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# *December 2008*

Date	Event	Leader	Phone	Type	Grade
Nov 21	JTS – Pig'n'Whistle Riverside	Phil		Soc	
22/24	BWQ Face-to-Face Meeting	Michael		Meet	
23	Bribie Island	Michael		DW	
26	Coffee Night – Ragazzi's	Maxine		Soc	
30	Albert River Cct	Greg		DW	
Dec 2	Movie Night - Stafford	Michael		Soc	
6	Christmas Party	Maxine		Soc	
13	Northbrook Gorge	Justin	3366 3193	DW	M44
15	General Meeting with a BBQ	Philip	0411 016 864	Meet	
17	Christmas Lights & Coffee Night	Justin	3366 3193	Soc	
19	JTS – Premier's Bar @ Casino	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
26	Springbrook	Liz	3356 4874	DW	S33
31	New Year's Eve Party	Terry	3355 9765	Soc	
Jan 2/6	Wilson's Promontory	Michael	3351 3810	TW	
4	Obi Obi Lilo Trip	Phil	5522 9702	DW	
6	Movie Night – Stafford	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
10	Lower Bellbird Cct/Lower Ballunju Falls	Greg	3351 4092	DW	M33
16	John Toohey Society – Story Bridge Hotel	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
18	Bare Rock	Michele J	3353 2822	DW	S33
18	Social	Maxine	3203 4699	Soc	
19	BCBC Meeting	Philip	0411 016 864	Meet	
24/26	Gibraltar Range/Washpool Oz day Long W'end			TW	L44
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24	Python Rock & Elabana Falls	Phil	5522 9702	DW	L44
28	Coffee Night (St Vinnie's)	Maxine	3203 4699	Soc	
Feb 1	Tamborine			DW	M32
3	Movie Night – Stafford	Michael	3351 3810	Soc	
7	Shorncliffe Afternoon to Evening with Fish & Chips			SW	S11
8	Little Kings Collection			SW	
13	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> ???			Soc	
14/15	Maidenwell Observatory (Bunya's area)	Desley	3369 5530	Soc	
16	BCBC Meeting (AGM)	Philip	0411 016 864		
20	John Toohey Society - Milano's on the Mall	Phil	5522 9702		
21	Mary River Lilo Trip	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M65
25	Coffee Night – Café Zanetti	Maxine	3203 4699	Soc	
28	Gold Coast Great Walk Appletree to Purlingbrook			DW	M44
Mar 3	Movie Night – Stafford	Michael	3351 3810	Soc	
7	Social			Soc	
8	Daisy Hill/Venman Reserve			SW	M32
14/15	Club Hut Feast (Mt Barney)			BC	S44
15	Club Hut Area			DW	M44
16	BCBC Meeting				
20	John Toohey Society - Irish Club	Phil	5522 9702		
21	Cougals & Boyd's Butte			DW	M45
25	Coffee Night			Soc	
29	Ewan Maddock Dam	Pat L	3366 1956	DW	M33
Apr 5	Rathdowney Historical Show			Soc	

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. The club is not in a position to even state that all care will be taken.

**KEY – Walk Types**

<b>D/W</b>	Day Walk	<b>½ D/W</b>	Half Day Walk
<b>O/N</b>	Over Nighter	<b>B/C</b>	Base Camp
<b>T/W</b>	Through Walk	<b>C/W</b>	City Walk
<b>TRN</b>	Training	<b>S&amp;T</b>	Safety & Training
<b>FMR</b>	Federation Mountain Rescue	<b>SOC/SW</b>	Social/Social Walk

**KEY – Walk Gradings**

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

**EDITOR’S REPORT**

**ARTICLES:** Please have all Jilalan articles to Greg by Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Articles should be e-mailed to me at [endhouse@bigpond.net.au](mailto:endhouse@bigpond.net.au) - No hard copy. Please follow the “Jilalan Style Guide”, which is on the Club web site under “Club Magazine” and follow the links – <http://www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/JilalanStyleGuide.html> . If you have any queries, you should phone me on 3351 4092.

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## **PRAYER OF THE MONTH**

### **On This Day**

Mend a quarrel. Search out a forgotten friend.  
Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust.  
Write a love letter. Share some treasure. Give a soft answer.  
Encourage youth. Manifest your loyalty in a word or deed.  
Keep a promise. Find the time.  
Forego a grudge. Forgive an enemy.  
Listen. Apologise if you were wrong.  
Try to understand. Flout envy.  
Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else.  
Appreciate, be kind, be gentle.  
Laugh a little more.  
Deserve confidence. Take up arms against malice.  
Decry complacency. Express your gratitude.  
Worship your God. Gladden the heart of a child.  
Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth.  
Speak your love. Speak it again.  
Speak it still again. Speak it still once again.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Merry Christmas everyone!!! I can't believe that another year has passed us by. There's only about 2 walks left for the year, so I'd like to thank those who have lead walks for the Club this year: Without you we wouldn't have a bushwalking club. Similarly, to those who have helped by doing pre-outings with our leaders, and to our splendid drivers. We couldn't do without you.

Our December meeting will be a beautiful barbecue on the deck at St Michael's. It will be fantastic watching the city lights flicker on a balmy December evening. We've got a tour of Christmas lights a few days later which has always been a bit of a social highlight for December in our Club. Unfortunately I wasn't at the Christmas party this year because my old school had its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion. I hope to say writing a week in advance that a good time was had by all and I'm sure our party will be a wonderful magical mystery tour lead by our "woman of mystery" Maxine!!!

I guess it's also a time to remember that members of our Club have lost loved ones during the year. We also remember especially

David Hill and his family. For everyone who has experienced loss this year I hope the hand of Grace touches you and heals some of your pain this festive season.

So this is effectively "it" from me for the rest of the year. If you are travelling this festive season, may you do so in safety. May the Joy of Christmas be with you throughout the New Year. I look forward to joining you on walks in the New Year, so until then, Merry Christmas and continue to walk humbly with our God.  
Philip.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance 20/10/08	\$1044.58
Plus Receipts	\$ 137.80
	\$1182.38
Less Payments	\$ 370.20
Balance 17/11/08	\$ 812.18
Term Deposit	\$2130.07

Our current raffle has four prizes with the first being a large steel thermos, the second a large air pot thermos, the third a stainless steel plate, cup and mug and the fourth being a green legionnaire's cap. Tickets are still only one dollar. The club still has a supply of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary T-shirts for sale at twenty dollars each.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very merry and holy Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. Thank you for your support in '08.  
Terry.

## **ABOUT PEOPLE**

Roger Ford, Sofia Ramsay, Gabriel Romaguera, Antonia Simpson, Barry Taylor and Brenda Walsh are having a birthday in December.

Karen Frederiks has just returned from a walking holiday in the Himalayas.

Recently, we have had enquiries from Kerry and Lesley Yates, Nicole Bristoe and Isaac Pereirir. All visitors are most welcome at any of our events.

## **A THOUGHT AT CHRISTMAS TIME**

As we enter the Christmas Season may we reflect on the words of Pope John Paul II about a great Australian and how she is a wonderful example of living our Christians values

Mary McKillop embodied all that is best In Australia and its people.

Genuine openness to others,

Hospitality to strangers,

Generosity to the needy,

Perseverance in the face of adversity,

Kindness and support to the suffering.

Think of Mary McKillop and learn from her To be a gift of love and compassion of one another,

For all Australians and for the world"

(Pope John Paul II, 1995)

## **COMING EVENTS**

**TRIPS** still leave from St Brigid's car park at Red Hill.

### **13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, SATURDAY NORTHBROOK GORGE DAY WALK**

**Leader:** Justin Tobin Ph: 3366 3193  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's, Red Hill.  
**Time:** 7:00am  
**Cost:** \$10.00  
**Grade:** M44  
**Location:** In the Mt Glorious area, on the western side

**Web:**<http://www.swiss.org.au/event.php?ID=718>

**Emerg Off:** Susan Tobin Ph: 3366 3193

Northbrook Gorge you say. Black spots come before your eyes. The shakes take hold, visions come to you of scungy ridges, unknown side creeks and gullies leading who knows where, rid yourself of these nightmares and travel with me down Matthew's ridge and discover what a tranquil, pretty creek Northbrook is. Cool off with a swim through the gorge. A short exit after lunch takes us back to the cars and coffee.

You will need to keep your pack dry for the gorge.

Come with me for a cool Summer walk on Brisbane's northern doorstep.

### **15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, MONDAY BBQ & a MONTHLY MEETING (with a difference)**

**Contact:** Philip the Younger,  
**Time:** Gas turns on 6pm  
**Venue:** St Michael's Hall, Banks St, Ashgrove

**Map:**<http://www.users.bigpond.com/pat5566/map.gif>

**Cost:** Gold Coin Donation

This is the meeting you are having when not having a meeting.

When is a meeting a BBQ.

When it is December.

Come along to the "Meeting" to have a burger and a drink.

Then have a social meeting – hear about what we have been doing and what we are planning without hearing minutes & correspondence.

- Ask Leaders questions that will solve your queries about coming events – this Jilalan can not say everything about what we do, where we go and how we do it.
- Stay and talk with your friends – enjoy supper
- Maxine will provide the sausages, rissoles, salad, rolls & cakes.

### **17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, WEDNESDAY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND COFFEE SOCIAL**

**Contact:** Justin Ph 3366 3193  
**Meet at:** Meet at Shopping Centre, Cnr of Saturn Cres & Becketts Rd, Bridgeman Downs.  
UBD Map 118 R4

**Time:** 6:00pm for tea or 6:45pm for the lights.

**Web:**<http://www.4kq.com.au/ARNClassic/pri zeoffers/details.asp?Compld=2825>

Lights, Lights, Lights.

Meet us at Bridgeman Downs for fish and chips before we head up the road for the Year of the Scout. I have heard that Santa is head scout this year, over to Everton Hills and Arana Hills before we finish at Chermside West for coffee at Gerard Majella's. I am sure you can see their lights from outer space. Please read December's magazine for any late changes.

**19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, FRIDAY  
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY  
CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR  
THE TREASURY CASINO**

**Where:** The Premier's Bar, to the right of the front door  
**Venue** Queen Street, corner of William  
**Contact:** Phil the Elder Ph: 5522 9702  
**Time:** From 4pm onwards till much later.  
**What For:** For a chat, a beer, a wine or a coke.  
**Web:**[http://www.conrad.com.au/treasury/bars/premiers\\_default.htm](http://www.conrad.com.au/treasury/bars/premiers_default.htm)

You remember, that as a youth, you sat on the Treasury Steps on a Friday night. Now, you are allowed to enter.

This has proven to one of our most popular venues (and the classiest, but still wear your work clothes). The Club has a regular gathering in town for a social drink and a chat on the third Friday of each month.

This month we are going up-market to the Treasury Casino. Gambling is optional. We will gather in the Premier's Bar for delightful conversation, good company, historic views of a century old girl and to socialise. Meet on the Verandah just outside the Bar – and enjoy a view of the river.

I am always amazed at the beautiful architecture of the Treasury Building. More amazing is the fact that the building was used as a Casino rather than as an Art Gallery. In fact the setting of the Treasury is very similar to the Louvre in Paris, a beautiful old stone building sitting proudly beside the river.

Phil

**Quote:** "The only walks I regret are the ones I didn't go on"

Paddy Pallin – a leading figure of the Australian bushwalking movement and founder of the Paddy Pallin chain of bushwalking shops.

**26<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, FRIDAY  
BOXING DAY WALK  
DAYWALK**

**Leader:** Liz Little Ph: 3356 4874 or 0414 252 003  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's Carpark, Red Hill  
**Meet Time:** 8am  
**Cost:** \$15  
**Grade:** S33  
**Location:** Gold Coast Hinterland  
**Web:**[http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/parks\\_and\\_forests/find\\_a\\_park\\_or\\_forest/springbrook\\_national\\_park\\_and\\_numinbah\\_forest\\_reserve/](http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/parks_and_forests/find_a_park_or_forest/springbrook_national_park_and_numinbah_forest_reserve/)  
**Emerg Off:** Michele E Ph: 0418 708 638

We traditionally have a walk on this day – not necessarily an easy one, but one to let you walk off all those extra kilos put on the previous day (and to allow you to get rid of those tempting left-over Christmas goodies.)

Springbrook is a lovely walk along several graded tracks in the Gold Coast Hinterland. The terrain is in the creek and waterfall area on the plateau. The area cops all that rain which falls when these moist clouds hit the hills. Thus the creeks always have water in them, and as they flow through the rainforest along the fern covered banks they reach the rocky rim of the cliff lines, then tumble over the edge into the gorges which make up the escarpment.

The sad news is that the Warrie Circuit is still closed. This leaves the Twin Falls Cct, Purlingbrook Cct and Warringa Pool Track.

The EPA website says it all, and better than I can:

(1) Wunburra Lookout (30m return, 5 minutes) has views of Purling Brook Valley, Mount Cougal and the Little Nerang Dam. Views from this lookout highlight the geological processes of erosion.

(2) Canyon lookout (30m return, 5 minutes) Step out of your vehicle and you're there! Take in the superb views of Twin and Rainbow Falls, the sheer walls of the Canyon and the ocean beyond. The spectacular views from Canyon Lookout are a result of millions of years of erosion, landslides and weathering. These geological processes will continue to shape the landscape before you.

(3) Best of All Lookout (700m return, about 30 minutes walking time) Walk through ancient Antarctic beech forest; a remnant link to a past cooler climate, to a view of northern New South

Wales dominated by Mount Warning — the lava plug centre of the erosion caldera of the extinct Tweed shield volcano.

The small pocket of Antarctic beech forest *Nothofagus moorei* is one of our remaining links with the ancient forests of Gondwana.

(4) Purling Brook Falls Circuit (6km return, about 3 hours walking time) Walkers pass through open eucalypt forest of New England ash *Eucalyptus campanulata*, where fire-adapted species such as lepidozamias, hakeas and various wildflowers grow, before descending into the gorge to view the falls from below. A steady climb through forest brings the walker back to the picnic area. Water flowing over Purling Brook Falls is high quality because its catchment is protected in this World Heritage area. This spectacular walk includes sheer cliffs and waterfalls.

(5) Twin Falls circuit (4km return, about 2 hours walking time) We start this walk from Canyon Lookout and follow the track in then anti-clockwise direction to take advantage of the interpretive signs, which guide the walker through different forest types. Pass behind two waterfalls, through rock clefts and among palms and tree ferns. Notice the smooth, pink bark of the brush box *Lophostemon confertus* that occurs along the track. Similar brush box trees in other parts of the World Heritage area have been radiocarbon dated at 1500 years, making these trees the oldest ever carbon-dated on Australia's mainland. Again sheer cliffs and waterfalls.

### **31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER, WEDNESDAY NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY ROMA ST PARKLANDS**

**Contact:** Terry Silk Ph: 3355 9765

**Meet at:** Roma Street Parklands

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Web:**[http://www.romastreetparkland.com/downloads/RomaStreetParkland\\_webmap.pdf](http://www.romastreetparkland.com/downloads/RomaStreetParkland_webmap.pdf)

For the past few years we have seen the New Year in the city. We meet near the BBQ'S at the city end of the lagoon. This is a perfect place to see out the old year and welcome in the new. As there are not many BBQ'S, I suggest that you bring a picnic tea or have a meal before you come. You need to bring a chair, your own drinks and some nibbles to share and enjoy the last meal for 2008. Time to talk about the events of the past year and walks you have achieved.

At 9:00pm, the children's' fireworks display commences at Southbank. We will take a short stroll to Southbank to join in the atmosphere by watching them together. The New Year Show will then happen at midnight. In the mean time we will have a coffee and chat until the Midnight fireworks start.

Join me for an interesting night as we see out 2008 and welcome in 2009. Phone me on 3355 9765 if you have any questions. I look forward to your company on the night. No cost and no need to nominate or book. Just come along and enjoy.

Terry.

### **4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, SUNDAY OBI OBI LILO TRIP DAY FLOAT**

**Leader:** Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702 or 0413 307 580 or

[bigrivers@optusnet.com.au](mailto:bigrivers@optusnet.com.au)

**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park, Red Hill

**Time:** 6:00 am

**Grade:** M 77

**Cost:** \$20.00

**Emerg Off:** Susan Murray Ph: 5522 9702

Join me on a hard but thrilling trip.

A great way to start the New Year is with a lilo trip along the Obi Obi Creek

The water is up at the moment and we need to put the walk on when there is the best chance of water flowing. It may not be flowing at the end of February and I don't want to miss out on the trip this summer. There was a gap in the walks program so we put this one on. Also my 2 sons will both be in town this weekend and they are keen to finally get a chance to do it.

The trip is about 11 km long and we spend about 10kms in the water. It takes about 7 hours to do it. Bring a lilo, wear thermals for sun protection and bring some food for a great day out. Bring 3 garbage bags to use as water proof bags to put your gear in. I highly recommend wearing Dunlop volleys and garden gloves for your hands.

Bring a sense of responsibility and water smarts as the trip has an element of risk and people have drowned doing this trip from not being aware of the danger.

Phil

**10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, SATURDAY  
LOWER BELLBIRD CIRCUIT, LOWER  
BALLUNJUI FALLS AND CAVES  
TRACK  
DAYWALK**

**Leader:** Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's, Red Hill  
**Time:** 7am  
**Cost:** \$20  
**Grade:** L34  
**Location:** Binna Burra in the Lamington National Park

**Web:**<http://www.binnaburralodge.com.au/exploring/index.php>

[http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/parks\\_and\\_forests/find\\_a\\_park\\_or\\_forest/lamington\\_national\\_park/](http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/parks_and_forests/find_a_park_or_forest/lamington_national_park/)

**Emerg Off:** Michele Endicott Ph: 3351 4092

The EPA and Binna Burra Lodge say it best: Lower Bellbird Circuit, Lower Ballunjui Falls and Caves Track are 16km return, 5½ hours walking time. The track passes through a patch of dry rainforest, regarded as an example of the rise of the "dry adapted" flora now widespread in Australia. This now leads downwards past the junction of the 'Horse Track' and through more rainforest which changes to open forest and then eucalypt woodland near the cliff edges, emerging suddenly at Bellbird Lookout – a natural lookout above a very high, steep cliff. The lookout gives good views of Ship's Stern, Egg Rock, Turtle Rock and the Numinbah Valley. This is a brilliant opportunity to view what millions of years of erosion, landslides and weathering have created. The track goes below Bellbird Lookout and emerges at Egg Rock Clearing, part of a former dairy farm. There is a side track to Lower Ballunjui Falls.

The track comes out on the Binna Burra road down the hill from the resort. The way back to the cars is via the Caves Circuit. This track first passes through eucalypt forest and woodland with occasional rainforest gullies. The track provides excellent views into the Coomera Valley and passes a large red cedar and fine specimens of other rainforest tree species. The major cliff line opposite is of a flow of rhyolite and deposits of boulders and ash (tuff) can be seen in overhanging caves, and is the best opportunity to observe a wonderful display of volcanic rock which was built up by the Mt Warning volcano. Possibly the largest intact stand of hoop pine *Araucaria cunninghamii* can

be seen along the Darlington Range. White-throated treecreepers, members of one of the oldest groups of songbirds, are frequently seen on this track. Koalas are often seen in open forest areas along the walk. The Kweebani Caves were created by wind and rain erosion and were used for shelter and cooking by the aborigines. The track passes through these caves and then climbs through rainforest back to the summit of Mt Roberts.

**16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, FRIDAY  
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY MEETING  
STOREY BRIDGE HOTEL**

**Contact:** Phil the Elder 5522 9702  
or 0413 307 580

**Where:** 200 Main Street Kangaroo Point

**Time:** From 4pm till 9ish.

**Travel:** Catch the Cross River Ferry from Edward St.

**OR Translink Details:**

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

**What For:** For a chat, a social drink, stimulating conversation

**Web:**<http://www.storybridgehotel.com.au/drinking/outback.php>

**Emerg Off:** Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995

This is the most popular venue of The Society. The atmosphere & surroundings are magic.

The Club has a regular gathering in town for a social drink on a Friday once a month. So for those working in the city, pop in and say "hello". For those in the suburbs, the Story Bridge Hotel is easy to travel to.

Gather in the Outback Bar and Grill, which is styled as an 'urban beer garden'. The bar is positioned directly under the Story Bridge, which is outback of the pub. The Outback also features a laid-back dining area, so stay on for a meal.

We do not just drink beer – there is wine, water & coffee. We need more people to attend – and not just BCBC members as Visitors are most welcome. You can easily find us – we are the quite ones.

Hear about the Wilson's Prom adventure.

The last time we were here 12 months ago, it was the best JTS ever.

Phil.



**18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, SUNDAY  
BARE ROCK  
DAYWALK**

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

**Meet at:** St Brigid's Red Hill

**Time:** 7.00am

**Cost:** \$20.00

**Grading:** M44

**Location:** Cunningham's Gap, west of  
Brisbane

**Web:**<http://www.qld.qsa.org.au/BBMain.pdf>

**Emerg Off:** Richard Johns Ph: 3353 2822

This walk is on Sunday 18 January not Saturday 17 as previously advertised.

For all those who want to enjoy an easy to medium walk, this is for you. The walk to Bare Rock is only 12.5 kilometres return, starting from the eastern end of the Cunningham's Gap car park, there are several points of interest on the way; the memorial to Allan Cunningham on the right, then the Fassifern Valley Lookout where great views down to the valley below can be seen. About 15 minutes into the walk a small waterfall cascades down a fern-filled gully and over the track. The track then zigzags up hill to an old gold mine where there is a lookout near the head of the shaft.

Further along is the Mt. Cordeaux Lookout and further west is Bare Rock. The track follows the southern cliff-line of Mt. Cordeaux. Heading up hill through a section of rain forest and some moss covered trees is the exposed slab of Bare Rock. From here there are fabulous views north along The Ramparts to Mt. Castle.

The track to Bare Rock is gradual climbing and is easily attainable by walkers with average fitness. There is a track to follow and unless there has been heavy rain should be in reasonable condition.

**19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, MONDAY  
MONTHLY MEETING**

**Contact:** Philip the Younger,

**Time:** Doors open 7.30pm

**Venue:** St Michael's Hall, Banks St,  
Ashgrove

**Web:**[http://www.geocities.com/briscathbus\\_hclub/page4.html](http://www.geocities.com/briscathbus_hclub/page4.html)

Come along to the Meeting to hear what the Club is going to do over the following month.

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**25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, SUNDAY  
PYTHON ROCK & ELABANA FALLS  
DAYWALK**

**Leader:** Phil Murray 5522 9702, or  
0413 307 580 or  
[bigrivers@optusnet.com.au](mailto:bigrivers@optusnet.com.au)

**Meet at:** St Brigid's Car Park, Red Hill

**Time:** 7:00 am

**Grade:** M 22

**Cost:** \$15:00

**Emerg Off:** Susan Murray Ph: 5522 9702

Join me on an easy graded track walk at O'Reilly's.

The plan is to do an easy trip at O'Reilly's in the shade away from the hot summer sun at O'Reillys. We will be under the rainforest canopy to enjoy the shady tracks.

The walk will have 3 parts

The entrée is the very short walk (3kms) to Python Rock to enjoy the views over the valleys below and the view of Barney and Main Range in the distance.

Then main course will be a walk (10kms) along the Box Forest Circuit to Elabana Falls and lunch.

The dessert is the Tree Top Walk (300metres) and includes a climb to the top of the lookout tree.

There are 3 reasons for this trip.

- an easy summer trip in the shade.
- a reminder of the Club's history - the Club's first official trip was a trip to O'Reillys on the Australia Day weekend in 1958.
- To give members a chance to purchase the new book by Peter O'Reilly about the history of O'Reillys. The book is called the Spirit of O'Reillys – it is only available at the coffee shop or by mail order.

Phil

## **WALKING IN NEW ZEALAND.**

There are still some vacancies for the Kepler Track tramp from 5 - 9 February. This is a 4 day, 3 night walk. Huts are provided on the way. This is in the Fiordland area of the South Island of New Zealand with great scenery of mountains, bush and lakes. The track is of a high standard and includes an alpine section. Some of the features are traversing impressive tussock ridges, climb to the top of Mt Luxmore (1400m) where there are excellent views of Lakes Te Anau and Manapouri. For more information contact Michele Johns on 3353 2822.

## **POETRY CORNER**

### **THE GUIDING STAR**

A thousand light years,  
and in space.

Where cosmic clouds,  
and comets race.

A massive star,  
in the milky way.  
Was ending its existence,  
In a final furore.

In a blaze of light,  
did it supernova.  
Expending its energy  
the galaxy over

Then it shrank  
reducing its mass,  
And became a swirling  
cloud of gas

But the light it shed,  
was carried on.

Even though,  
the star was gone

it reached the earth,  
a guide for them.

Who walked the road,  
to Bethlehem.

THE WAYSIDER, the magazine of the Catholic  
Bushwalking Club (Sydney)

<http://www.abcnsw.org.au/index.htm>

## **PAST EVENTS**

### **O'REILLYS**

#### **50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY WALK:**

#### **12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

We had a filled Eric's bus as we headed down the freeway to the Nerang exit. There were nearly as many Brisbane to Gold Coast cyclists as there were cars today. They were making great progress along the service road beside us.

A brief stop at Canungra before the big long climb up the winding mountain road. We had another 4 meeting us at O'Reillys taking the group to 35. Eric very kindly dropped us all down closer to the Luke's turnoff and performed a masterful manoeuvre to get us near the walk. We had a short climb up to the road to warm our legs up, and then followed the road in to Luke's Gate.

We had a great photo shot at the start of the walk, with the Main Range spreading out behind us. A future camping spot was noted. The misty weather was clearing fast as we followed the track down to Luke's Bluff. We were greeted by the O'Reilly's guides boiling the billy for their guests. Lunch time and we sat overlooking the beautiful Albert Valley with Mt Lindsay, Mt Barney, Maroon and around to the peaks of Ipswich. Recent rain had produced some new waterfalls across the escarpment. A top lunch spot for this special day.

Mass in the O'Reillys Chapel with Fr Ivan there to assist us today. He had very kindly come up from Scarborough to help us out today. We filled the little Chapel as we thanked God and Our Lady of the Way for our many years of safe walking within our Club.

A beautiful afternoon tea of fresh scones greeted us on the Pavilion area up at the Guest House. It was a great day to complete the 50th Celebrations and to have had so many of our original members there with us was so special.

Thanks to all who joined us and a warm welcome to 3 new walkers...Louise Graham, Bill Senn and Ester Tu. Thanks also to Marion for her great effort in bringing so many of the "Old Bushies" for the day, and a big thank you to Fr Ivan for a very special Mass.

Those attending on the day were:

Fr Ivan Hernan, Marian Arthur, Julie Philippi, Mary Ferro, Cecily Walter, Mary McDermott,

Dennis McDermott, Barry Stanfield, Rita Stanfield, Marian Peters, Brian Purvis, Barry Crawford, Paddy Taylor, Phil Murray, Michele Endicott, Greg Endicott, Lucy Endicott, Terry Silk, Louise Leonardi, Maxine Brophy, Michele Johns, Sofia Ramsay, Justin Tobin, Susan Tobin, Mary Tobin, Trevor Kelly, Philip Kearns, Rosemary Stafford, Graham Glasse, Dianne Robertson, Brigit Baker, Jillian Kelly, Marion Gibbons, Ann Biaggi, Anne Iron, Bob Iron, Bill Senn, Esther Tu, Louise Graham

## **CUP WEEKEND WALK IN VICTORIA THE COBBERAS 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

This time we went to the far north east region of Victoria. The average age of the lads on the walk was just a bit over twenty by a mere 2 score. Bernie O'Shea, one of the walkers, started bushwalking in Brisbane with our Club and now has risen to the lofty position of President of the CWCV. Bernie was at Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in March this year, and was proudly wearing the BCBC Club T-shirt on Friday night.

Friday evening we drove through Gippsland and camp at a little place called Buchan Caves. Up early to drive to Native Dog Flat. Saturday was a so called easy day - a walk in to Cowombat Flat along an undulating fire track. Well after a 6 hours road bash I didn't seem so easy anymore. The highlight of the day was reaching The Flat. It is a lovely grassy meadow with views for miles, it was just idyllic - a beautiful expanse of grassland with many spots for camping. It looked big enough to land a small plane and there was a bit of wreckage from a DC3 that crashed landed in the early 50's.

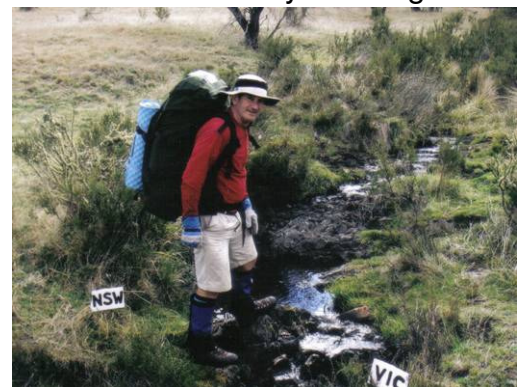
It was time to set up camp and the Tom and Peter were adamant we had to camp on the NSW side. It seemed strange to me to fly all the way to Melbourne then drive 450kms on Friday night to do a walk in the Victorian Alps and then end up camping in NSW – it was ironic as NSW is only a short 20 minutes drive from my home on the Gold Coast. The flat was bisected by a lovely little bubbling brook that was actually the headwaters of the Murray River - but here the river is only modest 2 feet wide. It was small but as usual the mountain water tasted fantastic. It provided a priceless photo opportunity where you have one foot in each state as you straddle the mighty Murray

River. So we duly crossed the border and set up camp.

Sunday was allegedly another easy day – as we only had daypacks today. The first target was the Pilot. It was a quick walk along the fire trail up to the Pilot Range down into the saddle then up to the summit cairn. The summit is above the tree line and there were views for miles. We had a clear view of Mt Kosciusko (35 km to the north) and to Mt Bogong (65 km to the south west). These are the highest mountains in NSW and Victoria respectively. But the wind was howling as the storms clouds were brewing.

The next target was to find the Forest Hill cairn which is near the source of the Murray River where the Victorian Border takes a straight line to the coast. It was down the ridge past the burnt out snow gums – it was like a tree cemetery – so grey and so sad. After about 5 kilometres & 3 hours, and with the help of Bernie's GPS, we duly found the Cairn and took many a photo to remember the event. Of note was the graffiti on the cairn. The only writing was the saying "Our Lady of the Way". It was a bit spooky to find these words in the middle of nowhere. It seemed like someone was watching over us.

The next target was to find the elusive source of the Murray River. The NSW-Vic border is defined as "The territories comprised within the district of Port Phillip, including the town of Melbourne and bounded on the north and north-east by a straight line drawn from Cape Howe to the nearest source of the River Murray,"



Murray crossing the Murray

It was getting late so we made a bee-line for camp. But not before we encountered a mob of brumbies. Every time we got near them they bolted but as we headed down the road we kept meeting them. I can only presume they were headed for Cowombat Flat which is the largest grassy area in the region.



The People Who Attended The O'Reilly's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Walk

Monday morning was special as we could hear brumbies neighing only a few metres away. Anyhow today was supposed to be an easy day of only 9kms – we set off at 9.30am but we soon found the going tuff – it was all uphill, there was no track and the regrowth was just horrible for walking. There were trees in your face all day with broken and dead horizontal trees everywhere. Then it started to rain. So we had a yucky day. The rain eased off for a while and a spirits lifted but then the rain came in again. The rain eased off and the wind came up and we finally got to Cobberas No 2 – nice views but we wanted out of this place. We just had to push on. But it was just such slow going.

After 89 hours of walking time was running out and it would be dark soon. We came across a flat spot that would do as a camp site but there was no water. The target camp site was only a kilometre away but it was taking about an hour and a half to go a kilometre and we decided to camp without water as to push on could have caused problems as we all very tired and that is when you have accidents. Plus it is easier to set up camp in daylight. We had a lovely camp fire and a bit to eat and drink.

Next morning, Cup Day, it was freezing cold – all the condensation in the tents had turned to ice as a cold front had come through. We were reasonably high at 1522m and hence the cold. A quick pack up and then we headed to the Moscow Peak saddle where there was water. After a late breakfast then we zipped up to the Cleft Peak Saddle. Then out to the Peak. The views from Cleft Peak are just amazing – a very special place. A very craggy bare rock but easy to climb. We then headed for Cobberas No 1 - again great views.

Then back down the mountain to the cars. It was a bit of a compass march down the ridge as there was no track and we would lose sight of each other once we were 10m apart and we had to constantly call to each other to ensure we stayed together. I am pleased to say the Queensland call of “Hey Bob” quickly became the preferred call. We got to the bottom of the ridge at the Playgrounds about 4.30ish and then it was a 3km road bash back to the cars. We got to the cars at 6ish. We did the car shuffle then a 6 hour drive back to Melbourne and in bed by 2.30am. A great trip and I can't wait for the next adventure. In time this weekend could become a must do event in the Club's program.

Phil the Elder

## **BRIBIE ISLAND 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

After a week of ferocious storms I didn't know whether to take the walk out, or I throw it into the rubbish bin of forgotten walks? I had seven nominations and I decided we'd give it our best shot and I was glad I did!!

It was a sultry humid Friday evening and as the sun rose above the horizon on Saturday a few drops of rain fell. This created a bit of unease about walking conditions, but still we soldiered on. We left the Church just after 6:30 and headed up to Bribie. The plan was to walk from Bongaree to Woorim, then head up to the Freshwater Lakes and back to Woorim. This was because the tide would be rising if we hit Bongaree in the afternoon, and I felt a beach walk was better than tinkering along the upper foreshore as Mike and I had done during the pre-outing the previous week. Also, if a storm was blowing in during the late afternoon we'd be on the other side of the Island and have a little bit of protection against it (for all of about 5 minutes).

We had great views towards Redcliffe and we saw the City skyline and the TV towers on Mt Coot-tha. Moreton looked fantastic and the varying shades of grey in the clouds just added extra atmosphere to the walk. We saw a couple of pairs of dolphins herding sardines: truly a special sight. There were sea eagles and kites soaring in the sky; the solitude of the beach was just magical. We hit the surf beach at Woorim about 2.5 hours after we left Bongaree, so it was time for morning tea and a swim. We did the  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour walk up to Freshwater Lakes. We tried to find a shady spot – just when I did I saw a sleepy little tree snake (so much for that idea). We ended up having our drink in the sun then we headed back to Woorim for lunch, a swim and an ice cream before our return home. The fierce storms didn't eventuate that day. The weather on the Island was cooling and when compared to the weather in Bris Vegas that afternoon I am glad I had my time on Bribie.

Thanks to everyone that joined me that day: Margaret, Julie, Paddy, Graham, Pam, and Martin. It was great to see Pam and Martin on their second walk with the club. See you on a walk next year guys.

Philip.

**JTS PIG'n'WHISTLE RIVERSIDE  
21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER**

The visit here this time was far less crowded than 12 months ago. We had a table outside, on the footpath. We even had entertainment in the trees above us – bats coming in to eat the seeds. The weather was great, with no sign of rain. The hot chips were coming out regularly. The usual number was augmented by Victoria from Chile coming along for a bit of socialising. Good to see everyone coming along to this one.

**COFFEE NIGHT  
RAGAZZI'S  
26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

Sixteen of us gathered at The Grange for the Nov Coffee Night. Barbara suggested we go to Ragazzi's – a wise choice. I found it a lovely place, out on the veranda on a balmy, almost wet, night. With those numbers, everyone else must have agreed. The restaurant was not crowded, and they split the bill so you could pay individually – we'll be back because of this alone.

With 16 at the table, we automatically split into 2 halves, but moved around during the night. There were three first timers – completely new to BCBC. They had no trouble finding us. Most had meals there and finished off with a coffee.

Attending were: Barbara, Peta, Michele & Richard, Pat L, Bernard, Maxine, Philip the Younger, Trevor, Graham, Greg & Lucy, Robert & Vicky, Louise and Charmaine.

**ALBERT RIVER CIRCUIT  
30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
(Formerly The Main Border Track)**

Everyone was assembled at St Brigid's by 7am, and soon after we were off. We arrived at O'Reilly's at about 9am. After sighting the map for a few minutes, we were steaming down the track. Once we got to the turnoff, we all set off at our own pace, regrouping at turnoffs or lookouts. The morning tea break was taken just before the turnoff from the Border Track. Margaret A and Lucy took the lead after this, and were the spider web catchers. The forest was beautiful and calm, and we saw many Antarctic Beeches (no penguins, seals or sand though.) some of them are 2000 years old – and don't they look it. They are very interesting

to look at as they sprouted up in all different directions.

The party regrouped at a lovely lookout on the track when it came to the escarpment. The spot looked out over the Tweed Valley and the township of Tyalgum. Just a bit further on we came across the lunch spot at Echo Point – and yes, if you shouted out in the right direction, it does echo, as Greg discovered.

After lunch, we continued on to the more exciting part of the walk – the falls and creeks. We crossed little flowing creeks about 5 times, each time near a waterfall which produced a lively backdrop to that stage of the walk. We soon left the creek and just kept walking through the rainforest.

It was a long walk to the end, but an enjoyable one – the forest kept changing every couple of kilometres to keep variety and freshness.

Finally the Main Border Track was back in sight. Lucy, Tracey and Margaret A came out at 4.50, just in time to get a cup of tea and ice-cream from the shop. The next group came out at 6pm, and the last at 6.15. The sun was setting as we drove down the mountain and dark by the time we stopped for coffee at Canungra.

Overall a great walk. Those on the walk: Desley, Tracey Hagger, Margaret Atkin, Margaret Morgan, Graham G, Marian Arthur, Mary Ferro, Julie Phillipi, Sophie Ramsey, Mal Mulvhill, Paddy Taylor, Lucy & Greg E. Lucy.

**JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY  
PROPOSED 2009 ITINERARY**

January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Storey Bridge Hotel
Feb 20 <sup>th</sup>	Milano's on the Mall
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Irish Club
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Venice Café Bar #
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mick O'Malley's
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Theodore Club
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	The Tank
Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>	The Hilton #
Sept 18 <sup>th</sup>	The Plough Inn South Bank
Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>	The Premier's Bar
Nov 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pig'n'Whistle Queen Street Mall
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	The Sofitel #

# we are putting a few upmarket and quiet places on the list.

## BUSHWALKING AUSTRALIA

After a year or more of development and many delays, the Bushwalking Australia Website is up and running. Please have a look - and be impressed!

We now have a world class website that should serve bushwalking club needs well into the future, and to act as a portal for web enquirers from around the world.

Could you please "click on Queensland" and check that your club information is correct in the Queensland link. Any updates or corrections, etc. can be directed back through this email address.

[www.bushwalkingaustralia.org](http://www.bushwalkingaustralia.org)  
<http://www.bushwalkingaustralia.org/>

## BUSHWALKING QLD

**1. Maryborough Bushwalking Club.** This club is disbanding,

**2. QORF Membership.** Consideration of merits of BWQ joining Qld. Outdoor Recreation Federation. Advantages could include access to funding, and practical and administrative resources available through kindred association(s).

Discussion: Background given. QORF have reassured BWQ that accreditation of leaders and adoption of AAS will not be compulsory. BWQ however needs to have formal representation with these initiatives to ensure the status quo. Membership will parallel moves by bushwalking federations in other states to join corresponding Outdoor Recreation bodies in those states, and by Bushwalking Australia to join Outdoor Council of Australia, aimed at ensuring bushwalking clubs views are represented in the legislative processes under way nation-wide. – carried.

**3. Pilgrimage 2009.** An implementation plan to be drawn up by end February. Delegation of duties to be scheduled to member clubs.

**4. Progress reports on policy development by clubs.** Gold Coast club's submission on Minimum Impact Bushwalking has been received. Brisbane Bushwalkers Club to present a draft Privacy policy. Redland club to present a draft Membership Register/Reciprocal Walk Arrangements policy, as well as a draft Communication/Media policy. Mackay Bushwalkers have advised they will

produce a draft Children Policy. It is intended this first round of policy development will be available for peer club review by the January Committee Meeting.

**5. Report on Outcomes from the Bushwalking Australia Inc. (BAI) Face to Face Meeting:** Six BWQ representatives attended, as well as several former reps. and local bushwalking identities. Total of 10 interstate delegates and 14 local bushwalkers. The general feeling was it was a success in enabling people to meet and exchange ideas about bushwalking governance and in formulating a consensus about the future direction of the national body.

A new BAI insurance officer was appointed to take over from Howard Tooth, who has performed this role since inception of Bushwalking Australia. The new officer, David Gordon of NSW, has asked that the current policies be made available to all clubs' members.

Succession planning – Tom Cowlshaw addressed the Face to Face Meeting on the necessity to encourage succession of the BAI committee with new people. If it wants to be a dynamic organisation, new faces and ideas need to flow from its constituent members – namely the state federations.

The BAI website was launched in August and the webmaster presented the statistics which showed a healthy hit rate.

**6. Wagawn track deletion from QPW guide.** There was discussion on the proposed downgrading of the lookout section of the Wagawn graded track in Lamington NP through withdrawal of routine maintenance, and to delete the place name from maps. The Secretary has been advised to pursue this through the CMG process. Opportunity to comment will also be available through the Lamington Management Plan consultation process due to start shortly).

**7. Q150/Queensland Day – 150 Peak bagging suggestion.** Robyn Cox of the Gold Coast Bushwalkers Club has put forward the suggestion that bushwalking clubs participate in the celebration of Qld's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, by holding a "150 Peak Bagging Day", on Queensland Day, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2009 – (a Saturday). This would be a non-funded event, simply a fun thing to do to mark the unique occasion. The committee meeting endorsed this idea and seeks responses from clubs.

The idea will be to collectively try to climb 150 named peaks (of any elevation) throughout Queensland on that day. The logistics to be considered are: 150 peaks divided by 25 clubs or associate member organisations, which makes an average of 5 or 6 peaks per club. Some walks could take in several named high points in succession, and maybe we could include named lookouts, to make it a bit easier. We would need to start organising this by the January committee meeting, so early responses from clubs who would like to participate, would be appreciated.

Bushwalking Qld. Inc. has been advised by Qld. Parks and Wildlife that bushwalking clubs will be consulted during planning for three new Great Walks - Carnarvon, Cooloola and Conondale.

Representative delegates from BWQ who attend The Collaborative Management Group (CMG) with Qld. Parks and Wildlife would like to know if any clubs have been involved with this process, and to what extent their input has been taken into account. Also if any club would like to become involved, please let us know.

## **A LETTER TO THE MINISTER**

Dear Friend,

I am asking a big favour. Please click on the attachment and read it. If you agree with it, please, please change it in any way you like, maybe adding your favourite track to have disappeared (Stairway Falls, Snake Ridge, the old border track which paralleled Pensioners, Lower Morans, Castle Crag, Lyrebird Lkt, Cainbale, White Caves, Merino Loop, some of the many lookouts which used to be on the border track ---- take your pick)

Then print it out and post it PLEASE. If you could forward it to all members of your club, or to any other bushwalking friends, that would be just super. Thank you so much. If anyone does post such a letter, it would really help my spirits if you let me know.

Merry Christmas.

Ann Tracey --- please delete my name from any forwarded mail --- I think the rangers at Lamington are sick of the sight of it!

AND For The Letter:

{Your address and date}

The Hon. Andrew McNamara  
Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation  
PO Box 15155  
City East  
Brisbane 4002

Dear Sir,

I am writing to protest at the continued deletion of tracks and destinations from the QPW map of Lamington NP.

The map is but a shadow of what it was, even only ten years ago, although some omissions occurred longer ago than that. The policy now seems to be to delete all tracks which do not reach the grading of Level 5 or higher. As a bushwalker, I object to these perfectly negotiable tracks not being shown on the map, especially those that have been in place and maintained for over seventy years. I hereby request that such tracks be upgraded to reach the standard required for them to remain on the map, or that the policy be changed.

I would be very grateful if you could take immediate action to prevent further deletions, in particular the proposed removal of Wagawn, which has been a favorite destination for walkers from the Binna Burra side of the park for at least fifty years.

Thanking you for your time,  
Yours faithfully,

{Your name typed and signed)

## **PRESENTATION OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO RAOUL MELLISH**

At the April monthly meeting the Club unanimously decided to bestow life membership on Raoul Mellish. Raoul was the co-founder of the Club with Willie Hayes in 1958 and instituted so many of the Club's practices and traditions, many of which he modeled on the Catholic Bushwalking Club of Sydney especially the selection of Our Lady of the Way as the Club's Patron. He also made many other contributions - in particular he designed the Club badge.

Rather than just send a letter to advise Raoul of the decision we wanted to personally present him with a certificate to commemorate



that he was a Life Member. The plan was to present the certificate at the Annual Mass and Dinner in May but Raoul's doctor thwarted our plans.

Maxine Brophy was keen that we make the presentation to Raoul and organized a lovely little gathering on Saturday morning 25<sup>th</sup> October at Raoul's residence in Ascot.

We had a lovely morning tea and were having a great chat but time was slipping away and before we neglected the formal part of the day we called upon Pat Lawton, a Life Member and longest standing member of the Club to officially present Raoul with his certificate of Life Membership.

Raoul was delighted to accept the honour and blew us away when he told us it was the greatest award he had received in his life. High praise indeed as Raoul has a distinguished career including being the Director of the Queensland Art Gallery where he received several awards and fellowships. Raoul then gave us a tour of his house which also doubles as an art gallery as the house was full of his many beautiful paintings. I was particularly impressed with his paintings of the French countryside and the wild coastline of northern France. Pat shared a special memory with us and mentioned that Raoul led the first walk she did with the Club which was a trip to Ivory's Rock in 1961.

**CONNIE & RAOUL MELLISH**

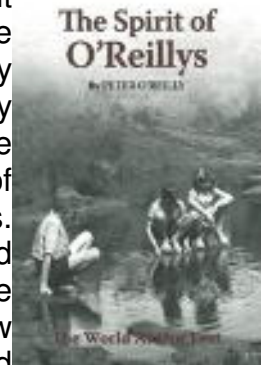
It was a special day. A special thank you is extended to Raoul's lovely wife Connie for welcoming us into her home and providing a lovely morning tea. And thanks to Maxine for organizing this day.  
Phil the Elder



## **BOOK REVIEW**

### **THE SPIRIT OF O'REILLYS 'THE WORLD AT OUR FEET' by PETER O'REILLY**

A new biography, 'The Spirit of the O'Reillys', captures the life and times of a legendary pioneering family as they carved a home amid the mountaintop rainforests of Queensland's Border Ranges. The book is a lovely potted history of how the family came to the mountains and how they struggled and managed



to make a goer of a guest house that was hidden in mountains with no passing traffic to provide extra customers. It is just amazing they managed to survive. The book has lots of photos spanning some 90 years.

The book is filled with lovely yarns and family history that seems clearly aimed at the next generation of the O'Reilly family but the way it is told it makes you feel as though you belong as well.

Many of the members of our club would know the places he mentions throughout the book and it is just a lovely series of stories about building the roads and mundane details of connecting the electricity become a real adventure especially when you need a helicopter to string the line from mountain sides. The book also includes a lovely summary of the big events like rescuing the survivors of the Stinson Wreck in March 1937.

The book also has lovely little stories about life in the 30's and 40's and eating unusual meals like scrub turkeys. The story has a lovely wide eyed innocence that takes you to another time and place. He also has a few insights into the rainforest about the cycle of life and how the native wildlife can also do much damage to the forest and how scrub turkeys often damage new trees when they are scratching around in the leaf litter.

"The Spirit of O'Reillys" is Peter's very personal account of the highs and lows of the first two generations of the O'Reilly family on the mountain.

RRP - \$29.70

There were 2 minor shortcomings with the book -

- there were no maps and no bibliography for further research.

Phil

## **KOKODA TRECKS**

My name is Jacob Robinson, and I am from the INVESTA TREKS which is a branch of the Salvation Army. We run Professional Kokoda Treks in PNG and employ the services of a local experienced Guide and porters. We are all about investing into the lives of others and other communities and so we seek to support locals throughout the duration of the trek. As we are in the process of getting our website up and running, I am sending out information to publicise next years Kokoda treks. As we are not in this to make money, we are able to offer a very low cost which enables more people to experience the trek. The Salvation Army also has a history on the track, as it was involved in WWII on the Kokoda Trail serving refreshments etc to the soldiers.

I am 30 and have trekked the Trail twice and I know the need to run professional treks, and so we cut no corners in safety or communication etc. as these are essential in all our treks. We also have public liability cover. We offer 10 day trekking packages that start and finish at a luxury Motel in Port Moresby

As I am aware there are many people who take the journey to PNG, I seek your support to promote our treks. I have attached an information booklet that explains details about our treks and also a similar letter for you to print and take to you members. If you have any questions, please email me or call me on 0429 802 165.

Please also check out the link below.

The War Cry article on November 1st, about this year's INVESTA TREKS in June.  
<http://www.salvationarmy.org.au/warcry/default.asp?contentID=1231>

Thank you for your time.

Walk in the footsteps of heroes...

Jacob Robinson

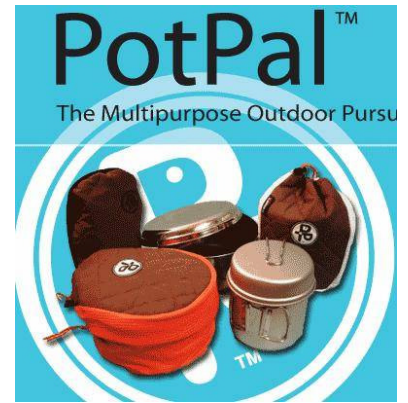
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## **BAG! HEAT MITT! TOWEL! WHERE'S MY POTPAL?**

"PotPal™". The new lightweight 'multipurpose Outdoor pursuit accessory' that keeps you, your cooking pot and cooking accessories safe, secure, clean and cool! The



"PotPal™" uses the latest "invert technology" to produce a strong, lightweight, multipurpose storage accessory for any outdoor cooking scenario. This stylish effective cooking pot storage bag contains a main compartment with a wadded top, an inner pocket, and a drawstring opening. But what does it do?

When closed, "PotPal™" stores a cooking pot in the main section, and your cooking utensil/extras securely in the inner pocket, keeping them all together but separate leaving nothing to be lost or damaged! The main body of the "PotPal™" is made of a quick drying water-absorbent material, which eliminates the need for any additional drying cloth or T-towel. All cooking equipment is able to be cleaned and dried thus improving hygiene, and following any hike, tramp or outdoor adventure, PotPal™ is easily machine-washed for re-use.

But without a doubt, the most innovative use is the wadded top! The pocket can be quickly turned inside out to transfer the storage bag into a heat resistant mitt (while storing the main compartment of the product safely inside). The mitt amazingly fits very snugly on any hand, regardless of size, without limiting your movement and feel, preventing you from burning yourself ever again - a simple but very innovative practical leap from one function into another.

The "PotPal™" is a wonderful multifunctional all-in-one stylish lightweight storage bag, heat mitt, drying device and emergency headwear. Its variety of sizes fit the full range of cooking pots and camp ovens current on the market and its funky colours and logo provides a rather refreshing change.

Check out further details/demos/photos at <http://www.soultrampers.com> or simply call (02) 800 334 83.

## FIFTH ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION WINNERS

Category	Winner	Title
1. Landscape -	Michelle John	Crossing the Razorback on Pages Pinnacle
2. Moods of nature -	Pat Lawton	Sunset, Lonesome NP
3. Nature Close Up	Desley Pedrazzini	Storm clouds - Blackbutt/Linville Walk
4. People and faces -	Pat Lawton	Old friends enjoying a chat at 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Tibrogargan
5. Miscellaneous-	Phil Murray	Three men in a tub - crossing a river in Tasmania
6. International Walking -	Pat Lawton	The entrance to the Cave Stream, in New Zealand
7. Best overall -	Michelle Johns	Crossing the Razorback on Pages Pinnacle
8. Peoples choice.	Phil Murray	The Club Founders at 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Congratulations to Pat Lawton on her stellar effort in winning three of the categories

## FIRST AID COURSE

The Club wants as many members as possible to obtain a First Aid Certificate, especially Leaders. Desley has done the research and come up with the Qld Ambulance Service being the best. It is a 2 day course, costing \$147, but if you book online it is \$132.30.

<http://www.ambulance.qld.gov.au/firstaid/courses.asp>

Let Desley know by the end of December if you are interested.

## ANNUAL SUBS

Committee has decided that our annual subscription will remain at \$35 for members, \$26 for Associates & Country Members. It will need to be formally ratified at a meeting. They are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> January.

Going privately on an outing will remain at \$3 a head. A major social will have a surcharge of \$2 on top of any other cost. (This does not include Coffee Nights, Movie Nights. The JTS is not an official Club event.) This surcharge is added because you would not be at that place enjoying the company of your BCBC friends if the Club did not organise the event.

## GREGORY AND GREAVES CORNER

Queensland has a new official "corner". The Natural Resources and Water Minister Craig Wallace announced in the Queensland Parliament on Thursday, April 17, 2008 that the corner located near the township of Mungindi, where the Queensland-NSW border intersects the Barwon River at latitude 29 degrees south will be known as Gregory and Greaves Corner in honour of the original surveyors.

On the map, the corner is the point where the Queensland-NSW border changes from a straight line to a squiggle. The first survey of the state border at latitude 29 degrees south was fixed in October 1865 by Sir Gregory, Mr Greaves and their teams of assistants.

The Queensland-New South Wales border is made up of three components: the watershed from Point Danger to the Dumaresq River; the Dumaresq to the Macintyre and Barwon Rivers; and the 29th parallel of south latitude.

The NSW/Vic border is not actually the water of the Murray River. The border is the top of the river bank on the southern side of the river. So all of the water in the river belongs to the New South Wales. The border was determined only recently in a murder case. A guy standing on top of the bank shot a guy fishing at the edge of the water on the southern side. The usual rule of criminal law is the offence occurs where the harm is done not where the action was started. The question became did the deceased get killed in NSW or Victoria. The Victorian police charged him and convicted him of murder -the Supreme Court of Victoria said he got killed in Victoria but his lawyer got him

off on a technicality in the High Court that the offence occurred in NSW as the border was the top of the river bank not the water line. Thus, the Victorian police had no jurisdiction. He apparently was tried in NSW for the murder but I don't know if he was found guilty. See the High Court decision of Ward v Queen. (1980) 142 CLR 308

The next target was to find the elusive source of the Murray River. The NSW-Vic border is defined as "The territories comprised within the district of Port Phillip, including the town of Melbourne and bounded on the north and north-east by a straight line drawn from Cape Howe to the nearest source of the River Murray,"

Legend has it that the early surveyors marked the spot with an iron pipe in a small hollow where a spring starts a small flow of water as the official start of the Murray River. After taking a bearing from the Forest Hill cairn we walked about 400m and found the iron pipe. The boundary pipe was re-surveyed 4 years ago by a group of university students as a final year assignment. It was a bit of a thrill to find the spot. It was only when I got home that we discovered on the internet that the spot has officially named in 2006 as "Townsend's Corner" in memory of the early explorer Thomas Scott Townsend who in 1845 found the source of the Murray River nearest to Cape Howe. The straight line of 180km from the source of the Murray to the coast was also

officially named as the Black-Allan line in recognition of the 2 surveyors who surveyed the line in 1870.

## A DEATH IN "THE FAMILY"

An early member of BCBC, Pat Conway of Ipswich, died last week and the funeral has been held. She willed that her ashes be spread at O'Reilly's.

## WHAT DO YOU WANT?

At the AGM in February, we traditionally make several awards to members who stood out during the year.

The question is: how many should we hand out, for what milestone & what name do we give them?

Tell us at the December Meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.

## MEMBERSHIP LIST

This list appeared in the last Jilalan.

Have a look through it for your entry & those of your friends.

If there are mistakes, alterations or omissions, ring Terry on Ph: 3355 9765 with the correct details.

It is useless having the wrong info.

April 5	Rathdowney Historical Show				Soc	
7	Catholic Historical Soc talk on BCBC	Pat	Lawton			
7	Movie Night – Stafford	Michael	Simpson		Soc	
10/13	Cradle Mt to Lake St Clair (Tassie)	Michael	Simpson		TW	
10/13	Girraween				BC	M45
11	Dave's Creek Circuit				DW	M33
13	??????????????	Pat	Lawton		DW	
17	John Toohey - Venice Café Bar	Phil	Murray			
18	Somerset Trail (Mt Mee)				DW	M33
20	BCBC Meeting					
25	Anzac Day March	Terry	Silk			
25	Anzac Day Breakfast				Soc	
26	Mt Nimmel to Springbrook Pinnacle				DW	M44
29	Coffee Night				Soc	
May 2/4	Fraser Is				TW	L45
3	Mt May				DW	M44

5	Movie Night – Stafford	Michael	Simpson		Soc	
9	Logan’s or North Ridges				DW	L78
15	John Toohey - Mick O’Malley’s	Phil	Murray			
17	Mt Edwards				DW	S44
17	Reynolds Gorge incl Mt Edwards				DW	M54
18	BCBC Meeting					
23	Annual Mass and Dinner				Soc	
27	Coffee Night				Soc	
30	Mt Greville				DW	M45
<b>June 2</b>	Movie Night – Stafford	Michael	Simpson		Soc	
6	Queensland Social				Soc	
6/8	Goomburra				BC	up to M44
7/8	Ramparts				TW	M45
8	Mt Coot-tha Traverse				DW	M44
13	Mt Ernest Traverse				DW	M56
15	BCBC Meeting					
19	John Toohey - Theodore Club	Phil	Murray			
21	Mermaid Mountain	Desley	Pedrazzini		DW	M34
24	Coffee Night				Soc	
27	Lake Manchester Circuit	Philip	Kearns		DW	L33
28	Boggo Road Busway Tunnel	Greg	Endicott		SW	S11
<b>July 4/5</b>	TBA				TW	
7	Movie Night – Stafford	Michael	Simpson		Soc	
11	Mt Zabel				DW	M45
17	John Toohey Society - The Tank	Phil	Murray			
18	Shepherd’s Walk	Terry	Silk		DW	S22
19	Knapp’s Peak				DW	M44
20	BCBC Meeting					
24/26	TBA				TW	
25	Christmas in July				Soc	
29	Coffee Night				Soc	
<b>August 2</b>	Kin Kin Trails				DW	M33
4	Movie Night – Stafford	Michael	Simpson		Soc	
7	Exhibition				Soc	

## HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

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

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/EmergOffSyst.html>**

**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 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.

**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.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES** - Membership Subscription fees are:

Ordinary Members: \$35; Associate Members: \$26; Spouse Members: \$9.00; Country: \$26.00. 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. The Club is not in a position to even state that all care will be taken.

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For Outings or Socials, contact the leader shown in the calendar or article.

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## **ANNUAL REPORT**

The end of the year is quickly crashing in on us.

This means the Annual report is due.

Do you have something to write in it?

If you have lead a Trip or Social, you do.

If you are on Committee, you do.

If you have an honorary position, you do.

We have Secretary's Reports, President's, Minutes of the AGM & précis of all monthly meetings, Treasurer's, Socials incl précis of all socials & coffee nights, Membership, Outings Report & précis of all outings, Outings Stats, Photo Comp, Editor's, Club Hut Curator, Little Kings, Web Master, Federation, FMR, Abseiling Gear Report, Other Equipment Report,

You all know who you are.

Get cracking now so you do not panic when it is too late.

e-mail your articles to me & I will pass them on: [endhouse@bigpond.net.au](mailto:endhouse@bigpond.net.au). I'm not putting the AP together, just acting as the middleman.

Get your "Past" report into Jilalan next month, no matter how old it is.

The Annual Report article on your Club event is based on the Jilalan Report.

Greg E

## **THEOLOGY CORNER**

The Gospel for this month's meeting is Matthew 21.23-27. Jesus is in the temple and being questioned by the chief priests. The key issue raised by the chief priests was, "by what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" In other words, "Jesus, who do you think you are? Where do you get off making a mess of our temple, overturning tables and chasing away our merchants? And just what gives you the right to criticize us, the powers that be? We are the chief priests, the elders of the people! Don't you know who we are?" A lot of questions tied up in this question, "By what authority...?"

Now, when Jesus matches wits with the Jewish leaders – it's never a fair fight. Whether they are trying to trap him with a question about taxes, or about marriage in heaven, or some other funny business, these so-called wise men are perpetually rebuked, defeated, and made to look foolish by the simple country preacher.

They can't even answer a simple question about John the Baptist without a huddle and conference, and even then, the answer is, "we don't know". They really thought they knew the answer. They just didn't want to say. They were afraid of the crowds that followed Jesus, and would simply find another time, when the crowds were gone. They would get this Jesus yet, or so they thought.

But why the challenge in the first place? Why didn't they believe in Jesus? Why didn't they recognize his authority? Why didn't they listen to his preaching and teaching?

And why don't we (at least, not all the time)? These are good questions, aren't they? Today – the question of questions, and questioning. The source of these questions is that there is belief and unbelief plus a third option. The third option is the belief which is held in suspension, choked by calculations, by fear and by greed. It's a twilight world that many of us live in, and we are never quite certain that we have escaped from it. It works both ways, for believers and non-believers.

Sources: Rev Tom Chyst, Racine, WI, USA, and  
Rev Euan Marley OP, Leicester, UK

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## CELESTIAL CORNER

### The Full Moons for 2009

Jan	10
Feb	9
Mar	10
Apr	9
May	8
Jun	7
Jul	7
Aug	5
Sept	4
Oct	3
Nov	2
Dec	1
Dec	31 ( a blue moon)