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Please have all Jilalan articles to Louise Leonardi by the 1st of the month. Articles, if on disk, need to be submitted in RTF (Rich Text Format) with a hard copy included, otherwise a handwritten or typed copy will do. Alternatively, you can e-mail your articles to: samlouis@bigpond.net.au

GENERAL MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, at 7:30pm. The location is **St Brigid’s Parish Hall, Musgrave Rd, RED HILL.** (The huge red brick Church on the hill) **VISITORS are always welcome.**

OUTINGS

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

EMERGENCY OFFICER

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

EQUIPMENT HIRE

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

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

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

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

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

MEMBERSHIP FEES - Membership Subscription fees are as follows.

Ordinary members \$35 Associate Members \$26 Spouse members \$9.00

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. Please note, pro-rata amounts apply to new members if you join during the year.

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CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS FOR 2007**CALENDAR FOR MEETINGS, WALKS, FMR & SOCIALS**

DATE	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT	TYPE	GRADE
January					
15	Meeting				
19	John Toohey Society Meeting at the Story Bridge Hotel	Phil Murray	0413 307580	Social	
20	Pilgrimage 2007 – Walks Planning Meeting at Kalbar - 4pm	Philip Kearns	3870 3710		
26/28	Noosa Everglades Canoe Trip	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	BC	n.a.
27	FMR – Abseiling Tibrogargan (Limit 6)	##			
28	Mt Hobwee Circuit	Michele Johns	3353 2822	DW	L35
Feb					
Fri 2	Wild Horse Mountain <u>Coffee Night</u> – - St Vincent de Paul fundraising	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Social	
Sun 4	Leaders Training Day – Mt Greville	Paul Evans	3357 5254	S&T	
11	Little Kings Collection	Gabriel Romaguera or Terry Silk ???	3856 3842 3355 9765	DW	M11
13	Movie Night at Southbank	Michael Simpson	3351 3810	Social	
16	John Toohey Society Meeting at Fihellys	Phil Murray	0413 307580	Social	
17	King Island	Michael Simpson	3351 3810	Social	
18	Coomera Gorge	Michael Simpson	3351 3810	DW	L88
19	Annual General Meeting				
24	Obi Obi Gorge Lilo Trip (need rain)	Phil Murray	3841 0254	HDW	n.a.
25	Purlingbrook Falls & Twin Falls Circuits	Graham Glasse	3371 9623	DW	M33
24/25	FMR – Practical Weekend on stretchers	##			
28	Coffee Night – Café Zanetti	Terry Silk	3355 9765	Social	
March				DW	
4	Gap Creek Falls	Richard Johns	3353 2822	DW	S23
11	Club Hut Cleanup	Iain Renton (& Maxine Brophy & Justin Tobin)	3371 4672 3203 4699 3366 3193	DW	S23
13	Movie Night	Michael Simpson	3351 3810	Social	
16	John Toohey Society Meeting at the Underground	Phil Murray	0413 307580	Social	
17/18	Club Hut 40 th Anniversary Social	Iain Renton (& Maxine Brophy & Justin Tobin)	3371 4672 3203 4699 3366 3193	DW	S22
19	Meeting				
25	Mt Langley	Philip Kearns	3870 3710	DW	M55
28	Coffee Night				
31	FMR – Condamine Gorge Walk	##		FMR	
April					
1	Mt Cootha to Gap Picnic Ground	Michael Simpson	3351 3810	Social	
6/9	Warrumbungle National Park	Paul Evans	3357 5254	BC	L36
9	Mt Lindsay – Combined BOSQ Walk	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	DW	M56
15	City to Toowong to UQ and Return	Graham Glasse	3371 9623	DW	M12
16	Meeting				
22	Pilgrimage Pre-Outing trips (could be 3 to 5 separate walks to places like Mt Moon, Mt Fraser or Mt Edwards)	Phil Murray	0413307580	DW	??
25	Anzac Day March & Bike Ride	Terry Silk	3355 9765	Social	
25	Coffee Night				

28/29	FMR – Challenging Navigation & Abseil	##		FMR	
29	Neglected Mountain	James Parra	3711 4490	DW	M44
May					
5/7	Wondabyne to Patonga (Gosford NSW)	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	TW	L46
6	Flinders Peak	James Parra	3711 4490	DW	M45
12	Mt Barney - North Ridge	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	DW	L68
13	Woody Point to Scarborough	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Social	
20	Wanungara Falls	Anthony Dolan	3342 0386	D/W	L44
21	Meeting				
26/27	FMR Simulated Rescue, Wilderness First Aid	##		FMR	
26	Annual Mass and Dinner	Phil Murray	0413 317 580	Social	
27	Araucaria Lookout	Graham Glasse	3371 9623	DW	M23
30	Coffee Night				
June					
3	The Inaugural Arthur Groom Society Walk Edwards Gap to Beau Brummel	Philip Kearns	3870 3710	DW	M46
9/11	Fraser Island	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	TW	L35
11	Mt Matheson Circuit	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	DW	S22
16	Camp Mountain to Chermerside	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	DW	L13
18	Meeting				
19/20	FMR – Rockclimbing/Rock Scrambling	##			
24	Edinburgh Castle & South Obelisk (second reserve day for further Pilgrimage pre- outings if needed)	Phil Murray		DW	M45
27	Coffee Night				
30	Blue Moon Social			Social	
30/1	Mt Walsh	Michael Simpson	3351 3810	TW	??
July					
7	Mts Cooroora & Eerwah	Phil Murray		DW	M44
14	Kin Kin Tracks	Jean Gowans	3256 6140	DW	M23
14/15	Boonah Gate to Killarney Border Gate	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	TW	L35
16	Meeting				
21	Shepherd's Walk	Terry Silk	3355 9765	DW	S33
21	Russ Nelson's Ordination as Deacon			Social	
25	Coffee Night				
28/29	Glen Rock	Matthew Palmer	3876 8125	TW	L56
28/29	FMR – Full Moon Traverse of Ernest	##			
Aug					
5	Bridge to Brisbane	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	DW	M11
12	Mt Greville	Paul Evans	3357 5254	DW	S43
14/15	Barney Mass	Phil Murray		ON	L67
18/19	Somerset Trail	Graham Glasse	3371 9623	DW	M23
20	Meeting				
23-25	Federation Pilgrimage at Kalbar	to be advised ??		BC	Various
29	Coffee Night				
Sept					
1	Chaplains Memorial Walk Blue Lake National Park (Stradbroke Island)	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	DW	S22
1	Riverfire – Near Story Bridge (North Side)	Terry Silk	3355 9765	Social	
9	Paddy's Peak, Paddy's Plain & Mt Maroon	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	DW	M56

15/16	Mt Ballow	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	BC	L67
15 th to 26 th	Queensland Alpine Walking Society Pilgrims Path – Way of St James in Nth Spain	Desley Pedrazzini	3369 5530	TW	L35
17	Meeting				
23	Lamb Island – Social Walk	Elizabeth Richards	3393 5545	DW	S11
26	Coffee Night				
29/30	FMR – Bushwalk South Wild Cattle Creek	##		FMR	
30	Mt Bangalore to Mt Bell / Teviot Falls	John Carter		DW	M67
Oct					
7	Numinbah Border Gate to Wagawn	Greg Endicott	3351 4092	DW	M56
13	Progressive Dinner by Ferry ???			Social	
15	Meeting				
20	Gheerulla Circuit	Graham Glasse	3371 9623	DW	M24
20/21	Great Walk Sunshine Coast Hinterland	Michael Simpson	3351 3810	TW	L44
24	Coffee Night				
27/28	FMR – Canoe Trip on Nymboida River	##		FMR	
28	Nixon Creek to Bohgaban Falls	James Parra	3711 4490	DW	M35
Nov					
3/4	Broken Head or Evans Head	Paul Evans	3357 5254		S34
11	BBQ / Venman Bushland	Patricia Funnell	3366 6767	NW	S22
17	Larapinta Falls	Phil Murray		DW	M55
19	Meeting				
24	FMR – Canyoning / Abseiling Coffs area	##		FMR	
25	Northbrook Gorge	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	DW	M44
28	Coffee Night				
Dec					
1	50 th Anniversary Walk –	President	3841 0254	Social	
	1. Mt Tibrogargan				S65
	2. Trachyte Circuit				M23
	3. Tibro circuit				S22
9	Christmas Party	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	Social	
15 th – 23 rd	Tassie Trip – <u>South Coast Track</u> - Fly-in from Hobart to Melaleuca, then walk Melaleuca to Cockle Creek – a 7 day trip	Michael Simpson	3351 3810	TW	L68
16	Albert River Circuit	Barbara Eastoe	3355 3639	DW	M34
17	Meeting				
19	Christmas Get-Together	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699		
26	Boxing Day Walk Club Hut (Barney Waterfall)	Iain Renton ??Liz Little??	3371 4672	DW	M33

KEY – Walk Types

D/W	Day Walk	½ DW	Half-day Walk	CW	City Walk
T/W	Through Walk	TRN	Training	O/N	Overnighter
B/C	Base Camp	FMR	Federation Mountain Rescue	S&T	Safety & Training

For FMR Events look at FMR website or contact a committee member

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

1. Distance

Short Under 10km per day

Medium 10-15km per day

Long 15-20 km per day

2. Terrain

1-3 Tracks or open terrain.

4-7 Bush, hills, rough tracks

8-10 Steep hills, scrub, scrambling

3. Fitness

1-3 Easy.

4-7 Medium. fitness required.

8-10 Hard Strenuous walking

Further explanation of the grades as provided by Michael Simpson.

2. Terrain

1 - Smooth reasonably flat path

2 - Graded path/track with minor obstacles

3 - Graded track with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings

4 - Rough unformed track or open terrain with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings

5 - Rough or rocky terrain with small climbs using hands or rock hopping

6 - Steep, rough or rocky terrain with large climbs using hands or rock hopping

7 - Climb/descend steep rock using hands or footholds. May be some exposure. Good upper body strength

8 - Climb/descend near vertical rock with exposure. Climbing skills may be required

9 - Sustained climbing/descending of vertical or near vertical rock with exposure. Advanced climbing skills required. Good upper body strength

3. Fitness

Fitness/Endurance

1 - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Flat

2 - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Minor Hills

3 - Easy - Suitable for beginners. Up to 5 hours walking. Undulating terrain

4 - Easy - Suitable for beginners. Up to 5 hours walking. Up to 300m gain/loss per day

5 - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking. Up to 450m gain/loss per day. Agility required

6 - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking. Up to 600m gain/loss per day. Agility required

7 - High - Up to 8 hours walking. Up to 750m gain/loss per day. High fitness. endurance and agility required

8 - High - Up to 8 hours walking. Up to 1000m gain/loss per day. High fitness. endurance and agility required

9 - Challenging - Up to 12 hours walking. Over 1000m gain/loss per day. Very high fitness. endurance and agility required

Club Web Address: www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/

email: briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday 19th February, 2007
St Brigid's Hall
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill

Contact: Phil Murray (3841 0254)
Club President
Location: St Brigid's Parish Hall,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
(In the building at the back
of the car park).

St Brigid's is the big red brick church
right on the top of the hill.

Time: 7:30pm
Grade: M 2 7

Come along to hear what we will be doing over the coming month, and what we have done over the past month. Jilalan can tell you the "nuts & bolts", but not all the facts. Seeing your leader and listening to the description of the Club event will tell you more. You can ask questions to fine tune your understanding of the event, you can listen to the answers of the questions others ask, and you might even see a map of the area you are going to.

There is more to a Meeting than nominating for an event. Come along and talk to your mates. Come and hear how the Club is being run and hear about Our plans.

Stay for supper.
 See you there.



ABOUT MEMBERS

Inquiries, Visitors and New Members

Members

Congratulations to Nick Keen who married Jody Vout on February 10th in Casino, N.S.W. We wish the happy couple all the best as they travel to Scotland to stay for six months.

Congratulations also to Louise Leonardi who has recently received a certificate from Ron Clarke, Mayor of the Gold Coast, and her local member for the work she has voluntarily done for the community over the last number of years.

We wish all the best and send our blessings to Geoffrey & Anna Egert on the birth of their 2nd son, Daniel. A wonderful gift from God to welcome in the New Year. Anna is still in quite a lot of pain so I ask you to keep them in your prayers.

God Bless, Louise Leonardi

Birthday Wishes this month to Michele Endicott, Philip Kearns, Kerry Mulligan, Greg Miller, Louise McPherson and Terry Silk.

Iain has just returned from Tasmania where he spent Christmas and the New Year catching up with family as well as doing some sailboat racing. Also, Liz Little has just returned from spending Christmas and the New Year in Italy. How cold would that have been? The Palmers have just returned from a brief holiday in Northern New South Wales where they managed to do some walking in their National Parks.

Visitors

We welcome back Bernard Ivers after a short break away from the club. Also, we welcome Katrina Colls as our last member

for 2006 and Rick and Julie Brake as our first new members for 2007.

Eric and Martlyn Klokman, Hatem and Jess Khalil, Barry Devlin and John Byrnes were all visitors on Michael's Piper Comanche Wreck walk. Maria Aborg and Sok Cheon were visitors on Michele's Mt. Hobwee Circuit walk. We hope that you all had a good time and look forward to catching up with you again real soon.

During the months of December and January we also had enquiries from Nada Validzic, Raylene Smith, Cusha Smith, Mary Allen, Arthur & Lynette Schofield and Geraldine Harris.

As the New Year gets underway, talk to your friends about the great times we have out on the track and hope that they will come along and join us.

Robyn Jones (Membership Officer)

TREASURER'S REPORT

<i>Balance 18/12/06</i>	<i>\$2791.56</i>
<u><i>Plus Receipts</i></u>	<u><i>\$ 512.05</i></u>
	<i>\$3303.61</i>
<u><i>Less Payments</i></u>	<i>\$ 916.75</i>
<u><i>Balance 15/01/07</i></u>	<u><i>\$2386.86</i></u>
<i>Term Deposit</i>	<i>\$1951.39</i>

Terry.

A reminder that if you have not already renewed your membership, your subs are now due. When paying your subs you need to complete and sign the Membership Renewal form which was in your January magazine. Terry.

COMING WALKS

COOMERA GORGE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH Daywalk

Leader: Michael Simpson (33513810
or 0409 620 714)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 5:15am
Grade: L 8 8
Cost: \$18:00
Emerg Off: Catherine Simpson
(3351 3810)

This is a difficult walk in a rarely explored part of the Lamington National Park. The scenery is spectacular and the view of Coomera Falls from its base is well worth the effort. Before considering this walk please take note of the following:

- You will need to be fit and agile, and have no fear of heights.
- We will be using ropes on occasions as there are difficult crossings with exposure.
- There is a 3 hour rock hop/scramble up the Coomera River and back and you will get your wet feet.
- The walk will last between 8 and 10 hours.

If you are in doubt please talk to me.

Please note that if there is any serious rainfall between now and the walk, I believe that it will not be safe to undertake the walk and I will defer the walk to later in the year.

Michael.

**Obi Obi Creek
White Water Li-Lo Trip
Saturday 24th February
Daywalk**

Leader: Phil Murray
Mob: 0413 307580
Meet at: St Brigid's
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 6:15am
Grading: M 7 8
Cost: \$20:00
Emer Off: Greg Endicott
Ph 3351 4092

The Obi Obi Creek Lilo Trip is one of the best ever bushwalks you can do. The trip is located up at the back of Montville on the Sunshine coast hinterland. It is a lilo trip down and a walk back. The trip needs rain and if no rain, no trip.

The plan is to do the short trip from near the Baroon Pocket Dam down to as far as the junction with Skene Creek and then walk back along the new track to the cars at Baroon Pocket. By doing the trip this way we don't have to do a time consuming car shuffle. The trip is about 60% walking and the rest liloing. The highlight of the trip is the paddle through the gorge at the narrows.

Bring the normal stuff you need for a day trip; a daypack, a cap, lunch, water bottle, torch & sunscreen. The best footwear is Dunlop Volleys. I also suggest that people have garden gloves to wear on their hands to minimise the chance of bruises and cuts. It is advisable to wear a long sleeve shirt and long pants as they provide both sun protection and protection from bumps and scrapes on your elbows and shins.

Phil.

PRAYER FOR MONTH

Supplied by Liz Little

May you always stand as tall as a tree,

Be as strong as a rock,

As still and gentle as the morning mist,

Hold the warmth of the campfire in your heart,

And may the Creator God always walk with you

Amen

**PURLINGBROOK FALLS AND
TWIN FALLS CIRCUIT
Sunday 25th February 2007
Daywalk**

Leader: Graham Glasse (3371 9623)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 7:00am
Grade: M 3 3
Cost: \$15:00
Emerg Off: Sam Leonardi (3287 1372 or
0419 794 251)

After travelling to Springbrook via Mudgeeraba, the day's walking will begin with the Purling Brook Falls Circuit, including the Warringa Pool extension (total distance 6km – approximately 2.5 hours). Warringa Pool is suitable for swimming so bring your togs if you wish to have a short swim during the morning tea break.

We shall then have lunch at the nearby Gwongorella Picnic Area. In the afternoon, we shall walk the Twin Falls Circuit of 4km. This should take only 1½ hours. Both tracks offer a range of vegetation types

including rainforest, waterfalls falling over spectacular cliff faces, and lookouts with magnificent views to the coast. The walks are relatively easy on good tracks (Australian standard: Class 3) and are suitable for beginners. The day will finish with coffee, probably at the Canyon Lookout Café.

Don't miss this opportunity to visit one of the most attractive national parks in South East Queensland.

Graham

GAP CREEK FALLS
Sunday, 4th March 2007
Daywalk

Leader: Richard Johns (3353 2822)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 6:30am
Grade: S 4 4
Cost: \$15:00
Emerg Off: Dick Johns (3355 0656)

I will not have time to do a pre-walk before the closing date for the February magazine and I have not done this particular walk before. We are having a little more rain lately than we have had for a while and if that keeps up we should be rewarded with some fine views. The next paragraph is from a National Parks publication. This should be a reasonable guide to the walk although I suspect it overstates the level of fitness required.

Gap Creek Falls track – 9.8km return to the crest car park (About 6 hours walking time) Class 3. The best time to see the falls is soon after the rain as there is little water over the 100m drop in dry weather. The track, mostly through open eucalypt forests, starts at the crest carpark via the Fassifern Valley lookout. It then descends to the ridge below Mt Cordeaux. The return trip

is uphill and can be very tiring in hot weather. This track requires a high level of fitness and is not recommend for those in poor health.

Richard Johns

CLUB HUT CLEAN-UP
Sunday, 11th March 2007
Daywalk

Leader: Iain Renton (3371 4672 or
0401 429 085)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 7:00am SHARP
Grade: S 2 3
Cost: \$15:00
Emerg Off: Louise Leonardi
(3287 1372 or 0419794046)

Join me for an enjoyable day mucking about getting the hut all spruced up and bright and shining for its 40th birthday bash. You don't have to be an expert handyman. There'll be a range of things to do such as cleaning, washing windows and weeding and tidying the grassed area around the hut.

There will probably be some minor maintenance and a bit of painting as well. We have permission to take a vehicle in if we need to take in extra equipment (and somebody has a suitable 4WD). In between times we will be able to reward all our hard work by enjoying this lovely spot over a cuppa and lunch. It's always cooler there than in Brisbane.

Come along for all the usual good conversation and great company on our walks as well as the feeling of accomplishment from seeing the hut all spic and span at the end of the day.

Iain Renton

CLUB HUT FEAST
40th ANNIVERSARY
Saturday 17th – Sunday 18th March
Saturday Night at the Hut

Contact: Iain Renton (3371 4672 or
0401 429 085)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: T.B.A
Grade: S 2 3
Cost: \$25:00
Emerg Off: Sam Leonardi
(3287 1372 or 0419794251)

The hut is turning forty and those who have the week-end off can join Iain for tea at the hut. Come in for a swim. Bring your own tea, dessert to share, photos and stories. We're hoping to start tea at about five and the stories should roll on from then. I'm sure we all have a story or two from the hut. And it's sure to be sure a great night followed by a grand start to Sunday and the Mass.

"Yalburru"
40th Anniversary Mass at the Hut
Sunday, 18th March

Contact: Maxine Brophy (3203 4699)
after 7:00pm
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 7:00am
Grade: S 2 3
Cost: \$25:00
Emerg Off: Sam Leonardi
(3287 1372 or 0419794251)

To celebrate the Club Hut turning forty and to thank the Drynan Family, the club is organising Mass at the Hut. Father John Butler has kindly offered to say Mass for us. Leaving Brisbane at 7:00am we're hoping there's enough to take a bus and go down as a group. Bring your lunch, we'll boil the billy. Take the chance to catch up

with friends, relive those early trips spent at the hut. Sit in the silence and peace that is Barney. Give thanks to the Drynan Family and the builders for Yalburru. Pray that our Lady Of the Way is with us on all our journeys.

Regards, Maxine

A Thought to Ponder

"One is nearer God's
heart in a garden Than
anywhere else on earth."

Dorothy Frances Gurney, 1858 – 1932
English poet

Gardening Tips

Stinging Nettles

No one wants stinging nettles rampaging over the garden; However, it is a fact that stinging nettles stimulate growth of all plants, as well as being the best thing ever to hasten decomposition of a compost heap, while at the same time providing the heap with valuable ingredients. Nothing is better than making use of a nettle-bed that has enriched its own soil for many years with its own compost. An infusion of stinging nettles sprayed over plants can improve their frost resistance and helps to prevent powdery mildew.

Happy Gardening, Louise Leonardi

*He who plants a
garden;
plants happiness.*



ADVANCE NOTICE

WARRUMBUNGLE NATIONAL PARK

Easter Weekend Fri 6th – Mon 9th April

Basecamp

Leader: Paul Evans (3357 5254)

Meet at: TBA

Time: 5:30am

Grade: TBA

Cost: TBA

Emerg Off: C Evans (0412 339 322)

This is an advanced notice of the Easter base camp at Warrumbungles in NSW. It is the aim to leave on early Friday morning and proceed to the park via Goondiwindi and then down to Coonabaraban in NSW.

There is over 23,000 hectares to the park and the scenery is spectacular. There is no set plan re: walks but there is over 50km of tracks. The walks can be decided when down at the park. We will be camping at the National Park so bring tent and provisions for an Easter Weekend. The Warrumbungles will not disappoint, so bring the camera and you may have the winning prize for next years photo competition. There is no cost as yet but it will be finalized in March and will be to cover the driving. If people want to, they can meet us down there. Due to the popularity of the park over Easter, I will need to give numbers to the National Park early. So please consider this for the Easter break.

Paul Evans

M.B.S

Congratulations to Russ Nelson for succeeding in doing something that many walk leaders before him have failed to

achieve. He managed to have our illustrious treasurer do an OVERNIGHTER!!!

After 246 day walks Terry Silk has finally managed to do an overnighiter. Next time he is even thinking about bringing a tent.

COMING SOCIALS

**John Toohey Society Meeting
Friday 16th February
Grand Central Hotel
Fihelly's Bar
260 Ann Street Brisbane
At Central Railway Station**

Contact: Phil Murray (3841 0254 or
0413 307 580)

Time: From 4:00pm onwards until
7:00pm (or much later).

What For: For a chat and a beer

Drinks: boys - beer
girls - wine

Emerg Off: Phil on 0413 307580.

The Club has a regular gathering in town for a social drink and a chat on a Friday once a month on the third Friday of the month.

This month we are meeting at the Grand Central Hotel in Fihellys Bar. (it is apparently pronounced as "feelies"). The bar is very popular with office workers, oldies, trendies and yuppies. The plan is to grab one of the sidewalk tables (I have already reserved the Table) and enjoy an afternoon and evening of socialising and hear the latest news on who is doing what job on the committee. The pub has a wide selection of beers on tap in particular the top line Irish beers of Guinness and Kilkenny. Plus there is Toohey's Old and Cascade, plus a few Boutique beers of Beez Neez, Blonde and James Squire Pale Ale.

For the true believers it is a great opportunity to join me on the quest to determine what is the best of the above beers.

Last month we went to the Storey Bridge Hotel and it was a lovely night with 12 members sharing a good evening that went late, actually very late. We went way past the designated finishing time of 7:00 pm. I heard reports of some members including 2 life members catching the cross river ferry until after 10:00 pm.

All members are welcome to come along and enjoy a social chit chat and discuss the big issues of bushwalking, drinking recycled water, the trip to Tasmania and Desley and James' trip to Spain and whether Terry Silk should receive a throughwalking certificate for the Moran's Falls trip which became an overnight trip. The main item on the agenda is for the John Toohey Society to galvanise support for **the foundation of the Arthur Groom Society**. See the article elsewhere in this magazine about this new Society and the Scenic Rim Traverse.

Now for a spot of history and culture – The name of the 'bar' is a small tribute to one of the great characters of the early days of Queensland politics which is now often overlooked. The pub is named after a great Queenslander, John Arthur Fihelly. He was an Australian rugby player from the 1900s and a colourful politician. He was born in county Cork Ireland in 1882 and his family moved to Brisbane in September 1883. He was educated at the Petrie Terrace State School and at St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace, until October 1895 when he joined the Post Office as a telegraph messenger. He was a keen Rugby football forward. He represented Queensland against New South Wales in 1905-07, and in 1907 both Queensland and Australia against New Zealand. He was a founder of the Rugby League code in Queensland and a Queensland and Australia representative player, he was also assistant manager of the

first Australian team to visit Britain in 1908-09. He later became a referee. He was president of the Queensland Amateur Rugby League in 1914-16.

He was widely read, and wrote for the *Worker* from about 1906. He won Paddington for Labor in the Legislative Assembly in April 1912 and in May, with Roman Catholic rites, married Marguerite Murphy. He was known for his debating strength but was also known to "attack the man rather than the subject". He was a protégé of Red Ted Theodore and became secretary of the party caucus in 1914. With Theodore he was a principal writer of campaign literature. He is credited with drafting the workers' compensation bill and the Insurance Act and both were piloted through parliament by him.

Fihelly's outspoken support of Irish dissidents offended many. After his impassioned denunciation of the British government in September 1916 at a Queensland Irish Association meeting, the Governor refused to speak to him; and Fihelly was suspended from Executive Council meetings until he apologized. Because of his anti-conscription activities, the pejorative term 'Fihellyism', signifying disloyalty and support for Germany and the Sinn Fein rebels, gained some currency. Fihelly was so competent, nevertheless, that in April 1918 he was made secretary for railways. Hence his connection with a railway Pub. In the October 1919 he won the deputy-leadership. However, he then became a bit erratic and he slowly drifted away from the limelight. He died in 1945. He was buried in Toowong cemetery after a state funeral. From the Australian Dictionary of Biography.

Phil the Elder

John Toohey Society Meeting
Friday 16th March
The Underground
Rosie's Tavern
235 Edward Street Brisbane

Contactr: Phil Murray (0413 307 580)
Time: From 4:00pm onwards until 7:00pm (or much later).
What For: For a chat and a beer and discuss the "Social Strollers"
Drinks: boys - beer
 girls - wine
Emerg Off: Phil on 0413 307580.

The Club has a regular gathering in town for a social drink on a Friday once a month on the third Friday of the month. This month we are meeting at the downstairs bar called the Underground. This will be our second visit there. We went there in June last year and we basically had the place to ourselves and it was lovely and quiet. As it the day before St Patricks Day all the Irish pubs in town will be packed and it is much easier to enjoy yourself in an uncrowded place. So come along and find out all the latest happenings in the Club and the up to date details about the Club Hut festival.

Phil the Elder

2007 ITINERARY FOR THE JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

(I have relinquished the role of "Skipper" of the Society "to Michael Simpson who has made changes for the venues for September and October)

March	16 th	Brisbane Underground
April	20 th	Mick O'Malleys
May	18 th	The Brewhouse
June	15 th	The Irish Club
July	20 th	The Orient
August	17 th	The Tank
September	14 th	The Fox (South Brisbane)

October	19 th	Jupiter's Casino
November	16 th	Chill on Queen
December	14 th	Regatta

THE KING ISLAND
AFTERNOON
SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY
SOCIAL WALK

Leader: Michael Simpson
 (3351 3810)
Meet at: Wellington Point Carpark,
 opposite the island.
Time: 2:00pm – Tide Dependant
Grade: S 1 1 (at low tide) or
 S 1 9 (if high tide)
Cost: \$2.00
Location: Co-ordinates 523102
 6962925 (Datum GDA 1994,
 MGA Zone 56);
Web: <http://www.about-australia.com/queensland/brisbane/destinations/wellington-point/>

This is a lovely little island, just off the coast at Wellington Point – you can see it from the carpark – it looks so close. The walk out to it is flat – very flat. There is no hill on the island, just a few shrubs. It is all sand – well almost all. You may get your feet a little wet, since the sand will be wet, and also you will have to wade through ankle-deep water for a short distance if the tide is out (and for a long distance if it is in).

For the technical minded: High tide is 9:30am-ish, and low 4:10pm-ish. The island is Lot No 245 on plan SL7649; Post Code 4160; UBD page 165 Ref A5 (It's not as bad as it looks); Land Area 9900 sqm; it is a National Park; and it's next recycling bin day is 14/12/1901.

Once we are off the Island and back to the carpark, we will go to the shop for an ice cream (or a cappuccino, or even dinner).

Greg E

COFFEE NIGHT
Wednesday 28th February



Where: Zanetti's Restaurant
Blackwood St, Mitchelton
(near the level crossing)
Time: 7:00pm onwards
Cost: DONATION
Contact: Terry Silk (3355 9765)

This is a popular establishment which we have used before. So please come early for a meal or a bit later for coffee and cake. This is an ideal opportunity to relax and socialise on a summer's evening. Discuss the year ahead and welcome Barbara Eastoe back from her extended overseas' trip.

Terry.

Movie Night

TUESDAY 13TH MARCH
SOUTH BANK CINEMAS

Contact: Michael Simpson
(3351 3810)
Meet at: Southbank 5 Cinemas
Time: 6:30pm
Cost: \$6:00
Location: SOUTH BANK 5 Cinema
Complex, corner of Ernest

**and Grey Streets in South
Bank.**

PAST SOCIALS

Christmas Lights and Coffee Night
13th December

We all met at the Baptist Church on Appleby Road, Stafford Heights which had won the Community Lights Award again. After checking out the lights outside the church and the displays inside the church some of us had a steak sandwich or chips and a drink. We then car pooled to Calypso Court in Eaton's Hill. This is an amazing street. Every house in the street has a light display ranging from the basic to the absolutely incredible. After spending a lengthy period here we returned to St Gerard Majella, Chermside West for coffee, cakes and conversation. Thanks to Catherine & Michael Simpson, Philip Kearns, Cheryl Layzelle, David Hill, Dianne Barrett and Terry Silk who joined Justin, Susan & Mary Tobin for a most enjoyable night.

Michael Simpson

New Year's Eve 2006

With the rapid disappearance of another year we decided to gather at The Roma Street Parklands as we have done for the past three years. Therese and Gordana were the first to arrive followed by Elizabeth R. and then myself. Some time later Robin T. joined us having not long finished work. There seemed to be less people in the Parkland than previous years but parking was at a premium with only myself being fortunate enough to score a park on site.

We proceeded to enjoy the cool evening whilst sharing nibblies and conversation. Before long it was time to head into the

CBD to the Victoria Bridge to watch the 9:00pm fireworks. This was the first time that I had been to watch the family fireworks. The crowd seemed rather large but we managed to find a spot which afforded us a good view of the river. Right on time the display commenced and ran for ten minutes. Overall the display was enjoyable but I still feel that the fireworks do not go as high nor do they explode as expansively as they used to.

After the display, Therese and Gordana decided that they had had enough excitement for one evening and decided to head home. Robin feared that after working all day she would not be able to last until midnight and so she headed off also. This reduced my harem to one and so Elizabeth and I decided to check out the activity in the mall. (Has the "Harem Master" lost his touch?) After a couple of hours of checking out the crowds in the CBD, Elizabeth decided that she would also have to head home before midnight. Undaunted by the desertion of my harem I was determined to see the midnight fireworks display and compare them with the earlier ones.

In the meantime Michael and his wife, Catherine, along with James and his wife, Vennie were waiting at the Roma Street Parklands. Michael and James had been late returning from a pre-outing of the Coomera Gorge. They knew that I was in the city because they found my "Trusty Datsun" (Rhymes with "Rusty"). Unfortunately, I was not expecting anyone else to be back at the Parklands and so I did not return before midnight. At 11:30pm Michael and Catherine gave up waiting and went home whilst James and Vennie went to a cafe in Park Road to see the New Year in.

I watched the midnight fireworks from the same spot on the Victoria Bridge as we had used earlier. I was fortunate to find a good spot as the crowd was the biggest I had ever seen. The midnight display was a little bit different from the nine o'clock one but just as interesting. It also went for ten minutes.

After the fireworks, the human tidal wave exiting South Bank and pouring across the Victoria Bridge into the city mall lasted an hour. After spending some time on the bridge watching all the surrounding activity, I allowed the tidal wave to carry me into the mall from which I was eventually forced to flee before I was completely overcome by cigarette smoke.

I eventually made my way back to my car for an uneventful drive home where I watched a recording of the Sydney fireworks which went for twice as long as ours but were not much better. Before we know it, it will be New Year's Eve again and we will be doing it all again, hopefully.

Terry.

Movie Night 9th January

January saw the inaugural Movie Night. Nine people enjoyed a brief meal before adjoining to the theatre next door. After the meal a few of us had a cup of coffee and discussed the relative merits of the movies we had seen.

Michael

Proposed Coffee Night Venues

March 28 th	- Merythr Bowls Club
April 25 th	- Vagelis
May 30 th	- Belesis
June 27 th	- Avanti
July 25 th	- Coffee Club Wilston
Aug 29 th	- Newmarket Hotel
Sep 26 th	- Mt Coot-tha
Oct 24 th	- Coffee Club Sherwood
Nov 28 th	- Tilley's Bakehouse
Dec ??	??

Michael

HISTORY CORNER

Jilalan, June 1986, page 5 **SCENIC RIM WALK**

As mentioned at the last meeting, there will be another Scenic Rim Walk organised by Q.N.P.W.S

Below is the intended itinerary. Members may be interested in doing sections of the walk or the entire trip.

August 16

- Day 1** Mt Beau Brummel to Kangaroo Mountain
- Day 2** Kangaroo Mountain to Sylvester's Lookout
- Day 3** Sylvester's Lookout to Cunningham' Gap
- Day 4** Cunningham's Gap to Mt Double Top
- Day 5** Mt Double Top to Panorama Point
- Day 6** Panorama Point to Lizard Point, + The Steamers
- Day 7** Lizard Point to Teviot Gap, plus Lincoln Wreck
- Day 8** Teviot Gap to Mt. Clunie
- Day 9** Mt. Clunie to Mt. Ballow
- Day 10** Mt. Ballow to Mt. Lindesay
- Day 11** Mt. Lindesay to Mt. Tana
- Day 12** Mt. Tana to Richmond Gap
- Day 13** Richmond Gap to Tweed Trig
- Day 14** Tweed Trig to Mt. Worendo
- Day 15** Mt. Worendo to Binna Burra
- Day 16** Binna Burra to Springbrook
- (Day 17& 18)** Springbrook to Point Danger

It is planned to finish the walk on Tuesday, 2nd September.

The timetable may change slightly. If you are interested, see Ken or John.

POETRY CORNER

Why Climb those Mountains

What inspires a man to climb
the mountains in the autumn-time?
Is it just because they are there
or is it for some silly dare?

Is it to make you wheeze and puff.
until your say enough's enough.
Why carry that flaming pack
that could break your back?

Is it to prove you're fit enough
to climb a hill that's really tough?
Or is it to have a friendly chat
with an old friend called Pat?

Is it to see the wildflowers there?
Or don't you really care?
Is it to see the tall, tall trees
or just to see the birds and bees?

Each one of these can be right;
but for many it is just the sheer delight
of climbing peaks for exhilaration
of becoming part of God's incredible
creation.

ANON.

PAST OUTINGS

Piper Comanche Wreck **Sunday 7th January** **Daywalk**

Fifteen walkers gathered at St Brigid's at 7:00am on a beautiful Sunday morning whilst a further 8 gathered at my place. Philip co-ordinated the St Brigid's end and after regrouping at my place about 7:30am we set off for Tennison Woods. After collecting Greg M along the way we were ready to commence the quest for the wreck.

We set off at 8:35am through rainforest still damp from the overnight rain. I always forget just how beautiful Brisbane Forest Park is even though it is barely 30 minutes from home. After 45 minutes or so we arrived at the point where we drop off the ridge to the wreck. Unfortunately I took a wrong turn somewhere and so around 10:30am we stopped for morning tea and Philip and I set off to find the wreck following directions given by Rick's trusty GPS. Within 5 minutes we found it and returned for morning tea.

We arrived at the wreck 5 minutes after morning tea. Paul informed us it would be 30 years in March since the crash and so it was not surprising that there was very little left. Terry maintains he's been to the wreck 10 years before but he couldn't remember there being this much wreckage.

After a short stay we followed the track back up the ridge and discovered where I had gone wrong on the way down and noted it for future reference. Around 12:30pm we rejoined the main fire trail and decided it was time for lunch and family photos. We arrived back at the cars around 1:30pm after a very enjoyable walk.

It was now time for coffee and so off to The Elms we went. This is a very cheery and delightful café just outside Mt Glorious and I would recommend it to anybody. My thanks to the 23 walkers who joined me – Philip, Phil the Elder, James, Terry, Paul, Michele, Richard, Maxine, Therese, Desley, Julie Cullen, Rick & Julie Brake, David, Graham, Greg M, Joe and visitors Barry Devlin, John Byrnes, Jess & Hatem Khalil and Eric & Martlyn Klokman – who I hope enjoyed the day as much as I did. I would also like to thank Philip for co-ordinating the St Brigid end and Pat for showing me where the wreck was. I will return to the area in the very near future.

Michael.

Moran's Creek

Overnighter

Sunday 14th Jan – Monday 15th Jan 2007

This walk began in very light rain. Because of that, Phil the Younger bought a supply of garbage bags at Canungra, which proved to be very fortuitous. Paul encouraged us to take the scenic route to Luke's Bluff via Python Lookout and Pat's Bluff. After picking up the Kerry Trail we followed a line of low hills looking for the ideal route to descend to the Albert River. The leader chose what he thought was a conservative route after previously being adventurous on a previous visit to these hills. Unfortunately, the minimal scunge route proved to be as elusive as ever. We reached the Albert River and then walked up to the junction of Moran's Creek and had a late lunch.

Now Moran's Creek started to show its true colours – namely green. Given our recent drought, it became fairly obvious that there had not been the regular floods, which clear out all the weeds and other obstacles. So the choice became walking through water / weeds or having a go on the bank which were usually guarded by lantana. By 2:30pm the leader called a council of walkers to indicate that if we continued, this would be an overnight walk. This was our last opportunity to exit the creek and get home that night. The majority said keep going. Immediately after this there was a burst of energy and we took a route on the bank, which was successful for a while. Then we hit a part where it took us an hour to do 180 metres as the crow flies.

We continued on and the discussion explored the quality of our torches, as they were steadily becoming essential equipment. Louise kept our spirits up with her homemade jam drops. An experiment was to split the party into two – speedsters and the plodders. The idea being the speedsters could at least finish the walk in one day. This did not work as planned as

the speedsters had trouble forging ahead of the plodders. Thanks to Rick's GPS system we knew where we were and that place was clearly too far from Moran's Falls to allow even the speedsters to finish that evening.

So the search began for suitable sleeping accommodation. The standard sought was basically a level surface that was dry and that could accommodate our group of nine souls. We eventually chose at 7:02pm the split-level option with upper and lower rock slabs (bedrooms) separated by a fireplace. A fire was lit to allow some attempt to dry socks and as expected, it was a futile exercise. By 8:00pm most were horizontal and a number were asleep quickly on one of the most uncomfortable beds ever. During the night Terry kept watch and managed to avoid any sleep at all. Nobody complained about the shortage of food – we were too tired to care.

As people bedded down, Phil's garbage bags became highly valuable as two bags made a sleep bag. Others used their daypacks to at least keep their feet warm. We were fortunate it did not rain otherwise an uncomfortable night would have become miserable. With the assistance of Rick's satellite telephone, we managed to get an SMS message to the Emergency Officer who was able to advise next of kin that all was well.

Daylight appeared before 5:00am and with our minimal camping gear and our almost invisible breakfast, we started walking at 5:10am - a record for a BCBC trip! Our campsite turned out to be about 60 metres downstream from the start of the *Water Races* and it took us 20 minutes to cover this distance along the bank. Persistence paid off and we got to the bottom of the Falls after about two hours. There we found the old graded track, which was still a reasonable trail. Our tail end Charlies, Greg and Michael, reached the top of the Falls at 7:36am. Then we picked up our 2km "exit ramp" being the Python Rock graded track to take us back to the cars and

arrived after 8:00am ... about 14 hours late. The state of our desire to get home was evidenced by the fact that no one, including Jan, wanted to stop for coffee – it was an express trip home.

My thanks to Philip, Paul, Rick, Terry, Louise, Greg, Jan and Michael who all met the challenge of this trip without complaint and discovered that it is possible to camp out without all the usual extras - food, shelter and warmth.

Russ Nelson

Mt Hobwee Circuit Sunday 28th January, 2007

After a very hot week in Brisbane, 12 bushwalkers were looking forward to a day in the relative coolness of the Lamington Rainforest as we headed off to do the Mt Hobwee circuit. We left Brisbane at 7:40am and after a quick stop at Canungra we were on the border track by 8:40am. The day was overcast but still fairly warm. I was sure we would get rained on sooner or later.

Binna Burra has had a fair bit of rain lately so the tracks were soft but not too boggy. The leeches were out in numbers which I have not seen for a while and collectively we donated a lot of blood.

After a morning tea break at the Mt Hobwee turnoff we started the climb to the top of the mountain. I rounded a corner and just about stepped on a snake. It turned out to be a rather docile python of around 2 metres but I didn't know that at first.

There was no view from Mt Hobwee due to the mist. The trees have grown up since I was last there and the view would have been limited anyway. We continued on to Dacelo Lookout for lunch. The mist had

thinned out a bit and we could catch an occasional glimpse of the valley below.

We then headed for home and got back to Binna Burra to find that the coffee shop had just closed permanently so it was off to Canungra for a coffee stop.

We had two visitors on the walk, Maria Aborg and Sok Cheon, both of whom enjoyed the day. The other participants were Richard, Sophie, Theresa, Louise, Julie and Rick Brake, Phillip Kearns, David and Graham.

Thank you to all for making it an enjoyable outing.

Michele

Other Items of Interest

The Arthur Groom Society

All members of the Club are invited to participate in the Club's new interest group as we start on the "quest" to follow the vision of Arthur Groom.

The Club has recently seen the introduction of the special interest group the John Toohey Society. The JTS has a social ambition which is fine and dandy (and very enjoyable) but it is time to make members aware of some challenging bushwalking goals and ambitions. The goal of is to establish and foster a group within the Club with a clear and noble ambition in bushwalking.

The ambition of the new group is simply to publicise and follow the dream of Arthur Groom. Hence, the name of the Society. Arthur Groom was an enthusiastic pioneer of bushwalking in south east Queensland.

He was known as a remarkable walker. About 1930 he walked across country by moonlight from O'Reilly's to Mount Barney, selected a camp-site, talked to landowners and returned, covering seventy miles (113 km), midnight to midnight. (I am not sure why he selected a camp site if he was walking all night, but that's how the legend goes) He helped establish the Binna Burra resort in Lamington National Park. He also wrote several books. In particular he wrote *One Mountain After Another*. He was the person who first used the term the Scenic Rim to describe the ring of mountains south of Brisbane from the McPherson Range the swings across to the Great Dividing Range and along the Little Liverpool Range.

His dream was to set up a wilderness track from the coast to the end of the Scenic Rim. This track was to be supported by a string of huts along the way to make it easier for walkers to do the trip.

To help publicise his efforts in saving the environment and to encourage members of the Club to do the Scenic Rim Traverse the Arthur Groom Society is to be set up. The initial meeting will be held together with the John Toohey Society meeting at Fihellys on Friday 16th February.

Our Club used to have a strong tradition of members doing sections of the Scenic Rim and some members included John Carter and Ken McCarron who have completed the full traverse in the one journey. See the article below from Jilalan 1986 that advertised the chance to do the trip in one journey. There is a fantastic article in the Barrani about the Club's first effort to do the traverse. Also members like Justin Tobin and Pat Lawton have also completed the Traverse through a series of walks.

The immediate aim of the Society is for our Club to program a series of walks over 4 or 5 years so members can complete the Traverse with our Club. Some of the

Traverse is easy but most of it is needs to done as a throughwalk.

As a means to give members an opportunity to get started on the Traverse, the first Leg of the Traverse from Edwards to Beau Brummel, (the trip is a daywalk) has been scheduled for Sunday 3rd June with Philip Kearns as leader.

As can be seen from the article from 1986 the full Traverse will take about 18 days of walking to complete it and the basic plan is to schedule 2 throughwalking trips each year, so hopefully the Traverse can be completed over a 4 year time frame.

Next year I was going to suggest an easy 3 day throughwalk from Beau Brummel to Sylvester's Lookout with campsites at Kangaroo Mountain and Mt Castle on the June long weekend. Also the plan would be to do a hard daywalk from Sylvester's Lookout to Cunningham's Gap which the Club did.

In 2009 the plan will be to do the Classic Main Range walk from Cunningham's Gap to Teviot Gap that goes Mt Mitchell, Spicers Peak, Mt Double Top, Mt Huntley, Panorama Point, the Steamers, Lizard Point, Mt Superbus and down to Teviott Gap. That is as far as my dreams got to. The details can be worked out later over a beer or a coffee.

All members are invited to get involved in the project and even if they can't do the full Traverse there will be several daywalks in conjunction with the throughwalks and these daywalks will usually offer similar views and that special sense of place you get from being on the Scenic Rim but without the big effort needed as on a throughwalk.

So make a date with destiny and join the quest to do the Scenic Rim Traverse.

Phil Murray

A note from the Editor.....

Remember; please forward your magazine articles by the **1st of the Month.** You may forward your articles to either:

25 Harburg Drive
Beenleigh Qld 4207 *or*

e-mail address: samlouis@bigpond.net.au

"Let your faith be like a shield, and you will be able to stop all the flaming arrows of the evil one."

Ephesians 6:16

**God Bless
Louise (Editor)**

Once again, my apologies to anyone whose article I may have missed out in putting in this month's magazine. At the moment I am under a lot of stress due to the health of many family member and other matters I am dealing with.

A Thought to Ponder

"In every real person a child is hidden that wants to play."

– Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900)
German Philosopher

President's Notes

1. A big year ahead

It is still early in the year but already we have mapped out most of the activities for the coming year. It is amazing what can be achieved with a little planning. There are many interesting activities, especially the 5 big events for 2007

- the Club Hut's 40th Birthday in March,
- the Warrumbungles at Easter,
- the Pilgrimage in August,
- the 50th Anniversary Walk at Tibrogargan in December and
- the trip to Tasmania in mid-December, to do the South Coast Track.

There are a range of other activities with trips to Fraser Island and Mt Ballou and the Barney Mass. Pat Lawton's Easter Monday trip is fast becoming an established tradition of the Club. Also, Justin's "Southern Sojourn" for the May Day weekend is an activity that I highly recommend and in time it may become a regular tradition of the Club. Hopefully the suggested Scenic Rim Traverse (see the article in this magazine about the Arthur Groom Society) will also become a regular tradition in the Club as well.

Plus, there is huge number of social activities on the Calendar – coffee nights, John Toohey nights, Movie Nights, Progressive dinners and even a trip to Australia Zoo to see Bindi and Bob.

All you have to do is to get involved, and in the words of Paddy Pallin – "the only trips I regretted are the one I didn't go on." So may I suggest you have very few regrets.

2. Outings Program

The Outings Program for this year has been put together and we have a 'jam-packed' list of activities for members. I would like to thank Michael Simpson for all his work

in doing the organising and contacting the leaders to confirm that they can lead the trip. In case you are wondering, Michael has basically taken on the role of acting outings secretary (but in an unofficial capacity, as he is not 'allowed' to go on committee as he would get even more involved). On behalf of the Club I would like to thank him for his efforts.

3. Subscriptions are due

Just a quick reminder to pay your subscriptions on time. It makes things easier for Terry and he does a mountain of work for the Club. Can you ensure you fill in all the next of kin details on your membership form.

4. AGM and Election of new management Committee at the February meeting

Make sure you come along to the AGM and show your support for the Club and show your support for the new committee. I have heard whispers that several people are showing keen interest in being on committee.

5. Monthly Meetings and a Quorum

Last month's meeting only had 14 members in attendance so we didn't have a quorum which is 15. It is because of this ongoing attendance problem with a lack of a quorum at meetings that we will have to make some minor changes to the Club's constitution to allow for the normal monthly meetings to start on time. I would like to suggest normal meetings can start with as few as seven members. Why seven? Seven is the number on committee this year, there are seven days in a week, there are seven judges on the High Court of Australia, there are seven hills of Rome and seven colours in the rainbow. Basically seven is just a good number and usually we have about seven members there on time, and it would be nice to start the meeting on time. Michael Simpson also suggested that the quorum of seven should also include at least 2 members of the executive of President, Secretary and Treasurer. The one exception

to a quorum of seven will be that to pass special resolutions the quorum should remain as the current system of twice the number of people on committee plus one.

6. Membership Numbers

At the December 2006 meeting we had 92.5 members. The 'half member' occurred because of a decision to retrospectively accept a person's admission into the Club. Personally I believe we shouldn't make anymore retrospective decisions.

7. Changes to the Calendar and hand over to the new committee

Just a reminder to please send me a copy of changes to the Calendar for the March magazine as the new Committee will probably still be getting used to what's involved and will need to have a short transition period for the hand over. (I will ensure the new President is advised of the changes, and has their right of veto before I put anything in the magazine). I ask all the outgoing committee members to lend a hand to the new crew to make the changeover a simple process.

8. Club Hut 40th birthday.

I highly recommend people attend the Club Hut Anniversary Party. It should be a lovely event. One of the distinguishing features of our Club amongst the Brisbane Clubs is that we have our own hut and this should be celebrated and enjoyed.

Unfortunately I won't be able to be there as I have a clash of events. I was particularly looking forward to meeting some of our former members. I will be in Tasmania playing sport in the Tax Office Sports Carnival (also known as the Tax Office Olympics). I will be golfing in the morning, sailing on the Derwent River in the afternoon, touch football in the evening and playing pool and darts at night.

9. Emergency Officers and the Moran's Falls trip.

In case you haven't heard, The Moran's Falls daywalk unexpectedly became an

overnight trip as they were 'benighted' and had to sleep on the 'track', finishing the walk the next morning. The members did the right thing and camped out overnight rather than try and continue on in the dark. It still took them about 3 hours in the morning to finish the walk. The good news about this 'kerfuffle' was that the emergency officer system worked very well, with the families of members being advised about the delay. A big thank you to Rick and Julie Brake for relaying the news to Sam Leonardi the emergency officer (EO). A big thank you to Sam for helping the Club out. It is much appreciated. Some members may not be aware that Sam is not a club member and he has often taken on the EO role as Louise only finds out a few minutes before the magazine deadline that there is no EO listed for a trip. Her solution is to ask Sam to assist with the EO role. On behalf of the Club I would like to thank Sam and Louise for assisting the Club like this.

This is the first time in my 22 years in the Club that a daywalk had actually been delayed overnight. So actually we have had a very good run of luck over the years. Some of the older members may remember the infamous Mystery Trip of 1989 when the Club did a walk down the Duck Creek Road. This trip was also delayed overnight. However, as a purist I will argue that as the trip had finished back at O'Reilly's they didn't sleep on the track. The problem was cyclonic rain prevented them from returning to Brisbane as all the roads were flooded. The Club was very fortunate as the O'Reilly's Guest House let our members sleep there overnight at no charge. Just a quick observation, I think Greg Endicott was the only member on both trips. So the moral of this story is 'be careful of doing trips with Greg'. (Sorry Greg but I couldn't resist - as it was my chance for a dig - For those who don't know, Greg is always ribbing me about my trips that get back a bit late, like the Running Creek Falls trip in March last year, the Obi Obi trip in 1993 and the Mt Castle trip in 2002).

10. Relocating

Most regular members know that I am slipping out of the role of President as I am moving house. Due to work arrangements we are moving down the coast to live at Tallai in the Gold Coast hinterland. The biggest concern I have is how my dog will cope with the change. His name is Barney (named after the mountain) and he is the cutest cocker spaniel in the world. But there is a problem, Barney is blind. He can get around our old house as he has lived here for 12 years. Hopefully he will adjust quickly to the new house. The moving day is actually the day before the Obi Obi trip. So that trip is looking extremely doubtful. I still expect to remain in the Club as I am leading several trips this year. But if anyone wants to lead them instead of me we may be able to work something out.

11. New members – Acceptance letters.

At the last committee meeting three suggestions were formally endorsed - to give each member their own membership number and to send out a formal membership acceptance letter to all new members and maintain a 'hardcopy' of the membership register. It took us a while to finally get the membership acceptance letter done. Terry Silk initially passed on the comments of Ben Larkin who made the comment in 2005 that the Club gave no official acknowledgement when your membership application was accepted. Robin Jones has been sending out a very nice little card and a short letter to new members but Robin won't be doing the Membership Officer role next year and the

card is a bit tricky to reproduce. So a new letter has been designed and this new more official letter is building on the process that Robyn started for the Club. Also we will have an official Membership Register of members.

12. Members Ordination

It is with great pleasure that I inform members that one of our life members is to be ordained in the Catholic Church. Russ Nelson is to be Ordained as a Deacon in July this year. The details are as follows - The time is - 6:00pm on Saturday, 21 July 2007 at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kenmore (corner Moggill Road and Kenmore Road). Russ would appreciate members from the Club attending on the night to share this special occasion with him.

Happy Walking
Phil the elder





South Coast Track

A Classic Through Walk

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Expressions of interest are being called for members of the club interested in experiencing one of the classic through walks in Australia. This walk crosses the south-east coast of Tasmania and will take 5 days. The trip is still in the planning stage and the itinerary is expected to be completed by 31 March 2007.

Brief details of the trip are described below but may see some minor alterations depending on circumstances. The departure of buses from Cockle Creek, the end of the walk, has predetermined the finishing date of the walk and thus the commencement date.

Saturday 15 December to Saturday 22 December inclusive.

Day 1: Depart Brisbane early and fly first to Hobart and then to Melaleuca, the beginning of the walk, before a short walk to our campsite at Freney Lagoon.

Day 2: Travel along the South Coast Track to the Louisa River with a side trip to Louisa Bay.

Day 3: A tough day today. The track climbs over the 900m Ironbound Range before dropping down to Little Deadmans Bay.



We will only be attempting the crossing if the weather is fine but there is a contingency day allowed here if we have to wait for better weather. There is also the chance to summit the Ironbound Range if time permits.

Day 4: A relatively flat walk today with a major creek crossing. The track continues on from Little Deadmans Bay following the coast to our campsite at Surprise Bay. New River Lagoon is crossed by rowboat which can take about an hour.

Day 5: An easy day today as we near our objective. We pass Granite Bay and cross South Cape Range before reaching South Cape Rivelet for the night.

Day 6: Our last day on the track. An easy 4 hour walk into Cockle Creek before catching our bus to Hobart for a well earned rest.

Day 7: This is the contingency day. If the walk goes to plan we will have a day in Hobart to do what we please.

Day 8: Depart Hobart for Brisbane.

Cost: It is expected the trip will cost around \$650 for airfares (Bne-Hob-Mel), bus trip (Coc-Hob) and permits. It does not include food and personal costs.



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