBC. Di Thornthwaite will be the leader and head navigator and I will be co-leader.

Anyhow we're cycling to Shorncliffe! There will be several options so you can cycle all the way or

take your bike for a train ride and meet up with the group at designated points along the way.

Options - including approx distance to Shorncliffe
1) 7am Hanlon Park, Lincoln St, Stones Corner - 60+km – bike tracks with some roads and hills
2) 7.15am Goodwill Bridge Southern end Southbank - 57km - as above
3) 9am Alderley Rail Stn - 40km - bike tracks and mainly flat
4) 10am Kalinga Park – near Toombul Rail Stn - 20km – as above
5) 11am Boondall RS - 8km -as above

We will leave from Stones Corner following bike tracks and a few roads – one steep hill and a few smaller ones – meeting the medium travellers at Alderley Railway Station.

Then it is mainly flat along the Kedron Brook Bikeway till we meet those who have chosen the short version near the Toombul Railway Station. We will all continue along the Kedron Brook Bikeway through the Boondall Wetlands and pick up those who only wanted a gentle ride at Boondall Railway Station and continue on to Shorncliffe for lunch. We will return via a different path which should bring the mileage up to 90+ km or catch the train back. This is a very pleasant Sunday ride so hope to see you all there. Phil

15th AUGUST, WEDNESDAY THE 52nd ANNIVERSARY Mt BARNEY MASS DAYWALK AND OVERNIGHTER

Leader: Russ Nelson Ph: 3374 3534
Web: <http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/mount-barney/culture.html>

The Barney Mass is a day for all Club members to celebrate Mass on top of a mountain. This trip is the standout tradition that helps make our Club so special.

There are usually 2 or 3 parties doing Barney. There is always a party that goes up Peasant's Ridge (formerly called South Ridge). Plus there are other ridges done usually South East. There could be other trips up other ridges. I have heard a whisper that a group may be going up North Ridge. I was keen to go up South East Ridge as I haven't been that way for about 5 years.

It is a longish day but very rewarding. Most people in the Club can do this trip but you may need to do some fitness training to ensure it is an enjoyable day.

It is a memorable day and is a trip all members should aspire to do. All current and former members are invited to attend. Phil

**25th AUG SAT AND SUNDAY 26th
THE MARATHON
BLUE MOUNTAINS**

**Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702 &
0413 307580, bigrivers@optusnet.com.au
Cost: estimated cost \$60 each way for
airfares and about \$50 for petrol**

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 to the Club Hut (the Shack) of the Sydney Catholic Bushwalking Club. The Shack is located about 25km due south of Katoomba and 20km east north east of Kanangra Walls. This year is the 60th Anniversary of the first event so there should be a good roll-up.

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. 24km.

There are 2 river crossings 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 60th Anniversary of the first trip and I suspect many of the members from the early years will make an effort to be here. The walk out on Sunday is much shorter as we should be able to get a lift for about 10kms.

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 tickets asap to get the cheapest prices. I am flying down Friday and flying back on Monday.

I have done this trip for the last 4 years and I was the sole Queensland representative. Hopefully I will have some other Queensland representative this year. Phil

**2nd NOV FRIDAY TO TUES 6th
VICTORIAN ALPS
Mt HOWITT & THE CROSSCUT SAW
THE CUP WEEKEND WALK**

**Contact: Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702
Or 0416 650 160
Meet at: Tullamarine – Melbourne's Airport
Time: to be advised
Grade: M77
Cost: airfares \$180?? Petrol: \$60??
Web: <http://archive.bigben.id.au/victoria/virtual/howitt.html>**

The trip to Victoria for the Cup Weekend Walk is on again this year. Tom Buykx the life member of the Catholic Walking Club of Victoria and leader of

most of the Cup weekend walks has put on his thinking cap and come up with a great trip in the Alps for this year which he would like to lead. I quote his email to me.

"Today I have spent some time poring over maps and I think that Mt Howitt would be a good place to go to.

- On Friday we'd travel to a campsite on the upper Howqua River.
- On Saturday we'll climb Mt Howitt via the Howitt Spur. [8.5km] This is a climb of about 850 metres, not much when compared with last year's Staircase Spur [Mt Bogong a climb of 1300m]. We'll set up camp at McAllister Springs [2.5km], at about 1600m altitude.
- On Sunday we can do day walk to Mt Magdala and Hell's Window (see cover of the CWCV 60th anniversary magazine) about 12km in all.
- On Monday we can do a day walk to Mt Speculation along the Cross Cut Saw, about 16km in all.
- On Cup day we return via the Howitt Spur.[12km]"

Obviously the plan to go to the Kosciuszko has been put back a year or two. From Melbourne the drive to Howitt is just under 3 hours and the drive to the Snowies is about 6 hours. Access to Mt Howitt is through the town of Mansfield.

In simple terms the trip is a walk in base camp. I did the Crosscut Saw part of this trip in 2004 and was stunned by the countryside. It is just superb. The views are incredible. In 2004 we traversed the Crosscut Saw to Mt Speculation and then continued on a circuit walk which went down into the valleys. But on this trip we will spend most of the time on the high alpine country enjoying the views for miles and miles. We will camp at Macalister's Springs which has a wonderful hut called the Vallejo Gantner Hut. The hut was built in 197 and it is most unusual design.

The walks on Sunday and Monday are along the Australian Alpine Walking Track

Another point of interest is that it was in this area that much of the movie "the Man From Snowy River" was filmed around here. Phil



PAST EVENTS

OBI OBI LILO TRIP SATURDAY 3rd MARCH

Weather Fine, Attendance 2

The rains this year had been excellent but the flow of water down the Obi Obi goes up and down so quick. We had planned to do the trip on Saturday 26th Feb. I had a team organised of 9 people. Mainly my sons and their mates plus Matthew Palmer and his mates. But the rains were too heavy and made the creek way too dangerous so we had to postpone the trip. So we re-scheduled the trip for the following Saturday. Matthew had children's sport commitments so he couldn't get away and my eldest son had to go interstate for work and his mates had a buck's party on.

So it was down to just me and my son Michael. I had too many missed chances and was determined to go even if it was just the 2 of us. This caused a logistical problem in that we couldn't do the whole traverse from Baroon Pocket down the creek until the Kenilworth Road a distance of 10 kilometres. So we did the abridged version from Baroon to the "flatlands" below the lookouts. There is a spot along these middle reaches where the graded track from Baroon to Kondalilla is only 5 metres from the Creek.

Anyhow there was just enough water over the spillway at 150mm to make it interesting. We set off at about 9ish and headed down to the water. The track ends and it is jump into the water above the first major waterfall. Then it was through the Narrows where there is a huge gorge with a lovely waterfall cascading into the pool. Just amazing. We then did a quick portage around a few of the rougher rapids and then it was the traditional rapids of Obi Obi where we zoom down the gravel rapids under the cover of the rainforest. All too soon it was time to hop out and walk back to the cars. It was a great little trip. We were back at the car by 1.15pm and back in Brisbane before 3pm. I am looking forward to another trip next summer and I want to do the whole traverse next time.

Matthew Palmer and his mates went down the following weekend. The water was a lot higher. They had a great time until Matthew got squashed up against a rock. Unfortunately he broke a rib in the process but it healed in time for him to lead the Main Range through walk. Phil



MAROOCHY TO MOOLOOLAH TRIP SATURDAY 31st MARCH

Weather Fine, Attendance 15

This was a lovely little walk. It was a very easy walk (almost a doddle) but it doesn't have to be a hard walk to be an enjoyable walk.

We got away from Brissie in good time and were parked at Cottontree by 8.45. We finally got walking at 9.09am. We split into 2 groups and Liz took the diehards all the way up to the Maroochy River (about 500 metres along the beach). We then headed south. After a kilometre or so we stopped at Alex Heads surf club for morning tea.

We then headed pass Mooloolaba and out to rocky breakwater. We walked to the end and sat down at the Beacon (11.30am) and enjoyed the views of sailing boats and the pilot boats coming and going. It was just picture postcard perfect setting with views up the coast to Mt Coolum, Mt Cooroy and Mt Peregian.

We then retraced our steps a bit back to the sheltered corner and had lunch and a swim. We then walked back to Mooloolaba for another swim in the surf. It was a very dangerous dumping surf. Only 3-4 feet, but extremely powerful surf.

Then it was a return to Maroochydoore and we did ascend the hill at Alexander Heads. My biggest concern for the day was where we would have a coffee, as we were spoilt for choice. We found a coffee shop at Cottontree and had a leisurely coffee or ice cream or spider. Then back in Brissie by 4.30pm.

I'm sure a few purists and pretend purists might scoff at a bushwalking Club doing this as a daywalk but it was extremely enjoyable walk and a trip we will definitely do again.

Those on the trip were - Phil Murray, Graham Glasse, Ray Rowe, Liz Little, Terry Silk, Louise Jones, Desley Pedrazzini, Paddy Taylor, Barry Crawford, Mary Kelly, Trevor Kelly, Gordana Stanojevic, Greg & Michele Endicott & Sophie Ramsay

Thanks to all those who came and thanks to the drivers. Phil

KNAPPS PEAK DAYWALK 9th APRIL

BCBC met at Red Hill, while BOSQ. met at Jonas' place at Goodna. We regrouped at Boonah and then travelled in convoy to the property at the base of Knapps Peak. Prior permission had been

obtained from the property owner to access the mountain.

All in all group consisted of 35 people – BOSQ 15, BCBC 16, plus 4 visitors. We all introduced ourselves and then set off down the hill towards the farm house. We parked the cars up the hill some distance from the house so that no horses etc. were disturbed.

After going through a couple of gates we were into some long grass and ready to start the climb. A dry watercourse was crossed and then we had to contend with some rather messy undergrowth. Morning tea was had at a rocky outcrop and several members provided homemade biscuits etc. There was much talking and sharing between the 2 clubs, so much so that it was hard to move the group on.

The top wasn't too far off and we arrived there at 11.30am – a great effort for such a large group. After admiring the views to the east, and as the top was not suitable for lunch for 35 people we decided to proceed down until we found a suitable spot.

Our route down took us to the east under some rather impressive cliffs, the base of which was covered in ferns. It was quite amazing to look back at this view and see a string of 35 walkers slowly making their way through the ferns.

We stopped at 12.30 for lunch. It was a leisurely time and the 2 clubs mixed well and shared much together.

Our route back to the farm house took us under the cliffs on the eastern side and all were impressed with there. We arrived back at the farm house and while a couple of us called on the property owner to have a chat and thank him, the rest of the group proceeded up the hill to cars.

A great day was finished off with coffee etc. at Boonah. Those you enjoyed the day:-

BCBC - Brenda and Dan Keough, Paddy Taylor, Michele Johns, Terry Silk, Ken Evans, Maria Kerriush, Mary Kelly, Trevor Kelly, Louise and Russell Jones, Peter Constable, Phil Murray, Nev McManimm, Jonas Bernotas. BOSQ – Neil Douglas, Eddie Chappel, Graham and Anita Staley, Mac Drysdale, Chris Trehearn, Heather Buchanan, Ellen Pezet, Bronwyn Menkins, Betty Cooper, John Marshall, Ted Wassenberg, John Hegarty and Kay McIntosh. Visitors – Ann and Malcolm Alexander and Alan and Jennifer Timmims.

GATEWAY BRIDGE DAYWALK SATURDAY 14th APRIL

Weather Mainly Fine with occasional showers

Attendance 10

Leader – Barry Crawford

We Came, We Saw, We Conquered.

The Gateway surrendered meekly to 10 determined climbers. We gathered initially at Hamilton Northshore in fine but overcast conditions and were underway at the appointed hour. We drove to the very start of the walk and the climb was on. Well, a bit of a dawdle actually. One ship of the seas, moored and not quite below our feet was observed and there were roaring aircraft above our heads were heard and seen as promised in the pre-outing notice. Rain squalls threatened a couple of times but virtually came to nothing.

Several viewings spots on the bridge provided interesting information on the history of Brisbane River floods and if correct our flood problems of the last 2/3 years may not have fully tested us.

We reached our “touch point” at Lytton Road and started our return journey, taking a detour down to a very attractive parkland under the bridge, right on the river. Here, one member had a “kiddie” moment getting a lot of joy by throwing a rock onto the base of the giant pylons to the cheer of all of us.

Lunch was taken shortly after on a ‘deck’ overhanging the River. On the day it was mud flats with little red clawed crabs scurrying about doing their business. In all a very pleasant spot with views up and down the river and across the river to the gentry doing their business on the fairways of the Royal Queensland Golf Club.

After lunch, we returned to the cars and back to coffee at Northshore. A really enjoyable day with great company. I was particularly chuffed to have three top order Board members join us on the outing and wait for it, a very special visitor, an early years former club member Geraldine Buchanan. It was great to see you Geraldine. Come on be a devil and let's see you again soon.

Thanks to all the happy walkers, Graham Glasse, Terry Silk, Louise and Russell Jones, Paddy Taylor, Merv Galvin, Greg Endicott, Phil Murray, Geraldine Buchanan and me. Cheers Barry.



**O'MALLEY'S
JTS SOCIAL
FRIDAY 20th APRIL**

The newly renovated Mick O'Ms was slightly different to the old one, but not all that different. It has been open long enough not to be crowded with those who cruise from new place to new place. However, the room with the coffin of Mick himself is now where the band/singer performs!

Seven of us gathered at Mick's for dinner and a quite ale or wine. There was a quite alcove along the side and we arrived before the singer commenced. We discussed events, walks, current affairs, holidays and looked at photos of recent happenings. We left by 7.30pm.

Thanks to Liz Little, Elizabeth Richards, Phil Murray, Graham Glasse, Peggy Roe and Gordana Stanojevic – there may be one other but it was a long time ago and I do not keep a roll. Greg

**BYRON BAY DAYWALK
SATURDAY 28th APRIL**

Weather - Mainly wet with constant rain with occasional drizzle. Attendance - 6

Leader – Phil Murray

Those on the trip - Andrea Turner, Paddy, Taylor, Julie Philippi, James Parra, Barry Crawford & Phil Murray.

We came. We saw. We got wet - The weather forecast was correct. It rained. I had 5 nominations and no one pulled out despite the rain. There had been so many walks cancelled this year because of rain, I think everyone was just determined to go, no matter what the weather.

We were down at Byron in good time in less than 2 hours of driving. Our intended parking spot at the Captain Cook Lookout was uninviting as there were parking meters. So we went further along to Wategos Beach and found carparks without meters. We were lucky, when the time came to get out of the cars to put our packs on, the rain eased to only a slight drizzle. So we put on our rain coats and put up our umbrellas and headed off along the track. I should note that Barry, a bushwalking purist at heart, scoffed at the idea of umbrellas and lodged a protest as no real bushwalkers would use an umbrella. He made his point but no one dispensed with their umbrella. Anyhow, we headed off in an anti-clockwise direction from Wategos Beach back towards the town.

Our first stop was the "The Pass" and clambered up the stairs to the wonderful lookout. There were heaps of surfers out plus several diving boats

coming and going. We even thought we spotted Mt Warning through the mist but were deflated to hear that it was only Mt Chincogan.

After about 10 minutes we zipped down the stairs to the beach but in that short time the tide had come in and the previous sandy beach was about 4 inches deep with water; several of us got wet squishy boots as a result. We then walked along the elevated boardwalk back to the Captain Cook Lookout. Then it was up the ridge to the lighthouse. The ridge was covered in natural bushland with numerous cycads and stunted brush box trees. It was a bit steep so we took it slowly. We then came to the wooden ramp that also serves as the Hang Gliders takeoff ramp. There were spectacular views from here. Then up to the Lighthouse.

We had lunch on the veranda of the Lighthouse Keepers Cottage. Remember those squishy boots, they attract leaches and Andrea got first prize in the leach collection awards. She got top place with 7 and scared the tourists with her war wounds. Paddy and Barry were in equal second place with 2 each. The weather got darker and gloomier and surprise surprise the light in the lighthouse came on. It was in the middle of the day but it was getting a bit gloomy. It may have been a test but the light wasn't overly bright in the middle of the day.

Anyhow the rain didn't stop and it was getting cool so we headed down the ridgeline to little Wategos Beach and we spotted a pod of dolphins frolicking in the surf. We then headed back to the cars. It was a sensational trip with spectacular views (see Paddy Taylor's Facebook site for photos) and the rain didn't unduly effect the enjoyment on the day. We headed back home with afternoon tea at Sue's Café at Tallai

A big thank you to Andrea for driving as I had a bit of trouble organising cars for the trip.

We decided to leave the optional extra of the trip to Broken Head to later in the year..

I should point out that those walkers with umbrellas hardly got wet. . Phil

**DINNER AT THE GAYTHORNE
(THE "G") FOR G
FRIDAY 11th MAY**

And what a night it was! There were 57 of us there, all gathered together out in the *al fresco* dining area at the front of the club – away from the great unwashed inside – to help our President celebrate the beginning of his "sensational sixty"

season (not just a single birth-day celebration, but many!). Greg was very pleased that so many BCBC members and friends turned up, as well as some family friends, past workmates and a few members of his extended family.

After enjoying some free drinks and nibbles for about an hour, everyone consulted the menu and went inside to the main buffet/dining area to order their main course(s), which came with a voucher for free pancakes afterwards. I saw people enjoying juicy steaks, various chicken/veal/seafood pasta dishes, pizza and traditional Friday Fish-type meals, amongst others, all washed down by a few good wines personally selected by the Birthday Boy. And then the pancakes started arriving. Most people looked at them and wondered if they could do them justice. I for one, gave them a miss. That's because I knew there was a huge cream sponge cake with cherries and chocolate in the fridge, waiting to make its appearance!

Short speeches were made by Greg's family members (Michele, Stephen and Lucy) and a lovely toast was proposed by Liz L. (Thanks very much for preparing that, Liz, and for highlighting some of Greg's most endearing features; you really encapsulated the Greg we all know and love!) After appropriate amounts of singing and blowing, Greg cut the cake and said his thank-yous. Then we all tucked in to the delicious birthday cake and some people ordered coffees to wash it down. Although most people left at this stage, there was a handful of old friends from the early days of Greg's involvement in the club (1970s) who stayed on for a chat till about 11pm, when the friendly and very efficient "G" staff started clearing the *al fresco* area. We took that as a sign to 'call it a day'!

Thanks to Phil and Liz for getting the ball rolling in April, when I was sick, by deciding on a venue and making a booking. Thanks to those who gave cards, and the naughty ones who presented presents. And thanks to everyone who turned up on the night to make it a great celebration for Greg's big 6-0. He was thrilled to see you all there - and so was I. Now you know what a JTS/Kate Quinlan meeting is like, we hope you'll join us for more of these drinks & dinner nights in the future. Michele

**THE IRISH CLUB
18th MAY
JTS SOCIAL**

We gathered at the Irish Club in Elizabeth St. We sat near our usual place by the front door so as to

be seen by arrivals. This time the club was relatively empty – certainly got good service. Elizabeth showed her photos of the Harry Redford Cattle Drive that she had just returned from.

We had dinner from the restaurant – still reasonably priced and good tucker. On the other side of the bar was a trio of Irish musicians & singer – very nice as background music not drowning out our conversation. However the occasional roving pipers did.

All too soon it was over and time to go home. Most were tucked up in bed by 9pm. JTSers included – Greg & Michele, Liz L, Phil M, Graham G and Eliz R (apologies to those missed because the coaster with the names has gone missing.) Greg

**A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM
FRIDAY 25th MAY**

Not as popular an event as I hoped. And rainy as well. However, 5 of us made a good night of it.

There was hardly anyone else there for our session – no 20 minute queue for us – just go in at 6pm. So, we waited by the door and talked.

The night started with a 3D movie of the tomb, mummy and how it was put together. This was enlightening for the display that followed. It showed in animation how the sarcophagus was put together, decorated, laid, the mummy prepared and all that.

Then we went out into the display area where the artefacts, mummy and sarcophagus were. The collection also contained some of the burial ornaments that helped the mummy in the afterlife, other ancient Egyptian objects and more. There was not enough time to read all the descriptive notes and have a decent look at the objects. Oh well – too bad.

Afterwards we were a little peckish so went in search of a meal. We finally found one priced to our pocket and had a sit down takeaway at Kapsali's in Southbank. Nice food cooked fresh for us.

Thanks to Ann & Bob Iron, Peggy Roe and Michele Endicott. Greg.

**SPICER'S PEAK TRAVERSE
SATURDAY 26th MAY
DAY WALK**

Matt's group had set out the day before to complete the classic Spicer's – Teviot through walk and we hoped they had blazed a trail up Spicer's thus making our ascent easier. However

just outside Aratula I received a call from Matt asking for a pickup at the lemon tree. As we all know it rained all day Friday which made their ascents of Spicer and Double Top a slow affair. Consequently they made the decision to abandon the walk. Luckily we were in the same area and could assist.

Lemon tree is a parking area at the end of the Swan Creek valley and it was near 8.30 when I decided the road was a little too wet to continue driving along. So we donned our walking garb and set off the kilometre or so to the meeting point. The area is very overgrown but that's not surprising given the weather over the last few years but even so we at the meeting point fairly quickly and relaxed while we waited for the others. It was now just a matter of transporting John and Paul back to their cars at Spicer's Gap.

As it was only 2pm when we reached Spicer's Gap we decided to do the Mt Matheson Track. This short track provides great views of the Main Range from Kangaroo Mountain to Mitchell. It was interesting, to me anyway, to see the ridge that connects Cordeaux to Mitchell with Cunningham's Gap in the saddle. We were also captivated by the cliffs of Mitchell and wondered how on earth there was a way down through them. Terry commented that the views are better in the morning with the sun shining on the Ramparts, Cordeaux and Mitchell. We were back at the cars before 4.30pm making an early day for us but an eventful one nonetheless.

It was now time for coffee so back to Aratula we went. Spicer's Peak will have to wait for another day as well as Teviot. My thanks to the 2 walkers who joined me – Peter and Terry. Michael.

FERNVALE TO LOWOOD 2nd JUNE, SATURDAY DAYWALK

We had a staggered start, with Desley, Paddy and Rossi, a visitor, travelling from Red Hill with Terry, and Julie, Nampech and another visitor Ora travelling with me from the Ipswich Railway Station.

After carefully checking the offerings at Fernvale Bakery we set off on the Fernvale to Lowood section of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail. The walk was a mostly level graded track, running through farmland, and then alongside the Brisbane River as it approaches Lowood. As the track is elevated at that point, we had wonderful views along the river. Horses carefully observed this group of

brightly coloured walkers – more pinks than reds - but otherwise the wildlife ignored us.

On arrival in Lowood we examined the "Gig", a rescue boat in place since the floods of the 1890's - though apparently not needed in 1974, and no information was available about 2011. The park in the centre of town was a pleasant morning tea stop, with hot chips available close by. We then admired the Lowood Railway Station before returning to Fernvale.

The weather was grey, with showers just sufficient to pull out ponchos or rain jackets on a couple of occasions, but towards the end of the trip we were rewarded by a spectacular rainbow – expect to see the photos in the end of year competition.

The end of the trip had us back at the park opposite the Fernvale Bakery, where we enjoyed lunch before separating to return home. Helen

COLLINS BONNET SOLO TRIP 28th APRIL By Matthew Palmer

Hobart with a Saturday to kill and no car. The Hobart skyline is dominated by Mt Wellington which stands at 1270 metres. Where ever you go in Hobart it is always there looking down on you. Public transport in Hobart on a week end is sporadic at best and there is no transport to the top of Mt Wellington. I left the city with the sun coming up having raided the buffet breakfast at the hotel with enough fuel to keep me going for the day. The mercury was in single figures as I headed pass the brewery up Old Farm Road onto the track system and the start of the ascent of Mt Wellington. With a choice of tracks to take I took the Myrtle Track which took me through temperate rainforest along a small stream as I climbed steadily up. After an hour I left the creek and into open forest to Junction Hut, so named at there are eight tracks that meet at this point. It looked like granny's cottage in the woods.

Junction Hut

I was around halfway up Mt Wellington and onwards and upwards on the Hunter Track. The Hunter track crossed a few large scree slopes which gave commanding views of the Derwent and suburban Hobart. The Sun was glittering upon the water making Hobart look warmer than it was. Another hour and I met the bitumen road at the Chalet and followed that for about a kilometre uphill without getting run over until I reached Big Bend. The Sun had vanished by now the skies becoming grey, the wind was picking up and the mercury was heading south. I was pleased with

my progress at I was now at around 1150 metres, equivalent to climbing Barney in 2 1/2 hours all be it on graded tracks.

The 15km return track to Collins Bonnet starts at this point with sensible people driving to this point. The terrain becomes more heathland as it follows a fire trail. I am not sure what sort of vehicles could use this fire trail, perhaps a tank, but it was difficult walking on it I certainly wouldn't want to drive it and if you did you would be going slower than walking pace. At one point along the fire trail was a small man made waterhole with a sign indicating no swimming. My mind wandered off thinking that somewhere out there is a bureaucrat thinking "Gee I better get a sign made up for that waterhole in the middle of nowhere just in case a bushwalker wants to strip off all his layers of thermals and jumpers and do a few laps of backstroke in this frigid waist deep muddy waterhole".

After half an hour descending the fire trail and passing The Lost World on my right I turned off to Mt Direction and onto a very overgrown walking track, pushing through dense shrub and heath. I crossed the base of Thark Ridge and dropped into a gorgeous heath valley/alpine swamp. Fortunately duck boards had been laid through most of the swamp otherwise It would have been a swim. I had views to the south in the direction the valley drained the sky was getting darker but at one point in the distance there was a break in the clouds which created a striking image of a bright rainbow in an otherwise colourless view. The track headed through a gap between two peaks and I contoured around Mt Direction not far from the top. I came to a look out where the wind was strong enough for me to concentrate on my balance.

Collins Bonnet

From here I was granted my first view of Collins Bonnet. All I needed to do was descend a few hundred metres to meet another fire trail in a saddle follow the fire trail as it wound up the hill for about a kilometre then rock hop through a giant boulder field to then reach the top. Down to the saddle and another no swimming sign. Halfway up the road I was out of water and thirsty so I refilled from water draining from a small heath swamp onto the road, the most beautiful water and already refrigerated.

I left the road to hop across the boulder field following some posts with yellow triangle to mark the route. As I neared the end of the boulder field a cloud bank resembling the four horsemen of the apocalypse came across the top of the mountain

to bombard me with sleet. I thought maybe I had gone far enough but a couple more steps and I could see the metal cairn on top of Collins Bonnet less than five minutes away so I bent low and hurried forward. I reached the top to be greeted with stunning views of the inside of a cloud. The difference with the inside of this one though is it really stung when it hit you.

It was now about 12.30 and I had spent six hours getting to this point only to spend less than a minute on it. Now all I wanted to do was get out as fast as I can. Recrossed the boulder field and back onto the road. The sleet had turned into cold rain and the wind died down. Back onto the Mt Direction section of the track which now would present me with a problem. As the track could not be walked without brushing against heath my gloves became saturated and I lost all feeling in my hands. My feet also became saturated and frozen as water ran down my legs and into my boots. I was wearing, thermals T-shirt, jumper and gortex jacket which kept my body warm but I was getting worried by my hands. I was now walking as fast as I could as the conditions allowed. After recrossing the duck boards I came across my first person of the day. A gent in his fifties walking towards Collins Bonnet wearing shorts and only a t-shirt under his Gortex Jacket. He told me he just loved walking in these conditions, I could only nod my head.

I was about fifteen minutes from the bitumen road and I was keeping myself going by promising myself that when I got to the chalet I would put another jumper on, track suit pants and dry socks. The rain had stopped and the wind picked up again. Tasmania threw it's next challenge at me with a snow storm. It was actually quite beautiful particularly to a lad like me who finds snow a novelty. I would have enjoyed much more if I wasn't so cold. I reached The Chalet which is a cold rocky picnic shed but out of the wind. I had great difficulty with my boot laces and zip for my jacket with no feeling in my hands.

I now decided to descend by the organ pipes track. It is part of the graded track system but it is so rough and rocky that you can't hurry. The organ pipes are certainly more impressive than their namesakes on Mt Beerwah and Mt Kaputar. Again I did not linger to look at them as the remaining daylight was an issue and it was still snowing. This track seemed to go on forever and the drop in altitude was not happening quickly enough for my liking. After a while the track improved near The Springs and reaching 500 metres ASL the snow had turned to drizzle. I still had no feeling in my hands and must admit to feeling a little worried.

There is a multitude of tracks emanating from the springs and I had to ensure I ended up on the fingerpost track. The track now went straight down and I was able to lose height very quickly. I had re-entered Myrtle forest so it was quite slippery underfoot on a carpet of myrtle leaves. Tracks keep crossing each other but the fingerpost track was in a dead straight line descending very rapidly a few times across the summit road.

With daylight now vanished I came to the whistlestop of Ferntree just as the heavens opened up. I was pretty much exhausted and an undercover bus stop became my new home for the next 45 minutes as I waited for a bus to the city. During that time a single lightning bolt crashed down a few km away. There was no lead up or follow up to this storm, it consisted of a solitary strike. Not sure how common thunderstorms are in Tasmania in the end of April but I imagine fairly rare.

This turned out to be one of the hardest day walks of my life, quite different to anything I had done in the past and takes the prize for the most weather conditions I have had in the one day. Matt Palmer

WALK THE NT

Jatbula Track - Katherine to Edith Falls, Northern Territory

I've been a member of Gold Coast Bushwalkers for 13 years, and am a regular leader for the club.

I have a booking for 1-2 people to join me to do this 6 day trek from 18th July. This 58km trek traverses the escarpment with lots of cascades and swimming holes all the way, with wonderful campsites to enjoy the waterways.

If you're interested in the trip, please contact me and I can perhaps assist with accommodation and transfers in Darwin. The cost of the bus from Darwin to Katherine return, camping charges for the trek, transfer from end of trek approx. \$230.

Check out this website
<http://en.travelnt.com/advice/itinerary-ideas/jatbula-trail.aspx>

Please email dee4diesel@gmail.com or phone 0407 716122 home 55285952 if you have any

questions. Dee Mitchell from the Gold Coast Bushwalkers. Dee Mitchell

HELPFUL HINT

It is always a good idea when going on a walk to pack a spare of clothes to leave in the car while out on the walk. This way, if the walk is wet or dirty, you can change into fresh clothes. Another advantage is the other people in the car with you will be happy chappies because you are in clean attire. And you will not be making the car seats dirty with your dirty sweaty clothes.

FOR LEADERS

Leaders, you can print your own forms from the Club web site:

Nomination Form:

<http://www.bcbbc.bwq.org.au/page14.html>

Acceptance of Risk Form:

<http://www.bcbbc.bwq.org.au/page14.html>

Membership Application Form:

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Leader's Guide:

<http://www.bcbbc.bwq.org.au/LeadersGuideV5-02-06.html>

JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

We swapped the June and July venues. We swapped the Sept venue from the Victory in solidarity with the Wallabies as Quade and Kurtley got picked on by the security guards there.

DATE

July 20th

Aug 17th

Sept 21st

Oct 19th

Nov 16th

Dec 21st

VENUE

Granada Tapas Bar

Elephant & Wheelbarrow

Theodore Club

MJs at the Transit Centre

Lennon's

Coffee Club Riverside

Phil

BCBC WEB SITE

<http://www.bcbbc.bwq.org.au/index.html>

Contains a wealth of information for Members and Visitors. Have a look



EDITOR'S REPORT

Please have all articles for the July Jilalan to me by 4 July.

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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 carpark.

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.

MEMBERSHIP FEES - Membership Subscription fees are:

Ordinary Members: \$40; Associate Members: \$30; Spouse Members: \$10.00; Country: \$30.00.

Fees cover the period 1st January to 31st December, and renewals are due and payable by end of February each year. Payment of fees can be made to the Treasurer.

Pro-rata amounts apply to new members if you join during the year.

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

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