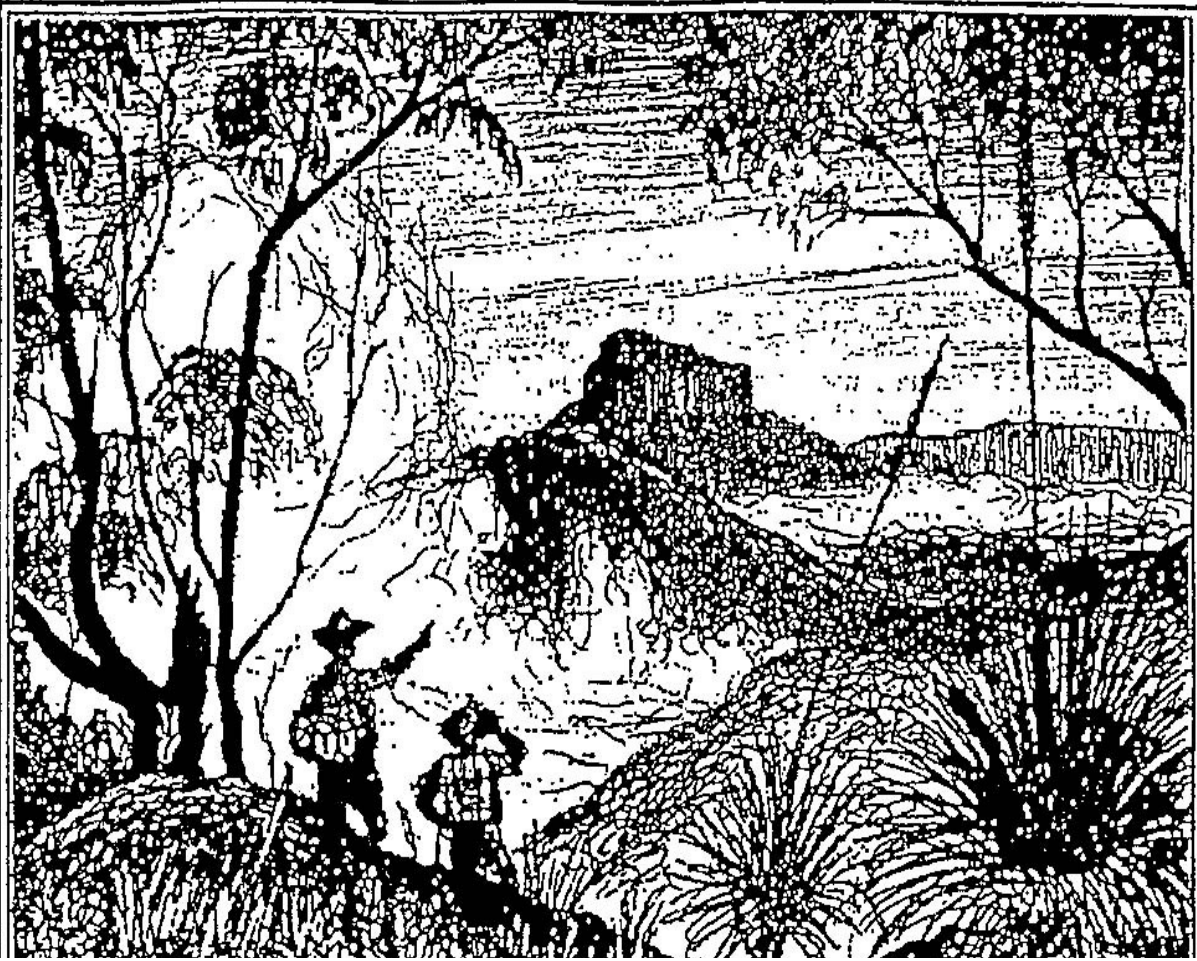


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Date	Event	Leader	Phone	Type	Grade
Dec 17	Christmas Lights & Coffee Night	Justin		Soc	
19	JTS – Premier’s Bar	Phil		Soc	
26	Springbrook - Boxing Day	Liz		DW	
31	New Year’s Eve Party	Terry		Soc	
Jan 6	Movie Night – Stafford Cinemas	Michael		Soc	
10	Lower Bellbird Cct/Lower Ballunju Falls	Greg		DW	
16	Philip’s Farewell Fling	Philip	0411 016 864	Soc	
16	John Toohey – Story Bridge Hotel	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
18	Bare Rock	Michele	3353 2822	DW	M44
19	BCBC Meeting	Philip	0411 016 864	Meet	
22	BWQ Meeting	Desley	3369 5530	Meet	
24/26	Gibraltar Range/Washpool	Michael	3351 3810	BC	M44
24/26	Gibraltar Range/Washpool	Michael	3351 3810	TW	L66
25	Python Rock & Elabana Falls	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M22
26	Australia Day at Southbank	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
28	Coffee Night – Coffee Club Toowong	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	St Vinnie's Fundraiser
Feb 1	Tamborine	Liz	3356 4874	DW	S33
3	Movie Night – Stafford	Michael	3351 3810	Soc	
7	Shorncliffe Afternoon to Evening	Liz	3356 4874	SW	S11
13	Black Friday – James Boag	Liz	3356 4874	Soc	
14	Baroon Pocket to Kondalilla Falls	Desley	3369 5530	DW	M33
16	BCBC Meeting (AGM)	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
20	John Toohey - Milano’s on the Mall	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
21	Obi Obi (Wan Kenobi) Lilo Trip	Phil	5522 9702	Float	M77
25	Coffee Night – Café Zanetti	Liz	3356 4874	Soc	
28	Gold Coast Great Walk – Appletree Pk to Purlingbrook Falls			DW	M44
March 3	Movie Night – Stafford	Michael	3351 3810	Soc	
7	Social			Soc	
8	Daisy Hill/Venman Reserve			SW	M32
14/15	Club Hut Feast			BC/Soc	M44
15	Club Hut Day Walk			DW	
16	BCBC Meeting				
20	John Toohey Society - Irish Club	Phil	5522 9702		
21	Cougals & Boyd’s Butte	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M45
25	Coffee Night – Tomato Bros, Rosalie			Soc	
29	Ewan Maddock Dam	Pat	3366 1956	DW	M33
April 5	Rathdowney Historical Show			Soc	
7	Catholic Historical Soc talk on BCBC	Pat	3366 1956	Soc	
7	Movie Night – Stafford	Michael	3351 3810	Soc	
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10/13	Girraween			BC	M45
11	Dave’s Creek Circuit	Michele	3353 2822	DW	M33
13	Surprise Walk	Pat	3366 1956	DW	
17	John Toohey - Venice Café Bar	Phil	5522 9702		
18	Somerset Trail (Mt Mee)	Peggy		DW	M33

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

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

KEY – Walk Gradings

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

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

EDITOR'S REPORT

ARTICLES: Please have all Jilalan articles to Greg by the 1st of the month. Articles should be e-mailed to me at 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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I need your articles on time – it makes it hard to still get articles when I should be formatting.

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PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Give us a joy that is deep,
A hope that is inspiring,
A faith that is strong,
A love that is generous,
A wisdom that sees through this world to you,
A confidence that finds you in every moment.

(Source: All hallows' Past Pupils Mass, Nov 2008)

REFLECTION

In 1988 when I started on my project to climb the highest peak on each continent, I was someone who was good at starting things, but not so good at finishing them.

I swore to myself that I would not stop until I had climbed the 'seven *bloody* mountains', as Jon Muir called them. It took me nine years to complete the quest, with the ascent of Everest on my fourth go. And by the way, I never stood on top of Everest: I sat on it. 'No more up' was my first thought from the summit. I then did a recorded message to all Australians asking them to take care of the country and its wilderness.

The climb gave me the confidence to meet new challenges in my life. If you believe in something, you can make it happen.

BRIGITTE MUIR - *The first Australian to climb the Seven Summits, she was also the first Australian woman to climb Everest, on 27 May 1997.*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy New Year everybody!! The Christmas rush has come and gone and we all put on those extra kilos (as feared). The long hot days of summer have arrived and I can't think of a better way to spend them than being out in the bush with your mates!! Yes, sign up for those fantastic trips this January and you'll be fitter and trimmer before you know it.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and that their New Year celebrations went well. I received a fantastic early Christmas present during my stay in Rockhampton with my family. As many people were aware my position in Brisbane became redundant causing me no end of angst, but I have secured employment in Townsville and I start there in early February 2009. (They called me two days before Christmas!!!!) The position sounds fantastic and I am looking forward to the challenges that a combination of

having a new job, new city and new home will bring.

The shift also brings a large level of sadness as I will be leaving a Club and friends that I love very much. I will miss your companionship on walks; the laughs at the coffee breaks; and the myriad social opportunities that being a member of the Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club afforded me since I joined in 2004.

I have been a very privileged position since February 2007, that of President of our great Club. There have been great highs and lows associated with that position, but I would not have traded those two years for anything.

Therefore it falls upon me to wish the Club every success throughout 2009, ask you to keep in touch because I suppose I will have to become the BCBC Hinchinbrook coordinator....., and to continue (no matter how hard it is sometimes) to see God not only in the natural world, but in those we walk with.

Philip

TREASURER'S REPORT

With the start of a new year it is also the start of the Club's year which means that your membership fees are due once again. The good news is that our fees have not increased so, Ordinary Members are \$35.00, Associate \$26.00, Spouse \$9.00 and Country \$26.00. You will find a Membership Renewal Form in this month's magazine. **You need to complete in full and sign this form and return it with your money** as soon as possible so that you do not miss any magazines. It is important that you return your signed renewal form with your subs as this is a requirement of our insurance company.

I am still selling tickets in our raffle which 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.

We still have a supply of Fiftieth Anniversary t-shirts on sale for twenty dollars each. If you have already bought one, now would be a good time to buy another one as they will soon be a collector's item.

Terry.

ABOUT PEOPLE

It is with sadness that I have to tell you that founding member, early inspiration and life member Raoul Mellish died on Sunday 4th January. He had a heart condition for the last 30 years, had a pace maker installed but kept active considering these difficulties. He will be missed by those that knew him.

Phyllis Kearney, mother of Laurie and of Marcia Richardson, died recently. Her funeral was a "reunion" of members from the late 60s & early 70s; the "clan" included the Kearnie's, Crowley's, and Mahoney's.

Please remember foundation members Willie Hayes in your prayers as, at the time of writing, he is in hospital.

Michelle Anderson, Brigid Baker, Michael Brophy, Marion Gibbons, Maria Galvin, Jean Gowans, Cheryl Layzelle, Bob Mollison, Ray Rowe and Peggy Roe (no relation) are having a birthday in January.

Recently we have had enquiries from Ann Shipman, Robert & Vicki Nelson, Michele Calmar, Brian O'Keffe, Catherine Hoey, Mary Bastidas, Paul Augustinus, Anne Lam, Sergio & Simone Gomes, Teresa Stevenson, Rebecca Stingwell, Rebecca Campbell and Katlain Gaal.

Martin & Pam Van Egmond clocked up their second walk as visitors on Philip's Bribie Island walk after first doing Barbara's Shipstern walk. Malcolm Mulvihill clocked up his second walk as a visitor on Greg's Albert River Circuit after also first doing Barbara's Shipstern walk. Isaac Pereirir and Jessica Pattinson (Christopher Thiele's daughter) were first time visitors on Liz's Springbrook walk.

Margaret Morgan was another first time walker on Greg's Albert River Circuit walk & attended her first JTS at The Treasury Casino. She even did the 5 day walk to Wilson's Prom with us – what a standard other visitors have to live up to. We hope that all those visitors who have walked with us had a good time and we look forward to seeing you and any other visitors on future club activities. All visitors are always most welcome.

Long distance member Denise Campbell thought the idea of a Progressive Dinna by Train was such a novel idea, that she came from Barcaldine to sample it.

Fran Jorgensen has contacted us about membership. Christopher Thiele has rejoined the

club after an absence of a number of years. Welcome back.

COMING EVENTS

TRIPS still leave from St Brigid's car park at Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.

16th JANUARY, FRIDAY

**JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY MEETING
STORY 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/drink/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.



**16th JANUARY, FRIDAY
PHILIP KEARN'S FAREWELL PARTY
STORY BRIDGE HOTEL**

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Meet at: 200 Main St, Kangaroo Point,
cnr Baidon St (really is directly
under the Story Bridge. In the
Outback Bar (or the Bar
Outback)
Time: 6pm, earlier if you wish
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995

Our Philip is soon to wing his way to Townsville to commence a new job. We want to send him off appropriately, so are meeting for dinner & a few drinks. It is an outdoors beer garden setting, with tables & chairs as well as a few barrels.

At that time of evening, there should be plenty of parking available. Otherwise, come by public transport – bus, train, ferry – all options are available. Look up Transinfo (the Story Bridge Hotel is a "Location" in it).

Come talk about old times, about past outings, about holidays, about his new job, about fond memories. As he is travelling light, no presents please. As the following weekend has several BCBC functions and is the long weekend, and as it will be his final packing weekend, this is the only opportunity we could organise at such short notice.

Come one, come all.

Peter Dombrovski is one of Australia's leading wilderness photographer and made this classic statement about the wilderness - 'It's not getting away from it all — it's getting back to it all'..

**18th 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.gsa.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 12.5km 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, and 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.

**19th 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/briscathbushclub/page4.html>

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

- 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

**24th to 26th JANUARY, SAT TO MON
GIBRALTAR RANGE-WASHPool
NATIONAL PARKS
THROUGHWALK AND BASECAMP**

Leader: Michael Simpson Ph: 3351 3810
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, Red Hill
Time: 5.00 am (To be confirmed)
Cost: \$60:00 (To be confirmed)
Grading: L 6 6 (throughwalk).
M 3 3 to M 4 4 (basecamp)

Location: Nth NSW, on the Great Dividing Range on the Gwydir H'way between Glen Innes & Grafton

Web:<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/NationalParks/parkHome.aspx?id=N0012>

Emerg Off: Catherine Ph: 3351 3810

The Gibraltar Range-Washpool National Parks are located in rugged mountainous country, high above the Clarence Valley on the edge of the Northern Tablelands of NSW. Despite the rugged terrain, the walks in this area are not overly rigorous. All the walks utilize existing roads, fire trails and constructed walking tracks. We will be camping at an idyllic spot, Coombadjha camping area, a short walk from the car park.

The walks available include

- A 2-day through walk from the Boundary Creek Falls picnic area to the Coombadjha camping area,
- An 8.5km 'Washpool Walk' which leaves from Coombadjha,
- A great walk up to the Waratah Trig with fabulous views of the 2 parks,
- A day walk from Coombadjha to Mulligan's Hut rest area which includes The Needles and the Tree Fern forest,
- A number of side trips from Mulligan's Hut rest area to The Needles or Dandahra Creek,
- A day walk from Mulligan's Hut rest area to the Visitor Centre or Boundary Creek Falls rest area and
- A visit to Anvil Rock and Dandahra Crags.

This is a great area to visit and is within most peoples capabilities. The Club last visited the area in 2007 and vowed to return. It is one of those magical areas you never tire of visiting.

25th JANUARY, SUNDAY PYTHON ROCK & ELABANA FALLS DAYWALK

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702, 0413 307 580
or 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'Reilly's. 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'Reilly's 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'Reilly's. The book is called the Spirit of O'Reilly's - it is only available at the coffee shop or by mail order.

Phil

The COOEE SYSTEM: The O'Reilly rule in earlier times was that if you were searching for a lost person you gave two cooees in quick succession.

If a lost person answered they would normally give a single cooee or the cooees would be well spaced.

If you receive a two-cooee response you would know that it was somebody else searching.

If the lost person had been found three cooees were given in quick succession as a signal to bring the searchers home..

From Spirit of O'Reilly's page 251.

26th JANUARY MONDAY OZ DAY SOCIAL

Contact: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
& at Southbank: 0418 122 995

Where: Southbank Parklands

Meet at: the square between QPAC
Cremorne Theatre entrance & the River

Time: 10am

Web:<http://www.australiaday.org.au/events/?view=national&m=218>

Emerg Off: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Please Nominate in Advance

The South Bank Parklands are set to explode with colour, sound and movement with the 2009 Australia Day Festival on Monday 26 January. With a full day of free entertainment programs, across three entertainment precincts, there is something for everyone.

Suncorp Piazza Stage

A feast of music, singing, dance and entertainment all day long, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Come see the death-defying aerialists and acrobats, sing along to tunes from around the globe and learn to dance Bollywood style! With a whole range of entertainment from energetic Cheerleaders to French Polynesian dance, the Suncorp Piazza Stage will have you dancing in your seats!

Big Top Stage

The Big Top is a family fun day of circus entertainment, magic shows and much more! Come and be amazed by the daring Big Top Circus performers and the Magic Happens Illusion Show – you won't believe your eyes! There will also be an exotic array of spectacular song and dance acts from around the world!

Australia Day Backyard

Sound Playground – You can't play a wrong note with these crazy musical contraptions which are made to be hit!

Flipside Circus Workshops – Learn exciting circus tricks including juggling, hula hoops, devil sticks, diablo, poi, acrobatics, tumbling and much much more!

Q150 Workshop – Join in the Q150 workshop and make yourself some sunglasses to take home.

Visions of Australia – Visit the colourful display of Queensland students' inspiring visions of Australia hung on Hills Hoists.

Chalk Artist – Watch as this colourful chalk artwork is created right before your eyes!

Bring your mobile phone & ring me when you arrive.

28th JANUARY, WEDNESDAY COFFEE CLUB, TOOWONG COFFEE NIGHT

The St Vinnie's Fund Raiser

Contact: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092

Where: Cnr Sherwood Rd & Jephson St

Time: 6.30pm for dinner

7.30pm for coffee & cake

Web:<http://www.coffeeclub.com.au/storages/?stateid=2&areaid=1>

The January Coffee Night has become our traditional St Vincent de Paul fundraiser, usually at an outdoor location with home catering, and all food donated and all proceeds donated. This year, we are going for something different – namely a coffee shop.

This one has a nice setting, and plenty of parking in the shopping centre behind. You all know what a Coffee Club is like – nice food, great coffee and separate bills.

We will collect for St Vinnie's during the night & donate it to the local Dorrington Society.

1st FEBRUARY, SUNDAY TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN DAYWALK

Leader: Liz Little Ph 3356 4874

Meet: St Brigid's Car Park, Red Hill

Meet time: 8.00 am

Cost: \$15

Grade: S33

Location: The, Gold Coast hinterland

Web:<http://www.tamborinemountain.net/things.html>

Emerg Off: Michele E Ph: 0418 708 638

This day walk will consist of two tracks.

In the morning, the walk will take us along part of the Witches Falls Circuit, along Witches Chase track to Beacon Road and Main Western Road, making an 8km circuit.

The early part of the walk zigzags down the steep mountain side through open forest with Banksia trees and into rainforest with huge strangler figs. Walkers pass seasonal lagoons surrounded by piccabeen palm groves, large dead eucalypt trees in the rainforest and cycad groves before reaching Witches Falls. The walk then continues along the cliff through rainforest with large red cedar trees and eucalypt forest to Beacon Rd.

The afternoon walk will be the 2.6km Palm Grove Circuit. Piccabeen palm groves and rainforest with emergent strangler figs and distinctively buttressed yellow Carabeens feature on this walk.



**3rd FEBRUARY, TUESDAY
MOVIE NIGHT
STAFFORD CINEMAS**

Contact: Michael Simpson Ph: 3351 3810
Where: Stafford 10 Cinemas – Stafford City Shopping Centre,
Meet at: Fasta Pasta –(first shop at rear entrance)
Time: 6pm
Cost: \$12.00 (movie only)
Web: <http://www.a-m-c.com.au/>
Location: Stafford Rd between Webster Rd & Windorah St

Don't forget we are now meeting on the first Tuesday of the month.

Visitors & New Members please ring first to find out how to recognise us when you arrive at the cinema.

This is a very informal event where nomination is not necessary. Simply turn up if you want, have dinner if you want, see whatever movie you want. Have coffee afterwards if you want.

We will be going to the Stafford 10 Cinemas at Stafford City. It is on Stafford Road about halfway between Webster Rd and Shand St. We will meet at or near Fasta Pasta, a café sited just inside the entrance near the cinema. The link below contains a map of the centre.

<http://www.thefirstgroup.com.au/images/centreProfiles/StaffordProfile.pdf>

The costs at Stafford City are similar if not cheaper as you can get a movie meal deal for around \$18. So come along.

**7th FEBRUARY, SATURDAY
SHORNCLIFFE
SOCIAL WALK**

Leader: Liz Little Ph 3356 4874
Meet at: Cnr Flinders Parade and Third Av, Sandgate
Time: 3pm
Cost: \$2 + own meal
Grade: S11
Location: Bayside, the outer northern suburbs of Brisbane
Web: <http://www.shorncliffe.com.au/>
and <http://www.ourbrisbane.com/suburbs/shorncliffe>
Emerg Off: Michele E Ph: 0418 708 638

This delightful Saturday afternoon social walk visits some heritage sites in the Sandgate/Shorncliffe area and includes a

refreshing walk beside the Bay, concluding with a satisfying meal of fish & chips by the water.

From the meeting place, the walk winds its way through local streets past such highlights as the Post Office (1887), the Town Hall (1912) and some historic hotels and traditional old Sandgate homes. It includes a walk out on the famous Sandgate Pier and a return along the splendid bay-side Esplanade.

By then the appetites should be ready for a traditional seaside snack at Doug's Seafood Cafe.

The total walking distance is 5 kilometres.

Let me know if you need help with transport to Shorncliffe.

**13th FEBRUARY, FRIDAY
THE COURTYARD
JAMES BOAG SOCIETY
BLACK FRIDAY MEETING**

Contact: Liz Little – Ph: 3356 4874
Where: 4/411 Newmarket Rd, Newmarket (Cnr Grey St)
When: 4pm onwards, relaxing after a hard day's work
Bring: Beer, wine, champagne, soft drink, juice etc, photos, conversation, companionship, smiles.
Cost: \$4-\$5 for food. Don't bring any food. It will be provided.

Black Friday doesn't occur very often and calls for a James Boag Society Meeting. Dark beer is available, apparently! (Black beer for Black Friday)

This meeting is entirely BYO for all liquids. Fortunately, there is a bottle shop across the road. Refrigeration will be provided, along with some snacks to eat. Last time everybody contributed nibblies and we had way too much. So this year, food will be provided and attendees will be asked to throw in a few dollars to cover the cost. It will work out cheaper this way, as well.

The Courtyard is a pleasant garden setting in downtown Newmarket. It is quiet and not at all crowded. There are enough seats for all. Ample parking and convenient public transport are available.

The company is always convivial. The gathering is a delightful way to wind down at the end of a working week. It won't be a late night.

If you are travelling to *The Courtyard* by train:

- Alight at *Newmarket Station* on the Ferny Grove line.
- Exit by the subway at the city end of the station.
- Turn left into Wilston Road.
- Walk about 100 metres to a t-junction.
- Turn right into Newmarket Road.
- Walk about 250 metres.
- 411 will be on the right.
- The bottle shop will be on the left.

If you are travelling to *The Courtyard* by bus:

- The 345 *Aspley* bus leaves every 10-15 minutes from the inbound platform at the Cultural Centre bus station and also from the outbound platforms at the King George Square and Roma Street bus stations.
- Other buses leave from other parts of the city and can be researched at www.translink.com.au or phone 13 12 30. They are the 325, 360, 361, 372, 373, 357, 359 and 390. Type in *411 Newmarket Road*. **Do not type the unit number in.**
- Alight at *Newmarket Stop*. (The driver will alert you if you ask in advance.)
- Continue walking in the same direction as the bus.
- Cross one intersection.
- Take the next right into Newmarket Road.
- Walk about 100 metres.
- 411 will be on the left.
- The bottle shop will be on the right.

(For those travelling home alone, the bus stop is located in a busy, well lit place.)

Maps can be found at www.whereis.com or in *Google Maps*.

**14th FEBRUARY, SATURDAY
BAROON POCKET to KONDALILLA
DAYWALK**

Leader: Desley Pedrazzini Ph: 3369 5530
Meet at: St Brigid's, Red Hill
Time: 7am
Cost: \$20
Grade: M33
Location: Blackall Ranges, in the Maleny/Montville area

Web:[http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/parks and forests/great walks/sunshine coast hinterland/long walks/](http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/parks_and_forests/great_walks/sunshine_coast_hinterland/long_walks/)

Emerg Off: Michele Endicott Ph: 3351 4092

This is one enjoyable walk, and one that is not easily done, since you finish no where near

where you commenced. Take this opportunity to do it.

The track start at the Dam wall, and heads off along Obi Obi Creek below it for a short while. Then it goes into the cool green temperate rainforest, ducking out to the creek on occasions. The going is easy at first, with the gullies bridged – and a lovely “picnic” stop.

The track is undulating, with some height gained, only to loose it again soon as you descend to creek level. The view over The Gorge from the eagle's lair is great – well worth the effort. Then the track winds back down, in & out.

Finally, it heads at right angles away from the main Obi Obi Creek and follows Skene Ck to Kondalilla Falls – spectacular falls in a great setting. Then a short walk through the ever popular picnic area to the waiting cars.

**NOTICE OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**16th FEBRUARY, MONDAY
St MICHAEL'S PARISH HALL
250 BANKS ST, DORRINGTON**

Contact: Desley Pedrazzini, Secretary
Ph: 3369 5530

Location: St Michael's Hall, 250 Banks St, Dorrington. The Hall is on the lower car park behind the Church.

Time: 7:30pm

The business conducted will include:

Receive the Committee's Report, and Statement of Income & Expenditure, Assets & Liabilities, for the year 2008;
Receive the Auditor's Report;
Election of Committee for 2009;
The appointment of the 2009 Auditor;
Voting of Honorary Members; and other business relating to the annual running of the Club.

All persons are welcome to attend – Do NOT be put off – you are getting 2 meetings for the price of 1.

Members should attend to carry out their democratic right of questioning, in a civilised and polite manner, the outgoing committee about the running of the Club during 2008, and to vote in the new committee. It works better if we have more than the usual number of members present.

As soon as the AGM is completed, the normal February Monthly Meeting will commence under the command of the new committee.

Visitors will find it a bit slow, but will see the Club in operation. Also, the regular monthly meeting is on afterwards, so Visitors can ask leaders about their coming trips.

See you all there.

Desley Pedrazzini, Club Secretary

**20th FEBRUARY, FRIDAY
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY
MILANO'S ON THE MALL**

Contact: Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702
or 0413 307 580

Address: Top of the Queen Street Mall
(near George St)

Time: From 4pm till 9ish.

What For: For a chat, a drink and a meal

Emerg Off: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995

Come along and enjoy a gathering at Milano's. A chance to catch up with friends and watch the passing parade of people and discuss the results of the AGM.

**21st FEBRUARY, SUNDAY
OBI OBI (WAN KENOBI) LILO TRIP
DAYWALK**

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

bigrivers@optusnet.com.au

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

Time: 6:00 am

Grade: M 77

Cost: \$20:00

Location: Maleny/Montville/Mapleton area

Web:<http://www.localbusinessguide.com.au/qld/acaciacanoe/pr/who-would-be-a-white-water-paddler-in-brisbane/> AND

http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/media/parks_and_forests/great_walks/sunshine_coast/schgw_baron_colour.pdf

Emerg Off: Susan Murray Ph: 5522 9702

The January Obi Obi trip got postponed as there was not enough water, so we will do the Obi Obi trip in February rather than the Mary River trip as I still need to do the pre-outing for the Mary River.

The Obi Obi trip is a classic trip to do. It is just a buzz. The trip is about 11km long and we spend about 10kms in the water. It takes about 7 hours to do it. Bring a lilo (not a thin plastic one), 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, garden gloves for your hands and a bicycle helmet.

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

**25th FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY
ZANETTI'S AT MITCHELTON
COFFEE NIGHT**

Contact: Liz Ph 3356 4874

Meet at: Zanetti's Restaurant and Bar,
40 Blackwood St, Mitchelton

Time: 6.30 for a meal

Later for coffee (They close at 9pm)

Web:<http://my247.com.au/brisbane/Zanettis-Restaurant-Bar.22392>

This is always a popular gathering place for coffee nights and is on our calendar each year.

Zanetti's is a fully licensed Italian and Modern Australian restaurant in the heart of the beautifully tree-scaped Blackwood Street shopping and restaurant precinct at Mitchelton. The restaurant and bar offer an interesting variety of food and beverages ranging from meals to snacks or cake and coffee. The company is always great because it is us!

Free parking is provided and the 390 bus stop is extremely convenient.

POETRY CORNER

Help

Help me! Won't you help me!
I'm really tired of this.
We've been walking for two hours,
And I think it's far from bliss.

My new boots fitted fine
When I bought them at the store.
There's a blister on my ankle,
And my toes are really sore.

I can't keep up with the party.
They're way too fast for me,
I think I'll take a rest stop
And sit down by that tree.

I closed my eyes for a moment,
And woke up with a start,
The time has gone two hours,
In a rush I must depart.

The others have all vanished,
I "cooee" left and right,
But silence was my answer,
I really took a fright.

The sun goes high and heated,
I gulp the water down.
Lost and in a frenzy
In sweat I almost drown.

Then darkness comes so quickly,
A torch I forgot to pack,
I stumble in the darkness,
I'll never find the track.

The moon came and in floodlight,
A beacon to light my way.
I find a sheltering overhang,
Until the break of day.

In my soul I prayed for help,
From the one who made us all,
And morning gave me new hope,
As from the rock I crawled.

Three hours of hard scrub bashing,
With a pack of heavy load.
To my surprise a miracle,
A came across a road.

I heard some voices up ahead,
And the cars were there you see.
My companions were all worried,
And so glad to have found me.

They did not scorn or ridicule,
Or told me what I lack.
I've learned my lesson this time round,
I think I'm coming back.

Jim Teys, THE WAYSIDER, No. 232, March – April 1994

PAST EVENTS

TINCHI TAMBA TO BRAMBLE BAY

There was so much apprehension about this walk, so many pre-outings, duty of care comes to mind, and will we get our feet wet?

Seven walkers met at Bald Hills Rail Station to begin the Tinch Tamba to Bramble Bay walk. We walked through the streets down to Canterbury Park; great place for a toilet stop, only the men's toilet was open. Talk about discrimination, this just wasn't on. A couple of the ladies used the men's toilet, as a bloke who was waiting to start umpiring a social cricket match strolled round towards us, the much relieved ladies came out of the toilets, The bloke slowly raised one finger, both were given out.

The party continued through Canterbury Park to where it meets the South Pine River, from here we take the bike track to Barungawarra Bushland Reserve, then under the main highway and overpasses to the Tinch Tamba Wetlands.

Some one commented, "will we see any kangaroos"? Sure enough, a few minutes later a couple of kangaroos were hopping off into the distance. We seven walked along the fire breaks for a while then cut across diagonally towards Deep Water Bend Reserve, where we

stopped for smoko (both toilets open, no need for an umpire).

After smoko the troops continued to do the Tinch Tamba Circuit walk, and then veered off the track to take a short cut to the bird hide. This was an absolutely beautiful place and so close to the city. All the headed back along the bike track, along Wyampa Road, then we took the bike track which snakes along the Gateway Arterial Road, behind the housing estate into Gus Davies Park. We continued along Bracken Ridge Road, past St John Fischer College, under the underpass to Third Lagoon, where a stop for lunch at the bird hide was made, another beautiful place so close to home.

The troops were pretty hot, tired and hungry, someone needed a nanna nap, I was reminded a storm was on its way. After lunch we made our way through the Deagon Wetlands, to Hoskins Street which was followed to Dowse Lagoon, up Keogh Street to the main street of Sandgate.

We then headed down the beach front, where we stopped for a coffee break. We walked along the foreshore around to the Shorncliffe Pier, then headed back to Shorncliffe Railway Station, which was the finish of the walk. Thanks to everybody who came, and had faith in the walk that I was leading.

Regards Trevor K

**NORTHBROOK GORGE
13th DECEMBER**

Water, water everywhere and lots and lots of swims. Eight eager walkers meeting at Miala, Mt Glorious. Before heading over to the gravel pit and down Matthew's Ridge, a gentle meander past the jinker left over from the logging days. Down, down, down to the creek for smoko.

The day was spent beside the creek, in the creek and under the creek. Rock pools, cascades and slides. One rock slide needed to be tested a number of times as big kids and little kids went flying into the pool. "Let's do it again. It's better than White Water World." They shouted as they went past.

A late lunch at 2:00pm where the side creek comes in from Lawton Road then onto the gorge. What a place to escape. Rock walls all around us, water rushing through, in we jumped, we floated, swam and splashed in nature's playground. Northbrook Gorge was fantastic but too soon the journey was over and we were at the exit and back to the cars by 5.00pm.

Big kids and the little kids enjoyed themselves and will be back. Thanks to Kerry, Ethan & Matthew, Keelin & Peggy, Mary and Steve (BOSQ) for the Summer Escape.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
COFFEE NIGHT
17th DECEMBER**

Fish and chips and burgers at Saturn Court was the start of our journey around the lights. A convoy of six cars and twelve people. Sue at the front and Terry at the tail travelled around Bridgeman Downs, Arana Hills, Everton Hills and finishing with coffee at Chermanside West.

The lights were fantastic, they were all different and well worth looking at. My vote goes to the lights at Everton Hills. Plenty of room and plenty of surprises here and there.

Thanks to Richard, Michele, Sherryn, Terry, Robyn, Greg and Michele, Louise, Liz, Susan, Mary and Georgia.

**JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY MEETING
TREASURY CASINO
19th DECEMBER 2008**

That universal question, namely do you want to be in *the know* or *be cool* dominated this

meeting. Those who wanted to *be cool* seemed to have an unusual ability or capacity to recruit new members to the Society, although their longevity is questionable. The staff tried to *be cool* by doing their tricks behind the bar, but they cracked under the pressure of the overwhelming demand. Those *in the know* agreed that the Society hold its October 2011 meeting in Jerusalem after a circumnavigation of the Sea of Galilee. However the *cool* people interjected and argued the case for the Western Arthur's (s-w Tasmania) for late December 2009. May be we can do both.

Both the *cool* members and those members *in the know* agreed that a quorum had been easily achieved. This was evidenced by a separate table for the *cool* members who while being *cool* could not hear and an even larger table for those *in the know* who were the reverse of *cool* i.e. hot. And that was the problem with the Premier's bar at the Casino; you could not *be cool* and *in the know* at the same time.

The Cool: Eliz Richards, Tracy Haggard, Michael Simpson, & Catherine Simpson (1/2)
Those In The Know: Greg Endicott, Maree Rickets, Margaret Moran, Desley Pedrazzini, Phil the Elder, , Graham Glasse and Jan & Russ Nelson. and Catherine Simpson (1/2)

**BOXING DAY WALK AT
SPRINGBROOK
26th DECEMBER**

Fourteen members and visitors rendezvoused at Apple Tree Park at Springbrook on 26th December to begin the annual Boxing Day Walk. Thanks go to Greg, Michael and Russ who drove the majority of the walkers up from Brisbane. The changeable weather gave plenty of variety of conditions and our meeting point provided a pleasant spot to set the relaxed tone for the day. Jessica and Isaac were first time visitors whom we did our best to make welcome.

The morning walk was the Purling Brook Falls Circuit. First stop was a lookout to the falls, which were spectacular, even in the less than clear conditions. The track continued through pretty eucalypt forest for two kilometres to the base of the falls. Only a gentle spray hit us as we followed the track under the falls for a magical experience. We continued for another kilometre down to the scenic Warringa Pool. En route we discovered a delightful creek

crossing which proved perfect for a morning tea stop. Lucy and Stephen entered into the spirit of the Christmas leftovers by consuming home made rum balls. The three kilometre walk back up to the cars stimulated our appetites for lunch, which we were lucky to enjoy at sheltered picnic tables.

Our next call was the Best of All Lookout. On a clear day one could expect a magnificent vista of Mt Warning and northern New South Wales. Sadly, ours was not a clear day so Jan's photo included more people than scenery. However, an added feature en route to the lookout was the pocket of Antarctic beech forest.

The four kilometre afternoon walk was the Twin Falls Circuit whose pleasures included passing behind the two waterfalls, through rock clefts and among palms and tree ferns. Russ led a party in one direction while Michael and his group set out the other way. Thus the walk was experienced from two viewpoints.

The great day of walking in beautiful scenery was celebrated in style with coffee at Rosellas, a pretty garden tea house at Canyon Lookout. Both rosellas and king parrots flew wild in the garden and sometimes visited the diners on the veranda as well.

Other walkers included Terry, Graham, Margaret, Robyn, and Christopher. Special thanks to Michael for his help with the pre-outing and for taking over the leadership in the afternoon when my back gave out and I was unable to continue walking. Thanks also to Michele for acting as emergency officer.
Liz

NEW YEAR'S EVE SOCIAL ROMA STREET PARKLANDS

What a difference a year makes. In 2007 our celebrations were conducted in the wet, whereas 2008 saw us celebrating on a fine, clear and warm night. Surprisingly, the number of members who attended in 2007 was one more than 2008.

Margaret Atkin, who caught the train from Ferny Grove, was the first to arrive - beating me by a minute. Next to arrive was Liz Little who came by bus. Last to join us was Desley Pedrazzini who decided to wait until sunset before making the journey by foot.

It was a very pleasant evening sitting on the grass in our usual spot. As usual, time passed very quickly. About 8.30 Liz decided it was time

to catch a bus for home. Margaret feared that she would not be able to stay awake until midnight, and so she decided leave with Liz so that she could see the nine o'clock fireworks before catching her train home.

Once again this left Desley and me to party on until midnight. Before we knew it, it was time to head into the city where we found the crowd bigger than last year and the biggest I can recall. Victoria Bridge was already packed but we managed to get a spot just on the end of the bridge which allowed us a reasonable view, although not as good as my regular spot on the middle of the bridge.

The fireworks were different from last year and ran for twice as long, lasting for twenty minutes. Personally, I was a little disappointed in the quality of the display as I expected better because 2009 is the 150th Anniversary of our statehood.

After the fireworks, Desley once again decided to join me in my traditional circuit through South Bank. (Yet again her chair was being held hostage in my car.) This year I decided that rather than fight against the human tidal wave exiting South Bank we would do the circuit in reverse. This proved to be a success as first we flowed with the crowd into the Queen Street Mall before we headed down to Q.U.T. and over the Goodwill Bridge and along the river through South Bank before finally crossing the Victoria Bridge back into the Mall.

After walking the length of the mall we headed back up to my car at the Roma Street Parklands where Desley bravely decided to accept a lift home in my Trusty Rusty Datsun. Once again, I suspect that the lateness of the night had worn her down. (It was approaching 2.00am) Although the C.B.D. was still quite crowded, the road home was almost deserted.

A good night was had by all and I would like to thank those who joined me, especially Desley who once again stayed up way past her usual bed time after having worked New Year's Eve. We were a little surprised that Desley stayed with us as she rejected the attentions of at least four gentlemen. Hopefully, more members will join us for a fun time at our next New Year's Eve celebration.

I've now discovered that paid parking at Roma Street Parklands goes until 8.00PM!!! After finding five cents at South Bank, I now figure that I have to find another \$49.95 in order to be

able to pay my parking ticket. Not a good start to 2009 for our club treasurer.
Regards, Terry.

I have a theory that people climb mountains for the smell of it. Air at very high altitudes smells completely different.

Roddy McKenzie - Australian mountaineer - he summited Everest on 24 May 1989.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY FRIDAY 2nd TO TUESDAY 6th JANUARY THROUGHWALK

Part 1



Three bleary eyed bushwalkers arrived at Brisbane airport for a 6am flight to Sydney. After collecting our car and Margaret, we set off

for the 4 hour drive to Tidal River, our starting point. The journey was only interrupted by a brief stop at the Kooweerup Bakery for our last real food for 5 days. After collecting Rick & Julie, we took a quick bus ride to the Oberon Saddle carpark and were on our way around 3pm. The track climbed steadily through open forest and woodland to Windy Saddle where the scenery changed quite dramatically to wet Heathland full of stringbarks, tea trees and paperbarks as we descended to Sealer's Cove. The numerous burrows along the track were an early indication of the abundance of Echidnas. Before long we arrived at Sealer's Swamp where a 2km boardwalk allowed easy access to Sealer's Cove. What a magnificent spot. The secluded bay was once the site for a small town and sawmill but all evidence has been removed leaving only some evidence of the substantial logging that once took place here.

Day 2 arrived with a near perfect day as we continued along the east coast to Refuge Cove. The track now passed through open country



with the occasional gum tree remaining. The terrain was very similar to Girraween with bizarrely shaped granite boulders dominating the interior. As we climbed the views north and south were incredible. Bass Strait was a millpond. It's hard to imagine any yacht getting into trouble crossing to Tassie. Julie was drawn to the



proliferation of birds at Wilson's Prom. There are 306 species of birds at Wilson's Prom, over 1/3 of all species in Australia and more than Kakadu.

Refuge Cove was even more spectacular than Sealer's Cove and is clearly a port of preference as there were several yachts moored here. From Refuge Cove we climbed to Kersop's Peak, the highest point of our walk with breathtaking views in all directions. It was a long descent through ever thickening rainforest as we traverse numerous streams and gullies to our campsite at Little Waterloo Bay. This is obviously a popular spot as the campsite was quite crowded. (Part 2 next month).

Michael.



Desley, Paul, Michael, Margaret, Julie & Rick (and a lighthouse) at the most southerly point on mainland Australia.

MOVIE NIGHT 6th JANUARY

Four of us plus one attended Stafford Cinemas to view our favoured movies. Michele & I saw "Australia", Jean and Terry saw "The Day The Earth Stood Still" (without Michael Rennie, so he couldn't tell them where to stand), while Tracey saw "Frost/Nixon". All enjoyed our respective flicks. Only 3 of us headed to McCafe as the Endicotts had not had dinner yet (and still didn't).

My next movie will have to be the Kidman/Jackman sequel – Australia 2.

GO BUSH AT BRISBANE FOREST PARK

Too hot in the sun? Go Bush after dark!

Stay cool this summer and have fun with the whole family on an evening Go Bush activity. For kids looking for something more energetic, there are lots of school holiday activities to keep them entertained.

Our family frog-spotlight walk is back by popular demand this summer. We're expecting an excellent frog season after this spring's heavy rain or come along on an evening walk through the lush rainforests of Boombana National Park to discover frogs at every stage of development. Other family spotlight walks are scheduled this summer at Daisy Hill, Noosa and the Glass House Mountains.

The "Go Bush" programme is at:

<http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/register/p02742aa.pdf>

For information about activities in the Go Bush program or to make a booking, call 1300 130 372 and follow the prompts to Go Bush.

http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/parks_and_forests/find_a_park_or_forest/brisbane_forest_park/

MORAN'S CREEK at O'REILLY'S

By Peter Blayney Chaplain of Sydney "Catholic Bushwalking Club"

The WAYSIDER No. 331 January - February 2009

(Does it bring back memories??)

Following the O'Reilly's annual BirdWeek, I decided to stay on a day and do a decent solo walk - birdwatchers are not bushwalkers. Peter O'Reilly suggested Moran's Creek. He said he'd taken a few Bird Week parties on the walk in the past. Pat Burke was on those walks. There is no way that the birdos would do this walk these days.

The route begins at the Guest House, from which I set off at 0935 on Sunday 9th November. It took 50 mins to walk to the top of the Stockyard Creek track. The steep track was cut in the late 1920s to bring guests up to Green Mountains from the Kerry Valley below. When the track descends off to the right of the knife-edged ridge, you stay on top. Picking the right spur to descend the ridge into Rocky

Creek is the trick. Peter warned me about picking the correct spur off the main ridge. I took a bearing (using 1" to mile contour & Forestry Dept sketch maps) but made the classic error. I picked the wrong spur as I had not walked far enough along the top. The descent is very steep but pleasant under the casuarinas. No Glossy Blacks unfortunately. Half way down I could see I would hit Rocky Creek too early. After some spur hopping, staying just above the lantana, I got into the creek. This is open, pleasant rock hopping, soon spreading out to wide, grassy banks till the junction with Moran's Creek. The map shows a track or road on the true left of Moran's but no more in reality. You can see the track in parts but the lantana has taken over.

I stopped for lunch at 1235, sitting on a black rock in the middle of the creek. Possibly due to overcast conditions, there were few birds. No billy boiled of course in this pristine wilderness. Orange juice and water sufficed. O'Reilly's pack a tasty and healthy lunch with salads etc. The next two hours were a solid and slow climb to the base of Moran's Falls. Awnings of rainforest branches, strangler figs, stinging trees and cycads close in over you. At one stage I trod on a small Rough Scaled snake, venomous. It didn't move, mainly due to the soft and environmentally friendly Volleys. Only once did I divert and leave the creek to cut off a corner. Not wise in a rainforest creek. It took 20 mins or so to crawl, cut and struggle through unforgiving scrub with plenty of prickly bits. I arrived at the base of the Falls at 1510.

The cascading water is spectacular from below. The rock is reddish brown with wide black streaks. The vegetation is plentiful and crowds the water in on both sides. After a little rest I found the steps and old track Peter said would be there. In fact, a lot of careful workmanship in former times can still be seen on the built up sections of the now almost invisible track clinging to the steep slopes. A hand rail and concrete steps, covered by mud, dirt, fallen branches, assisted me in climbing up the cliff to the top. This section reminded me of the steps up Govett's Leap, without the glamour. At the end of this old track you meet the usual sign "track closed", don't go there. There's even a barbed wire fence to discourage the curious from descending the hairy descent. Pity. The view of the Falls from above and then again from across the gorge is excellent. By now I was on the well-made track

designed for visitors to the top of the Falls. I arrived at the Guest House at 1645. It's very satisfying to walk where you've never been before.

NEW NATIONAL TRAILS CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

From: BWQ - Bushwalking Qld. Inc.
qfbwc@yahoo.com.au

To: ``BWQ - Clubs

Sent: Wednesday, 7 January, 2009

**Subject: National Walking Trails
Classification System**

The Victorian Government Dept. of Sustainability and Environment is developing a system of classifying walking trails in Victorian state forests and recreational reserves. They have realised the possibility of such a system having relevance across all jurisdictions and so have invited other state land management agencies and user groups to become involved.

The intention is to formulate a new system of grading walks that will be easily understood by the public. The idea is to codify the "walkability" of a track in terms of distance, gradient and weather factors, etc. This is in contrast to the existing Australian Standards for Track Construction currently used by QPW and many local government agencies in their maps and brochures.

Bushwalking Australia has direct representation through David Reid in Victoria, and in Queensland your federation is represented by the EPA, in liaison with myself as secretary. Bushwalking Qld. will be monitoring the project to determine the relevance of the system to bushwalking clubs, and to provide input from bushwalkers as required. Focus groups "with walkers" have already been held across Australia.

The latest Newsletter from the Project is attached. The website has back issues of the newsletter and minutes of meetings, at the bottom of the home page, for downloading.
www.dse.vic.gov.au/walking

Please distribute this information among your members, and Bushwalking Qld. will be happy to accept any bushwalker input for forwarding to David Walker.

John Marshall, Sec. BWQ

BUSHWALKING AUSTRALIA

<http://www.bushwalkingaustralia.org/>

BUSHWALKING QLD NOTICE OF CAMPSITE MONITORS MEETING

Mark Burnham of Q'ld Parks & Wildlife wrote:

Campsite Monitors Meeting: We'll start about 830am and run through to 1200 noon. QPW will provide tea coffee and some morning tea.

I will set down a good proportion of time open to discussion on any specific issues raised and hopefully between the reps from each management unit and I we can shed light on these. It would be great to get some feedback on additional agenda items the monitors would like to discuss. I'm sure there would be some common themes.

Campsite Monitors are invited to attend the first meeting for 2009 - please mark your calendar. If there are any agenda items or issues that you wish to be discussed, kindly Reply email to this address. An agenda will be compiled and sent to you closer to the date.

Three new monitors have responded to fill vacant sites. An Updated List of Monitors is attached with the new names highlighted. If there are any errors in the list, please let us know.

Thank you all very much for your responses and commitment to this most important ongoing project.

John Marshall, Sec BWQ

BOOK REVIEW BLENDING WITH LIFE ON THE MOUNTAIN

The Spirit of O'Reilly's, Peter O'Reilly, published by the author, 2008, pp 269, \$29.70.

In the second last chapter of his history of the O'Reilly family on Green Mountains, Peter O'Reilly speaks of 'good friends who blended so naturally with life on the mountain' (p 257). The whole book is about how his forebears, later generations and guests found themselves captivated by the rainforest.

The name 'Green Mountains' is attributed to the naturalist Alex Chisholm. After visiting the McPherson Ranges in 1921, he wrote an article in the Brisbane Daily Mail entitled the 'Green Mountains of Queensland' (p 113). Bernard then borrowed the name for his book, the well-known, *Green Mountains and Cullenbenbong* (1940).

In short punchy chapters, Peter covers a very large canvas with people, characters, hospitality, hardships, tools, buildings, dairying, walks, butchering, botany, bird watching and more besides. He uses sepia, black and white and vibrant colour. His style is personal, historical and sometimes ethereal. You finish reading a chapter wanting to know more about what Peter thinks. He has been brave in sharing his personal story as part of the larger O'Reilly family tale. It is a gift to reveal what's in one's heart to an anonymous reading audience yet not be mawkish. I can imagine a group of guests sitting around the fire in the Guest House lounge listening to Peter reflecting nimbly on these moments of memoir. He writes as he speaks, a talent not easy to convey in the written word.

Peter and his older brother Vince came back to the O'Reilly's Guest House in 1955. It had first opened its doors at Easter 1926. By the mid-1950s the business needed new vision and energy. Peter is graceful in attributing to Vince the sound financial and administrative acumen required to place the Guest House on a viable footing. Peter writes that he was happier 'looking at birds and climbing mountains' (p 128). It is in the chapters on making tracks, building anything, towing 4WD buses, surveying roads, constructing the world's first tree top walk in 1986, that we see Peter's enormous contribution. He speaks of himself as a 'naturalist at heart' and even though he might scoff at the fancy word, he was at the forefront of the eco-tourism movement in Queensland. He has done a lot to show people how blending with the mountain is a very rewarding experience.

I presume the book did not have the assistance of an editor, for the work is self-published. Inevitably errors are overlooked. The Governor-General who visited O'Reilly's was Sir Ninian Stephen not Stephens (p 259). Descriptions of some people and events in the O'Reilly story are mentioned multiple times. More specific dates could have been mentioned linked to events so well evoked. But this is nitpicking, something which reviewers always feel they need to do.

I confess a bias towards the O'Reilly's Plateau. I first camped and walked there in 1981 and met Peter, his first wife Karma and their children. I returned again in 2004 for the November Bird Week and have been back each year since. This lovely book ends with an unaffected tribute to the Lord's companionship on the O'Reilly journey.

The book is available at major bookshops. Or contact O'Reilly's Gift Shop on 07 5544 0522; e-mail giftshop@oreillys.com.au.

Peter Blayney, The WAYSIDER No. 331 January - February 2009

NATURE NOTES

STREAM LILY



We have several rainforest trips over summer to the Lamington area. A very common plant seen on these trips is the huge stream lily. It forms huge clumps near watercourses and frequently grows on cliff faces and can form dense clumps around

watercourses.

Stream Lilies have long, dark-green strap-like leaves and form clumps that are up to 2 metres high. The tall flower spikes, which appear in the summer, are white or pale pink. The leaves are 120cm - 150cm in length by 6cm, erect and sword shaped growing in tufts from rhizomes. The flowers cream to pink in pannicles (up to 60cm or longer) through out most of the year except winter. Fruit a small capsule 0.5cm to 0.8 cm in length. It is popular in cultivation for its ornamental flowers and foliage.

It is a native to New South Wales and Queensland in Australia. The plant occurs in and around the McPherson Range and nearby areas of rainforest along creeks and gullies. It is regarded as a rare plant due to its very localised distribution but it is very common in that locality.

The Stream Lily's scientific name is *Helmholtzia glaberrima* - Helmholtzia is named after Professor Hermann Ludwig Ferdinand von Helmholtz (1821-1894) a famous German scientist. The name was given by Government

Botanist of Victoria, Ferdinand von Mueller in 1865. Glaberrima is derived from the word glaberrimus which meaning smooth and refers to the foliage. The common name is misleading as it is not a lily.

Brisbane Rainforest Action & Information Network

<http://www.brisrain.webcentral.com.au/01 cms/details pop.asp?ID=260>

In his book "Spirit of O'Reilly's" Peter mentioned the Stinson rescue and commented as follows - "He [Bernard O'Reilly] passed waterfalls and cascades along the creek and eventually came to a larger fall and looked for the easiest way around it. It was to the right it seemed, and as he walked that way he noticed where the giant helmholtzia or stream lily had been torn away from the cliff of the waterfall and concluded that this may be the cause of Westray's downfall. The sword like leaves and large size of these plants offer good hand and foot holds and give the impression of stability. These plants are however brittle and have very little hold on the rock and would just fall away with the weight of a person."

Who was Helmholtz and why name the stream lily after him?

Hermann Von Helmholtz, was one of the greatest scientists of the 19th century, he made fundamental contributions to physiology, optics, electrodynamics, mathematics and meteorology. He was one of the inspirations for a young Albert Einstein.

"I admire the original, free mind of Helmholtz"
—Albert Einstein, August 1899

He is known for his statement of the law of the conservation of energy: the sum total of energy in the universe remains unchanged no matter what events take place, i.e. energy cannot be created or destroyed. This statement was first published in 1842.

He was born at Potsdam near Berlin. His father was a teacher of philosophy and literature, and his mother was descended from William Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania. Von Helmholtz received a free medical education in Berlin on condition that he serve eight years as an army doctor.

His obvious scientific talents led to his release from military duties. He became a teacher in anatomy at the Academy of Arts in Berlin and was appointed Professor of Physiology and Anatomy at Koenigsberg in East Prussia.

In 1842 von Helmholtz first demonstrated that nerve fibres rose from ganglion cells. In 1850 he was the first to measure the speed of electrical transmission of the nerve impulse. In the same year he invented the ophthalmoscope, an instrument for viewing the interior of the eye or examining the retina. In 1867 he published Handbook of Physiological Optics.

He was a founder of the scientific study of music and in 1856 first demonstrated that tone, colour and the concept of music are related to the ordered mathematical arrangements of harmonies in scales and chords. The genus Helmholtzia commemorates someone of many talents.

As an aside the stream lily was named after Von Helmholtz in 1865 which was 5 years before Germany was formed as a nation. Another question to ponder is who collected the specimens of the plant in the 1860's and sent them to Melbourne for classification.

DO YOU WANT TO WALK IN NEPAL?

Gail Cibilic is wanting walking partners for her trip from 1st May. She has been there 3 times already, so is a good person to have with you. Trekking in Nepal is one of life's most memorable & inspirational experiences. There is the option of 2 treks – each are small groups.

Trek 1: Thyangboche Monastery – the best short Everest, maximum altitude 3800m, grade is moderate. 13 days at \$US1200.

Trek 2: Everest Base Camp and Goyko Lakes via Chola Pass – Maximum altitude is 5545m. Grade is challenging. 25 days at \$US2000.

The price is well below regular commercial treks, with all the extras.

Contacts: www.alpsinnepal.com .

Gail on Ph: 5546 8189 or gcibilic@hotmail.com

TRAVEL ESSENTIALS **Travel Scams**

Forewarned is forearmed, especially when it comes to some common scams pulled on unwary travellers around the world. You're in a strange place, unfamiliar with the customs, unsure if strangers are only curious and friendly or whether they have a greedy eye on

your possessions. It's hard to tell and unless you want to cut yourself off from the culture you've travelled to experience, you must offer a little trust and hope for the best. One thing you can do though is make yourself aware of the most common rip-off tactics. For instance:

- Being jostled/distracted in crowds. The number one technique for pickpockets.
 - Show count/fast count when changing money, especially common with street moneychangers and currency exchange clerks. Always count your money before leaving.
 - Waiters padding restaurant bills. If you don't keep an eye on what you're ordering, the waiter will add his own tip.
 - Good Samaritan who helps with luggage, buys train tickets, hails taxis. Do you really think people are just being friendly?
 - Fellow tourists who are down on their luck and need a little cash. These people prey on your good nature to pinch some of your money.
- Stealing bags placed under seat. Make sure you can always feel it.
 - Black marketeers giving counterfeit bills.
 - Drugged beverages. Meet a new friend that offers a drink you don't see opened and expect to wake up a little shy of cash.
 - Taxi driver leaves with your luggage in the boot as you get out to retrieve it. Better to put it on the seat beside you.
 - Touts who won't leave you alone. Annoying? Sure it is. Chalk it up to another cultural experience.
 - An offer to help you to your accommodation – never tell them where you are staying – you might be told it is overbooked and you pay all over again.
 - When exchanging for US cash, make sure it is spotless - in countries other than those that use it as their currency (US, Ecuador) often it won't be accepted if it has even a tiny mark on it.

By YHA December 2008

HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

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

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

VISITORS are always welcome.

OUTINGS

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

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

<http://www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/EmergOffSyst.html>

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

MEMBERSHIP FEES - Membership Subscription fees are:

Ordinary Members: \$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 specific enquiries, contact the committee member (from above) concerned.
For Outings or Socials, contact the leader shown in the calendar or article.

THEOLOGY CORNER

The Gospel for this month's meeting draws on Mark 2:18-22. The question of fasting arises and Jesus replies that fasting would be inappropriate at the time of a wedding. By comparing Jesus' resurrection to the joy of a marriage celebration, Jesus emphasises that the religious relationship is not a joyless, guilt ridden state, but one that should be full of joy because inherent in it is to be found the power of forgiveness.

We have heard much about sin and forgiveness - sin being described as spiritual leprosy having the capacity to paralyse our spiritual life. Today, two applications are suggested by the readings. Firstly, the need to forgive and to be forgiven in our personal relationships because God forgives us. In the Lord's prayer we are taught this important lesson - "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us". If the Lord holds no grudges against us, neither should we hold grudges against those we love.

Especially is this so in marriage. In every relationship, and especially in marriage, we offend and give offence; we hurt and are hurt! Sensitivity, patience, understanding, knowing when to speak and when to be quiet are not easy virtues to acquire. Yet they are absolutely essential for relationships to survive. And when failures occur, as they always will, gracious acknowledgement is indispensable. One must be able gracefully to apologise and the other must, equally, gracefully, accept the sorry plea. This graceful and sincere exchange of pardon in a close human relationship reflects the divine presence at work in those concerned. Indeed, one hears it said, that the pain of argument is frequently more than compensated for by the joy of making up!

The second direction in which today's readings take us is to understand that there is nothing we can do that God will not forgive, given our goodwill. We know that reconciliation in a marriage will be followed at some point by another misunderstanding, quarrel or conflict. So it is with God and with us; we both know there will be future offences, future forgiveness, and we take courage and joy from this knowledge that no matter how many times we fall, the opportunity is always there to rise one more time. As the Psalmist writes: "The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry forever." (Psalm 102:8-9)

Source: Diocese of Geraldton

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **Monday 16th February 2009**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Mon. 16th February at 7.30pm, at the St Michael's Parish Hall, Banks St, Dorrington. The hall is in the lower carpark, behind the church.

The business conducted will include:

- Receive the Committee's Report for 2008,
- and Statement of Income & Expenditure, Assets & Liabilities, for the year 2008;
- Receive the Auditor's Report;
- Election of Committee for 2009;
- The appointment of the 2009 Auditor;
- Voting of Honorary Members; and other business relating to the annual running of the Club.

Desley Pedrazzini, Secretary

NOTICE **ELECTION 2009**

Call for Nominations for All Committee Positions.

1. Elections will be held on Monday 16th Feb at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM is held prior to the Feb Monthly Meeting – from 7:30pm, and
2. The normal February Monthly Meeting will start straight after.
3. All existing Committee Positions are deemed vacant and all are up for election.
4. All existing Committee Members are eligible to stand for election.
5. The positions are voted on in the following order: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Outings Secretary, Social Secretary, Vice-President, Training Officer, and Membership Officer.
6. If you cannot make it to the AGM, you can vote by Proxy – the form is available from the website or from the Secretary – fully complete the form and have it in the hands of the Secretary by the start of the AGM.
7. Associate Members are not eligible to be on Committee.
7. Associate Members are not entitled to vote on any matter before any meeting of the Club, i.e. vote at the election of members to Committee.
8. Nominations must be in writing, signed by the Nominator, the Secunder & the Candidate.
9. Any 2 members of the Club may nominate any Ordinary Member for a Committee Position.
10. The Candidate cannot be his/her own Nominator or Secunder, or nominate anyone else for the same position as she/he is standing for.
11. The Nomination Form must be in the hands of the Club Secretary at least 21 days prior to the AGM – This is Monday 26th January. The January Monthly Meeting is on Mon. 19th Jan, so this is the best practicable time. You can post them to the Club (at PO Box 31, Red Hill Qld 4059), provided they are stamped by the Post Office prior to 26th Jan.
12. The list of all the Nominated Candidates, their Nominators & Seconders will be published in the February Jilalan.
13. A person can be nominated for more than one Committee Position. They are elected to the first position they win. If they do not win the first position nominated for, they are still in the ballot for the next nominated position until elected, or remain unelected at the end of the night.
14. If only one person stands for a position, that person is automatically elected to that position.
15. In the event of more than one person being nominated for a Position, there shall be an election by secret ballot.

16. Should there be no candidate for a position at the start of the AGM, nominations will be called from the floor for nominations to that position.
17. Nomination Forms are enclosed in this Jilalan.
18. In recent years, if a position has been left vacant due to no one nominating for it, the Club has allowed any member, regardless of category, to act in the position unofficially without being formally elected. Being in the position unofficially means the person is not actually in the position, thus cannot vote at committee when a vote is necessary.

Desley Pedrazzini, Secretary

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Nomination Form for Management Committee 2009!

Brisbane Catholic Bushwalkers Club Inc
PO Box 31, Red Hill. Qld. 4059.



Position	Nominee Name	Nominee Signature	Nominator Name	Nominator Signature	Seconder Name	Seconder Signature

Committee positions are available to Ordinary Members only.

This form must be in the hands of the Club Secretary – Desley Pedrazzini, by Monday 26th January.

Post it to the Club PO Box, or hand it to her at the Monthly Meeting on the 19th Jan.

You (the Nominee) can ask a member to nominate you and another member to second the nomination.

You can nominate for more than one position. Note that all three must sign the form.

Nominations in any other form can not be accepted; ie, e-mail, by word, on paper without Nominee's signature or "Seconder", using just 3 examples.

Philip Kearns

Phil Kearns has been in this Club for only a short number of years, relatively speaking.

But in that time, he has gone from a novice walker to one of the strongest.

He soon attempted difficult day walks and went into throughwalking.

He has taken on responsibilities in the Club, such as leading outings, and as President for the last two years. These have been somewhat difficult years for the Club, and, with the help of Committee, he has steered us on a straight path. He has done things above what was required by the position.

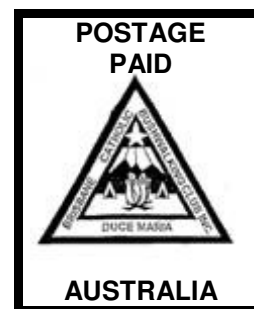
And through this, he has retained his sense of humour and his good and kind nature.

Philip, we will miss you.

Good luck in Townsville and with the new job.

Remember us always.

If undeliverable return to
Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club Inc
PO Box 31
RED HILL QLD 4059
JILALAN
Print Post Approved
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THE “PHILIP KEARNS IS LEAVING” PARTY

Did I put that the wrong way?

Friday 16th January at 6pm

At The Story Bridge Hotel

Philip is leaving us to chase job opportunities in Townsville.

His departure is the start of February.

Sooooo, we are celebrating his departure (have I put that the wrong way again?) at the Story Bridge Hotel, commencing 6pm, until 8pm.

Come along and say “~~Good riddens~~” “Good Bye” (Someone else must be adding these comments after I wrote the article!!!) to our beloved Philip in a way that he knows.

The Hotel is at 200 Main St, Kangaroo Point – cnr Baildon St, and is right under the Story Bridge, at the place where the great big concrete legs holding up the Bridge are. There should be plenty of parking – either in the Hotel’s car park, or in the local streets.

You will find us gathered at the back of the Hotel’s Beer Garden on the street level, in the Outback Bar.

Come for Dinner, come for a drink, come for the company, ~~come to make sure he really does go~~ (who is doing that, it isn’t me*#!^+%@).

Only YOU can make this the best party of 2009.