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June 19	John Toohey – Theodore Club	Phil			
21	Mermaid Mountain	Desley		DW	
24	Coffee Night – Vespa Pizza New Farm	Greg		Soc	
27/5	Larapinta Trail	Michael		TW	
27	Lake Manchester Circuit	Graham		DW	
July 4	Pat's Bluff	Phil		DW	
7	Movie Night – Stafford	Michael		Soc	
11	Chermside Hills	Cheryl	3263 8393	SW	S22
17	John Toohey Society - The Tank	Phil	5522 9702		
18	Shepherd's Walk	Terry	3355 9765	DW	S34
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Aug 1	Kin Kin Trails	Terry	3355 9765	DW	M35
4	Movie Night – Stafford	Michael	3351 3810	Soc	
8	Mt Coolum & Heathlands	Barbara	3355 3639	DW	M44
12	Mt Barney Mass	Phil	5522 9702	ON/DW	L66
13/15	Drumley Walk Beaudesert to S'port	Desley	3369 5530	TW	L46
17	BCBC Meeting	Desley	3369 5530	Meet	
21	John Toohey Society - The Hilton	Phil	5522 9702		
21/23	The Federation Pilgrimage	Desley	3369 5530	BC	Various
26	Coffee Night Coffee Club, Park Rd	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
28/30	The Marathon in the Blue Mtns	Phil	5522 9702		XL68
30	Bridge to Brisbane (B2B)	Greg	3351 4092	SW	S11
30	Mt Superbus to Lizard Point	John	5514 0285	DW	M67
Sept 5	Larapinta Falls	Russ	3374 3534	DW	M44
4/6	Christmas Creek	Michael	3351 3810	TW	XL55
12	Spring Equinox Social			Soc	
13	Great Aussie B'walk – Glasshouses	Greg	3351 4092	DW	S33
18	John Toohey - The Premier's Bar	Phil	5522 9702		
19	Coolangatta to Currumbin	Phil	5522 9702	DW	L33
26/27	Cullendore to Amosfield	Pat	3366 1956	TW	L44
26	North Coast Mtns Peak Bagging	Needed		DW	M44
Oct 3/4	Mt Warning Night Climb	Barbara	3355 3639	ON	M34
10	Enoggera Reservoir	Graham	3371 9632	DW	S33
11	Kate Quinlan Society @ B'fast Ck Hotel	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
16	John Toohey Soc @ The German Club	Phil	5522 9702		
17/18	Obelisks	Phil	5522 9702	ON	M55
20	Bne Forest Park – All 4 Tracks	Michele	3353 2822	DW	S33
24	Burleigh to Southport	Barbara	3355 3639	DW	L33
31 – 3/11	Victorian Alps	Phil	5522 9702		
Nov 1	Mt Doughboy/Mt Uki	Needed		DW	
6/8	Northern NSW Coast	Paul	0412 339 311	BC	L33
8	White Rock	Barbara	3355 3639	DW	
14	Mt Mitchell Night Walk	Russ	3374 3534	DW	S33
21	Gheerulla Circuit Track	Graham	3371 9632	DW	L33
29	Binna Burra to O'Reilly's	Greg	3351 4092	DW	L33
28/29	Cooloola Circuit	Michael	3351 3810	TW	L35
Dec 5	Christmas Party			Soc	
13	Southbank, Kangaroo Pt, Botanic Gdns, Tank S <sup>t</sup> Bridge, S'bank	Barbara	3355 3639	SW	S11
16	Christmas Lights & Coffee Night			Soc	
26	Boxing Day – Gold Coast Hinterland	Liz	3356 4874	DW	S22

The Calendar is subject to change without notice

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

**KEY – Walk Types**

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

**KEY – Walk Gradings**

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

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

## EDITOR'S REPORT

**ARTICLES:** Please have all Jilalan articles to Greg by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month. Articles should be e-mailed to me at [endhouse@bigpond.net.au](mailto:endhouse@bigpond.net.au). Please follow the "Jilalan Style Guide", which is on the Club web site <http://www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/JilalanStyleGuide.html>. If you have any queries, you should phone me on 3351 4092. **Articles due Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

- # As Editor, I reserve the right to alter, amend, move, shorten or not print articles.
- # The views expressed in Jilalan are not necessarily those of the Editor or of the Management Committee of the Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club.
- # If you "borrow" any words or image from another source, please acknowledge that source – author, publication, issue, date, publisher.
- # I need your articles on time – it makes it hard to still get articles when I should be formatting.
- # Articles from this publication may be reproduced provided the source is acknowledged.
- # Look at last month's Jilalan and copy that format – especially the "headings" in Comings
- # Type your article as a Word document, then attach it to the e-mail. A4 please, not in Columns.
- # Type Face is "Arial", Font Size is "12", though Date, Name of Event & Type are "14"

# PRAYER OF THE MONTH

God,  
Give us imagination  
And understanding  
In our dealings with others.  
May we look below the surface and be ready to help and respect.  
Save us from interfering  
And becoming do-gooders, yet being friendly and sympathetic,  
Ready to help if needed  
And to respond correctly to their mood.  
Amen (Johnson 1986:107)

## NEWER MEMBERS & VISITORS

To become a Member of the Club, you must first complete 2 walks. You can pay your subs, and be on the mailing list and receive your Jilalan each month. However, Committee will only "dub" you a member when those two walks are completed. The walks commence from your first one with us, and not from when you pay your subs. It is hoped that your two walks will be done within a few months.

There are some of our newer people who have paid and done no walks, or done only one. We look forward to you completing your two walks and completing your membership requirements.

## PILGRIMAGE WALKS LEADERS TO WRITE TRIP DESCRIPTIONS

Even though the Pilgrimage is still approximately 6 weeks away, it would be good to have trip descriptions available for people intending to come so that they can plan which walk they would like to do.

I think it's important that the trip description be informative in that the description makes clear the level of difficulty involved but at the same time point out the reasons why you love the walk so much which will hopefully get people to sign up with you.

Tom Hulse has kindly knocked up a 'Template' which you may feel suits your purposes. It is important for leaders to assess the length of the walk and plan their starting time on that basis. For some of the harder walks, it may be necessary to restrict numbers.

When you have uploaded your walk description, email it to Tom [tom2hulse@netspace.net.au](mailto:tom2hulse@netspace.net.au)

Can you also upload your walk description to the Bushwalking Queensland website please? If you have any difficulties, can you let me know.

Regards (and I'm licking my lips - looking forward to the Pilgrimage)  
Ray Glancy

I need your help in getting Pilgrimage walk descriptions on to the BWQ Pilgrimage web pages about now.

I have put my walk description up and you can see it here <http://www.bushwalkingqueensland.org.au/pilwalks.html>

Can you email me the following for your walk?

- The title of the walk
- The terrain and fitness grades
- The approximate duration in hours
- A Walk description - about 150 - 250 words

Also the following additional info which will be used on the activity information sheet at the Pilgrimage. If you haven't got all the info yet, please supply when you have.

A head & shoulders photo (passport size or something that can be cropped to passport size) so people can find you (see attachment to Ray's email)

A photo taken previously on the same walk if you can - see typical use on attachment to Ray's email.

- Time of departure
  - Are cars needed and if so one way driving time in minutes and suggested \$ transport contribution
  - Maximum number on the walk
- Thanks, Tom

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

How will BCBC remain viable and continue to grow? We do not have the money to advertise – in the paper, on the back of buses or on billboards – all of which I would like to do. There is a limit to the number of times we can ask parishes to include a paragraph in their Sunday bulletins. What is left?

Do what I do – talk to workmates and tell them about the joys of bushwalking. Do not hide your past time under a bushel – be proud and wear it on your shirt sleeve. Bushwalking is a sport, just like football, soccer, tennis, synchronised swimming or gymnastics.

Tell family and mates about where you have been, what you saw, the views, how easy it was, the joy of getting out there amongst the great Australian bush, and not to mention the great people you walk with.

Word of mouth is a great recommendation. Those you talk to already know you and that you do not exaggerate and are totally believable. Talk about us.  
Desley.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 18/5/09	\$2788.37
Plus Receipts	\$ 382.00
	\$3170.37
Less Payments	\$ 115.10
Balance 15/6/09	\$3055.27
Term Deposit	\$2228.58

Congratulations to Trevor Kelly and Perry Bowden who won first and second prize respectively in our last raffle. It is good to see a visitor's support of our club's raffle being rewarded by a second prize win. I am already selling tickets in our next raffle which has three prizes with the first being a Back Pack which was donated by Pat Lawton, the second is a 500g box of Cadbury chocolates and the third is a box of Cadbury Milk Tray chocolates which was donated by Graham Glasse. Tickets are still only one dollar each. The club still has T- shirts for sale at twenty dollars each. Terry.

## ABOUT PEOPLE

Paul Evans, Patricia Funnell, Carol Kelly and Lynne Lucas are having a birthday in July. Congratulations to Therese Abernethy who has just returned from walking the Kokoda Track.

Wendy Nielsen was a visitor at our June meeting. Elizabeth and Simon Tongs, Simone and Sergio Gomes, Kay Zanghellini, Gaye Higgs and Dianne Fleet were all welcome visitors on Desley's Mermaid Mountain walk. Kay and Gaye were also on Graham's Lake Manchester walk six days later. Queries from Paula & Matthew MacDermott, Gaye Higgs and Dominique Watson.

It is with sadness that we hear of the death of Rita Robinson (nee Thornhill), one of our earliest members.

Desley, whilst at Jondaryan Woolshed do you remember that there was a raffle going and the prize was a tapestry of the Woolshed. Anyway just had a phone call from up there and I am the winner. Will bring it along one night to show off!! Marian.

## INVISIBLE MEMBERS

We have a number of Invisible Members – those who have paid their subs but have disappeared from view – become invisible. We like you and want to see you, talk to you, find out what you are doing, and to help you along the way. Come along to a walk, coffee night, JT evening and/or social. (You mightn't meet too many of us if you appear at a meeting.)

## 2010 OUTINGS CALENDAR

It is time we thought about doing up next year's outings calendar.

So put on your thinking caps and come up with some different and/or new trips and areas. There must be something new out there.

And some leaders stepping forward at the planning stage would be a great relief also. Choose your own trip. Choose the date it goes out. While at it, choose two! The meeting must be held by August so that Committee can approve the calendar for publication in Nov.

Get on it now and let Desley know your ideas on Ph: 3369 5530.

Do not delay, or you will miss out!!!!!!!

## COMING EVENTS

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

The "**Leaders Guide**" is on the web at:

<http://www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/LeadersGuideV5-02-06.html>

### 11<sup>th</sup> JULY, SATURDAY CHERMSIDE HILLS RESERVE SOCIAL

**Contact: Cheryl Layzelle Ph: 3263 8393,  
0419 742 287**

**Meet at: Horn Rd & Stringybark St, Aspley**

**Time: 1.30pm**

**Grading: S22**

**Cost: \$3**

**Location: In Suburban Brisbane, in the McDowall area**

**Web:**[http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/BCC:BASE::pc=PC\\_2848](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/BCC:BASE::pc=PC_2848)

**AND**[http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/bccwr/environment/documents/20080616\\_trackmap\\_chermside.pdf](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/bccwr/environment/documents/20080616_trackmap_chermside.pdf)

**Emerg Off: Viv Ph: 0419 742 287**

Come and join us for an 8km winter walk through this magnificent bushland reserve that sits right

on our Brisbane doorstep. We will begin the walk at Little Cabbage Tree Creek and head off for a short distance along a quiet suburban street before entering the Chermside Hills Reserve. At this time of year, the bush is alive with colour from the Banksia bushes.

After reaching Spider Hill Lookout the party will complete a few more kilometres winding through the grass-treed track before heading up towards Downfall Creek Reserve where we will break for afternoon tea and a chat. Toilet facilities are available in this area.

Back on track and the group soon be at Milne Hill where views out to the airport and Bay can be seen. All downhill now as we head back to our cars. The walk should conclude by 4.30pm approximately.

Hope you can join us.

### **17<sup>th</sup> JULY, FRIDAY JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY MEETING THE TANK**

**Contact: Phil Murray Ph: 0413 307 580**

**Where: 371 Queen St – just down from the  
cnr of Queen & Eagle**

**Time: From 4pm till whenever you want**

**What For: For a chat, a drink, a meal &  
stimulating conversation**

**Web: <http://www.thetankhotel.com/home.php>**

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

In July we are meeting at The Tank, a traditional Aussie pub with a nice atmosphere. We have been here before and really enjoyed it – not too plush, not too full, not overly noisy, and empties out about 7.30pm to give us more elbow room. I recall a happy hour early in the evening, so also cheaper for a while.

Those who get there early will have to “reserve” a table for 10 seats, spread out to look like a crowd and wait for the seats to be filled. From anywhere in the room the bar and food ordering counters are very very close.

Our special this month will be stimulating conversation – on most topics, but no need to come prepared since you can join in and make it all up as you go along like everyone else. Topics banned this month, since they were covered in May, include – flour arranging, calligraphy, tea ceremonies, Balinese dancing, handkerchief folding and the art of embalming butterflies.

New people are needed so we can broaden our range of conversation topics.

Members, visitors, family, friends and workmates very welcome.

### **18<sup>th</sup> JULY, SATURDAY SHEPHERD'S WALK DAYWALK**

**Co-ordin: Terry Silk Ph: 3355 9765**

**Meet at: St Brigid's carpark Musgrave Rd,**

**Cost: \$8 + \$15**

**Time: 6.45am**

**Grading: M34**

**Locn: In the Kerry Valley near Beaudesert**

**Web: [http://www.heritageaustralia.com.au/link\\_s.php?id=1088](http://www.heritageaustralia.com.au/link_s.php?id=1088)**

**Emerg Off: Carol Kelly Ph 3269 4795**

This is an ideal walk for visitors, our newer members (as well as the oldies) because it is short and contains a sample of a number of things that you can expect on most of our walks.

The Historical Society provides the Walk Leader and Tail End Charlie. The walk takes just over two hours with the pace being set by the slowest walker. The walk is mainly off track though along a foot pad which is y easy to follow as we climb to a saddle on the Gin Broken Range. There are some short steep sections, but these should not present a problem as regular rest breaks are taken. We return from the saddle on the same route. There is a creek crossing at the start and finish of the walk. It is rare for anyone to get their feet wet.

Excellent views can be had from the saddle where we have a leisurely morning tea. There are also great views of the surrounding countryside on the climb to and descent from the saddle. After our recent rain the countryside should be quite picturesque.

Lunch is provided by the Historical Society and consists of their famous Sausage Sizzle along with all the trimmings. This is supported by the now famous dampers and syrup washed down by Billy Tea, Coffee, Cordial or water. There is usually plenty of food.

The Historical Society provides buses to take us from their complex to a monument in the Christmas Creek valley where a short address is given on the significance of the Shepherd's Walk and the era of Chinese shepherds in this area. Then the buses will take us to the lunch spot in the Kerry Valley where the walk starts and finishes. The buses will leave the picnic area at approximately 2.30pm to return to the Historical Society complex in Beaudesert. So we will be back in Brisbane before dark as it is not a long day.

You need to nominate ASAP as bookings close on the 15<sup>th</sup> July for catering purposes. I look

forward to your company on the day which I am sure you will enjoy. Regards, Terry.

**JULY 19<sup>th</sup>, SUNDAY  
MOUNT ERNEST  
DAYWALK**

**Leader:** Matt Palmer Ph: 3876 8125  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's, Red Hill  
**Time:** 6.00am  
**Grading:** M88  
**Cost:** \$20.00  
**Location:** South west of Brisbane, near the border crossing into NSW at Mt Lindesay

**Web:**<http://www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/regioninfo/documents/region.pdf>

**Emerg Off:** Kerry Mulligan Ph: 3876 8125

Mt Ernest is the mountain sandwiched between Barney and Lindesay and as a result is often overlooked. The mountain is shaped a bit like a giant door stopper. Ridges lead up from the southern side with a long undulating escarpment running east west and a sheer drop to the North.

Our walk will commence at Hardgrave's Farm off the Mt Lindesay Highway. We will take one of the south running ridges which winds its way to the top. The first half hour will be climbing through cleared paddock before entering the forest. The party then cross a couple of spectacular razor backs were hopefully we will be able to see Mt Ernest Falls. Once off the razor back we enter the forest of the ferns where we may need those red flags that vehicles on mining sites have so that we don't lose each other. After the highest rainfall for years the understorey regrowth is of a proportion that I have never seen. With some luck we should reach the pinnacle for lunch which will give some exceptional views of Barney and the Cronin Creek Valley.

Following Lunch we will follow the escarpment heading east. This follows the drop into Cronin Creek and has some spectacular rocky outcrops and rock formations. I will be bringing a rope for anyone who doesn't have confidence travelling across exposed sections. Once the group is a few hundred metres from the valley floor we will negotiate a few cliff lines before contouring around the base back to the cars.

It should be a fantastic day getting into some country that is rarely walked as we pass through a wide variety of vegetation types. Gaiters are a must for this walk. The walk is not long in distance but it will take all day and is physically

challenging due to the terrain we will encounter, I recorded 19,000 steps on the pre-outing.

I hope you will be able to join me for an enjoyable day's walking. Matt Palmer

**20<sup>th</sup> JULY, MONDAY  
MONTHLY MEETING**

**Contact:** Desley Ph: 3369 5530  
**Time:** 7.30pm – Doors open & meeting starts soon after  
**Where:** St Michael's Parish Hall, 250 Banks St, Dorrington (in the lower carpark behind the church. Drive down the ramp at the left.)

**Web:**[www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/page4.html](http://www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/page4.html)

Come and meet us in an environment that is not hot, sweaty and exhausting. Have enough breath left to even talk to us. Hear reports of recent outings & socials, as well as our coming events. Ask questions of our leaders about their coming events, so that you can make up your mind as to whether to come on the walk. Come pay your subs. Stay for supper.

Members can find out how the Club is being run and even ask the occasional question. The business is over by 8.45pm, and the show is over by 9.30.

**26<sup>th</sup> JULY, SUNDAY  
TOOHEY FOREST WILDFLOWERS  
DAYWALK**

**Leader:** Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702, 0413 307 580, [philriver@optusnet.com.au](mailto:philriver@optusnet.com.au)  
**Meet at:** Toohey Forest Carpark, on Toohey Rd at Nathan, UBD ref Map 200 E1  
**Time :** 9am  
**Grade:** S22  
**Location:** Between Tarragindi, Mt Gravatt & Nathan

**Web:**[http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/bccwr/environment/documents/track\\_map\\_toohey.pdf](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/bccwr/environment/documents/track_map_toohey.pdf)

**Cost:** \$2.00  
**Emerg Off:** Sue Ph: 0413 307 580

Toohey Forest is a remnant patch of bushland in the middle of suburbia. We will start on the western side of the forest and walk through to the eastern side. There are several patches of forest where we are totally cut-off from views of suburbia so it does have a sense of remoteness from time to time. We will also have a quick look at the university grounds and zip up Mt Gravatt to enjoy the views over Brisbane.

The main purpose of the day is to look for and identify the wildflowers. In particular we should see the many pea flowers, several wattles and a few orchids. More details including botanical names next month as to the wildflowers to see.

Although it is an easy wildflower walk we will be doing a bit of bush bashing to see these treasures and we will have a few hills and gullies to wander up and down. Make sure you bring the usual day-walk stuff including lunch. Because of the late start the expected finish time is after 3pm.

### **29<sup>th</sup> JULY, WEDNESDAY CHERMSIDE SHOPPING CENTRE COFFEE NIGHT**

**Contact: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092**

**Meet at: Choice of the first to arrive**

**Time: After 6.30pm for dinner  
and before 7.30 for coffee**

**Web:**<http://westfield.com.au/chermside/ourestores/cafes-1855.html>

This month's Coffee Night is your choice, if you arrive first. Choose any of the restaurants outside the Food Court, in the restaurant precinct facing Gympie Road. Look for one not too crowded, inside dining (could be a bit cool out), good medium priced food, and individual payment.

If you are not the first there, have a look around for someone you recognise as that will be the place.

Then you can have your very own Coffee Night.

### **1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST, SATURDAY NOOSA TRAILS DAYWALK**

**Leader: Terry Silk Ph: 3355 9765**

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

**Time: 6.45am**

**Cost: \$18.00**

**Grading: M35**

**Location: Sunshine Coast Hinterland near Cooroy**

**Web:**<http://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/sitePage.cfm?code=noosa-trail-network>

**Emerg Off: Carol Kelly Ph: 3269 4795**

For the past four years the Club has been walking in a most beautiful part of the Sunshine Coast Hinterland around Kin Kin by following the Noosa Trail Network. This year sees us tackling a new trail which is mainly along country roads and bush tracks. The trail crosses a variety of terrain with spectacular views and rain forest

being encountered. Along the way historical information boards will be found.

The easiest way to do this walk is with a car shuffle. This means that the walk will be about seventeen kilometres in length with one rather steep climb to our most scenic lunch spot. Lunch will be late but well worth the wait. We will not have much walking to do after lunch.

During the pre-outing a pair of black cockatoos was spotted along with several other types. On the track several mud patches had to be skirted. No one should get wet feet on the walk. It is recommended that you wear comfortable sturdy footwear and bring the usual day walk requirements.

I will be glad to have your company on this new walk which will reward your efforts. Terry.

### **4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 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**

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. As a result, we do not know who is coming & how many, or at what time!!!

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 \$20. So come along.



**8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, SATURDAY  
M<sup>t</sup> COOLUM HEATHLANDS  
DAYWALK**

**Leader:** Barbara Eastoe Ph: 3355 3639  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's, Red Hill  
**Time:** 7.30am  
**Grading:** S44  
**Cost:** \$12  
**Location:** Just in from the beach at the Sunshine Coast, north of the Maroochy River  
**Web:** [http://www.coolumcoastcare.org.au/file/our\\_locals\\_final0806.pdf](http://www.coolumcoastcare.org.au/file/our_locals_final0806.pdf)

Here is a rare opportunity to get in close to the wallum counter behind Mt Coolum. The trip will not necessarily be on any track, as we go through the banksia and leptospermum forest in the low country, then up the mount itself. The wildflowers are blooming earlier each year now. You may have climbed this one from the Hyatt side before, but wouldn't have from the inland side. Great views up & down the Coast from the top. Will be a top walk in the best time of year

**12<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, WEDNESDAY  
49<sup>th</sup> M<sup>t</sup> BARNEY MASS  
DAYWALK & OVERNIGHTER**

**Leader:** Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702,  
0413 307 580,  
[philriver@optusnet.com.au](mailto:philriver@optusnet.com.au)  
**Meet:** St Brigid's Car Park, Red Hill  
**Time:** 5:00am (I repeat – five am)  
Or meet at Yellowpinch – 7:00am.  
**Grade:** L66  
**Cost:** \$20 in car pool cars, \$2 per person for those going privately  
**Location:** Near the border, 2 hours south-west of Brisbane  
**Web:** <http://www.john.chapman.name/qld-barn.html>  
**Emerg Off:** Susan Murray PH: 5522 9702

Some people come down Tues evening to camp at either Larkin's Mt Barney Lodge or at the Council camping ground. But most drive down Wednesday morn. Many people drive down privately but we aim to provide car pooling.

The walk starts at Yellowpinch, the meeting time at is 7:00am, with the departure for all at 7.15am.

The Barney Mass is a day for all Club members to celebrate Mass on top of a mountain. This trip is the standout event in the year and it is this tradition that helps make our Club so special. It is a memorable day and is a trip all members

should aspire to do. All current and former members are invited to attend.

As to which route we may climb, we usually do more than one ridge. The probable routes are Peasants Ridge (the easier) and South East Ridge (Phil Murray).

The trip to the top of Mt Barney is hard and long but it is so rewarding – great views, great country, great wildflowers and great company. This walk could be described an easy one for the very fit and very hard for those still dreaming of getting fit. There are brush trails on all routes, including rock slabs of varying lengths depending on route, some small cliffs on some routes, rocky gullies on some tracks, walking above precipitous cliffs on certain trails, an the occasional razor back if you so choose that leader to follow. All said, we do manage to get all people up each year with no turn-arounds.

The Mass time is approximately 1pm depending on when the walkers arrive. The Mass is truly lovely in the cathedral of the Mt Barney saddle with the two majestic peaks over you, the rocky bowl you are sitting in, the Australian brush all around you, the sun warming you. There is no religious experience like it. The trip down Peasants Ridge has a few challenging bits. But we cope each year. The slower ones will probably get out after dark which is about 5pm in winter.

Bring the usual daywalk food & equip and ensure you have a torch, raincoat and jumper. I suggest you bring at least 2 to 3 litres of water for the walk.

It will be a long day but it is a trip worth doing. Last year there were nearly 30 people in attendance. Hopefully, we will have a similar number this year.

Fr Francis Onwunali from Kenmore Parish has agreed to say the Barney Mass. Phil

**13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, THURS TO SUN  
THE DRUMLEY WALK  
ROVING BASECAMP**

**Leader:** Desley Pedrazzini Ph: 3369 5530  
**Meet at:** See Desley about Transport  
**Time:** 8.30am from Beaudesert, 6.30am from Brisbane  
**Grade:** L46  
**Location:** Beaudesert to Tamborine Mtns, to Nerang to the Gold Coast  
**Web:** <http://www.thedrumleywalk.com/default.htm>

The Drumley Walk meanders through some of the most beautiful walking country in south east Queensland. It begins with a festive send-off on Thursday morning from the main street of Beaudesert. It then progresses through the rolling plains of Beaudesert, the rainforests and lookouts of Mount Tamborine, the forests of Nerang and the urban sprawl of the Gold Coasts suburbs. Each day offers the walkers a different terrain, with different stories, vistas and experiences.

Along the way, we learn about local heroes from the region. Traditional owners are on hand to talk about Aboriginal history, stories of bora grounds, songs, legends and food sources. They will also learn of the first European families into the area and understand their stories of survival and co-habitation.

Friday, experienced and very fit walkers ascend Mt Tamborine (The Black Walk) while the rest of the pack (The Blue Walk) is bussed to the top of the mountain, where the two groups meet for a coffee in the scenic Gallery Walk on Long Road. They then descend to Guanaba for the overnight stay. Saturday the pack heads through Nerang State Forest, finishing by the Nerang River. Sunday is a 2-hour walk, from Royal Pines Resort to the Yugambah Corroboree, Indigenous Language Food and Art Festival.

#### Accommodation

Walkers are welcome to organise their own accommodation. However, we have accessed the best-priced local accommodation available on Friday and Saturday nights. Bus transfers for walkers to and from the start and finish points arranged as required.

After the Sunday lunch at the walk finish in Overell Park, Brighton Pde, a transfer from Southport to Beaudesert and Brisbane is available if required. **Bookings are essential.**

[Contact the organisers for details.](#)

Further Details - check out the [full walk itinerary, equipment checklist and map.](#)

### **17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, MONDAY MONTHLY MEETING**

**Contact: Desley Ph: 3369 5530**

**Time: 7.30pm – Doors open & meeting starts soon after**

**Where: St Michael's Parish, 250 Banks St, Dorrington (in the lower carpark behind the church. Drive down the ramp at the left.)**

Come along to hear reports of recent outings & socials, as well as our coming events. Ask

questions of our leaders about their coming events, so that you can make up your mind as to whether to come on the walk. Come pay your subs.

Stay for supper.

### **21<sup>st</sup> AUGUST, FRIDAY JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY MEETING THE HILTON**

**Contact: Phil Murray Ph: 5522 9702**

**or 0413 307 580**

**Where: The Hilton, Queen Street Mall (or Elizabeth St from the front) near the corner of Edward**

**Time: From 4pm till whenever you want – someone will stay with you**

**What For: For a chat, a drink, a meal & stimulating conversation**

**Web:**[http://www1.hilton.com/en\\_US/hi/hotel/BSBHITW-Hilton-Brisbane/index.do](http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/BSBHITW-Hilton-Brisbane/index.do)

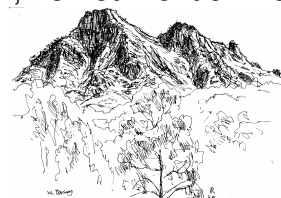
**Emerg Off: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995**

So says the Hilton's web page:- Just 440 yards from Central Station, the Hilton Brisbane hotel has an Executive Lounge and a 24-hour business centre. Enjoy Australian food and International flavours in the Atrium Restaurant or fine wines and cocktails in the Below 7 Lounge Bar which is located at the base of the Atrium. In the Below 7 relax in the warm colours of the city's hottest bar for sipping a cocktail or simply relax on the lounge. Our Mixologists can create any cocktail your palate desires from a classic Martini to our innovative dessert cocktails, the choice is yours.

Members of the Club meet once a month on the third Friday to enjoy a social occasion in the city. We gather at one or another of the watering holes within the CBD. The aim is to get together to talk about anything that comes to mind, especially non Club business – since Club news seems to dominate other avenues. Listen to Desley and Michael's story of their friend Larry Pinter who they saw recently, what Graham is doing next holidays, what Michele was up to in mid July, just to mention a few.

We have a drink, share some chips, crisps, nuts, have another drink, have a light meal (if such a thing exists at the Hilton), and another drink. We all are adults, so do not overindulge.

Just remember, no not mention Paris....



**21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST, FRI TO SUN  
THE FEDERATION PILGRIMAGE  
BASECANP & DAYWALK**

**Leader:** Justin Tobin Ph: 3366 3193  
**Meet at:** Various – At Lake Moogerah  
Holiday Park,  
Pick up from home, only if a driver  
is going down,  
Red Hill Fri 7.30pm  
Red Hill Sat 6am  
From home Sat, if drivers  
available

**Grading:** Various  
**Cost:** Depends on your option  
**Location:** Near the Highway, just this side of  
Cunningham's Gap

**Web:** <http://www.bushwalkingqueensland.org.au/>

The Pilgrimage is the annual occasion where all the Qld bushwalking clubs get together to walk together. The various trips have members of all clubs on them so we get to talk to others who appreciate the bush as we do. We get to hear about how other clubs do things, hear their stories, find out about their walks and routes, interesting areas visited, access problems or solutions. And besides, you meet some awfully nice people.

Everyone in this Club is capable of doing at least one of the walks on offer. Getting there is flexible – just say something when you nominate. You can come down and camp, or just come for the Saturday walks.

This year Pilgrimage will be at the [Lake Maroon Holiday Park](#) 535 Burnett Ck Rd., Maroon from Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd August.

**Friday 21st August 2009**

12 noon onwards Registration of arrivals and setting up camp.

7pm - 10pm Walks sign on sheets available. (Due to distance to be travelled to the start of some walks there may be a small petrol contribution amount required - this will be indicated on each walk description).

6pm until late Supper - soup, coffee, tea etc (please BYO cups).

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2009**

6am onwards Soup, coffee, tea etc (please BYO cups).

7am onwards Staggered walk departure times. One or two of the walks may depart earlier if required.

Throughout the day Coffee and Tea available.  
Self-guided orienteering course will be available. Non-walkers may like to take advantage of visiting some of the local scenic spots.

5pm onwards Return of walkers. Everyone arranges their own evening meal, but supper will be provided at the Bush Dance.

6.30pm onwards Bush Dance.

8.30pm Light supper. (Please BYO cups)

**Sunday 23rd August 2008**

7am - 9am Breakfast available.

8am - 9am Bush Poetry.

7am - 11am Swap and Sell your pre-loved bushwalking gear (please have all items clearly marked with price and your name)

9am - 11am The Games.

11am - 11.30am Speeches, Presentations and Passing on of the BOOT.

Midday Pilgrimage close.

**WALKS**

Not all walk leaders have submitted walk details, so some have names only.

**Walk 1 - Mt Toowoona**

**Walk 2 - Mt Alford Road**

**Walk 3 - Mt Greville (from North)**

**Walk 4 - Mt Moon Gorge**

**Walk 5 - Mt May**

**Walk 6 - Monserrat Lookout**

**Walk 7 - Upper Portals**

**Walk 8 - to be decided**

**Walk 9 - Flinders Peak**

Grade: Terrain 4, Fitness 3 Duration: about 3 hours

After leaving the Pilgrimage Camp Grounds, the walk will start from the Flinders Plum Picnic Area. The walk is reasonably straight forward and straight up from the car! On a clear day the views are wonderful and the walk is very pretty with some rock scrambling, including a short stint across a razor back ridgeline. This part of the walk is only 6km return. After a food break at the top we will return to the carpark for another short break before heading up again to 'summit' Mt Blaine. This again is all uphill – along a track to the saddle then off track to the top which has spectacular views of Flinders Peak – again less than 6 km return – so today we get to double Peak!!!!

**Walk 10 - Yellowpinch Circuit**

Grade: Terrain 4, Fitness 3 Duration: about 4 hours

After parking at the Yellowpinch Day Area at the approach to Mount Barney, we walk across to the Logan River and follow it upstream as it winds its way around the base of Yellowpinch hill. Although the going is flat, we cross the creek several times (be prepared to get your feet wet) and there are some fallen trees and boulders to climb over. The banks of the creek are peaceful and very pleasant, and we won't be rushing. After crossing some grass flats to the road, we return via Yellowpinch hill and its lookout (some minor climbing here) before reaching the cars via a spur.

**Walk 11 - Mt Maroon 'Tourist' Route**

Grade: Terrain 5, Fitness 5 Duration: about 6 hours

Mt Maroon is a 965m peak in the Mt Barney NP. We will be doing the usual "tourist" route which we will access from the Boonah-Rathdowney Rd. The walk starts with a steep climb up the NE ridge after which we contour to join a steep gully with some loose rocks. It is then a scramble up to the saddle and a further climb over more rocks to the summit with brilliant 360 degree views of Mt Barney and the peaks of the Scenic Rim. We return via the same route. Reasonable fitness is required for the walk as we gain over 600m of elevation.

**Walk 16 - Wilson's Peak Circuit**

Grade: Terrain 5, Fitness 5 Duration: about 6 hours

Wilson's Peak is in the southern Main Range. The walk will start at Teviot Gap and is a circuit. We start walking down the road for 3km towards NSW - roughly west. We begin our climb in rainforest on the border fence, gradually climbing to the cliffs where a little detour has to be taken to get back on the ridge. A cliff break takes us onto the final summit climb. Lunch on top with a 'window' view will be followed by our descent back to below the cliff break where we will then follow an old fenceline through rainforest then open country and paddocks back to the cars. It's a great off track walk: a variety of vegetation, a bit of scrambling, some great views.

**Walk 17 - Mt. Barney - Logan's Ridge**

Grade: Terrain 8, Fitness 7 Duration: about 9 hours

Logan's Ridge is the most direct to Mt Barney's East Peak; consequently it is a steep up hill climb. The intention is to leave the pilgrimage camp at 5am to ensure we commence walking at 6am, which will allow us to reach the top of East

Peak by 11am, where we will have lunch and our descent will be via South East Ridge. Our expected arrival time back at Pilgrimage Camp is 4.30pm. Logan's Ridge requires a high degree of fitness as we will be walking steeply uphill almost immediately we leave our vehicles for a period of almost 5 hours. As well there is a moderate degree of exposure on this ridge and good rock scrambling skills are required.

**Walk 18 - Mt. Edwards**

**Walk 19 - Mt Greville**

**Activity 20 - Mountain Bike Ride - Killarney to The Head**

Grade: Fitness 7 Duration: about 5 hours

After driving from Lake Maroon, we will start and finish this ride at Killarney (525m elevation) riding up the range to Queen Mary Falls (950m) onto Carr's Lookout (1020m) before an exhilarating descent to The Head (750m). The ride then follows the Condamine River Road (part of the Bicentennial trail) for 14km to Killarney on a gentle descent through a gorge with ranges over 1000m high on either side. This ride is approximately 40km round trip of approximately 5 hour riding, hence the 7 rating. You will need to be an experienced and fit rider with a well maintained mountain bike.

**Activity 21 - Kayak Lake Maroon**

**A Mountain Bike ride and Kayak on Lake Maroon** are also being planned - details later.

Walks commence adjacent to the sign-on veranda at the house on the morning of Saturday 22nd August 2009.

More information will be displayed when available

**26<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, WEDNESDAY  
COFFEE NIGHT  
COFFEE CLUB, MILTON**

**Contact:** Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092  
**Meet at:** Park Road, Milton  
**Time:** After 6.30pm for dinner, before 7.30pm for coffee & cake

**Web:** <http://www.wherewillimeetyou.com/>  
**Emerg Off:** Greg E Ph: 0418 122 995

We have not been to Park Rd for a number of years. Though the other Park Rd restaurants can be a smidgen expensive the tried and tested Coffee Club has a standard to maintain. Coke along and enjoy the footpath coffee society, have a snack, then some cake with your gourmet coffee. Always an enjoyable night with stimulating conversation.

**29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, SATURDAY  
THE MARATHON  
THROUGHWALK**

**Leader:** Phil Murray 5522 9702  
**Meet at:** Carlon's at 6am  
**Time:** Walk starts at 6.15am  
**Cost:** \$15.00 (incl dinner) - Travel to meeting point is extra  
**Grading:** XL 68  
**Location:** Kanagra Boyd National Park. Just south of Jenolan Caves  
**Web:** <http://www.cbcnsw.org.au/index.htm>  
**Emerg Off:** Sue Murray 5522 9702

The Marathon is the annual race to the Club Hut (the Shack) of the Sydney Catholic Bushwalking Club. The Shack is located about 25km due south of Katoomba and 20km east north east of Kanangra Walls. This year the plan is to do the trip from Carlon's. (Arlon's is about 15 km south of Blackheath) The route from Carlon's has some very interesting place names. Total Distance is 24km

The hight gain and loss from the ridges to the River's is about 400 metres each time so it is a big day. There is a big feast on the Saturday night and a great opportunity to meet the many members of the Sydney Club. The walk out on Sunday is much shorter as we should be able to get a lift of about 190kms.

The Marathon is an event to do at least once in your lifetime. You need to carry a sleeping bag and tent with you. Book your flights tickets asap to get the cheapest prices. I am flying down Friday and flying back on Monday.

**30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, SUNDAY  
MT SUPERBUS / LIZARD POINT  
DAYWALK**

**Leader:** John Carter Ph: 5514 0285  
or 0433 779 771  
**Meet at:** St Brigid's, Musgrave Rd, Red Hill  
**Meet Time:** 6.30am  
**Grading:** M67  
**Cost:** \$20  
**Location:** Teviot Gap, south of Boonah along the border  
**Web:** <http://www.rankin.com.au/essay8.htm>

Mt Superbus, the heavily rainforested and highest peak in south east Qld, and Lizard Point one of the iconic lookouts on the Scenic Rim, are the features of this walk.

We require an early start, due to the two hours of driving on sealed roads to reach the walk location and to complete the trip in daylight. The

walk commences at Teviot Gap (at approx 750 metres). We climb about 650 metres initially to Mt Superbus. The walk will also take us over Mt Roberts on route to Lizard Point, where we will have lunch and a cuppa. The views from the rocky platform are spectacular from Mt Beau Brummell to Lamington Plateau.

Most of the route is in rainforest and off track. There maybe some scunge to negotiate. The usual walking gear is required including 2 litres of water. Loose trousers or gaiters would be useful. This route is the easiest way to reach these locations on a daywalk.

Please check the August Jilalan for any update on the walk.

**30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, SUNDAY  
BRIDGE to BRISBANE  
MORNING STROLL**

**Leader:** Greg Endicott Ph 3351 4092  
**Meet at:** Northside – Ekka Ground bus stop, Costin St, 5.15am  
Southside – Murarrie end of the Gateway, Lytton Rd. 6.15am  
5km – Racecourse Rd, Hamilton. 7.30am  
**BUT, read the instructions on the Web closer to the 30<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Grading:** S11, with a hill at the start.  
**Cost:** \$36 for 10km, \$27 for 5km.  
**Emerg Off:** Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995

<http://www.bridgetobrisbane.com.au/>  
Team Number 65076

It is a good time of morning to be out walking, and not enough of us do it. It is not too hot, there is a nice sea breeze, the track is well made and smooth, and you are walking beside the River for a quarter of the time. What more could you want? Breakfast perhaps? We can do that.

Each year, a large group of us participate in the B2B. There are categories for all entrants – runners, joggers and two for walkers. So you can see, anyone can attend. It's all over by 9am. The day is still young. Then, if you wish, you go down to The Valley for breakfast.

There is the 5km walk, starting at Hamilton and finishing at the Ekka Grounds. This starts at approx 8am as running, jogging and walking have a staggered start. We do have a definite starter for this one - wouldn't mind company.

There is the 10km walk (also a run or jog for those interested) at about 6.30am from the southside (Murarrie) end of the Gateway Bridge, along Kingsford Smith Dr to the Ekka Grounds.

All entries are online. Go to <http://www.bridgetobrisbane.com.au/> As you scroll through the pages when filling out your entry, click on Save, Step 2, Next, Confirm, Proceed, Purchase, Submit as directed. Double check all details.

You will be met with a choice – new entrant OR a person who did the 2007 and/or the 2008.

If you have not done a B2B before, you are a New Entrant, so create a “User Account”.

If you have forgotten your password, look for it. Then try the “Forgotten Your User Account Details” box. You will get a confirming e-mail with it.

If you have been in it during 2007/2008 and know your password, “Returning Users” is for you.

Then click on Competitor Registration.

There are 3 categories once you login. The 10km Individual, the 5km walk, and the 10km Existing Team Entry. We are the “10km Join an Existing Team” entry. (Unless, of course, you are doing the 5km). This is the third button in the list. Include the Team Number 65076 in the Team Box. Go through the pages as directed. You will end up back at the “Finalise Registration” page.

Now click on “Breakfast and Bus Tickets”.

Get yourself a bus ticket - Northsiders “Pre-Race”, and for Southsiders “Post-Race”. Not completely necessary, but advisable.

Now you are back at the Registration Page. Click “Next”. You check your personal details. Add “Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club” in the “Organisation” box. And “Unclick” the “Subscription Details” unless you want junk mail in future.

Now you enter details of the walk category. I am entering the “Grey Walkers 3+”. Click on “Yes” to “Do you want your race kit to be posted to you”.

On the “Confirm” page, scroll down to Tick the “Yes I agree to the terms and conditions”.

Enter your credit card details. There are other payment options – look for them on the web. One way is to print out you invoice and go to the Race Centre and pay personally over the counter. (No need to pay the \$2 Postage as you will get your race number then and there.)

Once you Submit your payment and get the Confirmation Page, and click “Next” to get to the “Help Your Favourite Charity” page, scroll down and print your Receipt at “Click Here”.

Then go to the tool bar line and click “Summery”, then “Your Details” to double check your entry. Then “Log Out”.

After the walk, each will make our way as we finish to a café in the Valley Mall to partake of breakfast - more specific details later. Greg.

## **4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, FRI TO SUN CHRISTMAS CK TO RICHMOND GAP 3-DAY THROUGHWALK**

**Leader: Michael Simpson Ph: 3351 3810**

**Meet at: Red Hill Parish Carpark**

**Time 6am**

**Grading: EL68**

**Cost: \$40**

**Location: Following the border from the Stinson to the interstate rail line**

**Web: <http://www.nimbinweb.com.au/maps/borderng.htm>**

An interesting part of the Club’s walking programme over the last few years is to follow the Border Fence from Point Danger to Cameron’s Corner on the SA Border (only kidding). One of the missing sections is Point Lookout to Richmond Gap. However, the climb to Point Lookout is itself a day walk and consequently we would need 3 days to complete this stage comfortably. Therefore anybody wishing to undertake this through walk would need to have the Friday free.

The trip leaves early Friday morning, and after a 2 hour drive, will be walking by 8.30am from the National Park boundary. The first 2 hour is along the rough track following Christmas Ck to Westray’s Grave. You then head steeply uphill along a not-so well marked trail for approx 2 hours through bouldery rainforest under the cliff line that dominates these ridge ends. This is the steepest part of the walk. Then the party negotiates a small cliff line to ascend to the spine of the ridge – time here depends on how well it is done – it really is not overly difficult going up. It takes approx 1½ hours to go up the eucalypt covered ridge to the Stinson Wreck. The visit to the wreck will take 30mins. Look for the turnoff to “The Stretcher Track”. Then it is 30mins to Point Lookout for camp.

Next day the trip to the south (to the Tweed Trig) is not too difficult as the brush trail is relatively flat considering what the route in the other direction to O’Reilly’s is like. There may be the occasional tree fall to confuse the issue. There is the likelihood of finding water along the way. Somewhere along here you will come across the Stoddart’s Rd turnoff, going straight down the escarpment to the Tweed. The steep bit up to the Trig, where the Tweed Range meets the McPherson’s, is a bit daunting. The party will

need to go a bit further before camping. There are flat spots along the ridge above Grady's Creek.

The third day is a long one, supposedly along the deep rainforest covered ridgetop. However, it doesn't as it seems to wind in and out, up and down at will – I think it is trying to avoid the steep bits. You come out onto grasslands towards the end – a sign that the end is nigh. You pass the "Bird Cage" and soon are going down, down the steep stretch from Mt Gipps to the Lyons Rd at the border gate and The End.

I would like to get some idea of numbers as early as I can. I will undertake the walk with at least 3 experienced walkers so please contact me for further advice. You will read below how 3 novice teenagers did the O'Reilly's to Christmas Creek section in the June school holidays; this is the next section of that walk. If they can do it, an adult can. (In fact, one of them may even do Michael's walk) Michael (with help from Greg) Ph: 3351 3810.

## **LEADERS NEEDED**

1. North Coast Mountains on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept: - we can suggest some hills to walk or you can choose what they like – as long as there are enough to class it as "Peak Bagging".

2. Mounts Doughboy/Uki on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – in the upper Tweed Valley.

Also if Russ decides to go on the Christmas Creek/Richmond Gap throughwalk we'll need a new leader for Larapinta Falls.

Let Michael S know on Ph: 3351 3810

## **PAST EVENTS**

### **SHORT LEANINGS RIDGE SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH DAY WALK**



Short Leanings Ridge is a quick way to the top of Leanings Peak which is one of the peaks that forms the massif that is Mt Barney. The intention of the day was not to reach the top but rather to appreciate Mt Barney from another perspective.

As you can see from the photograph this ridge is rocky with little vegetation and becomes more open and exposed the higher you go. The ridge starts its climb near Barney Beautiful and is quite steep but relatively easy going. But after a couple of hours the exposed sections started to appear and I stopped for a nap while the others continued. It wasn't long before they decided to retreat and return to my vantage point for lunch. The views of Barney from this ridge are amazing. On our right side was a deep gorge with Long Leanings Ridge on its western side. It looked just as daunting as Short Leanings but I was assured it was simpler than it looked. On our left side were views of Eagle's Ridge from the massif to Isolated as well as the ridge we descended this time last year.

After a short lunch we headed back down to Barney Beautiful for a rest and a refreshing swim before retracing our steps to the hut. We were surprised not to find anybody there for the feast as night was nearing. So we headed back down the track and before we ran into Phil and Kerriane and a little further on Greg and his group heading in.

Thanks to Iain for providing us with another great aspect of Mt Barney and to Paul and Terry for their company. Michael.

### **KANGAROO MOUNTAIN SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MAY DAY WALK**

Kangaroo Mountain (756m) is a small mountain in the Little Liverpool Range. This range rises just south of Laidley and joins the Great Dividing Range near Sylvester's Lookout.

The walk starts along an easement that runs from the Aratula – Rosevale road to the Little Liverpool Range. We crossed farmland for about 1.5kms before entering the National Park and crossing the upper reaches of the Bremer River. There are roads all over the place in here and we follow one for a while before heading across country to another on our way to an easy ascent ridge just below Kangaroo Mountain.

Before long we were on the range and to our left were the imposing cliffs of Castle drawing me towards them. But we left Castle for another day and turned right and followed another road to the base of our destination. A quick scramble and

we were on top or so we thought. Kangaroo Mountain is actually a plateau around 1.5kms long and the actual summit is near the northern end. The plateau is relatively flat and, as you can see from the photo, is a very open grassy eucalypt forest. Quite beautiful in fact. After a short stroll along the top we arrived at the summit just in time for lunch. We were rewarded with views in all directions. From Castle and the Ramparts in the south, to the Mistake Mountains in the west, to Beau Brummel and the Little Liverpool Range to the north and the Fassifern Valley mountains and the Main Range to the east. The unmistakable peaks of Mt Barney were easily discernable from here as well.



But all good things must come to an end and we headed back to our cars and home with a brief stop at Aratula for a coffee and reflection of the walk. My thanks go to Paul for leading the walk and to 'Phil the Elder', Desley, Jan, Gillian and Sue for their great company on a walk that should be done more often. Michael.

## **GOOMBURRA BASECAMP**

**6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

### **Queens Birthday Long Weekend**

Michele, Richard and Marie, Jenny and Rosie, Kerriane with four-year-old Joseph and Tilly the toy dog arrived at Manna Gum camping area on Saturday morning. We put up our tents, then Kerriane, Joseph and Tilly settled in for a game of Monopoly while the rest of us went to walk.

The 6km road to the start of the planned winder trail walk was closed to cars because of rain. Instead we started walking the 7km North Branch Track. We met a local farm family out for a walk, tramping through the creek and balancing on rocks in their elastic-sided boots. As we got back we collected some well-used walking poles that were leaning on the track

sign, figuring they would be useful next day. Jenny and Rosie shoved their poles under a car in case they got nicked. The rest ended up as firewood!

We decided to leave early for Allora, where Michele had booked us in for dinner at the Railway Hotel, and explore the town before dinner. In the meantime Marie and Jenny walked the 1.2km Dalrymple circuit while others lazed around in the sun. At about 4pm Michele, Jenny, Rosie, Marie and Richard headed off on the 30 minute drive. It was Queensland's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, and at Allora we contemplated the local pharmacy's historical display, which included mouse traps, a spittoon and several mystery items worthy of "The Collectors".

We walked down the main street past two other pubs to a park beside a gloomy-looking creek. Rosie thought this might be the Condamine, and Richard said it was Dalrymple Creek, so a bet was laid. Allora has some beautiful old buildings dating from the 1870s, with information boards outside the oldest of them. Roses, wide grass verges, kids playing in the street outside the pretty St Patrick's church, a German bloke sitting on his front steps with a mug of tea discussing roses and ornamental cabbages: this was Allora on a Saturday evening.

The pub was friendly and comfortable as we settled in with drinks near a wood heater. A local heard us discussing the creek bet. It turned out to be Dalrymple Creek, so Richard won the \$1 bet and promptly put it through the pokies.

In honour of Q150 Rosie tried to find someone who knew the words of "Life is Great in the Sunshine State", but no one could go past the first verse. Dinner was good, simple food, with vegies in a hot box and very acceptable rissoles. At about 7.45pm we headed back to Goomburra, and Richard was able to give his 4WD another wash crossing the causeways.

Kerriane's partner Jason had arrived, with a stack of firewood, but we didn't linger long around the fire. Marie got up at midnight and watched dozens of paddy melons grazing around the camp in the bright moonlight. A storm hit at about 6.30am. By the time the day-walkers arrived - Graham, Robyn, Sophie and Glenys - some of us were still digging drainage ditches and having breakfast.

We set off for the Cascades Ridge Walk at about 10am. This was to consist of 5kms walking up Dalrymple Creek to the Falls, then a steep path to the top of the Ridge to meet the Ridge Walk for another few kilometres back to camp. We



crossed the creek about fifteen times. The water was up, and only the most agile could hope to get across with dry boots. Kerrienne and Marie managed it perfectly. Kerrienne used two poles, expertly picking her way across. Marie, on the other hand, earned the title "Twinkle Toes" for her uncanny ability to fly from rock to rock without pause and reach the far bank with dry boots while the rest of us were still taking our shoes and socks off.

Some tired of the shoes off, shoes on routine, with creek crossings every couple of hundred metres, and walked barefoot from creek to creek on a path which was soft and smooth most of the way. A great variety of ferns hung from the steep cliffs along the creek, and there were many species of fungi, and a few leeches. Once the most difficult crossings were over and we had climbed up past the beautiful Cascades waterfall, we stopped for a late lunch perched on rocks beside the track and Michele handed around her excellent muesli slice.

Dark clouds hung about all morning, and the track was slippery. Michele, as leader, decided that we would be best to avoid the steep and narrow Ridge Walk descent, and instead go back to camp via the forestry road. This was a very pleasant broad track through open forest, but we were disappointed to miss the reportedly very beautiful Ridge walk. We reached camp at about 3.30pm, and not long after that we began to gather around the fire with drinks and nibbles, including Joseph's Nanna Pearce's delicious gourmet capsicum sauce with cream cheese. After dinner we sang a few songs, with a couple of nice solos from Jenny. It was a beautiful, clear night with a full moon.

On Monday morning Rosie, Jason, Joseph and Kerrienne walked the 1.2km Dalrymple Circuit, and Marie and Jenny explored some of the Ridge walk.

After discussing the probable major traffic jam on the Cunningham Highway at Willowbank, we decided to return to Brisbane via Beaudesert Road, and Jenny, Rosie, Marie, Michele and Richard went across country via Yangan to Queen Mary Falls. We did the 2km Falls walk in rapid time, pausing to enjoy the view of the misty falls in full spate after the rain. Then down over The Head on the scenic drive to Boonah and home, after a top weekend. Rosie O'Brien

## **M<sup>t</sup> COOT-THA TRAVERSE 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE DAYWALK**



This was a truly good walk – in the heart of Brisbane and not being able to hear a man-made sound nor see any man-made object. Would you expect that on Mt Coot-tha?

Being an 8am start meant that the party would have a full day to do the traverse. A traverse is the crossing from one side to the other, via the highest bit. This we did – twice. The meeting place was the JC Slaughter carpark, where a quarter of the tracks commence. After a short distance on the Summit Track, I led the troops up the creek – Ithaca Creek in fact. There is no track up this one, so it was virgin territory for all but me. With the flood rain that we had during the previous week, the creek was cleared of rubbish, weed, loose stones and obstacles. It did, however, make the creek run – not a problem as there was not much water left anyway but it did make it feel like a creek. And it made the waterfalls look good. The rock was a bit polished and occasionally smooth.

As the creek was easy and fast to follow, we made good time and reached the Gold Mine Trail – the railway, the dam and the mine entrance, for morning tea. Then we kept following the track across the creek to the main spine road, aka the Powerful Owl Trail. A sharp left to Channel 9 and we met the bitumen road.

A quick hop across this, dodging cars, and the party descended the very steep Currawong Trail

to the bottom at the western side of the hill in no time at all. At the bottom, we continued onto lunch at the Gap Creek Reserve Picnic Area – all very civilised in fact.

Then it was off up the Cooكاتoo Trail to begin our second traverse. This was a steepish track back to Channel 9, but being the hard task master that I am, I made the team continue along West Ithaca Creek by the Eugenia Cct and Simpson Falls Track. The so named Falls are wide and high – would have been good to be there a week earlier in the flood rains to see the water pouring over them, but alas for us it was just a trickle.

Down to the picnic area, to a surprised as there were no picnickers. We continued along, to find out the reason – the road had suffered a major washout during the floods. We walked out to the bitumen and followed it back to the cars. Seven good hours of walking. Then off to the Coffee Club at Toowong for a debrief.

To note – one had to drive through the breathalyser to get to the start of the walk, and through the speed gun to leave it.

Thanks to Terry, Eliz R, Kay, Perry & Jenny. Greg.

**THEODORE CLUB  
JTS  
19<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

The Theodore Club is located conveniently in Adelaide Street heading towards Fortitude Valley. It became a favourite venue for JTS after we tried it for the first time last year. It is quiet, reasonably priced and not too crowded.

Patrons munched on tasty hot chips and wedges, toasted sandwiches, fish and chips and a variety of other meals. Drinks ranged from coffee, soft drinks, lager & lime and beer to cute little bottles of champagne.

Conversation topics included Russ's thesis, for which a sneak preview was even available. Liz's school marking and reports were also discussed but the evidence stayed well hidden in a bag under the table. Michael updated us on the history of the Club. He is still researching and writing up the 1950s. We admired the photos of Iain's wedding. We bushwalkers don't scrub up too bad at all! Many other topics were covered in conversation – too many to keep up with.

Apologies were received from Phil the Elder. We wish him a speedy recovery from the flu, which we assume is the seasonal variety. Those who were present were Desley, Jan, Graham, Liz,

Michael, Greg, Catherine, Michele, Dominique, Russ, Dee & Kay and Elizabeth. Liz

**O'REILLY'S TO CHRISTMAS CREEK  
A Youthful Adventure  
Part 1**

On Tuesday night we arrived at the Green Mountains camp site fairly late, and promptly went to bed. We walkers, Jess [former Guide and university student, 18], Stephen [Rover and son of Greg and Michele, 18] and Lucy [Venturer and daughter of Greg and Michele, 16], and drivers [Greg and Michele, ageless] were up all up early, keen to set out on our long, but very different journeys.



It was just after 8.00am that we three walkers finally set out along the graded Border Track. However, once we came across the sign pointing back to the Tree-Top walk, it was decided that it would be quite a while before any of us come back to O'Rielly's, so we headed back and did the short walk. An hour later, we were back on the Border Track, ready to set out – again. Soon we passed a bird watcher [who was keenly watching a pretty lyre bird], and then we passed five men in full army camouflage [but we only saw two of them]. Walking was very easy going along the track when you compare it to what we were about to be walking on. At 11.00am our party reached

Echo Point, and we were able to view where we would be walking to by the end of the day – it appeared to be a long way, but in reality, we hardly noticed the distance.



A half hour later, the packs were on our backs again, but this time, however, we were walking into the unknown. No really, it was the unknown – we weren't quite sure which of the two tracks to take out of Echo Point campsite. But, due to our brilliant Scoutcraft skills, we had successfully chosen the right path, which unfortunately saw us walking up our first [of many] long hills. Despite this, walking was relatively easy going, and we had successfully reached the summit of Mt Wupan by 1.00pm, and continued after a snack and a short rest. Then we continued walking, and soon started the descent into the valley, where we would [hopefully] come across the Rat-a-tat campsite turn-off, which we did arrive at by 2.30pm. There was not much time to rest though, as we knew that the following day was going to be a long and difficult task. At 3.45pm, we stopped and set up camp in a small clearing on the track leading to the summit of Mt Throakban. After setting up camp, Stephen and I had reheated stew, while Jess took a different catering approach with freeze-dried lamb stir-fry and couscous, before going to be at 6.00pm.

The next morning we arose early, so that we were still packing up as the sun rose above us, illuminating the beautiful country around us. Packs on once more, we set out up the gruelling Mt Throakban at 7.15am, and, although difficult and steep, the tracks position provided us with some beautiful views of the valley far below.

Finally we reached the summit of Mt Throakban [aka "the mountain with a 'K' in it"] at 8.00am, where we discovered there was actually a good sized clearing suitable for camping in. We



continued on, frequently negotiating fallen trees and temporarily misplaced sections of track, only to get geographically embarrassed [the term 'lost' is only used when SES involvement is necessary] in a valley of huge succulent fern things. Soon, and yes, due to our ingenious Scout and Guide skills/negotiating, we re-found the track within the half-hour, and continued on

our way. During this part of the walk there was so much lawyer vine that it was not funny at all, especially not when our legs were getting ripped to shreds from this malicious little plant. We ate lunch on the track at about 1.00pm, and managed to reach Point Lookout by 2.30pm.

### **COFFEE NIGHT – VESPA 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE**

What a wonderful discovery Vespa was for the Club! It is a pizza and coffee shop in Merthyr Road at New Farm and was the venue for our June Coffee Night.

Our main orders comprised garlic bread (which came on a tasty pizza base), and the most amazing pizzas we had encountered for a long time. The menu went far beyond the usual fare and included *streaky bacon, camembert and red current; chicken and mango chutney*; and a truly gourmet meat pizza called *Three Piggies*.

A walk or two were discussed, particularly a wet one, but mostly the conversation was just praise of the pizzas.

From our vantage point near the window we noticed that the take aways from Vespa were not transported in little vans, but on Vespa scooters. How authentic!!

It was great to share the experience with the other early birds – Maxine, Kaye, Graham, Michele and Greg. Apologies to those who arrived after I left and are not mentioned here. Liz

### **LAKE MANCHESTER CIRCUIT 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE, SATURDAY DAYWALK**

Eight people participated in this activity on what was a fine but cloudy day. However, there had been quite a lot of rain throughout the previous night, and conditions had changed markedly from when the pre-outing was done on 17<sup>th</sup> May. There were now three creek crossings where wading was the only option (either with boots on or boots off as preferred), and there were also several large areas of water across the track which had to be negotiated at various times during the day. The first swiftly-flowing creek was encountered right at the start of the walk. After crossing, we made our way up a steep hill to have our first view of the dam wall. This was one of many different perspectives of the wall and its surrounds that were available to us during the day.

We had morning tea at the hut as planned, and then moved on to the Crossing for lunch. As

anticipated, this was now a swiftly-flowing stream which we crossed after lunch. Towards the end of the walk, some members of the group inspected the old weather station located on a peninsula in the lake, while others visited the unoccupied caretaker's house. We didn't see any other people on the track during the day. Quite a few birds were noted, including bell birds, whip birds, a black cockatoo, and a wedge-tailed eagle. Thanks to Terry, Karen, Cheryl, Brigid, Greg, Kay and Gay for joining me on this walk which proved to have more challenges than originally planned. Graham

**LARAPINTA TRAIL  
SAT 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE TO SUN 5<sup>th</sup> JULY  
THROUGH WALK  
PART 1**

After an uneventful flight to Alice Springs we were met by our transfer at the airport and after a brief orientation tour of Alice we headed off for the 91km drive to Ellery Creek Big Hole. The sky was clear and a beautiful blue but the temperature was high, near 30°C when we headed off east. It wasn't long, about 5mins, before I lost the track and decided to follow the creek east until we found the track again. This was about an hour later. The track is generally easy to follow but occasionally would disappear as we crossed patches of bare rock. However it was hard on your feet as it is rocky and covered with loose rocks.

It wasn't long before we were rewarded with great views of the next few days walking when we crossed a saddle in the Heavitree Range. As night was looming I decided it was time to find a campsite even though we still about 3km from our planned stop. It was a delightful spot just below the Heavitree Range. After setting up camp we settled down to watch the sunset before retiring early.

The sun rises late here, around 7.20am, compared with Brisbane and consequently we weren't getting away until late most days. The temperature was even hotter today as we headed across Alice Valley towards Rocky Gully, the next water point. The valley was undulating and the track builders seemed to have an obsession with knolls. We climbed every knoll we passed and whilst the views were great we wished they only climbed the occasional one.

We were not expecting such hot days and were only carrying 2 litres so it was a relief to reach Rocky Gully and its water tanks. As it was late afternoon we decided to call it a day and set up camp. It was here we ran into a previous BCBC

member who related stories of olden days. Some of which I had heard before from Pat and others. The ground was so hard rocks were needed to hold down our tents. We had not seen any animals yet which I thought was odd but I guess the heat was keeping them hidden. However we did see birds amongst the sparse vegetation.

We started Day 3 with 4 litres of water as we climbed out of Rocky Gully and headed across an undulating plateau which provided views of where we had come. After a couple of hours we reached the edge of the plateau and headed down to Ghost Gum Flats for lunch. The 7km trek into the Hugh Gorge was quite an ordeal as the temperature soared even higher. The track was relatively flat here as we crossed the many creeks and gullies which empty into the Hugh River. This was our first sighting of surface water with a few puddles in the river just before the entrance to Hugh Gorge.

Just after dark I heard what I thought was a car door and Desley thought I had lost the plot. But I wasn't hearing things a 4WD had arrived as a support vehicle for a group of supported walkers travelling the other way. This was a lovely camp spot right at the entrance to the gorge. The wind picked up during the night and howled out of the gorge and we hoped it would leave us with the low temperatures we were expecting.

As an aside we discovered that Larapinta is the aboriginal name for the Finke River and means 'salt creek'. Michael.

**EXTRAS**

**25<sup>th</sup> JULY, SATURDAY  
MAIDENWELL COACH TRIP  
Observatory, Short Walks, Pig on the  
Spit Roast**

Nev McManimm from the Gold Coast Bushwalkers Club is running this coach trip once again, and is offering members a chance to join the day tour. It will be a varied and enjoyable day with members of the Gold Coast club. The cost of \$65.00 per person includes Coach Fare, Morning and Afternoon Tea, Pig on The Spit Roast Dinner at Maidenwell Pub and the Star Show at the Observatory. You provide own lunch and sense of Adventure.

Pick up for Brisbane people will be at Goodna at around 8:15 am, returning approx 11pm. Enjoy some unusual sights, savour the hospitality of country towns and a traditional country pub. Then rug up like an astronomer for the night star

show – truly spectacular and very informative using three 14 inch optical telescopes.

Visit Muntapa Tunnel under the Great Dividing Range (complete with bats), The Palms NP, Coomba Waterhole, Maidenwell Pub for Dinner, and the Maidenwell Observatory for night viewing. Enjoy a couple of short walks no more than 30 minutes. It is a long day. Website for Maidenwell Observatory:

<http://www.sbstars.com/>,  
<http://www.railtrails.org.au/states/trails.php3?action=trail&trail=86>,  
<http://www.ausemade.com.au/qld/destination/p/palms-np/palms-national-park.htm>,  
<http://www.sunzine.net/frasercoast/nanango-murgon.html>

Nominations to [jmarshall@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jmarshall@optusnet.com.au), or phone: 3311 5506 Mob: 0411 501 391

## **BVRT COOMINYA TO ESK TRAIL OPENING**

**25-Jul-09**

QORF would like bushwalking clubs to be represented at the Official Opening of the Coominya to Esk section of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail on 25-Jul-09 at Esk as part of the Esk Multicultural Festival.



<http://www.brisbanevalleyrailtrail.org.au/about/default.asp>

The opening at the Brisbane Valley Multicultural Festival 2009 is at 9.00 am. This will coincide with the Bush Poets Breakfast and of course a sausage sizzle. For more information on other events on the day visit the Esk Multicultural Festival website: <http://www.eskfestival.com/>

Since November 2007, parts of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail (BVRT) have been open for multi-use purposes - walking, mountain biking and horse riding. To ensure the trails have plenty of use and are valuable to participants and the community, the Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation (QORF) needs to know who is using the trail, that is: when are you going, what are you doing and what things make the trail great...or could make it better?

Through this survey, you can express your opinion and experiences of the trails and offer any suggestions for improvements. The BVRT User Survey will help us understand the demographics, motivations and experiences of

the current users which will provide us with information for future growth and management

Brisbane Valley Rail Trail Survey - NOW OPEN  
[OPEN SURVEY using Survey Monkey](#)

## **OPENING OF BOGGO R<sup>d</sup> BUSWAY TUNNEL**

[http://www.translink.com.au/qt/translin.nsf/index/busway\\_boggoroad](http://www.translink.com.au/qt/translin.nsf/index/busway_boggoroad)

Construction at the busway is almost complete and the bus services will commence in early August.

A public opening event will be hosted before services commence, though the public date is yet to be announced. Given the time remaining, I'd imagine that the government will make the announcement within the next week or so.

As soon as the announcement is made, we will widely advertised in the Courier Mail and on the radio.

During the opening event, members of the public will be able to wander the entire 2.2km length of the busway from 10:00am to 1:30pm. There will be numerous displays including some hosted by senior project engineers and designers regarding construction.

Catering is being provided by Rotary with a gold coin donation per food/drink item. All money collected by Rotary will be equally divided between local charities.

Regards, Linton Street, Senior Communications Officer, Boggo Road Busway Alliance

### **19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, WEDNESDAY NPAQ ROMEO LAHEY MEMORIAL LECTURE**

**The Mis-measure of Conservation  
How do we assess the real contribution of  
our decisions to the protection of nature?**

**By: Professor Bob Pressey, Lecturer,  
James Cook University**

**Where: Camellia Room, Lakeside Café,  
Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens**

**Time: 7.30pm**

**Web: <http://www.npaq.org.au/content/view/130/2/>**

**RSVP: by 14th August**

**RSVP to: Karen Langton at NPAQ,**

**07 3367 0878 [admin@npaq.org.au](mailto:admin@npaq.org.au)**

**29<sup>th</sup> AUG TO 13<sup>th</sup> SEPT  
BLACKALL RANGE FESTIVAL OF  
WALKS**

The Festival of the Walks is a two-week long celebration over Father's Day. The absolute beauty and charm of the Sunshine Coast Hinterland offers visitors the opportunity to experience a magnificent selection of rainforest and mountain walks, ranging from easy to strenuous, from 20 minutes to several days. Experience some of the range's most scenic areas: warm subtropical rainforest, tall open eucalypt forest and picturesque waterfalls.

Walks Information and some guided tours will be available at key locations. The celebration will also feature music, food, art and wine events at Montville and Maleny. Everyone can enjoy the Sunshine Coast Hinterland Great Walk.

The Great Walk winds through the scenic Blackall Range, a cool retreat on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. About 90 kilometres north of Brisbane, you'll find one of Queensland's most dramatic hinterland areas. As you leave the highway and head up the range, enjoy views of mountains and valleys to the west and the Pacific Ocean to the east. Maleny, Montville and Mapleton townships service the area and provide shops and accommodation.

Venue: Kondalilla Falls National Park, Kondalilla Falls Rd, Montville Free Entry:

CONTACT DETAILS: Phone: 07 5478 6435, Email: [admin@brbta.com.au](mailto:admin@brbta.com.au) , Web: [www.brbta.com.au](http://www.brbta.com.au) Or <http://www.queenslandholidays.com.au/destinations/sunshine-coast/things-to-see-and-do/festival-of-the-walks-sunshine-coast-hinterland/index.cfm>

**13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
BARRINGTON TOPS  
THROUGHWALK**

Last October I had almost a week around Barrington Tops but was prevented by storms, rain and snow from doing a proposed 3 day throughwalk on the plateau. This November I'm considering doing another short trip to Barrington Tops specifically to have a second crack at the throughwalk. However, to save time I would fly to Newcastle and hire a vehicle. (During sale periods fares to Newcastle are regularly available for \$39 or even lower.)

The idea would be to fly to Newcastle then drive to a caravan park at Gloucester or to camp at Polblue on the Tops on the first night, depending

on weather. Next morning I would start a 2½ day throughwalk south across the plateau to Careys Peak and other southern lookouts. (Walking is fairly level as the starting point is at almost 1500m.) The last night would be at Gloucester to freshen up before returning home.

It would not be essential for others to fly to Newcastle. It's possible to take a train to Gloucester, and there's also the option of driving all the way for those who have the time. Please let me know if you're interested in this trip.

<http://visitbarringtontops.com.au/>

Neil Douglas

{ Email enquiries to John Marshall : [jmarshall@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jmarshall@optusnet.com.au) }

**16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, MONDAY  
CLUB PHOTO COMPETITION**

Get out now on the track to take your photos, get your older photos together now, sort them into categories, and put your name on the back. If you do not have that one just right, you will have to go back out to perfect it. Sooooo, start thinking nowwww.

**FEDERATION MOUNTAIN  
RESCUE  
FMR**

Check out their web site:

<http://www.geocities.com/fmrqld/index.htm>

**BUSHWALKING QLD**

Web:

<http://www.bushwalkingqueensland.org.au/>

Home Page of BWQ is now "The Newsletter"

**FROM THE BWQ PRESIDENT**

Hello, just a short introduction to the new team from your newly elected President. At the BWQ AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> June, a new committee was elected. Members of 5 affiliated clubs filled the positions of: Vice President – Desley Pedrazzini (BCBC), Secretary and Insurance Officer – Gavin Dale (GBC), Treasurer - Andrew Ryan (GBC) , Assistant Sec. - Robyn Cox (GBC), and myself as President - John Marshall (BOSQ). Tom Hulse (BBW) will continue as web administrator. Many thanks to the retiring members Tom Cowlshaw, Kevin Blain and Rodney Bradey.

While BWQ is still a relatively new organisation, I thought it timely to take a step sideways and reflect on what we have achieved, and what our

aspirations might be. I think our main achievement to date is the lifting of the profile of the federation within the outdoor community through participation in other outdoor recreation peak bodies, and having a greater role in consultation with government on various outdoor recreation initiatives. The benefits of this activity may take some time to become apparent, but certainly in the short term "the bushwalkers" have gained much recognition and respect.

Internally, there has been greater cohesiveness and a growing spirit of cooperation among clubs, driven in no small measure by the interest shown in federation affairs by BBW since incorporation. To have the senior club in the state offer to coordinate the walks program for the Pilgrimage is indeed most gratifying.

So what of the future? While the Rules clearly set out the objects of the association, I feel bushwalking clubs are on the verge of a new era, and we need to be more outward looking and adaptive to societal changes. I often hear the comment at outdoor conferences that "bushwalking clubs are dying". No, we are still evolving! We are at an interesting time in history when a huge pool of baby boomers are seeking new challenges to take up in their retirement, at the same time as advances in information technology are providing opportunities to better engage with young people. We need to get our act together to take advantage of this!

I believe therefore that our immediate concerns are to lift our collective public profile, to better define and promote what our culture is, and to grow our membership base by whatever means are at our disposal. A secondary, although necessary role I suggest is to provide a backup for clubs where required in such areas as administration, safety and training, and leader development. This will enable club resources to be better utilised in focusing on the core business of running a good walks program.

The first step on this journey however is commitment by individuals at grass roots level. Support and contribute to your own club in the first instance, and the energy and expertise will surely flow upward. I look forward to meeting with many of you at the Pilgrimage in August, meanwhile please feel free to contact any of the committee via our email: [secretary@bushwalkingqueensland.org.au](mailto:secretary@bushwalkingqueensland.org.au)

John Marshall, President, BWQ

**On Q150 day Saturday 6th June**, bushwalkers celebrated in the best way they can - they went walking! From Cairns to the Gold Coast, clubs were active enjoying the sunshine doing either walks promoted as Q150 club celebrations, or as part of their normal program for the long weekend.

What was your club doing? We would like to record photos and stories of your club's activities over the weekend, on the BWQ website, where already a write up of Cairns club's ascent of Mt. Bartle Frere and photos of this and several other activities have been posted.....

[http://www.bushwalkingqueensland.org.au/](http://www.bushwalkingqueensland.org.au)

John Marshall, Sec. BWQ

## **QPWS PARK NEWS**

Mt Barney NP, the **Mt Maroon** section, including Maggie's Farm and Paddy's Plain, is having a Prescribed Burning from 22/06/2009 to 06/07/2009. There will be restrictions.

The prescribed burning will take place on Mt Maroon during the above dates pending favourable weather conditions. It is expected the burn will incorporate the whole mountain. Burning could extend past 6/7/09 if required and this alert will be updated to reflect this. Please ring the QPWS Boonah office (07) 54635041 for more details or email [justin.oconnell@derm.qld.gov.au](mailto:justin.oconnell@derm.qld.gov.au)

ALSO, Notice also received that **Witches Falls Circuit** is now open.

## **MORETON ISLAND N.P. NEWS**

The Cape Moreton walking track upgrade on Moreton Island is now complete. New steps, handrails, sections of boardwalk and interpretive signs make this a must see for visitors. Covering just over 500m this walk has breathtaking views of the island and is a great vantage point to view migrating humpback whales.

<http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/projects/park/index.cgi?parkid=77>

## **YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS**

We are compiling an e-mail list for distributing to members. The list will be a separate folded page in a coming Jilalan.

If you want your e-mail address on it, contact the Club on [briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au](mailto:briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au)

The list of e-mail addresses will only go to members, will not be printed in Jilalan and will not go onto the web

# HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

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

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

**VISITORS** are always welcome.

## OUTINGS

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

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

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

**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.

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## **THEOLOGY CORNER**

The Gospel reading for this month's meeting comes from Matthew 12: 38-42. Jesus tells the story about Jonah to teach that even membership of the people of Israel is secondary importance to God. Those who asked for a sign are reminded that the gentile people of Nineveh repented at the message of Jonah. So too, the gentle queen of Sheba put the Jewish audience of Jesus to shame in account of her readiness to listen to the wisdom of Solomon. Someone greater than Jonah or Solomon was with them, and they were hardhearted enough to ask for evidence of a sign! With the New Covenant, all people are able to share Jesus' triumph over evil. There are no outsiders to God's mercy. Deacon Russ Nelson.

*Source: Duncan Macpherson*

