

**BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB INC.  
PO BOX 31, RED HILL, QLD 4059**

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For specific enquiries, contact the committee member (from above) concerned. For outings or socials, contact the leader shown in the calendar or article. Visitors – for general enquiries contact Susan Tobin 3366 3193.

**Please have all Jilalan articles to Louise Leonardi by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.**

Articles, if on disk, need to be submitted in RTF (Rich Text Format) with a hard copy included, otherwise a handwritten

or typed copy will do. Alternatively, you can e-mail your articles to: **samlouis@bigpond.net.au**

**GENERAL MEETINGS**

Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month, at 7:30pm. The location is **St Brigid’s Parish Hall, Musgrave Rd, RED HILL.** (The huge red brick Church on the hill) **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, Musgrave Rd. Check “Jilalan” or phone the leader to determine the location.
- (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. Should you change your mind and decide not to come to a club event, please notify the leader as soon as possible.
- (f) 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
- (g) **All visitors must sign an Assumption of Risk form for insurance.**

**EMERGENCY OFFICER**

If you have not returned from an outing by 9:00pm your family may ring the Emergency Officer for that outing– but please don’t panic. If the EO is not mentioned, ring either the President or Vice President

**EQUIPMENT HIRE**

The Club has some tents and through-walk packs to hire to visitors and newer members. Borrowers are responsible for collecting and returning equipment, as well as making good any loss or damage over and above normal wear and tear. Hire rates – Packs \$10/ weekend, Tents \$5:00 – Deposit of \$20:00 required.

**PERSONAL EQUIPMENT**

The Association 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.

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**All members are most welcome to attend a meeting of the Management Committee, but please contact the President beforehand. This means you can be advised of any change of date/venue. If you feel strongly about an issue, bring it along to the Committee Meeting and we’ll put it on the agenda.**

**WARNING** All persons, adult or child, member or visitor, undertakes all activities of the Club at their own risk. The club is not in a position to even state that all care will be taken.

## CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS 2005

DATE 2005	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
<b>November</b>				
<b>21</b>	<b>Meeting</b>			
26	Gold Creek Reservoir	Robyn Jones	3267 7377	D/W
30	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
<b>December</b>				
3	Xmas Party			Social
9-11	Yamahra Creek (Mt Barney)	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	B/C
10	Christmas Carols at Newstead House	Pat Mackie	3398 7041	Social
14	Christmas Lights Walk	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	Social
18	Carols By Candlelight	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	Social
<b>19</b>	<b>Meeting</b>			
26	Boxing DayWalk-Brisbane ForestPark	Liz Little	3356 4874	D/W
31	New Year's Eve	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	Social

## 2006

<b>January 2006</b>				
1	New Year's day	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	Social
8	Northbrook Gorge	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
13	Coffee Night - St Vincent de Paul	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Social
15	Wellington Point Walk	Pat Mackie	3398 7041	Social
<b>16</b>	<b>Meeting</b>			
22	Stairway Falls	Philip Kearns	3870 3710	D/W
25	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
Thur 26-Sun 29	Gibraltar & Washpool Australia Day Long Week-end	Paul Evans	3357 5254	T/W
<b>February</b>				
5	Leader's Training Day			
12	Little Kings Movement Collection	Gabriel Romaguera	3856 3842	City Walk
17	Dinner at the Regatta Hotel			Social
19	Obi Obi Creek Lilo Trip	Phil Murray	3841 0254	Lilo
<b>20</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>			
25	Abseil Training - Kangaroo Point	Paul Evans	3357 5254	FMR
26	Castle Crag & Lyre Bird Lookout	Michele Johns	3353 2822	D/W
<b>March</b>				
5	Love Creek Falls	John Carter	3290 3621	D/W
12	Running Creek Falls	James Parra		
19	Club Hut Feast & Barney Waterfall	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
<b>20</b>	<b>Meeting</b>			
26	Tullalwal and Caves Creek Circuit			D/W
29	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
<b>April</b>				
2	Knapps Peak	Michael Simpson	3351 3810	D/W
8	FMR - Adventure Activity	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	FMR
9	Killarney to Cullendore	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	T/W
<b>10</b>	<b>Meeting</b>			
16	Kwiambal National Park -Easter Sun.	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	D/W

17	Minnages – Easter Monday	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	D/W
Tues 25	ANZAC – Dawn Service in City	Terry Silk	3355 9765	Social
30	New Farm to Southbank	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	C/W
<b>May</b>				
1	Lost World	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	B/C
14	North Coast Mountains	Paul Evans	3357 5254	D/W
<b>15</b>	<b>Meeting</b>			
Sat 20-21	Injury & Recovery Training			FMR
21	Mt Toowoona	Anthony Dolan	3342 0386	D/W
24	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
27	Annual Mass and Dinner	Phil Murray	3841 0254	Social
28	Bridges of Brisbane	Graham Glasse	3371 9623	C/W
<b>June</b>				
4	Bardon to Toowong Cemetery	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	C/W
10	Rogaining	Phil Murray	3841 0254	
10-12	Barney Basecamp – Long weekend	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	B/C
18	Mt Byron and Somerset Trail	Patricia Funnell	3366 6767	D/W

**KEY – Walk Types**

D/W	Day Walk	½ DW	Half-day Walk
T/W	Through Walk	TRN	Training
O/N	Overnighter	FMR	Federation Mountain Rescue
B/C	Base Camp	SOC	Social

**KEY – Walk Gradings**

The Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club uses the following Walk Grading system, which is referred to under each coming walk. If uncertain, please consult with the walk's leader.

**1. Distance**

Short Under 10km per day

Medium 10-15km per day

Long 15-20 km per day

**EXtra** Over 20 km per day

Long

**2. Terrain**

1-3 Graded or open terrain.

No scrub

4-7 Bush. Minor scrub

rainforest, rock creek

Rock hopping, scrambling

Bush. As Above+ thick

8-10 scrub, major rock

scrambling using hands,  
technical

**3. Fitness**

1-3 Easy. Suitable for  
beginners

4-7 Medium. Reasonable  
fitness required.

8-10 Hard Strenuous, fit  
walkers required.

**Club Web Address:** [www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/](http://www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/)

email: [briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au](mailto:briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au)

The club's calendar can be seen at this site under the heading Event Calendar. (The web site can be located through the Yahoo search engine. Also, there are links from the Federation website.)

## PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

As this year comes to an end, don't forget to start thinking as to which position you will take on for next year's committee of 2006. You have a couple of months to think about things as the committee change-over does not happen until February.

Many thanks to all the current committee members, those who have led walks and the many who have assisted in organising socials. Also, to those who attend the many events so as to create the atmosphere.

Greg E.

## ABOUT MEMBERS

Louise Leonardi, Sofia Ramsay, Gabriel Romaguera and Antonia Simpson are having a birthday in December.

Our two latest **new members** need to be added to your membership list:-

**Julie Cullen, 5 Curragh Crt.,  
Worongary, Qld. 4213 Phone 5559 0642**

**Gordana Stanojevic, 256 Latrobe Tce.  
Paddington, Qld 4064 Phone 3367 0806**

## Inquiries, Visitors and New Members

In October we welcomed Lynne Lucas, Colleen Clune, Keith & Jenny Fletcher to our meeting. We also had inquiries from Peter Moss, Carlene Hunter, Marjorie Heasman, Chris & Diane Thompson, John & Kathy Webb, John Hughes, Steve Jensen, Bryan Friend, Andrew Heiduck, & Noel Maloney. Some of these folk have already joined us out walking & we look forward to seeing the others soon.

At the November meeting our visitors were again Lynne, Keith & Jenny Fletcher &

Andrew Heiduck along with Gordana who came to see our photo competition, which were of many of the places we walk. So I hope they all enjoyed the evening. Another friend of Barbara's, Ann, came along on our Obi Obi walk.

Our new members for November & December are Julie Cullen & Gordana Stanojevic who have joined us on walks recently. Gordana came along to the base camp at Girraween where we all had a great time. I am sure we will enjoy the company of these people as we get to know them better on the track. Our membership at the end of the year now is 89.

**Merry Christmas to you all.**

Robyn Jones (Membership Officer)

## TREASURERS REPORT

<i>Balance 17/10/05</i>	\$1966.08
<i><u>Plus Receipts</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 323.50</u></i>
	\$2289.58
<i><u>Less Payments</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 667.50</u></i>
<i><u>Balance 21/11/05</u></i>	<i><u>\$1622.08</u></i>
<i>Term Deposit</i>	\$1850.40

The Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn at our December meeting because in my haste to get to our last meeting I left the prize at home thus not allowing people to check this beautifully prepared hamper out before they bought a ticket. So, if I have not already caught up with you, it is still not too late to buy a ticket at only one Dollar (\$1.00) each. Also, it is hoped that our benefactor, Louise, will be at the meeting to draw the raffle.

A reminder also that the club still has a small supply of club t-shirts for sale. These

are indeed a most worthwhile asset and time and time again they have proven to be an easy way of locating fellow members at different gatherings. Do not delay purchasing your first or even second club shirt as we do not know when we will be ordering some more and you can almost be certain that the price will be different.

Unbelievable, how keen is this! One of our members has already renewed her subscription for next year. Remember that I will gladly take your money at any time.

Finally, allow me to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Holy and Merry Christmas and a Most Happy, Safe and Prosperous New Year. Let us hope that next year goes a bit slower and that everyone can get to do some enjoyable walks.  
Terry.

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**Time:** 7.30 PM  
**Location:** St Brigid's Parish Hall  
 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
 The BIG Brick Church on Top of the Hill (The hall is down the back of the carpark)  
**Contact:** Greg (3351 4092)  
**Cost:** FREE

Come one, come all and help celebrate Christmas at our last meeting of 2005.



## **Advanced Notice**

### **World Heritage Walk Washpool & Gibraltar National Parks Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Jan – Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2006 Throughwalk**

**Leader:** Paul Evans (3357 5254)  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**Time:** TBA  
**Grade:** M 5 5  
**Cost:** \$50:00 (approx)  
**Emerg Off:** Cathy Evans (0412 339322)

On the 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2005, a walk is being organized to do the World Heritage Walk around the Gibraltar and Washpool National Parks in NSW. It will be a 4 day throughwalk going around the different camps.

It is about 40 km with up to 40km of extra tracks. We will have to carry all our gear for the walk and I aim to be able to return to Brisbane by late Sunday the 29/1/2006.

This is a hard walk to do because of the time frame but I would encourage people to consider it for 2006. I would appreciate if possible nominations by beginning of January so as to allow for organization of transport and camping

Regards, Paul Evans

### **Boxing Day Walk Brisbane Forest Park Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December Daywalk**

**Leader:** Liz Little (3356 4874)  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**Time:** 9:15am  
**Cost:** \$5.00  
**Grading:** S 1 1  
**Emerg Off:** Greg Endicott (3351 4092)

For Boxing Day 2005 we will do a string of short walks in Brisbane Forest Park. The walks are located near the village of Mt Nebo which is on the D'Aguilar Range.

The first walk is a very short walk to Jolly's Lookout. Then we will do the Boombano Circuit. Then the Manorina Track and finally the Green Falls Track. Overall we will walk about 10km. All the walks are on graded tracks so are very easy walks for a bushwalking club.

Bring the usual stuff you need for a daywalk; lunch, waterbottle, hat, sunscreen and some money for a quick trip to the coffee shop. It should be an easy and pleasant trip so come along and share a day with friends. Liz Little

**Northbrook Gorge**  
**Sun 8<sup>th</sup> January 2006**  
**Daywalk**

**Leader:** Phil Murray (3841 0254)  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**Time:** 7:15am TBA  
**Grade:** S 2 4  
**Cost:** \$8:00  
**Emerg Off:** Susan Murray (3841 0254)

**Distance:** 6km  
**Height Gain:** Drop of 300m  
**Terrain:** some scunge in the head  
waters then easy creekside  
walking with a compulsory  
swim

This walk is located at the back of Mt Glorious on the D'Aguilar Range. The walk is down through a beautiful rainforest valley. We will be doing a walkthrough, so we will need to do a car shuffle. We will start the trip near the Wivenhoe Outlook, finishing at the bridge over the Northbrook Creek.

This is one of my favorite trips. It is a fairly short walk and goes into an area we rarely go into. The trip is a downhill special as we will be walking downhill all day. Once we are down to the main Northbrook Creek it is a lovely footpad beside the creek

We start the walk near the Lookout and follow the road for a few hundred metres until we pick a likely ridge line and follow it down to the creek. For those who have a map (Kipper Creek 1:25000) and who like to work out the route before the trip, I expect we will branch off the road at 727797, we then head south/south east down to the creek keeping a bearing on The Summit. Then follow the creek for about 4 kilometres to the bridge.

The last time I did the trip there was a bit of scunge, so people may want to wear jeans to protect their legs and use garden gloves on their hands. If you get hot you will enjoy the compulsory swim at the Gorge. I should mention that to call it a gorge is a bit of an overstatement as it is a somewhat small and intimate gorge as far as gorges go!

I haven't done this walk since January 1993 but I will be doing a pre-outing before I lead this trip. I expect to do the pre-outing on Friday 30th December. If anyone is looking to do a trip at that time of year give me a call as it would be handy to have two cars when I do the pre-outing.

I mentioned before that there is a short compulsory swim so you will need to put your gear in a waterproof container. A cheap and efficient method is using 3 garbage bags. Simply put your gear in one bag then tie it off, then repeat that process twice more. I will bring a lilo along to help those whose athletic skills are best displayed in walking activities and not in swimming activities.

The walk is within the Brisbane Forest Park. One of the notable trees in the

rainforest here is the Blue Quondong. This species has many names including the Silver Quandong, Blueberry Ash, Blue Fig, Condong and even has a couple of botanical names - *Elaeocarpus grandis* and it has recently been renamed *Elaeocarpus angustifolia*. The tree is notable for its size, the fruits and the colour of the dead leaves. The fruits are a metallic blue and there will be lots of them on the ground at this time of year and the dead leaves are a beautiful scarlet red colour and are very noticeable in the leaf litter on the rainforest floor. The name "elaecarpus grandis" comes from elaia the greek for olive and karpus the greek for fruit; grandis is latin for large. So the botanical name means large olive fruit tree.

Bring the normal stuff you need for a day trip; lunch, water bottle, hat & sunscreen, swimmers, garbage bags and wear shoes that can get wet like runners or Dunlop volley sandshoes. Also, have a set of clean dry clothes to change into at the end of the walk.

If we finish early we may have time to go back to one of the tea houses at Mt Glorious for a Devonshire Tea or milkshake. Please note we are going to a "tea house" and coffee drinking will be actively discouraged. Tea drinkers of the club have to unite and help rebuild the Club's glorious tea drinking traditions and rid the scourge of coffee drinking from the club.

So if you have a spirit of adventure and a curiosity to find new and interesting places in the great outdoors come along and explore this patch of rainforest that is only 50km from Brisbane.

Phil Murray

## Stairway Falls Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2006 Daywalk

**Leader:** Philip Kearns (3870 3710  
or 0411 016864)  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park,  
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**Time:** 7:00am  
**Cost:** TBA  
**Grading:** TBA  
**Emerg Off:** Matthew Palmer  
(3366 3193)

In March of 2004 this track was closed due to a fall of a huge tree across the track. It cut the track in two places and proved to be too difficult for people to pass. A friend told me that he had done the walk just after the tree had fallen and he remembered having to go through the limbs of the tree and past elk and stag horns just to get through. Not a pleasant experience apparently.

Well, after much brain storming, a solution to the problem was conceived and an action plan put into place and the track is now open again. The way they have solved this problem is amazing as a set of stairs has been incorporated into the tree.

The walk itself starts at O'Reilly's and ventures down the border track for about 300m. We then make a very steep descent to the Creek and follow it along to the Blue Pool. We will do the track in this clockwise manner to prevent a steep ascent at the end of the walk. Once at Blue pool, we will continue the circuit making several creek crossings and enjoy the views of the waterfalls along the way: You should enjoy that Mike! With all the rain we have had lately the waterfalls should be in good form, but be aware that the creek crossings could be a little more slippery. The ultimate waterfall of the walk will be Elabana falls which we see before making our ascent to the Border track. Then we will journey back to O'Reilly's for a nice hot cuppa.

The walk is 14km long, so come and join me away from Brisbane's heat. Next January, recharge your batteries and be one with nature again. Philip Kearns.

## **COMING SOCIALS**

### **Carols By Candlelight Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December St Michaels Bank St Dorrington**

**Contact: Justin Tobin (3366 3193)**

Dorrington Parish is having Carols by Candlelight after their 5:30pm Mass. Come and join us for Mass, sing a few carols, have a look at the Christmas lights down the road and then coffee.

Further details ring Justin (3366 3193.)

### **Special Christmas Raffle Last Raffle of the Year**

Our current raffle is a large basket of goodies, tied up with a ribbon, which has been donated by Louise Leonardi. Included in the hamper is a gourmet bottle of chocolate pudding sauce, which we will all need when it comes to Christmas day. A jar of Louise's homemade pickled capsicum strips, a variety of teabags, biscuits, bodywash & more.

Don't forget to purchase your tickets, for onl \$1.00 as the raffle

will be drawn at the December Meeting.

### **New Year's Eve at Roma Street Parklands**

**Date: Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Time: 7:00pm**  
**Place: Roma Street Parklands  
picnic area**  
**Contact: Barbara Eastoe (3355 3639)**

As the ad says, "When you're on a good thing, stick to it". This will be the third year that we will have this event at the Roma Street Parklands. As in previous years, this will be a low key event, a way to share the end of 2005 with some friends for as long or as short a time as you like.

We will meet at the picnic area where the barbeques are (almost under the bridge that leads from the main car park to the Spectacle Garden). Bring along some food to share and drinks for yourself. Also bring something to sit on. If people want to stay on we can walk down to Southbank to see the fireworks either at 9:30pm or midnight.

Hope to see you there. Barbara

### **Wellington Point Walk Sun 15<sup>th</sup> January 2006**

**Leader: Pat Mackie (3398 7041)**

Come and join me for the first social of 2006. We will walk across to King Island for morning tea. We should be there in time for Low Tide so as to give ourselves plenty of time to walk over to the Island. After having morning tea we will then walk back to the mainland for lunch of fish & chips.



It will be a pleasant drive down through a beautiful avenue of Poinciana trees. On return we will pass many quaint craft shops which we may stop at and have a browse on the way.

This is a great way to spend a Saturday so please phone me for further details. Love to hear from you. Pat Mackie

### **COFFEE NIGHT**

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2006**  
**St Vincent de Paul Coffee Night**  
**Wild Horse Mountain**

**Contact:** Maxine Brophy  
 (3203 4699)  
**Meet at:** St Brigids, Red Hill  
**Time:** 6:30pm  
**Cost:** \$5:00

Our Coffee night for St Vinnies is on top of Wild Horse Mountain, one of the smaller of the Glass House Mountains Peaks. A short 20 minute walk up the road to the lookout gives us views of the Glass Houses and Prumicestone Passage under a full moon. Bring torch, cup and sweets to share. Coffee and tea will be provided. Come one, come all for coffee on the mount.

Date Claimer: Saturday 18 February. Phillipa Kearnstatos is turning 40 and we're going Greek. Keep the Saturday night free. More details in January magazine.

There will be **NO** Coffee Night for this month. The next coffee night is

likely to be held in February when we raise money for The St Vincent de Paul Society.

### **PAST SOCIALS**

#### **Justin's Riparian Extravaganza** **Saturday on the River**

This social proved the maxim that if Justin is organizing something it is going to be good!! We had the most glorious afternoon of the year for our afternoon on the river: The air had a real crispness to it and the sky was as clear as a bell. Most of us started the afternoon at the Regatta hotel at Toowong and enjoyed the ambiance of the place and went to the room with a one-way view (thank God!!) – one of the draw cards for the refurbished pub. At 5:00pm we caught the city cat to New Farm Park and made our way to Gambaro's for a pig-out of fish or burgers with chips. We then decided a little walk was necessary to help work off dinner and made our way past all of the Million Dollar apartments and houses in the New Farm and Teneriffe areas. Those old woolstores are amazing buildings!

Of interest to me was the presence of the disused railway lines in the Woolstore precinct and where the trains used to carry the coal to the powerhouse and the sugar to and from the refinery. I thought they would have been removed long ago, but they help keep the charm of the old days in what has become a very modern area. We had an ice-cream at Teneriffe and made our way to the Bulimba ferry for a quick cross river trip to the city cat stop at Bulimba and our continued journey to Hamilton for Coffee on Racecourse Road.

All in all the day proved to be a wonderful success and Justin should be congratulated. A cast of thousands turned up for the event, including some people that we don't see very often - it was great to see you again.

As someone said once before, our club is like a family and I always feel very comfortable in the presence of my club-mates. The evening was quite fantastic.

Thanks must go to Justin for organizing a great evening for us. I couldn't believe it was so late when I got home (after 11:00pm and the memories linger on still.

Philip Kearns

### **Club Christmas Party Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

How lucky are we? After a week of rain and storms followed by even heavier rain, storms and hail, Saturday dawned to be a most beautifully perfect day and we were not doing a walk but having our outdoor Christmas Party at the well laid out picnic grounds at 17 Mile Rocks. There was a nice breeze to take some of the bite out of the late afternoon summer sun.

As usual there was plenty of food and much conversation. Ross Jones and Justin Tobin did a fine job on the BBQ's. Unfortunately, just as we were starting to tuck into the most important part of the meal, the sweets, a figure of authority appeared from the east to tell us that as the sun had set he would be locking the gate in about fifteen minutes. This caused immediate panic in our resident sweet tooth who had only just begun to do justice to the varied selection of deserts.

Others were more concerned that Santa had not made an appearance yet. After some rapid discussion and even more rapid packing it was decided to adjourn to the nearby McCafe, unfortunately leaving some deserts uneaten. At the McCafe, there was plenty of room for us to regroup and enjoy more stimulating conversation over drinks. The good news was that Santa did eventually find us and as we had all been very, very good all year, (surprise,

surprise), we all received a present. Everyone was most pleased with what they received and agreed that once again wise Santa had done a good job.

Even then the night was not over as Justin had one more treat for us as the night was still young. Using his extensive local knowledge he led a convoy of five cars to the back blocks of Kenmore to view some famous Christmas lights. This indeed was a fitting end to yet another successful social. The only losers were those who were conspicuous by their absence. Thank you to those who had the time to join me in the Pre-Christmas fun, namely, Therese, Sofia, Phillip, Mary, Susan and Justin Tobin, Richard and Michele Johns along with Ross and Robyn who missed the lights because they had to race home to make sure that their chooks had safely gone to roost.

Terry.

### **Coffee Night November 30<sup>th</sup>**

The viewing of the night sky was not as mystifying as our previous month's coffee night although I did notice some flashes of light in the general direction of last month's celestial activity. Thank you to Jean, Jeffrey, Elizabeth, Michael S. and Phillip for taking time out from their busy pre-Christmas schedules to join me for the usual fine food and drink along with the usual stimulating conversation.

We hope to see a good turn out for the January coffee night which, traditionally, is our annual St. Vincent de Paul Society fund raiser. So, make sure that you join us in late January when one again we will check out the night sky in the hope of ascertaining just who or what is out there.

Regards, Terry.

## PAST OUTINGS

### Mt May May 1st 2005

A pinch and a punch for the first of the month! There was a fine turnout for this delightful little walk in the Scenic Rim on May Day of this year. In addition to the fearful, Oh! I mean fearless leader, there was Mike, James, Maree, Terry, Justin, Susan and Mary.

We drove out to the Mt May water reserve and started the climb up the little mountain almost immediately. There is a reasonably well defined track that leads up to the top of the first peak. Although the day was a little bit humid the views afforded to us were quite spectacular of Mt Maroon, the various dams and to the north of the scenic rim. Once we reached the top of the first peak we were given lovely views of the Main Range and we were able to look at the party place: Lizard Point.

The first peak is probably about 50-100m lower in altitude than the main peak, but we had to descent into a saddle and make our way up the other peak. Thank goodness the only really exposed piece on the descent into the gully was only brief and we all got across it in good order. Once in the saddle the way up the mountain is less clear.

I left the troops behind and did a little reccy, but found that went nowhere. The only way for us to go was, therefore, up. We had to climb up a small rock face with good hand and foot holds and sure enough there the track was waiting for us. We made it up to the top and met up with Justin Susan and Mary for lunch; they had made their way up to the top of Mt May independently of us along the ridge we

would make our descent. We admired the views and felt astonished when looking back at the first peak that the descent was so easy.

Mt Barney was paid due homage, the Internationale was recited and we remembered that May is in fact the Marion Month. We returned via the ridge to Justin's car and were saved the drudgery of walking down the road to our cars by Susan who did a car shuffle for us. We replenished ourselves with a coffee at Boonah and then returned to Brisbane.

I would like to thank those who joined me on the day. Susan, it was great that you were able to assist with a car shuffle at the end. My thanks also go out to Anthony who did the pre-outing with me; all the more appreciated as he did this on his birthday. Special mention: Mike who also led a walk the next day and two others of us from the Mt May walk who joined him for his first leading for our club.

Philip Kearns

### Mt Glennie: Glennie's Chair Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2005

What a glorious way to spend a Saturday on a long weekend: venturing through rainforest and grassy plains to one of the Border Range mountains in northern NSW. The walk had been described to me during the sales pitch as one of the most beautiful walks you will do: they were right. After leaving Red Hill and driving via Beaudesert to the Collins gap border gate we started our walk along the old highway behind Mt Lindesay.

The first part of the walk journeys through tall eucalypt and rain forests before joining the rabbit and tick fence that runs through pastoral country-side. We then hit the mountain itself and walked up the very steep Mt Glennie to get to our lunch spot. The bell birds were peeling as we journeyed

to Mt Glennie, together with finches and whip birds. The walk up the mountain was in quite thick forest, but the areas each side of the fence are very clear and posed no problems for those on the walk: except for a lot of huffing and puffing from the fearless leader. I wouldn't like to do this walk in rainy weather or just after rain as the cleared areas are quite mulchy and would prove slippery in those conditions.

We enjoyed views of Mt Lindesay from a small break in the foliage cover at the lunch spot, but we had to balance precariously to get our photo opportunities. A lyre bird called out during our lunch stop and for me hearing, or even better seeing, those birds are always special. We then set off on our return journey following the same route we took up the mountain and when we got back to the "turnoff" near the old highway we met a family group that were out for a bit of a camp for the evening. It turned out that the father in the group had lived in that area during his childhood and felt a certain oneness with the area.

We talked for almost an hour about the history of the area and what we had just done. Our discussions answered a question for me which was; How did Glennie's chair get called Glennie's chair? OK here it is: The face of Mt Glennie that is visible for the whole of the trip from Beaudesert has an almighty scour along the face of it. During settlement of the area the locals felt that this scour, given its sheer nature, resembled the back of a chair. Logical when you think about it isn't it. We could tell by listening that the man had a very great love of the area and just wanted to share his love and knowledge with everyone.

I would like to thank Terry and Sophie for joining me on this walk and also a big thanks to my friends Jean and Max for joining me as visitors for the day. Also, many thanks to Paul and his son David for doing the pre-outing with me.

Philip Kearns

### Mt Barney Mass Walk Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August

Once again the Club has had a very successful Barney Mass. In summary - we came, we climbed, we prayed and we got home late. It was a lovely day and it was well worth the effort and the pain.

It was just perfect weather – a bright sunny day with barely a breeze. It was so sunny that Kevin kept his glasses on during Mass.

Justin Tobin and young Mary Tobin went up Peasants Ridge. Pat Lawton kindly volunteered to keep them company. The rest of us went South East ridge.

I have to apologise to my group for holding them up when I got a bit crook. With a bit of assistance and a few kind words I recovered and was able to keep up with the party. I think it was the combined effects of not enough sleep, too much weight in the pack and the fact I still had the flu.

Anyhow, we got to the top just on 1:00 pm and then clambered down to the mass site by 2:00 pm. and Fr Kevin McGovern celebrated mass for us. It was a lovely service and Fr Kevin had prepared some lovely prayers and introductory rites for the Mass. Kevin Pearl was a trooper and brought up a CD player to play the music on. During Mass we added a prayer for Kevin Pearl's wife who had died a few weeks prior to the trip.

We then headed down shortly after 3:00pm. Some got back to cars very quickly while a few needed a bit more time but we all got down safely which is the main thing.

As usual the views of the mountains were just sensational. It is just a special place that we are lucky to have.

Special mention goes to Marie Ricketts for her first Barney Mass and she did it with ease. There were also 4 visitors on the trip. Kevin Pearl, Erin Pearl, John Gardner & Corey Wensor. We also met Larry Corkeron at the mass site. Larry was a former member who made his own way to the top.

Those who attended were Corey Wensor, Kevin Pearl, Larry Corkeron, Justin Tobin, Mary Tobin, Father Kevin, Marie Ricketts, John Gardner, Philip Kearns, Pat Lawton, Erin Pearl, Kay McIntosh, Terry Silk, Nick Keen and Phil Murray (behind the camera).

**(See photo on last page)**

The trip to the Mass Site is a must do walk for all our members. I hope to see you there next year.

Phil Murray

### **Girraween Base Camp Sat 1<sup>st</sup> – Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

Sorry about the late entry put in the magazine, but all I can say is those who didn't come along missed history in the making.

It was a base camp and Terry Silk was there with one of his trusty datsuns. Anyway, luck was on our side and the weather was fine and mild. It is not a place to be in the middle of summer / especially bushwalking.

Three cars set out to Stanthorpe at about 5:30am and reached Mc Donalds at Stanthorpe by 8:30am. It was refreshments and then down to Wallangarra at the border. The train station was worth the visit and the two styles of architecture (NSW and QLD) were noted. From there it was up to the Mt Norman car park. On the way there was a stop to view an old farm building now part of the National Park. There was grass growing out of the roof, the walls and floors

were made of local rock and it was holding up well.

The main walk began from the car park and fortunately Robyn Jones was there to put names to the wildflowers. With names like 'bacon and eggs' and 'red postman running', I was wondering if she was pulling our legs. The ascent of Mt Norman is consistent with any walk in Girraween, full of spectacular views.

It was pleasing to see some of the photos in the photo contest from Girraween. I was lucky to see a large wallaby and numerous lizards on the way up. The rocks had pools of water in them due to recent rain. However the most unusual sight was 20 heads looking down at us from Mt Norman. We were faced with the YHA eating their lunch. So we decided lunch was the go as well. As we were chatting with YHA walkers, a problem suddenly arose; the treasurer had forgotten his raffle tickets. Twenty people and their money went begging.

We found a great spot and enjoyed lunch on top of Mt Norman. The cup of tea was as usual well appreciated. After lunch it was a quick look around the mountain and then down to the Eye of the Needle. On the way a spiny anteater was trying to hide on the track. With explorations around the rock formations and taking of photos it was then down Mt Norman heading for the camping ground. The views looking to pyramids and Mt Castle were spectacular. I was impressed how green everything was. We visited Mt Castle and then headed down to national park headquarters.

From here, after a car shuffle, it was back to Stanthorpe for overnight accommodation at the Top of the Town caravan park. We were in the dormitory rooms at the back of the park. For a night out there is no better place than any restaurant. The food and wine were great. Unfortunately I was misled about being in walking distance and a taxi was needed. Patricia Mackie was able

to get a maxi taxi as we were in no state to walk back. The next morning it was down to morning mass and then back for leisurely breakfast. It was all civilized and the facilities were good as they were used by the fruit pickers when in town.

I had promised an easy day and it was first up to scenic point overlooking the town. Then it was down to Girraween for a walk to the underground caves and Dr Roberts waterhole. The wild flowers were everywhere and once again, Robyn was kept busy providing names. At both spots we were in the company of the YHA bushwalkers. It was a great walk but with bushfires in the distance and the summer heat starting, I was happy that we were not there later in the month.

From there it was back to the chocolate shop for refreshments followed by a slow crawl through the Granite Belt. We stopped at Bramberry Patch and Felsburg winery for tastings. Home beckoned and we were back in Brisbane by 6:00pm. All in all a great weekend! I would like to thank Patricia M, Terry and Marilyn for driving; especially to Marilyn helping out with the car shuffle. I would also like to thank Robyn, James, Gordana, Diane, Jenny and Sofia for coming along.

Paul Evans

P.S: Merry Xmas to all club members.

### **Wynnum to Ransome Daywalk Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Sixteen people (fourteen walkers and two cyclists), took part in this activity on what was a fine but rather hot and humid day; it was a little uncomfortable, even with the benefit of sea breezes. The beginning of the walk on the Wynnum mangrove boardwalk was very pleasant. We spent some time at a nearby bird hide where we were able to view water birds on a lagoon. The bird life generally was a feature of the walk, and

various species were seen, including a kingfisher, ducks with ducklings, a big family of magpies, plovers, and various seabirds such as pelicans and gulls. The walk along the esplanade was free of congestion. At Manly we walked to the end of Norfolk Point, one of the more pleasant sections of the day's outing, both in terms of views and temperature. On the way, we saw Coastguard members discharging various types of flares during a demonstration for secondary school students.

After lunch, at Bill Lamond Park at Lota, we took the boardwalk across Lota Creek to the Ransome BCC bushland where we completed the circuit walk. The leader was quite surprised to find that a road which was a dirt track on the pre-outing had since become a bitumen road.

The final section of the walk was a circuit through the Lota Melaleuca Environmental Park. The number of participants fluctuated during the day; some started late, some left early, and one member joined us for lunch and a short walk. Only six walkers remained when we caught the train from Lota to Wynnum. They were rewarded with cool drinks at the Wynnum Point Hotel. One member was successful in ordering a chocolate milkshake; however, a request for an iced coffee proved to be too hard. All in all, this proved to be a successful day. Thanks to the following members who participated: Robyn Jones, Michele and Richard, Jean, Mike, Pat Mackie, Viv and Cheryl, Elizabeth Richards, Terry and The Endicott family and their guest Matthew.

Graham

### **Obi Obi Lookout Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November Daywalk**

This was a great trip. It was a new walk for the Club. The trip is the southern part of the Great Walk. The official opening is due sometime soon but we got an early preview.

I received permission from Michael Cubis, the local NPWS Ranger.

Before we did the main walk we did a quick trip to Gardner Falls. The Falls are about a 10min stroll along the Obi Obi Creek. There is a very nice swimming hole and several large trees nearby. The trees were put to good use by some adventurous young lad. He climbed into the upper branches of the tree and was nearly 30 feet above the level of the water. I thought he would chicken out, but, he jumped out of the upper branches of the tree into the rock pool. We thought the excitement was over and then he climbed the tree behind the first one. I thought nah, he want do it. It must be over 60 feet above the level of the water. But he did it. When he came down his arms and legs were flying about as he tried to stop doing a belly flop. He succeeded in part, though it must have hurt. We quickly checked that he resurfaced that he was OK, and thankfully he was.

Time was slipping by so we headed back to the cars and drove to Montville with a quick stop at Gerard's lookout to enjoy the misty views. We found Joe Tottenham and quickly did the car shuffle.

Finally I got the walk on the go! We did the short walk down to the Obi Obi Creek and had a look at the Baroon Pocket Dam from below. Then we headed back up the track to the junction and headed for Kondalilla Falls. The track was in excellent condition with several bridges to make it easier. We finally got to the cliff tops and enjoyed the views. The 2 lookouts are named The Narrows Lookout and the Baroon Lookout.

We had 'little lunch' at Baroon lookout and watched a peregrine falcon swoop past us. The view from the Narrows lookout is my favourite. See the photo above.

We had a quick bite to eat and headed for Kondalilla. It was a long downhill section at first and then we rejoined the creek. We had lunch in a protected little grove along

the track. Eventually we reached Skene Creek and then it was simply follow the track through the forest of palm trees. We then enjoyed the views of Kondalilla and then back to the cars. Michael and Greg went ahead to do the car shuffle. It was a very pleasant trip that will be repeated next year.

Those who walked with me were: Terry Silk, Robyn Jones, Therese Abernethy, Greg Endicott, Michael Simpson, Barbara Eastoe, Anne Kent (a friend of Barbara's), Joe Tottenham and Peter, a visitor to the Club, and me.

Thanks to those who joined me and a special thanks to the drivers Greg and Michael.

Phil Murray

### **Gold Creek Reservoir Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November Day Walk**

It was a warm day so we started early with some people meeting at Red Hill while others met us at Gold Creek Reservoir. Iain Renton came along to help me at the beginning of the walk as we had lost the track on our pre-outing. Iain got us along the ridge to the track and then returned to go to another outing. Matthew Palmer bought Heidi and Ethan along. Ethan kept up at the front & soon it became 2IC calling for water stops when required. The recent rain has increased the growth and a couple of times we needed to stop and gain our bearing before moving on. Rocky streams running from the ridge were now carrying water after being dry on the pre-outing. There was a lot of regrowth and it was difficult to see the water as most of the time we were surrounded by lantana, poisonous peach, native hibiscus, & cobbler's pegs now covered in seed. These soon were clinging to our clothes & socks.

Matt was able to identify the birds that kept singing around us as we walked. Surrounded by lantana, we found the old horse drawn Albion mower that was used to mow the field where the bullocks would be rested over night. The remains of the bullockies' shack were not seen as it is in another large lantana thicket. We followed the old bullock road from the back of the reservoir to the dam wall. This took us over the ridge rather than along the waters edge. Simpsons sawmill used this old road bringing logs out on a Bedford truck before the Second World War. As we crossed over the ridge we heard bell birds and saw many butterflies.

We were back at the dam wall by lunch time where Paul Evans & Michael Simpson left us. While we ate, Ethan entertained us as he tried to catch the butterflies with his hat. After we left we called into the shopping centre at Kenmore for coffee or cool drinks. It was sad to see the amenities and track in such condition when it was only was done up with finance for centenary in 2000.

Also in the group were Terry, Justin & Graham keeping Matt company as he at times carried Heidi. Paul & Michael helped out in locating the track when we strayed off it. Ethan stayed up with the front with the ladies - Gordana, Terese, Louise & myself. Thanks to Iain for getting on track and all the people who joined me on the walk.

*Robyn Jones*

### **First Aid Course Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

On a wet Saturday morning, eight people fronted up at Albion to update their first aid skills everyone had been busy studying their textbook prior to this and had completed a theory paper to be handed in on the day. At 9:00am it was down to

practical part and it was an immersion in concepts such as EAR, DRABC, CPR and CYA.

It was an intensive day with great tuition from our instructor. She covered all aspects of first aid with a leaning to bushwalking. Her sensible approach was appreciated by all. I updated my slings and rolls for lateral position. A list of common problems confronting the bushwalker was addressed at the end. A final exam, multiple choice, was completed and then it was home at 3:00pm. **Note:** 2 stayed behind to go through their practical. All in all it was great day and worth repeating regularly. Thanks to Maxine, Therese, Phil the younger, Patricia, Robyn, Barbara and rope in called David.

I would recommend the course to everyone. Special thanks to instructor Di Micallef for putting up with us and a great First Aid course.

Paul Evans

### **Other Items of Interest**

#### **FREEZE DRIED MINCE**

A few years ago Settlers Mince was available in some supermarkets and was used by many bushwalkers, particularly when doing longer throughwalks or extended trips. Unfortunately it went off the market when the operation (a local concern) closed down.

It is now available again, but at this stage is only obtainable at –

Settlers Food Products

Lot 82 Rangeleigh Street, Ferny Hills. 4055  
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It is available in 7 flavours.

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Regards, Pat Lawton

### M.B.S.

Our resident "Tail-End Charlie" has been given the new title of "Harem Master" by a member of the YHA Bushies who observed him doing his duty at Girraween.

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*Yours in Christ  
Louise Leonardi*

**Wishing all club members and their families**

**A happy and safe Christmas**

**From**

**The Club Committee**

