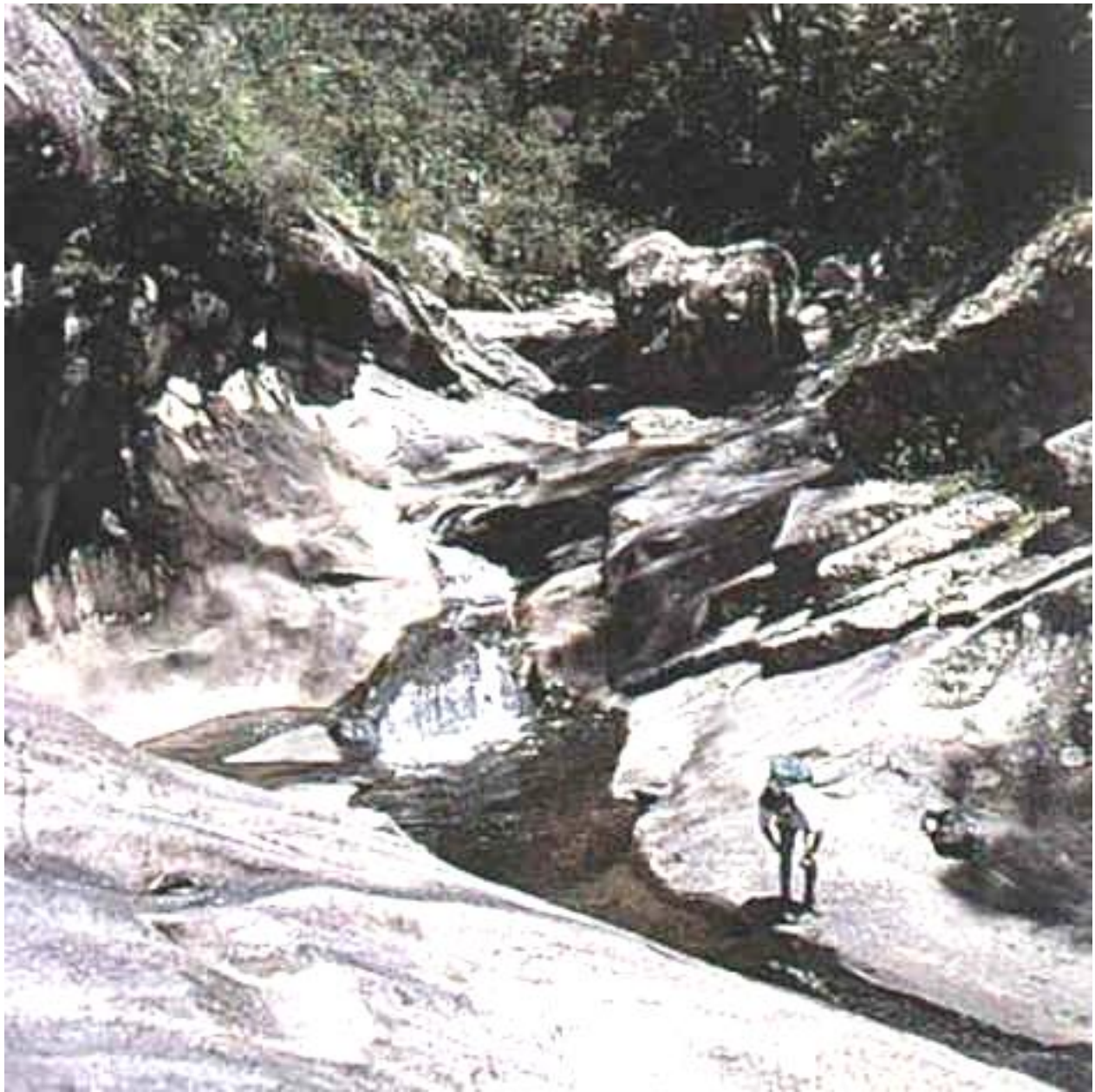


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Barney Falls Daywalk - Sunday 4th December

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Date	Event	Leader	Phone	Type	Grade
21	JTS –German Club	Phil		Soc	
22	Mooloolah River to Coolum	Peter		SW	
29	Boolomba Creek			DW	
28/1	Victorian Alps	Phil		TW	
Nov 4/6	Nightcap Range	Paul		BC	
13	Diana's Bath	James		DW	
17	Q&A –St William's Grovely				
18	JTS – Coffee Club @ Eagle St Pier	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	S33
20	Dave's Creek	Greg	3351 4092	DW	M33
21	Annual BCBC Photo Competition	Phil	5522 9702	Meet	
21	BCBC Meeting	Desley	3369 5530	Meet	
27	Boombana/Jolly's Lookout	Michele	3353 2822	SW	M33
Dec 2	La Cena Restaurant	Antonia	0400 571 387		
4	Barney Falls	Peter	3205 5982	DW	L55
10	Christmas Markets	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
11	Coochie Mudlo	Graham	3371 9623	DW	S11
16	JTS – Cultural Centre Café	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
17	Christmas Party	Jan	3374 3534		
19	BCBC Meeting	Desley	3369 5530	Meet	
21	Christmas Lights			Soc	
26	Boxing Day Walk			DW	
31	New Year's Eve Party			Soc	
Jan 2	Greene's Falls/Western Lookout			DW	S21
7	Piper Comanche			DW	S45
14	Cainbanel Falls			DW	S22
16	BCBC Meeting			Meet	
20	JTS – Story Bridge Hotel			Soc	S11
21	Obi Obi Lilo			DW	M67
26	Blue Pool			DW	M24
26/29	Barrington Tops			BC/TW	L55
28	Bohgaban Falls			DW	M55
Feb 4	Toooloona Circuit			DW	M36
11	Summer Creek			DW	M55
22	Ash Wednesday Mass and Dinner			Rit	
25/26	Byron Bay			BC	S22
Mar 2	James Boag Soc Night			Soc	
3-4	Stanthorpe Grapple & Rape Festival			Soc	XL37
3	Mt Greville			DW	S44
10	Love Creek/Cedar Creek			DW	M56
18	Toombul to Sandgate			Bike	S11
24/25	Club Hut Feast 24/25th & Daywalk on 25th			ON	S42
31	Stag's Head			DW	M56
Apr 1	Bt Bruce			DW	S42
6/9	Sydney			BC	M44
7	Mt Philp			DW	S23
9	Pat's Marvellous Easter Walk			DW	M35
14	Grovely Markets			Soc	
15	Gateway Bridge			DW	S14
21	North Coast Mountains			DW	S45
21/22	Noosa 21/22nd & North Shore DW 22nd			BC	M43
25	Upper Portals			DW	M45
28	Horseshoe Falls			DW	M56
May 2/8	Green Gully Track			TW	XL46
3/7	Drumley Walk			BC	M25
7	May Day Picnic			Soc	
12	North Stradbroke Island			DW	M23
19	Annual Mass & Dinner			Soc	
20	Ashgrove to Mt Coot-tha			DW	M34

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 OF THE MONTH

We are sent
 In the name of God
 Who threads creative loving.
 In the name of Jesus,
 The thread of God’s creative love.
 In the name of the Holy Spirit,
 The weaver of God’s creative love;
 To live justly, love tenderly,
 And walk humbly on the earth.

(Source: St Mary’s in Exile Mass Sheet)

MEMBERSHIP LIST

The 2011 Membership List is included. If there are any inaccuracies, please call Terry and let him know.

OUTINGS SECRETARY REPORT

I am just back from the Victorian Alps trip. It was a terrific trip and I must confess I am hooked on these trips. I am already locked in to do another trip next year wherever it goes to. Possibly Kosciuszko. If not there possibly the area around the Crosscut Saw and Mt Speculation. It was such a buzz to be out camping again.

The Outings Program for next year has been advertised over the last few months. I have held off asking people until now if they were interested in leading trips as I am very aware that most people are unsure what other commitments they have next year. But next year is nearly here and I would be interested in hearing from anyone

interested in leading trips. Plus Greg is pushing me to get leaders organized for next year so he can put the details in the magazine. We need to get leaders "pencilled in" so I will probably have to phone several people but it is preferable if you nominate to me to lead.

The last few months have seen nearly every trip go out as planned and there was only one trip (the Moreton Island trip) that was unable to go to the designated destination due to logistical issues but another trip to Mt Maroon was quickly organized.

Date	Trip	Leader	Type	N°
Aug 6	Ivory Rocks	Pat	DW	52
14	Toohy Forest	Phil	SW	10
15/17	Barney - The Spur	Matthew	TW	5
17	Barney - Sth Ridge	Russ	DW	17
17	Barney - Sth East	Michael	DW	6
20	Noosa Trails	Terry	DW	12
20	Straddie Blue Lakes	Justin	DW	11
21	Bike N Farm to UQ	Phil	SW	ccl
26/28	The Marathon	Phil	TW	1
28	Bridge to Brisbane	Greg	DW	8
Sep 3	Murarrie to Mansfield	Desley	DW	4
10	Albert River Circuit	Kerriane	DW	7
17	Tomewin to Tugun	Trevor	DW	14
25	Tweed Rr to K'scliffe	Graham	DW	15
Oct 2	Fairview Mountain	Justin	DW	7
9	Mt Maroon	Trevor	DW	7
15/16	South Obelisks	Phil	ON	3
21 -28	Great Ocean Road	Chris	TW	1
22	Maroochy to Coolum	Peter	DW	15
28/1	Victorian Alps	Phil	TW	7
30	Booloumba Ck	Justin	SW	4
Nov 4/6	Nightcap R	Paul	BC	7

Just a quick reminder for leaders if they need to cancel a trip or change a trip just let the Outings Secretary know as soon as possible.

Ph: 5522 9702

After a trips has gone out can the leaders also ring me and let me know how the trip went and how many were on the trip.

The scheduled walks for the rest of 2011 are as follows

VERY EASY WALKS

City Walks, Beach Walks or Track Walks	
Nov 27 Boombana/Jolly's Lookout	Michele
Dec 11 Coochie Mudlo	Graham
Dec 26 Boxing Day Walk	?

EASY WALKS

Nov 20 Dave's Creek	Greg
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MEDIUM WALKS

Longer track walks and medium Off Track Walks	
Dec 4 Barney Falls	Peter

Just a thank you to all the leaders and drivers over the last few months. Your efforts and sacrifices are greatly appreciated. Phil, Outings Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 19/09/2011	\$3074.50
Plus Receipts	\$ 368.07
	\$3442.57
Less Payments	\$ 322.40
Balance 17/10/2011	\$3120.17
Term Deposit	\$2415.52

Our current raffle has two prizes: the first prize being a set of Adventure Ridge Trekking Poles, and the second a one litre stainless steel drink bottle and Microfibre Sports towel. Tickets are only \$1 each.

With Christmas fast approaching, may I suggest that you shout yourself a gift from the club by purchasing a club T-shirt and/or metal club badge.

Could walk leaders please print the Leader's/Treasurer's Calculation page when they print their Trip Sheets. Terry

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

I've been out of the loop a bit this year. I apologise for that. I did send my apologies through but I can well understand the Editor's angst in the last Jilalan about the lack of social events.

Thank you to the Nelsons for hosting the BCBC Christmas Party.

Here's hoping that club members will want to support all the social events organised by various members over the next month and a half as we celebrate Christmas and then the end of the year. Antonia

ABOUT PEOPLE

John Blumke, Rebecca Campbell, Jeffrey Foreman, Karen Frederiks, Anne Grant, Thea Kearney, Brenda Keough, Margaret Morgan and Gordana Stanojevic are each celebrating their birthday in November.

Matthew Palmer and his workmates, Reg and John did the Carnarvon Great Walk in September.

Bruce Brown was a welcome visitor at our October meeting and he has subsequently joined us on Peter's Maroochy North Shore to Mt. Coolum walk and Justin's Booloumba Creek walk. Visitors are always most welcome to join us on any of our activities.

Mervyn and Maria have recently returned from a holiday in northern Europe whilst our President has also just returned from her overseas adventure.

Our prayers and thoughts are with Maxine and her family after the recent death of her mother at eighty-five

Also, a "get well soon" message to Vincent Arthur.

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 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.

Could walk leaders please print the Leader's/Treasurer's Calculation page when they print their Trip Sheets. Terry

18th NOVEMBER, FRIDAY JOHN TOOHEY SOCIAL COFFEE CLUB, EAGLE STREET PIER

**Contact: Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702,
0413 307 580**

Time: Anytime after 4.30pm till any time before 8ish

What For: Great conversation, meet great people, air your views

Cost: What ever you eat & consume

Web: <http://www.coffeclub.com.au/drinks/>

Emerg Off: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995

The aim of the JTS is to appreciate the many eating places around the Brisbane CBD. While eating dinner, we imbibe a few drops of wine, beer, soft drink, coffee and/or water.

You do not have to work in town to come – Phil works at Mt Gravatt and still manages to attend. You don't even have to work – Michael S comes and retired early in the year. We are old – like Greg. We are young – like Liz. It is on just to help you wind down after a hard week.

While at it, we discuss almost everything; in fact solve the mystery of Life, the Universe and Everything.

20th NOVEMBER, SUNDAY DAVES CREEK CIRCUIT DAY WALK

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092

Meet at: St Brigid's Red Hill

Meet Time: 7am

Grading: M33

Cost: \$20

Location: Lamington National Park, Binna Burra Section

Web: http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/lamington/about.html#Daves_Creek_circuit

Emerg Off: Michele E Ph: 3351 4092

Change Of Leader

This walk is 12km in length and a botanically diverse walk. It winds through rainforest, eucalypt forest and open heathlands and we should see many wildflowers in bloom.

<http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/lamington/pdf/lamington-binna-burra-map.pdf>

After leaving the Main Border Track we descend through rainforest before crossing Nixon Creek. We will walk along the edge of the escarpment to a lookout with good views across Woggunba Valley. The party will take a look at Molongolee Cave where there is a constant trickle of water that supports the many ferns and lilies growing on the cave wall.

Now the group ascends to Numinbah Lookout and onto Surprise Rock (No surprise birthday party this time – so sad!) which we will climb to see magnificent views of Mounts Merino and Hobwee, the Springbrook Plateau, down the Valley and across to the Gold Coast. We will stop here for lunch before continuing to the Shipstern Track junction and heading back to Binna Burra for a cuppa.

Join me for a relatively easy walk on a graded track in a beautiful part of our area.

21st NOVEMBER, MONDAY

BCBC PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

At The November BCBC General Meeting

The categories of the competition are -

1. **Landscape** - this includes all the landscapes, waterscapes, mountains
2. **Moods of nature** - sunrises, sunsets, storm and rain or misty days
3. **Nature Close up** - plants, animals, birds, rocks, leaf litter etc
4. **People and faces** - Portraiture & Club Character
5. **Miscellaneous**- any photos that do not fit into any other category.
6. **International Walking** - photos from overseas walks
7. **Best overall** - awarded to the print deemed to be best overall by the invited judge.
8. **People's choice**. The best photo selected by the members.

See the Sept Jilalan for the full Rules. Look at it on the Web if you lost your paper copy.

<http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/Jilalan9.pdf>

Bring your photos along to the Meeting and giving them to Phil for the judging.

**21st NOVEMBER, MONDAY
MONTHLY MEETING**

Contact: Desley Ph: 3369 5530

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>

27th NOV, SUNDAY

**BRISBANE FOREST PARK, 4 TRACKS
DAYWALK**

Leader: Michele Johns Ph: 3353 2822 or 0414 635 542

Meet at: St Brigid's Carpark, Red Hill

Time: 7.00am

Cost: \$8.00

Grading: M33

Location: On Mt. Nebo Rd west of The Gap

Web: <http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/daguilar/south-daguilar-walking-map.pdf>

Emerg Off: Richard J Ph: 0409 871 641

This walk offers variety and first class views from the Brisbane Valley to Moreton Bay. We will cover about 17 - 18km over the day but it is all on graded track. You won't need to carry much as we will be returning to the cars between walks.

There should be plenty of time to enjoy a coffee on the way home.

The day will begin at Jolly's Lookout with expansive views of Moreton Island and the Samford Valley, beginning with the Thylogale Track, walking one way to Boombana. This is an easy 4km walk through eucalypt and rainforest with an abundance of rainforest birds, including the fruit dove, green catbird, satin bowerbird and pale yellow robin, so for those bird spotters this is a bonus! We will have an early morning tea stop before heading up to Manorina. We will walk the 6km return on the Morelia Track to Mt Nebo lookout with its spectacular views of the Samford Valley and beyond, and then it is back to the cars where we will head further up the mountain to Mt Glorious for lunch at Maiala.

After lunch we will head down to Greenes Falls starting at the Maiala Picnic Area. We will finish the day doing the Westside Track one way. This walk will take us through some of the best rainforest in Brisbane Forest Park. The rainforest is more varied here with strangler figs, buttressed trees, stinging trees and large rainforest trees such as white booyong. This walk includes spectacular views over the scenic rim to Cunningham's Gap and Mount Barney. There is a steep descent of steps just past this view but shouldn't pose any problem to most bush walkers.

We don't often explore the natural beauty at our doorstep so don't miss this opportunity. Michele Johns

**2nd DECEMBER, FRIDAY
END OF DECADE
SOCIAL**

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

Meet at: La Cena

Meet Time: 6.30 pm at the restaurant

Cost: Medium price for the suburbs

Location: 83 Kedron Brook Rd, Wilston

Emerg Off: Antonia Ph: 0400 571 387

Those of us who believe that the new millennium began on 1st January 2001 will want to celebrate the end of the first decade together during this last month. Non-believers are welcome, of course. We shall celebrate Mediterranean style at "La Cena" (Supper) but don't let it be a last supper. Continue to support the social side of BCBC membership during the next decade.

**3rd DECEMBER, SATURDAY
BARNEY WATERFALLS
DAYWALK**

Leader: Peter Constable Ph: 0418 778 972
or 3205 5982
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park
Time: 6.00am
Cost: \$20
Grading: L55
Length: 16kms
Location: Mt Barney National Park
Web: <http://scenicrimescapes.com.au/Mt-Barney-National-Park-South-East-Queensland.html>
Emerg Off: Tracey C Ph: 0419 729 514
or 3205 5982

Folks, this enjoyable walk is a tough little sucker, bush bashing, rock hopping, ridge scrambling and swimming is all in the day's fun.

We start at the Lower Portals Carpark and follow the track in to Rocky Creek where we go off track to Rocky Portals for the first swim of the day, from here it another slog to a lovely waterhole for morning tea and a dip.

Then it more bush bashing to the Lower Portals for lunch and a swim. After lunch its rock hopping up Barney Creek to the water falls, then it back down the creek and follow the track out to The Carpark. This could easily turn in to a late return if we spend too much time swimming.

**10th DECEMBER, SATURDAY
CHRISTMAS MARKETS
SHOPPING SOCIAL**

Where: St William's, 67 Dawson Pde,
Keperra, between Fergus &
Rolleston Sts
Time: 8am to Noon
Web: <http://www.stwilliams.com.au/>
Enquiries: Greg E Ph: 0418 122 995

Looking for that Christmas present for someone you have no idea what they want?
Can't be bothered to trudge you way around Westfield to try looking?
Have no idea to what to buy and need to see things to get ideas?
Just sick and tired of the commercialism of Christmas?

Solve all your problems – come along to the Grovely Markets.

Lots of ideas, lots on display, lots of helpful people, morning tea, snacks, coffee/tea, and more.

**11th DECEMBER, SUNDAY
COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND
DAYWALK**

Leader: Graham Glasse Ph: 3371 9623
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, Red Hill
Time: 8am
Grade: S11
Cost: \$8 + \$6.80 return fare on ferry
Location: North east of Victoria Point
Web: <http://coochiemudlo.moretonbayislands.com/>
Emerg Off: Terry Silk Ph: 3355 9765

Because there will be a high tide at about 10am, we shall delay our arrival on Coochiemudlo by doing two short walks in the Point Halloran Conservation Area, which is close to Victoria Point. One of these tracks is the Wet and Wild Walk (not nearly as bad as it sounds!), where we have seen koalas on previous visits. After morning tea, we shall continue to Victoria Point, where we shall catch the ferry to Coochiemudlo.

We shall walk around the island in an anticlockwise direction, so that the tide will be lower when we reach the southern part of the island. Our walk will be along the beach initially but we shall divert briefly to experience the Melaleuca Wetlands. We may have lunch at a picnic area at the end of the beach in the northern section.

The western part of the island is a mixture of mangroves, mudflats, and bush; we shall walk on the edge of this area. We shall visit Morton's Steps, which are named after Douglas and Mary Morton who had a jetty there in early days. We shall walk around the edge of the golf course to link up with the beach, which will take us back to the jetty, our starting point on the island. We shall finish the day with coffee at a Victoria Point café.

The terrain on Coochiemudlo and in the Point Halloran Conservation Area is basically level. Total walking distance for the day will not exceed 10km. This should be an easy, relaxed day, of particular interest to those who haven't done the walks previously. Graham

**16th DECEMBER, FRIDAY
THE CULTURAL CENTRE CAFÉ**

Contact: Phil Murray Ph: 0413 307 580
Time: From 4pm till 8ish
Where: The outdoor area known as The Café.
Location: Cnr of Grey & Melbourne Sts,
South Bank
What For: For a chat, a drink and a meal

Web: http://www.qpac.com.au/restaurants_bars/grey_st_cafe/

Emerg Off: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995

We went there about 2 years ago and it was wonderful. The only let down was we didn't go and see a show.

So come along and have a chat, a drink and a meal. Talk about your plans, about the house, about walking & trips, but do not talk about work! Why not start dreaming and discuss your next interstate trip or overseas trip. In particular we are interested in those who have beer tasting reports from overseas locales.

The website describes the Café as follows: An urban oasis, perfectly situated under the glass roof opposite the main entrance into QPAC, The Café offers fresh, al fresco dining every day. Enjoy coffee & muffin, a leisurely and relaxed yet stylish dinner. Dine under the stars on innovative & healthy, modern Australian food showcasing local ingredients. The Café is fully licensed and services Grinders Organic Blend coffee.

The Café remains open until "curtains up" of the shows in QPAC – ie 7.30pm. The food probably goes off about 7pm and doors close 7.30pm – so it is not a late night, unless, like us, you walk over the bridge and have dinner at North Quay. Phil

**17th DECEMBER, SATURDAY
CHRISTMAS BBQ
SOCIAL**

Contact: Jan Nelson Ph 0401 030 137
or 3374 3534 or
nelhouse@bigpond.net.au

RSVP: Thursday, 15th December

Where: 12 Bolton Close, Brookfield
UBD Map 177, H6

Time: 6.00pm

Bring: Meat, drink and food
contribution (see below) +
swimming togs

Cost: Your contribution

Web: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas>

We are gathering at Russ and Jan's home to celebrate the Christmas season. If you feel like going for a swim, bring your togs. As we are having a BBQ, please bring your own meat and what you prefer to drink. (Tea and coffee will be provided.)

For a food contribution, can you please follow this table -

Day of your birthday (irrespective of month)	Food Contribution
1 to 10	Nibbles
11 to 20	Salad
21 to 31	Dessert

Given the bias towards desserts, there will be trivia quiz with a focus on Christmas Desserts.

**19th DECEMBER, MONDAY
MONTHLY MEETING**

Contact: Desley Ph: 3369 5530

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.

**Which Mountain In Queensland
Was Named After The Founder Of
An Order Of Nuns?**

Tenison Woods Mountain is the highest point on the D'Aguilar Range and only a few kilometres north of Maiala. Only a 200m walk from the carpark takes you to this point that offers no views and is adorned with a radio mast and a plaque to Tenison Woods. It was placed there in 1974 on the 100th anniversary of the founding of The Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. The order was aggregated with the Josephite Sisters in 2009.

Julian Tenison Woods 1832-1889 was a priest, educationalist and scientist. With Mother Mary MacKillop he helped to found the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart at Penola in 1866. During his life he couldn't get on with his superiors and later had a falling out with Mother MacKillop.

Make sure you visit this mountain top next time you are going past. From Tim Apelt



PAST EVENTS

M^t MAROON 9th OCTOBER

After cancelling the Morton trip at relatively short notice because of transport problems, I suggested to walkers who had booked to go to Moreton Island that we could now do Mt. Maroon as the Cotswold route had now been opened up by National Parks.

Seven walkers met at the base of Mt Maroon, to begin the walk about 9:15am, it was a fine day, with a bit of a breeze. Most of us were anticipating what the wildflowers would be like this year on Mt Maroon.

We left Pat to walk on her own, and made our way up along the normal route, to National Parks have erected signs and arrows, directing walkers away from rock fall danger. We made our round to the Lookout Rock on the right just before the start of the steep climb up the gorge. We stopped to have Morning tea and enjoy the views. We had not been there long and Pat arrived on the scene, giving her leg a good workout.

It was nice to have 3 walkers Peter Constable, Kerry Pendergast, and Kerriane Pearce on the trip who had never been to Mt. Maroon. Also with us, were Jonas Bernotas and our resident wild flower expert Phil Murray.

We set off again and made our up the gorge to the top of Mt Maroon; arriving at the old campsite at about 11:30. Whilst climbing to the top it was apparent, a good deal of growth on the gorge, had helped stabilise repairs on some of the erosion on the mountain. By this time it was also noticeable the prolific wildflowers about the purple match stick heads blanketing some areas. We headed to the peak of Mt. Maroon where we had lunch and again we noticed the white flowering Mt Barney Tea Tree in abundance up the top of Mt Maroon.

After enjoying the views and having our lunch we set off again, The Gold Coastians inexplicably, decided they wanted to go home, leaving the intrepid explorers , Jonas , Peter and myself to explore the right hand peak of Mt. Maroon. It was great spot, with a ringed plateau in the middle, and sheer cliffs on the edges. It was also here where sighted numerous white daisy type blooms, growing out of the crevices on rocks. These were also noticeable growing out of the cliffs on right hand side of gorge as we made our way down the mountain. We arrived back at the cars at about 3:30pm.

A great walk, plenty of wildflowers and Good Company, thanks to all those who came and made it a great walk TK

SOUTH OBELISKS SUNDAY 16th OCTOBER OVERNIGHTER

Attendance 3, Weather – fine, 28 degrees

I have tried to get a Club Trip to go to South Obelisks about 3 times in the past 4 years. But every time there was a late change due to other commitments coming up. Finally I was free to go then the weather on the day didn't co-operate. The trip was planned to be a basecamp with a trip to South Obelisks on Saturday and a trip to North Obelisk on Sunday.

Saturday morning arrived and it was raining and the forecast was for a severe thunderstorm that afternoon. I had 4 nominations – Joe Finn, Maxine Weeks, Maree Hutchinson and Di Thornthwaite (from BOSQ). I did the ring around on Saturday morning and surprisingly everyone was still keen to go even it was just for the chance to get out of town and have a camp out. So we decided to skip the walk on the Saturday and do South Obelisks on Sunday morning and if time permits to do North Obelisk on Sunday afternoon.

We arranged to meet at Tooloom Falls camping ground at 3ish. The forecast storm arrived right on time and boy what a storm. It was just as well we skipped the walk on Saturday. We huddled together in Joe & Maxine's campervan and enjoyed a soothing cuppa while the storm petered out; thanks to Joe and Maxine for their hospitality. Then we set up our tents and enjoyed a night around a camp fire - we brought our own firewood and brazier. Sunday morning arrived cool and misty. It had been a great camp out and it didn't seem right to spoil such a good weekend with a strenuous walk. But duty called.

We got out maps & compass and gloves & gaiters. First we waved goodbye to Maree who had to go back to Brisbane for a planned family commitment and Maxine wasn't silly and had planned to look after our camp for us. We left camp at 8ish.

I had done the pre-outing just last century (in 1989). So it was just a case of going-the-same-way as last time. We drove around to the base of the mountain. It looked a lot bigger than last time. Di told me that the mountain isn't climbed by bushwalking Clubs as apparently it isn't regarded as much of a mountain. Well it was very

imposing on that morning as it is a climb of over 500 metres and it looked almost straight up.

We followed the map to the designated point and found the south west ridgeline which will take us to the summit. Last time there was a distinct footpad to follow, but this time there was no sign of it. So it was a long and slow walk up through and around the shrubs and bushes. After 50 minutes or so we found the "cliff-face" which travelled straight up the spine of the ridgeline. It was a rock face about 4 metres high that angled up the ridgeline - It was almost like an arrow showing us the way. It was hot and muggy so we had several breaks to enjoy the views through the undergrowth.

Eventually we were on top - just after 11am. There were dappled views of Barney and Lindsay. It was great to have reached the summit. We took photos to prove we were there and then headed back to the cars. It wasn't difficult to navigate back down but we had to watch the ridgeline very carefully just to make sure we didn't deviate off line. It was a great relief to find the "cliff-face" again that took us back to the base of the mountain. We were back at the car about 1.30pm.

The wildflowers on South Obelisk were excellent. Lots of daisies, grass trigger plants, mint bush and a few rare species I hadn't seen before. In particular a rare Phebalium that I got a friend to identify - Phebalium nottii. I have to go back there again to identify a few other wildflowers, hopefully we will have the trip on the program soon and we will definitely do North Obelisk as well.

We got back to camp at about 2pm and then we had a choice a refreshing swim in Tooloom Creek or a quick lunch and head for North Obelisk. Let me just say the water was very refreshing and the view of South Obelisk from the creek was just wonderful. It would be a great place to have a long swim on a lilo. (We went for a swim just above the falls.)

We definitely have to go to Tooloom Creek again even if we just have a camp there and explore the creek on our lilos. A special thanks to Di and Joe for coming to the summit with me and big thanks to Maxine for her food and drinks she shared with us. And Maree: it was a very long drive just to camp out but it was great to get to know you better.

Di is the Outings Secretary of the BOSQ club and was keen to try and have a few more joint trips between our clubs. In particular she is keen

on leading bike trips and suggested we have a joint bike ride or two next year. It will be great way to get the bike rides re-established in the Club. So naturally I accepted her kind offer. Phil

GREAT OCEAN ROAD WALK, VICTORIA 21ST TO 28TH OCTOBER 2011 THROUGHWALK

Flying into Melbourne on the 21st the weather was very cold, wet and windy but by the time I arrived in Apollo Bay after a four hour bus/train ride the weather was about as close to perfect as it gets. This set the tone for the rest of the week with the weather alternating back and forth frequently (with a few thunder storms thrown in as well).

Starting the walk with a look around the local Saturday markets I found Apollo Bay to be a beautiful little town with friendly locals keen to find out how far I was going, offer advice and encouragement (and the occasional warning about snakes).

Over the next six day, five nights and 100km the walk covered a great variety of terrain with beach walks on sandy and rocky beaches, sand dunes, rocky escarpments, farmland and a wide variety of bushland.

Animals encountered up close and personal included numerous kangaroos, wallabies, koalas, echidnas, birds and the occasional snake.

In the entire week I only saw 9 other walkers in total and apart from that I saw no one except for the few kilometres of the walk around Apollo Bay, Cape Otway Lighthouse and the Twelve Apostles which were heavily populated with camper vans and tour buses. All the campsites meanwhile were well setup with cooking shelters, water tanks and pit toilets.

The Twelve Apostles as expected were spectacular and were only enhanced by the fantastic weather that day and the enjoyment/satisfaction gained from the walk there. I topped out the walk by throwing myself into the ocean aside the Apostles (yes it was a cold). This was followed by a pre arranged lift the 100 kilometres back to Apollo Bay where I overnighted before returning to Melbourne on the 28th to meet the others for the Alps trip which I also thoroughly enjoyed. Overall it was a very enjoyable trip and I'm glad I made the effort. Chris Rahmann

**JTS GERMAN CLUB
21st OCTOBER**

Eleven of us gathered at The German Club at Woolloongabba. As usual the venue was nice and we kept out of the way down the back around the corner. This is the JTS where you have to try the beers – Germany is the home of lager. I, anyway, worked on them scientifically by going from right to left.

Great discussions were held – as usual. We argued over who would win the Melbourne Cup – we decided that Bart Cummings would do it again. We dissected the world economic crisis and agreed that Greece would peacefully take on the austerity measures, were glad that Kim Kardashian had finally settled down and was happily married, and talked over the new tourist prospects for Libya.

In between times, we ordered dinner – wiener schnitzel, sauerkraut, sausages and all. Very nice and cheap. However, it was all over by 8pm as we went our separate ways home.

Feasters were: Elizabeth Richards, Liz Little, Phil Murray, Russ & Jan Nelson, Sharon Hickey, Graham Glasse, Greg & Michele Endicott and Bruce Brown.

**MAROOCHYDORE –NORTH SHORE TO
M^t COOLUM
SATURDAY 22nd OCTOBER**

There was a good turnout for a the Maroochy walk, 15 in all Sofia Ramsay, Greg Endicott, Bruce Brown Ray Rowe, Andrea Turner, Brenda Keough, Julie Philippi, Graham Glasse, Mervin Galvin, Terry Silk, Rusty & Louise Jones, Susan Stevens, Barry Crawford and I. After a quick car shuttle we introduced ourselves and then set off north along the beach, the breeze was cool but not unpleasant and overcast sky with a hint of rain which dampened our enthusiasms for a swim. Louise set a cracking pace out in front and we where soon at our morning tea spot Mudjimba, where some of us got our coffee fix.

The second leg was back to the beach along the airport section where the sand was firm from the low tide. We stopped for a toilet break at Maroola and put on our boots for the bike path section of our walk through the Yaroomba Foreshore Reserve where we walked behind the dune through the vegetation to the boardwalk. On the boardwalk we were able to look down and see all the plants that grow along the foreshore. From our lunch spot at the end of the bike path it was a short 1.5kms to the base of Mt Coolum, 11

of us tackled the short climb while the rest walked down the road to the coffee shop. We had barely made it to the top when the rain set in to spoil our views so we all hurried back down to join the others at the coffee shop.

Thanks to every one for making it a great day.
Peter

Mt BOGONG WALK

By Tom Buykx, Member of the Catholic Walking Club of Victoria (CWCV)

We arrived at Tawonga about 6pm and after a few mobile phone contacts with “Phil’s mob” they arrived half an hour later. We introduced ourselves to Russ & Jan, Kerriane, Peter, Kerry, and Chris, and arranged berths. Then we went to the Bogong hotel for dinner.

During the night, like last year, rain set in. We delayed our departure a bit hoping it would clear up, but eventually set off to do what we had come to do. Phil provided every member of the party with well annotated maps. We followed without much delay and were soon at Sodawater Creek. There was still much evidence of last year’s flood damage here, but big stepping stones have been placed in the creek bed to facilitate the crossing.

Then it took about half an hour to reach the start of the Staircase Spur. Here Phil gave us free rein as far as Bivouac Hut, where we were to re-group. In indifferent weather ranging from humid to damp to wet we made our way up the alternating steep and very steep spur, sometimes on top of it, often on one side or the other. The effort required stopped me, for one, from taking much note of my surroundings. I was vaguely aware of plenty of flowers and even noticed a Caladenia and a Greenhood orchid. The trackside vegetation was dense and lush. Eventually it became obvious the vegetation had changed: we had reached the snowgums, and that meant the hut would not be far off. On reaching the hut we found Adrian & Mel there, almost ready to continue on their way to the top. While they pushed on the rest of the party reached the hut in dribs and drabs, ready for lunch.

It must have been the prospect of more, and more severe, “uphill after lunch” that made Russ, Jan and Kerry decide to stay at Bivouac Hut. They would then come up the mountain on Sunday to meet us at the summit. As we gained further height we reached the clouds and rain. Without pausing much we made our way past

familiar landmarks such as the memorial cairn and the very few remains of the old Summit Hut. We had a glimpse of the Michel Hut on the Eskdale Spur.

The track was much drier than it was last year; otherwise things were much the same: cold, wet and windy, no point in going to the summit. To my surprise, after the kind of non-winter we have had this year, there were still quite a few snow drifts on the south side of the mountain. But we did not lose any time in snow play; the "smell of the stable", i.e. Cleve Cole Hut was too strong. On the final approach to the hut there was, indeed, the smell of smoke in the air and when we got in we found Adrian on his knees in front of the stove lighting a fire. In due course all nine of us were in, and we were the only party there. Kerriane and Bernie pitched their tents, the others "roughed it" on the bunks in the hut. We had a comfortable evening, some of us cooking on the stove, some on choofers, some passed around some good cheer. During the evening the weather improved nicely.

Sunday morning was bright and clear, cold but no frost, and soon the sun came over the distant ridge: a day full of promise. Kerriane, Chris and Peter were away early, intent on some snow play on the way to the top. The CWCV members followed a little later. We caught up with each other at the track junction of the Staircase Spur and dropped our packs for the short walk to the summit. Soon Russ, Jan and Kerry joined us from Bivouac Hut where they had had a leisurely afternoon and a good night's rest.

While we enjoyed the great views from the summit it also became clear that the weather was not as promising as it had seemed first thing in the morning. And indeed, on the descent we got into cloud and the cloud turned into rain. We re-grouped again in Bivouac Hut, but otherwise the party became stretched out like Brown's proverbial cows. We met quite a few people ascending, some for an overnight walk, most on a day walk, and several ill equipped for the weather that was developing. Anyway, the rain stopped when we stopped walking, back at the cars.

After lunch we left Mountain Creek for Harrierville. Late in the afternoon, on the banks of the Ovens River, Russ, who is an ordained deacon, led us in a Ceremony of the Word. We read the readings for that Sunday, to which Russ gave a brief homily. The Prayers of the Faithful of course elicited a prayer for good weather for the next two days' trip to Mt Feathertop. The

response "Lord, hear our prayer" was said with more than usual fervour. Our prayers were heard, as you will read in Bernie's report. We finished the day with dinner at the Snowline Hotel.

Mt FEATHERTOP

By Bernie O'Shea, Member of the Catholic Walking Club of Victoria

On Monday morning the plan was for another early start. (Boy, these Queenslanders love to get up early in the morning!) Anticipating that some people would prefer to return from the mountain via Bungalow Spur, we left Adrian's car at the bottom of that route, and all 5 Victorians drove up to Mt. Hotham in Bernie's car. Those susceptible to car sickness noticed the lack of straight road on this journey! The temperature continued to fall as we ascended, reaching 1 degree as we passed icy trees and frosty grass. After parking alongside the road and taking a quick peek at the family who had camped in the Diamantina Hut overnight, we lost no time in signing the intentions book at the start of the Razorback and heading towards the distant Mt. Feathertop.

There was a chilly wind blowing initially in the exposed sections, relieved by nice warm sun in the sheltered sections. The sky was completely cloudless, giving the northerners a taste of the views they had come for. The Razorback is good that way – an ever changing kaleidoscope of views of just about all the major peaks in Victoria. The track is cut across the side of many of the peaks, so there is no need to experience the full extent of the possible ups-and-downs along the way. Along the way we met, and were passed by, quite a large number of runners, who were doing the same trip as us, but much faster and without packs. Our party sometimes spread out over a long distance, but with the appropriate rest stops we made it to the Federation Hut at about the same time, with a chance to set up camp and eat before a visit to the summit in the afternoon. We all used tents for this night rather than the hut.

The weather continued to be perfect for the final climb. Small drifts of snow remained on the upper slopes, and it seemed to be the perfect location for photos for our Queensland friends! We spent some time recognising familiar distant peaks, and then were joined by a pair of deer hunters, who arrived via the northern spur, carrying heavy packs, a rifle and a crossbow. Despite the natural suspicion by bushwalkers of

such a party, they proved to be quite pleasant and informative about their hobby. They explained that most of their time was spent watching for deer in the distance with a high powered telescope, and only rarely making a kill for food or a trophy. They set up their 'scope for us, and let us spy a mob of brumbies across on the high plains past Tawonga – impossible to see with the naked eye.

On returning to camp, we had time to laze in the warm sun before dinner. After eating we wandered up the hill behind the hut to watch the sunset. It put on a great show, with just enough cloud to make a spectacular sight (and the occasional jet to leave a brilliant white con-trail across the sky as well).

As the Queenslanders had a plane to catch in Melbourne on Tuesday evening, the next morning was another early start. Bernie walked back across the Razorback to get his car, but Tom, Allan, Adrian and Mel chose to go down via the Bungalow Spur. We all met up at the general store in Harrierville for a bite to eat and to say our goodbyes. Thank you to all the participants, especially those who travelled very long distances to be there. We hope that more joint club outings can be arranged in the future. Maybe the "Main Range" walk west of Brisbane is a possibility? Bernie

THE CUP WEEKEND WALK

By Phil Murray

For those interested in the nuts and bolts of the trips. Both trips are well within the range of most members of our Cub.

Mt Bogong is a long steep haul. A height gain of 1,400 metres. But according to Kerriane it is easier than Mt Barney as there is no rock scrambling and no navigational challenges. It is just a steady long climb. We started walking at 9.32; arrived at Bivouac Hut by 12.00ish. Had a longish lunch. Started walking at 12.40. At the summit saddle at 3pm. We could see plenty of snow drifts on the ground. There were no views in the freezing misty clouds. Then we travelled along the southern ridge and were buffeted by strong wind and swirling clouds. We then dropped down a ridge to Cleve Cole Hut which is snuggled in a little glen amongst the snow gums. We got to the Hut by 4.30pm. It was great to have the Hut to ourselves. The next day we passed about 15 people who were planning to stay there.

The next morning we left at 8am and got to the summit cairn by 9.40am. After all the photos we

headed down the Staircase Spur. It was a long nonstop trip down the mountain as we attempted to beat the rain. But we still got caught in a heavy shower or two. Back at the cars by 2ish. So the down trip was just a bit over 4 hours for the eight kilometre descent. But we paid a price as many of us had sore calf muscles and hips for the next few days from the jarring as we rushed down the mountain.

Mt Feathertop was a great walk. We did it as a 2 day through walk but many people do it as a long day walk. We started walking about 9.00 and were at the Federation Hut at 12.30. The Hut is just below the final summit ridge and is nestled in a clearing amongst the snow gums. It was then just a 50 minute walk to the summit. The next day we returned to the cars in under 3 hours. Then drove back to Melbourne. (A 4 hour trip). And caught the 8.40pm flight back to the Gold Coast.

For those who might want to join us next year the approximate cost for a trip of a lifetime was as follows

Air fares (return)	\$220
Car hire & Petrol	\$160
Van hire	\$35
Meals at pub and airport etc	<u>\$80</u>
	\$495

The only bad thing about the trip was I couldn't get back into the hum drum working life and routine as I kept dreaming of where the next Cup Weekend Walk could be to. Perhaps Kosciuszko in 2012? If not there than the word is the Crosscut Saw and Mt Speculation is a sensational trip.

It was the easiest trip I have ever led as so many people wanted to get in and help organize things and lead the walk. It was a very friendly trip as we mixed in well with our Victorian colleagues. It is always great to share a walk with Tom as he knows so much about bushwalking down there and told us many stories including his first winter walk to Feathertop which was back in 1959. Truly amazing to have him share his knowledge and experience with us. It was a very memorable trip and I can't wait to go again.

Those on the walk - BCBC - Russ & Jan Nelson, Kerriane Pearce, Peter Constable, Kerry Pendergast, Chris Rahmann and Phil Murray - CWCV - Tom Buykx, Bernie O'Shea, Allan Rose, Adrian Jones & Mel Chua. Phil

**BOOLOUMBA CREEK
SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER
DAYWALK**

WATERFALLS, CASCADES And ROCK POOLS

The wall of water that greeted Maxine and her walkers earlier in the year had disappeared. The creek crossing now just a gentle flow and the Toyota was able to negotiate the three crossings and take the four walkers up to the Breadknife to start the Booloumba Creek adventure,

The old road which is now just a bush track took us down to the ridge which we followed into the creek below Frogs Falls. The falls flowing well and wonderful to see again, a bit of exploring here before heading down stream, through beautiful rock pools, cascades and flowing water, past what I thought was Artists Cascades, over the rocks, through more pools before arriving at the drop into the NP's Artist Cascades. What a fantastic pool of water it was.

A rough bush track took us up the steep ridge to meet the new Great Walk Track which we followed to the Breadknife and Booloumba Falls. The Breadknife guarding the creek junction and the falls dropping into the pools below. A wonderful sight to see. A late lunch and swim at the top pool., before following the graded track along the creek back to the cars.

Coffee at Bellbird Café and home. Thanks to Trevor Kelly, Brenda Keough and Bruce Brown for sharing this wonderful and beautiful walk in the Conondales with me.

**NIGHTCAP NATIONAL PARK
5-6th NOVEMBER
BASECAMP**

It was off to NSW for the November weekend .The basecamp was up at Nightcap National Park near Nimbin. Four of us drove down on Friday to secure our campsite at Rummery Park.

The next morning we were joined by the other three. Then it was a quick check on the map before we broke up into two parties. One group set off from the camping ground heading north. The other group drove for one hour to Mt Nardi .The plan was to walk the 17km Nightcap Track without having to do the return trip. The second group set out from Mt Nardi walking north to south. The aim was to meet up at lunch and hand keys over for the car to the first group.

The Nightcap Track follows the route of the packhorse track linking the Richmond and Tweed valleys. The walk started at Mt Nardi and headed

over to Mt Matheson. From there it dropped down to turnoff to Turntable Falls. Then it was uphill to lunch at the Tea Tree Lookout. Along the way we passed the Dirangah Rocks .We were able all to meet up at the lookout for lunch. After checking that the other group had a key to the car, we set off down the Nightcap Track taking in views to the north of Mt Warning caldera and the distant Springbrook Plateau. The track was well maintained and we eventually headed out onto the road .Then it was down past Peates Mountain to arrive at our camp site. The second group turned up all intact. Then it was camp food followed by sitting around the fire before off to bed.

The next morning we set out early to walk to Minyon Grass via the falls. The track follows Boggy Creek as it meanders through the rainforest. I was impressed with the rock slabs in the creek, looking like larva flows from the volcano. Then it was across the road and down to top of Minyon Falls. From the platform we could see out to Ballina. It was across the creek and down to the bottom of the falls .On the way we diverted over to Quandong Falls for views. We passed through palms, tree ferns and helmholtzia lilies .We reached the creek and then scrambled over rocks up to the base of the falls (97 metre drop). I had a quick swim before we did a zig zag ascent up to Minyon Grass Picnic Area. The cars were there at the picnic area and it was back to camping ground .We broke camp and headed back home.

The fauna seen on this weekend included koala, carpet snake, red-bellied black snake, common tree snakes, pademelon, woompoo pigeons, satin bower birds and kookaburras. The flora was impressive with elkhorns, staghorns, crownsnest ferns, booyongs, strangler figs, giant stinging trees and the eucalypts.

I would like to thank Brenda, Dan, Richard, Michelle, Peter and Blair (visitor) for a great weekend. Paul.

**A MORAL
Heidi's Bar**

Heidi is the proprietor of a bar in Ottawa. She realizes that virtually all of her customers are unemployed alcoholics and as such can no longer afford to patronize her bar. To solve this problem she comes up with a new marketing plan that allows her customers to drink now, but pay later. Heidi keeps track of the drinks consumed on a ledger (thereby granting the customers' loans).

Word gets around about Heidi's "drink now, pay later" marketing strategy and as a result increasing numbers of customers flood into Heidi's bar. Soon she has the largest sales volume for any bar in Ottawa .By providing her customers freedom from immediate payment demands Heidi gets no resistance when, at regular intervals, she substantially increases her prices for wine and beer, the most consumed beverages. Consequently, Heidi's gross sales volume increases massively.

A young and dynamic vice-president at the local bank recognizes that these customer debts constitute valuable future assets and increases Heidi's borrowing limit. He sees no reason for any undue concern since he has the debts of the unemployed alcoholics as collateral!!! At the bank's corporate headquarters expert traders figure a way to make huge commissions and transform these customer loans into DRINK BONDS. These "securities" then are bundled and traded on international securities markets.

Naive investors don't really understand that the securities being sold to them as "AAA Secured Bonds" really are debts of unemployed alcoholics. Nevertheless, the bond prices continuously climb and the securities soon become the hottest-selling items for some of the nation's leading brokerage houses. One day, even though the bond prices still are climbing, a risk manager at the original local bank decides that the time has come to demand payment on the debts incurred by the drinkers at Heidi's bar. He so informs Heidi.

Heidi then demands payment from her alcoholic patrons, but being unemployed alcoholics they cannot pay back their drinking debts. Since Heidi cannot fulfil her loan obligations she is forced into bankruptcy. The bar closes and Heidi's 11 employees lose their jobs. Overnight, DRINK BOND prices drop by 90%.

The collapsed bond asset value destroys the bank's liquidity and prevents it from issuing new loans, thus freezing credit and economic activity in the community. The suppliers of Heidi's bar had granted her generous payment extensions and had invested their firms' pension funds in the BOND securities. They find they are now faced with having to write off her bad debt and with losing over 90% of the presumed value of the bonds.

Her wine supplier also claims bankruptcy, closing the doors on a family business that had endured for three generations, her beer supplier is taken

over by a competitor, who immediately closes the local plant and lays off 150 workers.

Fortunately though, the bank, the brokerage houses and their respective executives are saved and bailed out by a multibillion dollar no-strings attached cash infusion from the government. The funds required for this bailout are obtained by new taxes levied on employed, middle-class, non-drinkers who have never been in Heidi's bar.

Now do you understand the global financial crisis?

JOHN TOOHEY SOCITY PROPOSED ITINERARY 2012

At the last JTS meeting the itinerary for next year was set

DATE	VENUE	Location
Jan 20 th	Storey Bridge Hotel	Kangaroo Pt
Feb 17 th	Little Larder Café	Petrie Bight
March 16 th	Plough Inn	South Bne
April 20 th	Mick O'Malley's	Queen St Mall
May 18 th	Irish Club	Elizabeth St
June 15 th	Granada Tapas Bar	South Bne
July 20 th	Gilhooleys	Albert St
Aug 17 th	Elephant & W'barrow	Valley
Sept 21 st	Victory Hotel	Charlotte St
Oct 19 th	MJ's	Transit C
Nov 16 th	Lennon's	Queen St Mall
Dec 21 st	tba	

Gilhooleys may be change if the ice rink at King George Square is set up again. The Groove Train is there in the centre of the Square.

MJ's: My suggestion for the Ethiopian Restaurant "Made in Africa" at Moorooka, where they sell a lovely Ethiopian beer called St John's, didn't make the list as it was too far from town and we settled on MJ's instead. As an alternative, perhaps the Kate Quinlan Society may like to venture to the Southside ??

M^t BEERWAH

From: Steven Turner epicpursuits@hotmail.com
Subject: Mt Beerwah closure and meeting of interested users with DERM on Thur 3rd Nov

I have been pressuring QPWS/DERM on the current status and possible opening date of Mt Beerwah in the Glasshouse Mountains. It has been closed to public access for over 3 years and is looking like being closed for at least another 6 months (until early to mid 2012)

For those that do not know me, I have been walking and climbing in South East Queensland for over 20 years and have over a hundred ascents of Mt Beerwah, as well as over 250 ascents/climbs of Mt Maroon and over 250 ascents of Mt Barney, so have been poking about these parts for a while now. I also run my own Outdoor Recreational company called Epic Pursuits Australia and regularly take small groups of clients on guided bush walks, rock climbs and abseiling in various areas of the Scenic Rim and Sunshine Coast hinterland.

The recent closures of both Mt Beerwah and (almost 12 years ago) of Mt Cooroowin (Crookneck), as well as the locking up of such wilderness jewels like Burnett Creek Gorge and Coomera Crevice, has seen me getting vocal about letting the land managers of these unique areas know that we will not just forget about a place once it has been closed for a year or two. Having worked with QPWS for over 3 years (many moons ago) I know all too well how the wheels turn in this most tired and lethargic (and cash strapped) of state government departments.

All was looking good in November 2010 when (hooray) it opened up...for a week!!! Before promptly being closed again due to rockfall and a need for a major rain event to clear the rock slabs of all debris. This has led to a continuous catch 22 situation where the rain that clears the debris sometimes causes more loose rock to fall...and so on...and so on.

There is a recent post from myself on <http://www.qurank.com/> in the access issues section regarding this subject.

QPWS have agreed to a meeting of interested parties on Thu 3rd Nov. For us it is a chance to voice our thoughts on how to help speed up the process of seeing the mountain re-opened. As well it is a show of force that we are a valid user group and should be consulted & involved in the process of seeing this valuable recreational area & unique mountain environment opened up as soon as possible to the general public of Queensland.

We are also calling for anyone who is passionate about seeing this mountain opened up again to send an email or letter (ASAP) to the Minister for Environment (QLD) to put pressure on the local DERM office to act.

Hon Vicky Darling MP
Minister for Environment
GPO Box 2454, Brisbane QLD 4001
fax: 322 76309

derm@ministerial.qld.gov.au

This has already had an immediate impact within less than 24 hours with DERM Maleny calling me personally to arrange this planned meeting.

Many thanks for your time.
Steve Turner, 0411 502117

<http://www.epicpursuits.com/>

SAFETY & TRAINING

As Outings Secretary I also keen to have other similar activities advertised that would come within the skills umbrella. In particular navigation and safety activities. A great way to improve your navigation skills is to attend a Rogaine day and listed are the events for 2012.

To improve your bushwalking and rescue skills there are the events organized by FMR (The bushwalking fraternity's own training and rescue arm) and here are their activities for 2012.

Rogaining Events for 2012

<http://www.qldrogaine.asn.au/qraonline/>

Date	Event
11-Feb	Upside Down
31-Mar	Training Day
1-Apr	Mini-Rogaine
28-Apr	Adventuregaine
2-Jun	6&12 Hour
30-Jun	Cyclegaine / Paddlegaine
1-Sep	24-Hr Champs
7-Oct	Metrogaine

The activity I am very keen on is the one for 2nd June

Federation Mountain Rescue Inc – FMR

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



Who are FMR? -they are a non-profit association operating in Queensland and affiliated with Bushwalking Queensland Inc.

What do they do? - They keep Queensland bushwalkers safe by teaching them to navigate, belay, and look after their parties. When that fails, they help the police find & rescue the overdue party. They do research to support these goals. The rest of the time, they walk and climb to challenge ourselves, stay ready and have fun.

FMR Calendar 2012

11 Feb	Equipment day
18-19 Feb	Abseiling and ropes workshop and training at Murphy's Creek

10-11 Mar Self rescue and rope rigging workshop at Mt French
31 Mar-1 Apr Navigation training and general bush ethics
May Long W'end Training exercises for "Combined Bushwalking Clubs Camp" at Biggenden Showground
7-8 July High end adventure bushwalk
22-23 Sept Search and Rescue training

FMR has 3 principles of bushwalking:

For Your Bushwalking Safety

- Don't Walk Alone
- Tell Someone Where You Are Going
- Walk With A Club

human settlement has led to the proliferation of distinct flora and fauna.

WALKING COMPANION WANTED

An ex-member of our club, Robin Thorn wants to know if there is anyone interested in joining her in walking the French part of the Camino Trail in about June/July of 2012. This walk follows in the footsteps of medieval pilgrims, with a network of ancient pilgrimage routes. If you are interested, please contact Michele Johns on Ph: 3353 2822 for details.

INTERESTING SPEAKERS

The National Parks Association Qld always has interesting guest speakers at their monthly meetings. The next one is on Wed 21st Dec at 7.30pm. As an example, the Nov meeting on the 16th had Presenter Ian Plowman take you on a journey through the wonders, marvels and the curiosities of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Christmas Island. The island's relative isolation and minimal

EDITOR'S REPORT

ARTICLES: Please have all articles for the Dec Jilalan to me by Friday 9th December. Please check and adjust your article to comply with the Style Guide: www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/JilalanStyleGuide.html If you have any queries, you should phone me on 3351 4092. E-mail articles to endhouse@bigpond.net.au

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Type your article as a Word document, then attach it to the e-mail. A4 please, not in Columns.

Type Face is "Arial", Font Size is "12", though Date, Name of Event & Type are "14"

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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THEOLOGY CORNER

SEASON OF HOPE

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast". So wrote Alexander Pope, English poet and essayist in his essay on Man. The theme of hope and expectation is central to the liturgy as, during Advent, we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming. This event set the stage for the fulfilment of the divine Plan of Salvation. But Advent also speaks of Christ's second coming when judgement will be made on how this plan has been accepted by people. Promise and acceptance and judgement - three pivotal pillars of Christian thinking.

This theme of Hope is central to this season of Advent. But it is not just a time when we look back to the great event of God's presence and action among people. We are being asked to realise that God is not only a God who has acted in the past, and acts in the present in history and sacrament; He is also God of the future. This image of Christ who is to come again "to judge the living and the dead" is there to help revive in us the hope that can inspire and support us in the disappointments that so often invade and depress the spirit. Advent is, above all, a time for asking God to stir up in us a deeper conviction that He is in control of the future, as He has shown Himself to be in the past.



Our Protest on the Peaks
Kerry, Trevor, Kerrienne, Phil, Peter & Jonas

PARK ALERTS, WEATHER & RESCUE

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http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks_and_forests/park_alerts/index.php

Find a Park: <http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/index.php>

See: Weather

<http://www.bom.gov.au/weather/radar/>

<http://www.bom.gov.au/qld/>

<http://info.energex.com.au/tracker/asp/lightningtracker.asp>

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