

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

Please have all Jilalan articles to Desley by the 1st of the month, otherwise they cannot be included. Articles (if not using Microsoft Word), if on disk need to be submitted in RTF (Rich Text Format) with a hard copy included, otherwise a handwritten or typed copy will do.

GENERAL MEETINGS

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

VISITORS are always welcome.

OUTINGS

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

EMERGENCY OFFICER

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

EQUIPMENT HIRE

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

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

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

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

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

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Jilalan - August, 2004

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS 2004

DATE 2004	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
August				
22 nd Sun	Mt Byron	Patricia	3366 6767	D/W
25 th Wed	Coffee Night	Barbara	3355 3639	
27 th -28 th Fri & Sat	Mt Ballow Circuit	Justin	3366 3193	O/N
28 th Sat	Blue Moon Social - Shorncliffe	Cheryl	3263 8393	social
September				
4 th Sat	Fr Ed Memorial Walk - Boondall Wetlands	Maxine	3203 4699	D/W
12 th Sun	a) Binna Burra to O'Reilly's - via Border Track b) O'Reilly's to Binna Burra - via Border Track	Barbara	3355 3639	DW
12 th Sun	Binna Burra to O'Reilly's - via Fountain Falls and Middle Ridge	Matthew	3876 8125	Hard DW
18 th Sat	Progressive Dinner	Barbara	3555 3639	Social
20 th Mon	September Meeting			
24-26	Swan Creek-Sentinel Point (western ridge)-Bluff Rock	Iain (& Ed)	3371 4672	B/C
29 th Wed	Coffee Night -Coffee Club Toowong	Carolyn	3379 9486	
October				
2-3 Sat Sun	Moreton Island Basecamp	Justin	3366 3193	BC
10 th Sun	Westray's Grave	Carolyn	3379 9486	Easy DW
10 th Sun	Point Lookout and Stinson Wreck	Phillip	3870 1129	DW
16 or 17 th	Barefoot Bowls	Barbara	3355 3639	Social
16-17 Sat- Sun	FMR Training Camp at Mt Clunie			FMR
18 th Mon	October Meeting			
23 rd Sat *	Noosa Heads Circuit	Desley	3369 5530	DW
24 th Sun	Great Australian Bushwalk			
27 th Wed	Coffee Night			
30 th Sat	Mt Coot-tha Nightwalk	Maxine	3203 4699	NW
November				
6 th Sat	Outings Planning Meeting	Iain	3371 4672	
7 th Sun	Bike Ride -	Gabriel	3856 3842	Social
13 th Sat	Dave's Creek			DW
14 th Sun	Mt D'Aguilar			DW
15 th Mon	November Meeting			
21 st Sun	Byron Bay	Kerry	3876 8125	BC
24 th Wed	Coffee Night			
28 th Sun	Lightning Falls Circuit	Paul	3357 5254	DW
December				
4 th Sat	Christmas Party			Social
12 th Sun	Club Hut - Barney Gorge			BC
19 th Sun	Coomera Creek Circuit	Phil	3841 0254	DW
20 th Mon	December Meeting			
26 th Sun	Boxing Day Mt Tamborine	To be advised		DW

KEY – Walk Types

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

KEY – Walk Gradings

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

1. Distance

Short	Under 10km per day
Medium	10-15 km per day
Long	15-20 km per day
EXtra Long	Over 20 km per day

2. Terrain

1-3	<u>Graded or open terrain.</u>
No	scrub
	<u>Bush.</u> Minor scrub
	rainforest, rock creek
	Rock hopping, scrambling
	<u>Bush.</u> As Above+ thick
	scrub, major rock
	scrambling using hands,
	technical

3. Fitness

1-3	<u>Easy.</u> Suitable for beginners
	<u>Medium.</u> Reasonable fitness required.
8-10	<u>Hard</u> Strenuous, fit walkers required.

PRESIDENT'S POSTURINGS

At the Outings Meeting, we decided to brush up on our presentations at meetings. There are a few things that YOU can do to make it more user friendly:-

- It you have to say something at a meeting – give an outings, social etc. report, please come out to the front and say your piece while standing and facing the audience. It looks a lot better this way – putting a face to the words, and anyway, is more polite.
- If you do have to say something at a meeting, please give it 10 minutes thought before the meeting – gather your facts in your head and rehearse what you are soon going to say. It sounds a lot better when you are prepared.
- When you have to stand out front at a meeting and speak, please give a descriptive talk on the event you are talking about – stick to the core idea, e.g., if it is an outing, describe the territory you went through, the people who went, any good event that sticks out in your memory, the view. Your description of the outing will let the audience know how much fun it was

without you having to specifically say so.

- If you have to talk at a meeting about an event, I hope you have been phoned in advance to be asked the 'speaker auction" does not look good to visitors we appear a bit disorganised and we do not get a good talk.
- We need to brush up on the meetings – make them more presentable so that visitors (and members) will want to come back to the next one.
- Each month we will try to have someone knowledgeable talk on some aspect of walking – give the best & worst features of gear, clothing, footwear & etc.
- Meetings will start on time – regardless of how many people are there. Just after 7.30pm whoever is in the carpark should enter the hall and start to move a few tables to the front and straighten out the legs and set up the room, then start to put out the chairs. The dance class are on the other side of the room (on the polished floor) so we are not directly affecting their finishing off – but we will be ready for action once they leave. (They will get the message).

- Not only meetings will start on time – so will outings & other events. Please arrive at the meeting pace prior to the advertised leaving time. We do not want to leave people behind, but it is discourteous to those who turn up early to have to wait around for ages till the last person arrives. We have early meeting times so that we can start walking early.
- You will notice we now have a range of gear on display at meetings for visitors & members to look at.

If you have any ideas on sprucing up meetings or the hall, let me know.

Thanks, Greg.

**DON'T YOU WISH YOU'D
ORDERED A CLUB
T-SHIRT?**

ORDER ONE NOW!!!

The club t-shirts have been a great hit. We wore them on the Shepherd's Walk and were the only club to have our own t-shirts. We received lots of compliments and the bright blue really stood out in the crowd. This was particularly useful in finding people among the 19 000 who did the Bridge to Brisbane run this weekend.

A number of people have asked to get one so we have decided to put in another order. We must order a minimum of 20 shirts so it is unlikely that we will have another order in the future. So get in now and make sure you have one.

Shirts are a bright aqua polo shirt with a pocket with the club logo and name on it. There is a navy collar and cuffs

with red, green and aqua stripes. They're a great way of advertising the club. So:

- Buy your first shirt
- Buy a second one for special occasions
- Buy one for your loved ones
- **JUST BUY ONE!!!**

SHIRTS COST \$27

SIZES (measured on the shirt around under the armpit):

Small: 104 cm
Medium: 112 cm
Large: 120 cm
X Large: 128 cm

Smaller and larger sizes are available

DON'T BE LEFT OUT!!!

Get your money to Terry by the next meeting or come to the meeting and pay him there. They should be available in a month after that.

**Let's support our club and dress
in aqua!**

COMING EVENTS

**Mt Byron
via the Somerset Trail**

Daywalk- Sun 22nd August

Leader Patricia 3366 6767
Meeting : St Brigid's Car Park
Musgrave Rd Red Hill
Time 6.45 am
Cost : \$15
Grading : M33

Emerg off : Bill 3298 6556
We will begin the first part of the day fuelling up for our walk at Dayboro.

This involves a Big Country Breakfast (cost included) at a park facility behind the Dayboro Butchery.

We will then proceed to the Mt Mee Forest Station where we will begin our track walk.

This 13km circuit takes you through dry rainforest, eucalypt and hoop pine forest. It is an undulating track which can be a bit steep in a few parts and requires some care as you go down a gravelly section. The trail crosses dirt road tracks from time to time to finally emerge near a cliff section on Mt Byron which has lovely views out to Somerset Dam, Wivenhoe Dam and Mt Esk.

There will be quite a few native plants out in flower- grevilleas, acacias, banksias and some smaller ground covers. Grass boys and bracken fern are in abundance as well. Come along and enjoy a day out in the fresh air, some exercise and good food and company.

However, you will still need to pack a light lunch and snack and take plenty of water! Limit of 20 and bookings will only be taken up to Thursday, 19th August.

Patricia

Coffee Night
At Tilly's Bakehouse
Wednesday 25 August

Meet at: Tilly's Bakehouse
Cnr of Stafford Rd and
Lennon St STAFFORD
Time: 6.30 pm for dinner
7.30 pm for coffee
Contact: Barbara 3355 3639

This has just opened and looks as if it's worth checking out. They have a choice

of wood-fired pizzas which cost about \$10 for an individual pizza. There is also a good choice of cakes. I'll be there for dinner so why don't you join me? If it's cool, bring a jacket as we will be sitting outside.

Some Enquiries To The Club:

We have had enquiries from Maretta, Ann, Margaret, Carolyn, Paul and Cathy.

**The Mini Ballow Circuit.
Overnighter.**

Friday 27 – Saturday 28 August.

Meeting at : St. Brigid's Car Park
Red Hill.

Cost : \$18.00

Grading : L 66

Emerg Off Susan 3366 3193

The mini Ballow walk takes us from the Cleared Ridge above Graces Hut at the top of the Mt May Road to Montserrat Look-out for those great views of Mt. Barney onto Focal Peak, centre of the Focal Peak Volcano which formed Mt. Barney and surrounding Moutains through Cedar Pass and onto Durrumlee and Mowburra Peaks, two of the smaller peaks on the Ballow Range.

Leaving Brisbane on Friday night we'll have tea at the Dugandan Hotel before heading up to camp near Cleared Ridge for an early start Saturday morning.

Come and join me for an off track walk in the Ballow Wilderness, one that we don't do that often.

Justin

The Blue Moon Experience

Sandgate Evening Social
At Flinders Cafe

Saturday 28 August

Meeting: Flinders Cafe,
196 Flinders
Parade, Sandgate
Contact : Viv or Cheryl 3263 8393
Time: 4pm

We're celebrating the "Blue Moon" with a walk along the Sandgate foreshore. We'll meet at Flinders Cafe and then head off towards the Shorncliffe Jetty with perhaps a refreshment stop at the Full Moon Hotel to watch the sunset.

Then it's back to Flinders Cafe for fish and chips and a chance to watch the "blue moon" rising over the waters of Moreton Bay.

Looking forward to seeing you there!"
Cheryl

Father Ed Memorial Walk
Nudgee to Shorncliffe
Saturday 4th September

Leader: Maxine 3203 4699
Meet : St Bridgets, Waterworks Rd
Red Hill
Time : 6-30 am
Grade: M 2 3
Cost : \$5.00
E.O. : Mike

The first days of spring will be a perfect time to enjoy this special seashore walk.

This wilderness area lies on the edge of Moreton Bay between the Kedron Brook Floodway and Shorncliffe and includes more than a 1000 hectares of tidal flats, mangroves, saltmarsh, melaleuca wetlands, grasslands and open forest.

The wetlands form part of the chain of coastal wetlands now internationally listed as an important migratory area. It is part of the East-Asian Australasian Shorebird Reserve.

We will attend Mass at St Bridgets in memory of Father Ed Nally, one of our former club Chaplains who was an avid walking member of our club for a number of years. We will also be remembering past Chaplains who have helped and guided our club over 44 years, going back to Father William Hayes.

Our walking will depart from Nudgee Station where we can park cars for a train return from Shorncliffe. A short walk around to Nudgee Cemetery with a visit to Father Ed's resting place, and then down to the Nudgee Waterhole Reserve. Here we join the boardwalk past the Bora Ring and on to the viewing platform to read of the cultural history and ceremonial gatherings held here.

The bikeway takes us over the Gateway Arterial Rd, past Nudgee Golf course and follows Kedron Brook Floodway out to Nudgee Beach. Morning tea beside the water overlooking the Airport and out to Moreton Island.

A short walk out to the shoreline where we can stroll along this beautiful wilderness at low tide while watching the sandpipers, oystercatchers and godwits. Sometimes you will see local race horses enjoying their morning swim in the distance.

Nudgee boardwalk takes us through many species of mangroves and out to the bird hide for a lucky glimpse of Brahminy kites, Australian kestrels and ospreys patrolling for food. We will continue along the beach crossing

Nundah Creek at a very shallow spot and onto the grasslands towards the Boondall Wetlands. Here we may include a canoe ride for a closer look at this tranquil waterway and an easy crossing to Shorncliffe. Here we can enjoy fish and chips or byo lunch overlooking Cabbage Tree Creek.

Trains depart from Shorncliffe station taking us back to our cars.

Looking forward to sharing a great days walk with you...

Maxine

BINNA BURRA TO O'REILLY'S
(OR VICE VERSA)

Daywalk Sunday 12 September

Leader: Barbara 3355 3639
Meeting: St Bridgid's Car Park,
Red Hill
Time: 6.45 am
Cost: \$18
Grading: L24
Emerg Patricia 3366 6767

This is one of the classic walks of South-east Queensland but it's one that's impossible to walk unless you can organise a bus or car swap.

It's long (about 22km) but fairly flat and along tracks so it's suitable for most people. There is a variety of vegetation (including the white orchids on the Antarctic Beeches) and the views from the escarpment into NSW are spectacular.

We will split into two groups and drive to Binna Burra or O'Reilly's to start. We'll meet up in the middle and swap car keys to later regroup at a coffee shop at Canungra. Because of this, I

need to know who is nominating earlier than usual and I may not be able to take late nominations if the cars are already full (but ring and check anyway if you find out at the last minute you can come. There may be room)

PLEASE LET ME KNOW BY MONDAY 6 SEPTEMBER IF YOU WANT TO COME. I'll need to have an idea of who's coming earlier than for many walks as I need to organise the cars. I'm also planning to coordinate with Matthew so he can do the walk via Fountain Falls (for the fit and energetic among us) so this will make it more difficult.

Let's see if we can get two large groups to do this classic Queensland walk! This is a walk to encourage your friends to come along on.

Barbara

Fountain Falls
Sunday 12th September
Daywalk

Leader: Matthew 3876
8125
Meeting: St Bridgid's Car
Park, Red Hill
Time: 6.45 am
Cost: \$18
Grading: L88
Emerg Off: Patricia 3366 6767

This is a classic off track day walk that the club rarely does. The daywalkers doing the Border track presents an ideal opportunity to this trip as a "one day throughwalk"

The trip was scheduled for 5th December last year but had to postponed due to flooding rains. The

current dry spell presents ideal conditions to do this trip.

Fountain Falls is situated on East Canungra Creek, midway between Binna Burra and O'Reilly's. According to Ross Buchanan's book of "Bushwalking in South east Queensland" the Falls are amongst the most enchanting of Lamington's attractions. So what more can I say.

The trip is a hard off track walk with many steep sections and plenty of rockhopping in pristine rainforest.

We will go up to Binna Burra and head down the Illinbah Circuit before crossing the Coomera River near Gwongoorool Pool and head up on to the Darlington Range to Noowongbil Lookout. From there we will descend into East Canungra Creek, hopefully near Fountain Falls.

If we have time there are numerous other falls in the vicinity that we will visit before we have to move on.

Then we zip up the ridge to do the Middle Ridge Traverse and come back down to the Blue Pool . From the Blue Pool it is very easy track walk back to O'Reilly's. But please pack a good torch with spare batteries.

Nominate early if you want to do this trip as it can only be done with a small party of 6 or less. Also, it could be several years before we tackle this classic walk again so for all the hard walkers make sure you don't miss this trip.

Matthew (and his ghostwriter)

To ensure your nomination is accepted for this walk it is suggested you submit a

written application with a detailed bushwalking "C.V." with the names of 2 referees, a first aid certificate, details of your own personal EPIRB.. Failing that a cash bribe will more than suffice.

FMR Event

Equipment Day

Venue Old Queensland Museum

Date Saturday 21st August

Time 9.00 am

Ring Greg for more details on 3351 4092

ADVANCE NOTICE

SWAN CREEK BASECAMP

24-26 SEPTEMBER

LEADER: Iain 33714672

MEET: St. Bridgits

TIME: 7PM

COST: \$30

GRADING: S44

Join me on a spectacular walk along the ridges and peaks of Sentinel Point.

We'll camp at Eric's place next to Swan Creek on Friday night. We'll drive to the start of the walk on Saturday morning, climb Bluff Rock, The Pinnacle, along the ridges west of Sentinel Point and then down to our campsite.

Lots of views, up the Emu Creek and Swan Creek valleys, and west out over the Darling Downs. Ed will be navigating on the walk and because he knows some of the local land owners we'll be walking in some areas where access is otherwise impossible to obtain.

On Sunday we'll be walking over the ridge near our camp into Hell-Hole Gorge. This is an interesting, attractive and not overly difficult walk.

You can come just for Saturday's walk (as an overnighter) or stay the weekend for the base camp.

Iain

INSURANCE

Federation has reminded us that Insurance Cover remains the same as last year – Visitors are NOT covered.

They have asked us to advise all visitors of this fact.

If leaders have all visitors on trips sign the "Disclaimer" form, they will be aware, and we have a record of it.

Thanks. Greg

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance	\$	1242.92
19.6.04		
<u>Plus Receipts</u>	\$	1194.10
	\$	2437.02
<u>Less Payments</u>	\$	1090.20
Balance		1346.82
19.7.04		
Term Deposit	\$	1718.01

About Visitors

Thelma and Marilyn were interested visitors at our July meeting.

Grant, Chris, Ben, Cibo, Rita and her daughter Melody, Antonia, Phil and Di have been welcome visitors on recent walks. David had three of his daughters, Tricia, Deborah and Cherie, join him on the Shepherd's Walk. Lincoln joined his father on Mt. Ernest.

Pat asked me to mention that on the Barney Mass we had several visitors including Kevin who featured in the recent FMR night in the film about climbing Crookneck.

PAST EVENTS

Downfall Creek to the Sea.

The day was fine as 21 people set out after looking at the mural tiles and the information centre at Raven Street reserve. We walked along the creek in parts and through the local suburbs of Chermside, Wavell Heights, Geebung, Virginia and Boondall. We saw some birds in the creek and surrounds. At Huxtable Park we saw black ducks with a Mallard and water hens. A replanted area has created a haven for possums and birds where up until the 1972 there was the last remaining tannery. It is hard to believe that the area supported slaughter yards and tanneries that drained their waste into the creek. At the moment there is not a lot of water in it but much of the creek banks are now walled.

The old blacksmith shop (Vellnaggel's) on Gympie Road still has its slab walls and an outside forge that can be seen. The office building is 1930's vintage although newer buildings have been added at the back. After crossing the road, it was difficult to imagine that 6000 soldiers were camped under tents and in huts at the park behind Chermside shopping centre while the horses were paddocked in Marchant Park. There is no sign of the large swimming hole at Geebung that was used by the locals until the end of WW2.

Along the creek at Virginia a family of red backed wrens were seen while a large egret was wading in the creek. The creek has narrowed due to the grass and weeds growing along the banks. We stopped for 'the' morning tea near Virginia station and school, after having 3 or 4 drink and choc snack stops earlier.

The long haul up the hill of Sandgate Road to Nudgee College saw the sun kindly cloud over for us. We turned down through the College Green estate over Boondall station into the entertainment centre for lunch. Here we saw many ducks on the lake and had sulphur crested cockatoos complaining that we were under their tree for lunch. Maxine provided chocolate cake and apple pie with hot tea for our lunch. At the station we'd farewelled Desley as she still had packing to do for the Kokoda track.



After our welcome lunch break we then set out through the wetlands to the bird hide on Cabbage Tree creek. Ben felt we had been walking so long we had made it to Port Douglas. On our way back to the cars at Boondall station some of us saw a crested hawk sitting in a dead tree. A long walk (20km) but with good company and weather. It was a very enjoyable day.

Thanks to those all those people who joined

Robyn & Maxine

Bridge to Brisbane

Sunday 1st August

It dawned fine & sunny on the morning, as the 18 of us gathered at the toll booths of the Gateway Bridge. It was cool, but not cold, and thank goodness there was no breeze. In fact, it was a glorious morning. And we got to see the sunrise as we walked from the car to the start.

Most of us were in the "white" slowies category – the over 90 minutes. We kicked off about 7.03 from the toll booths. As usual, the hardest part as the Bridge – trying to pass everyone in the crowd. The time you gain at the start you do not lose. So off we went. We soon broke up in to several groups – it is hard to stay in a group of even 5 when you are in a crowd of 14,000. So we stayed with the ones we began with, and talked and walked, and looked at the other participants and the view.

The event is well organised, with the water stops & toilets every 3km, first aid on the way, police blocking all roads on the way. Ever wanted to walk on Kingsford Smith Dr, or go through a red light – we did. I think the best part is walking along the river from Racecourse Rd to the Breakfast Creek Bridge. There is something about looking at moving water.

The pace got a bit keen towards the end, when we started to look at our watches and decided if we put on a bit more speed we could get in by 10.03 and set ourselves a standard (to beat next year).

You can look up the net – type in "Bridge to Brisbane" and click on "results". All you need to know is the

name – from there you can find out the number and times.

Up to 20th Aug, you can see the finish line on video – look up “Suncorp Metway”, and on their home page click on the Bridge to Brisbane line. On the next page, click on the “see the finish” icon. Then answer the silly questionnaire, and once you submit that, click on the type of cable you have. You need to know the race number of participants to see us finish.

Here we are –

Joe	1.22.19
Lucy	1.34.33
Michele	1.42.58
Margaret	1.44.41
Mary	1.47.33
Jan	1.51.01
Russ	1.51.12
Greg	1.57.26
Liz	1.57.41
Stephen	1.58.13
Terry	2.05.55
Barbara	2.06.25
Jean	2.10.14
Michael	2.13.27
Dennis	2.16.42
Robin	2.20.26
Rosemary	2.29.17
Michele 4.25km walk	52.22

See you there next year. Greg.

PREVIOUS SOCIALS

Dinner at Caravansarai

Fourteen people met on a Tuesday evening to share what must be the best value dinner in Brisbane. For the incredibly small sum of \$15 we had a three course dinner followed by tea or

coffee. Plates of delicious Turkish food were placed on the table and we helped ourselves. Barbara had the advantage as she'd already been there three times this year and so knew which dishes to grab early to make sure she had a taste. Others like Carolyn weren't so lucky. Her plaintive “Did you so-and-sos eat all the eggplant?” could be heard from one end of the table to the other.

Despite these minor annoyances, no-one complained about the quantity and quality of the food. And it was a close call between the Arabic coffee and the apple tea as to which was the best after dinner drink. Thanks to Robyn & Ross, Viv & Cheryl, Michelle & Richard, Kathleen, Carolyn, Gloria, Phil, Rosemary and Barbara for making it a good night. Also best wishes to Maggie and Diana, two Italian students who were staying with Rosemary. Their homework for the night was to practice English conversation. They certainly had a good chance to do that.

Coffee Night At The Three Monkeys

Another great coffee night with a good turn-up. Six came early for dinner (Barbara and Jean voted the Haloumi Platter excellent). Others turned up later for coffee and cake (also voted very good). Pat was back from her jaunt overseas and brought with her news and photos of past member, Margaret, who she caught up with in Wales. Margaret is presently spending a year working in a Youth Hostel. She is living in an incredibly beautiful spot and is getting in plenty of walking. Hopefully we'll see her back next year

If you haven't been to a coffee night recently, maybe it's time you made the effort and came. It's always a good

night. Thanks to those who turned up, Barbara, Jean, Catherine, Pat, Ben, Maxine, Kathleen, Phil, Carolyn and Greg, Steven and Lucy.

The Abbey Museum

Did you consider coming on the trip to the Abbey Museum and not get around to signing up. Bad Move! This was a real experience. The six of us (Barbara, Pat, Elizabeth, Jai and Eva and Jean) met at 10.30 outside the museum just off the Bribie road. While chatting to the man at the door, we asked about the stained glass windows in the church. Although they normally do not show these on a Saturday, he said he would ask one of the men to show us around. This was the high spot of the visit for me. The church is filled with a magnificent collection of mostly medieval stained glass, both original small windows and larger windows made of the glass from windows smashed by Cromwell and others. These looked just like a crazy patchwork and were quite stunning. There were also some beautiful old wood carvings.

The museum itself is a delight. It has a number of small but very interesting displays ranging from Neolithic tools to examples from the Industrial Revolution, from England and Europe to India and Egypt (including a mummified foot which really took Eva's fancy). I personally really enjoyed the manuscript room with its collection of medieval illuminated manuscripts and old records from families in Yorkshire.

After this we headed to Bribie Island to enjoy fish and chips on the passage along with the Ibis and a lone Pelican. It was a great day.

Barbara



Christmas in July

The evening was kind and not as cold as was expected. 27 people came to Banyo for Christmas dinner including two unexpected visitors - Gloria who came with Michele and Richard and Antonia who came with Michele and Greg. A big welcome to both for joining us. Antonia has since joined us a couple of walks and Gloria joined us on a walk and the social at the Turkish restaurant. Everyone enjoyed the food and the company was great. We sang some Christmas carols and thought hard about a quiz won by Michele & Greg and Sue & Phil, this was then followed by pass the parcel. Our president and vice president should never lose us now as they both have their own compasses to keep us all on track. Our very Merry Christmas dinner was walked off by many the following day at the Oxley Creek walkette organised by Don and Robyn.



As many members bought tickets in a raffle for the Pine Rivers Show Soc. when they were here for Xmas in July Ross has asked me to forward the results to you.

1st prize Graham (Kathleen stepfather)

2nd Prize Ron and Nola

3rd Prize Jack

All prizes were Coles Shopping vouchers.

A big thankyou for your support from Ross

CHANGE IN THE SOCIAL CALENDAR

A decision has been made to cancel the Progressive Dinner proposed for September 18. The reasons for this are:

- The date (which is the first day of the school holidays) means that some people would not be able to come.
- It was proving difficult to find people who could offer their houses and were home on that weekend
- A lot of work was put into Christmas in July and it would be very difficult to organise another dinner so soon after this.

I have proposed that we have Christmas in July and the Progressive Dinner in alternate years.

In addition, the Progressive Dinner should be held at the end of October to make the most of the warmer weather so courses can be held outside. I would appreciate any feedback on this.

Michelle has kindly offered to have a games night at her place on Saturday 18 September instead of the dinner. Watch out for details in next month's Jilalan.

Barbara

About Members

My Club records show that Liz, Iain and Con are having a birthday in August. Both Iain and Con have now joined the BIG 50 CLUB!!

Patricia has just returned from a brief holiday in the U.K. where she managed to catch up with Margaret who is doing a lot of walking in Wales as well as working at a hostel.

Don and Robyn are currently exploring the sights of North Queensland in their newly acquired campervan.

Viv and Cheryl have just returned from a holiday in the Northern Territory whilst Graham has just left for a walking holiday up there.

Carolyn has just had a week-end in Mount Isa checking out the local cowboys.

Matt & Kerry are currently testing how cold it gets in Tasmania.

Desley has just returned from a "holiday" walking the Kokoda Track in P.N.G.

Welcome to our latest new members:- Mary who has already been to a couple of our meetings and has done a couple of walks as well as signing up for Mt. Barney, and Michael who has rejoined us after a three year break.

Congratulations to Geoff and Anna who had a baby boy on Friday 6th August. He was a very healthy 10 lb 3 oz. We wish you all the best. We haven't heard through official channels but we heard a whisper his name is Mitchell.

We extend our sympathies to Yolanda whose mother died in early August.

We also extend our sympathies to Mary whose mother died in early August.

Greg

ITEMS OF INTEREST

**Queensland Federation of
Bushwalking Clubs**

Federation meetings are held at 7:30pm on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Little Kings Movement. 33 O'Keefe St, Buranda.

Federation web site address is:

<http://www.geocities.com/qfbwc/index.html>

The email address is qfbwc@yahoo.com.au

The Munros of Scotland and Peak Bagging.

I was reading an article in the Hobart Walking Club's Magazine "The Tasmanian Tramp" about a distinguished scientist who had died on a geology excursion. It was mentioned that one of his notable achievements was that he had climbed all 277 Munros of Scotland and all but 3 of the Corbetts of Scotland.

I was intrigued as to what are the Munros and Corbetts of Scotland and why were they so important as to be mentioned in a person's obituary. It appears that the Munros and Corbetts are a list of mountains in Scotland that are higher than a particular set height.

The **Munros** are those separate Scottish mountains over 3000 feet (914 metres) high. The first list of these was compiled and published by Sir Hugh Munro in 1891. Hence the name the Munros. Apparently the list has been reviewed and updated so that there are now 284 mountains recognised as Munros. Apparently there is a popular "hobby" of "Munro-bagging" – that is an undertaking to climb all of the Munros. All except one of the Munros can be ascended without any mountaineering skills or equipment. The exception is Sgurr Dearg on the island of Skye with its Inaccessible Pinnacle. The 'InPin' is a blade of rock about 20 metres high and 100 metres long embedded in the steepest side of Sgurr Dearg.

The Munros have given rise to a huge interest and a proliferation of books such that there is a joke in a British climbing circles that if an alien, with the ability to read English, went over to the book section in a climbing shop then they would reach the conclusion that there were only two mountaineering objectives. The first objective is standing on the summit of Everest. The second objective is the completion of the Munros in Scotland.

The best and most complete guidebook for the Munros is the Scottish Mountaineering Club 'Hillwalkers Guide, Volume One - "The Munros"' published by the Scottish Mountaineering Trust (SMC Munro Guide for short).

Another great book is 'The Munroist's Companion' by Robin N. Campbell (1998). This book gives the history of the Munros; provides the detail of the debate about what does or does not make a "separate mountain"; and stories about the great names of early Scottish climbing going out ill-equipped and getting lost just like ordinary mortals. But what I really need is a guide to pronunciation for those Gaelic mountain names

The top six Munros are:

1. Ben Nevis	4409 ft	1344 m
2. Ben Macdui	4295 ft	1309 m
3. Braeriach	4252 ft	1296 m
4. Cairn Toul	4236 ft	1291 m
5. Sgor an Lochain	4236 ft	1258 m
6. Cairngorm	4081 ft	1244 m

From the above table **Ben Nevis** is the highest mountain in Scotland and is also the highest mountain in the British Isles. There is a relatively simple route to the summit known as the 'Tourist

Route'. The mountain is notorious for fickle weather, and considered dangerous; hikers have been killed as a result. Controversy continues to rage about the placing of navigation poles near the summit, currently they have been cut down by environmentally conscious climbers who object to the aesthetic intrusion.

The origins of the name of the mountain are unclear. The word *ben* is the Gaelic for peak, and Ben Nevis is sometimes referred to as 'the ben'. However several possibilities for the meaning of *nevis* have been suggested. These include 'venomous', 'burst' or 'flow' (from *neb*) and 'brow of keen air' (from *neamh* meaning 'keenness of air' and *bhathais* meaning 'brow'). Finally a locally popular suggestion is that the name derives from *anomy* meaning 'heaven'. Ben Nevis is also a brand name of whisky distillery down in the nearby town of Fort William.

The **Corbetts** is the collective name given to the 221 distinct mountains in Scotland which are between 2500 (762 m) feet and 2999 (914 m) feet, and which have a re-ascent of 500 feet on all sides. They are named after John Rooke Corbett who in 1930 became the first person to climb all the 2000-foot-high peaks in Scotland. (He was also only the second person ever to complete all the Munros and Tops and the fourth to complete only the Munros). Like Munro-bagging, Corbett-bagging is a very popular pursuit. It has its own dedicated followers who claim that, in general, the Corbetts provide a better day's walking than the higher peaks.

I was initially intrigued on the concentration on the Scottish

mountains and sure enough some pommie has also written a book about the 'hills' of England and he also included Scotland and Wales. Alan Dawson wrote the book 'The Relative Hills of Britain' in 1992 and asked the question How many hills are there in Britain? Has anyone climbed them all? What is a hill anyway? This book dispensed with the common assumption that a hill must be 2000 feet high to be worth climbing. Instead it concentrated on determining a list of all the hills that are *relatively high*, compared to the surrounding land, rather than compared to sea level.

The main issue was to determine what is a mountain or hill. After considerable conjecture the author settled on the criteria of a rise 500 feet as a rule of thumb for determining a hill. But the problem was the new maps were all in metric and he had to use the metric equivalent but 152.4 metres is a bit awkward, so to make matters easier the metric measure of 150 metres (492 feet actually) has been used to compile the new list

Having settled on the type of hills to be included in the new list, it was then necessary to find a suitable name for them. He decided to use the distinguished and appropriate term of 'Marilyn'. Perhaps in honour of the famous movie star known for her certain standout attributes. Thus, the criteria for a mountain to be honoured as a "Marilyn" was that it has a drop of at least 150 metres on all sides, regardless of distance, absolute height or topographical merit. At the last count there were 1542 of them, and they are all listed in Chapters 3 and 4 of his book.

I then found that there was yet another list of hills called the **Hewitts**. A

Hewitt is a **Hill** in **England**, **Wales** or **Ireland** over **Two Thousand** feet high (610 metres) with a drop of at least 30 metres (98 feet) all round. There are 525 Hewitts in total: 178 in England, 137 in Wales and 211 in Ireland. There is a long tradition of climbing 2000-foot hills in England and Wales, and it is safe to claim that nowhere else in the world can match the amount of attention and analysis given to hills of such modest height. At least eight different publications have appeared over the years containing lists of 2000-foot summits of England. I also found the **Nuttalls**. These are summits in England and Wales which are at least 2000 feet (610 metres) high, with a minimum of 50 feet (15 metres) of ascent on all sides.

Ben Nevis is one of three British mountains climbed as part of the (National) Three Peaks Challenge. The **Three Peaks Challenge** is a mountain endurance challenge in Great Britain in which participants attempt to climb the highest peaks of each of the island's three countries within 24 hours, using motorised transport to travel between the mountains. The mountains climbed, in order of elevation, are Ben Nevis in Western Scotland (1344 m), Snowdon in North Wales (1085 m), and Scafell Pike in North-Western England (978 m).

What really puzzles me is how do we know for sure that people like Corbett actually climbed all the Munros and Corbetts. It makes you wonder if there is some committee of people keeping a scorecard of who has done what.

Australia or more particularly Tasmania has not been immune from this macho desire to list mountains and then conquer them. Tasmanian is a

mountainous island and sure enough someone had to identify all the 'real' mountains on the island and then make a list of them. By establishing the definition of a mountain as having a minimum height on 1100m and a drop of 150m on all sides, a list of 155 peaks was obtained. These peaks are called the **"Abels"** in memory of Abel Tasman, the discoverer of Tasmania during his epic 10 month voyage in 1642.

You can get a list of the Abels in the book by Bill Wilkinson, 'The Abels: Tasmania's Mountains'. The author also published another book "Tables of Australian Mountains" which I have just received.

I was somewhat shocked and mystified with his statement that mountains less than 1000 metres can not be called mountains and he simply relegated them to be mere 'hills'. Some would consider it an outrage to dismiss mountains like Mt Ernest, Mt Greville and Mt Tibrogargan and merely call them hills. But he it is his list and he can set the criteria. The fact that his list is almost unknown may reflect on the criteria he set. I will have to refrain from criticizing too much as it must have been a huge task to identify and list these mountains. To do this list he is basically using the same approach as they did for the Munros of Scotland.

He produced a list of Mountains for Queensland the top ten were as follows

	Mountain	Height in Metres
1	Mt Bartle Frere	1615
2	Bellenden Ker	1582
3	Mt Fisher	1385
4	Saltwater Creek ridge	1385
5	Mt Superbus	1375
6	Thornton Peak	1374
7	Mt Barney West Peak	1359
8	Mt Windsor tableland	1359

9	Mt Barney East peak	1354
10	Black Mountain	1337

In total he listed 73 mountains in Queensland which seems like an achievable number for a keen bushwalker to set out to climb. A couple of the mountains I had never heard of before, like Mt Fisher, which is in the Tully area. I will have to get out the Maps and try to find it. I am unaware if it is regular bushwalking destination. For all I know it might have never been climbed. And it is probably covered in rainforest and has no views.

I noticed that he didn't coin a term for the highest mountains in Queensland. Perhaps they will be named after the first person who climbs them all ?

While I am mentioning lists of highest mountains in Britain and Australia I should mention the list of highest mountains for each continent. I came across the following list of the highest mountains for the seven continents. It has become a fashionable feat to climb the heights point in each continent, and it has now been completed over 80 people.

The **Seven Summits** a list of the highest peak in each continent

Continent	Mountain	Height	Country
Asia	Everest	8848	Nepal/Tibet
Sth America	Aconcagua	6956	Argentina
Nth America	McKinley	6194	USA - Alaska
Africa	Kilimanjaro	5895	Tanzania
Europe	Elbrus	5636	Russia
Antarctica	Vinson	4897	Antarctica

You may have noticed there are only six peaks were listed. They then became rather judgmental and they raised the question what should be the highest point in Australia or Australasia ???

- ◆ Sukarno Peak in Irian Jaya (Indonesia) is the highest point in Australasia at 4884 metres or 16023 feet. The top is also known as Carstens Pryamid
- ◆ or should you count New Zealand's Mt Cook at 3764 metres or 12349 feet
- ◆ or in Australia its Kosciusko at 2228 metres which is just 7316 feet or Ayres Rock which is just 867 metres (It rises 1,100 feet (335 meters) from the surrounding sand dune plains.

Plus there are so many high mountains in the SE Asia region
 - Kinabalu in Borneo at 4101 metres or
 - A Gurg in Bali at 3142 metres or

I would be great if we could produce a list of all the real mountains for Queensland not just the few listed by Bill Wilkinson. Perhaps it is something I could do when I retire and have more time available.

Phil

(Next month I will have two article – the first on the mountains of Queensland and a list of the highest mountains and the second on Lightning Safety which is important as we are move into summer. It is appropriate to have an article on Lightning and what safety precautions you should take in the bush particularly if you are caught out in the bush.

Federation Annual Report

QUEENSLAND FEDERATION OF BUSHWALKING CLUBS

President's Annual Report 2003-2004

Last year has been one of extensive and varied sustained work for many

bushwalkers, hopefully, with some significant achievements of lasting worth. Some highlights, in no priority order, are of particular note-worthiness. My apologies in advance if I have forgotten any person who has made a major contribution or if I have overlooked any important matter of business.

Access and closure matters: These continue to be a matter of on-going regular anxiety for bushwalkers. QFBWC has represented these concerns to the Minister for Environment. Seasonal restrictions, unreasonable and lengthy closures, specific problem sites, misuse of site number limits and the high administrative burden have figured prominently in our representations. No useful mechanism exists for testing claims by QPWS staff or for satisfactory review of their decisions. This does not promote public confidence and within our informed community has led to considerable mistrust.

Accreditation: QFBWC participated in the foundation of Bushwalking Australia (BWA), our national peak bushwalking body. We are contributing to the joint formulation of a Bushwalkers Code of Best Practice. QFBWC opposed, on behalf of all bushwalkers, the invitation for clubs to seek accreditation to go camping. Special thanks to Ian for pursuing this and for his constant and helpful advice on so many bushwalking matters

Administration: Richard has ably maintained our various contact lists and kept the QFBWC website current. Russell and Peter have attended to our considerable correspondence during the year.

Bushwalking Australia: This body is now incorporated with an ABN and each state has supplied liaison delegates. BWA started on Risk Management work, issued a six month report on early progress, produced a draft summary of topics for a code of Bushwalking Best Practice and a newsletter. Both Richard and Ian have represented us well on BWA. An Australia-wide teleconference in the early stages of formation was most informative.

Campsite Monitoring: Ann and her extensive team of helpers have kept this valuable work on track through-out the year. New Monitors are always needed and this year's training sessions were quite successful. Spicer's Peak campsite was closed at short notice on the initiation of bushwalkers, initially by Cliff and myself, because of instability concerns arising from suspected ground subsidence east of the designated campsite. QPWS responded promptly to this, although we await the results of a thorough site safety inspection.

Celebration Township/Yarrabilba: After this issue was raised by Neil, QFBWC used it as a starting point for clarifying the bushwalker position on the provision of adequate recreation space into the future. The results of this work fed into our SEQ2021 submission and a Ministerial submission. This work also fed into the NRMSEQ's Integrated Resource Management Plan and thus their Regional Investment Strategy. Neil, John, Catherine, Kerry and I have all contributed to this.

CERRA: Cathy continues to represent QFBWC's views at CERRA meetings. Perhaps the most significant change over the past year revolves around the proposed Gold Coast Great Walk. The

determination of some stakeholders to single-mindedly pursue their own agenda by any means whatsoever, without consideration of other views, will almost certainly lead to protracted future representations irrespective of any short-term resolutions. This is an unsatisfactory process. The latest development is the issue of a limited "controlled action". This Commonwealth Government decision with respect to vegetation issues associated with the proposal will take an unknown course.

Civil Liabilities Act: The introduction of this Act appears to strengthen protection for volunteer groups and as a consequence QFBWC has sought legal assistance to incorporate so as to confer any advantages arising from this Act to its members. Thanks to Chris and Trevor for their preliminary work.

EPA meetings: Numerous meetings have been held throughout the year with several senior EPA staff. Generally, these meetings have been friendly and useful although translation of agreed objectives to 'on the ground' results has been slower. Greg and Neil, plus all the committee have participated in these meetings.

Federation Mountain Rescue: FMR moved their equipment to a new central location during the year and discarded some aging gear. A number of FMR training activities were well attended through the year indicating strong bushwalker support for their self-reliant internal training. Thanks to those clubs that organised particular activities. The BOSQ organised First Aid course was especially productive. The FMR organised training weekend was also well attended. Karen and Rob from BBW and Frank from QBWC are also to be congratulated for the very popular

recent Audio/Visual evening. No serious accidents were reported year, which is pleasing. A number of Rescue Leaders are seeking recognition of their skills from accrediting bodies. FMR activities were again displayed on the QORF Outdoor Planner.

FOSEQ (Friends of South East Queensland): QFBWC joined FOSEQ during the year but has not yet received updates on their activities.

Group Activity Permits: Negotiations on this issue have proceeded during the year culminating in a detailed submission being given to the Minister. There exists considerable bushwalker dissatisfaction on the inappropriate use of these types of permits. Cliff, Barry and all of the committee have pursued this on your behalf.

Glasshouse Mountains area: Gavin was appointed as QFBWC representative to the Beerburrum Forest users group and has reported back to QFBWC on progress.

Great Walks: We remain hopeful that this government initiative will deliver many positive opportunities for bushwalkers from here and overseas and will improve presentation obligations, funding, park maintenance and distribution of visitor pressures in the National Parks hosting these walks. The first Great Walk was opened on Fraser Island at the end of June. Despite all the work by bushwalkers, over many years, toward this objective, neither we nor the NPAQ were invited to the opening. Thanks to all of you who did so much early work seeking a viable route. A second smaller Great Walk in the Whitsunday area is expected to open toward the end of July.

Insurance: BWA appointed a new Insurance Officer recently. David attended an informative Insurance workshop on behalf of QFBWC this year. He and Kerry have again done an excellent job attending to this difficult work. Slightly better conditions have been achieved for our current policies. David conducted a useful survey and QFBWC wrote several submissions appealing for improved conditions. This has been partially successful but more needs to be done.

Killarney Glen: General access to this area continues with occasional, and pre-advised, closures for military training purposes. Richard and I have acted as contacts and distributing agents for this information.

Management Plans: QPWS work on strategy documents has been slow and appears to have inhibited these plans. Neil is currently responding for QFBWC on the recently released draft Carnarvon Gorge MP.

Master Plan: At our meeting with the new Minister this was raised on behalf of QFBWC and other Master Plan committee members. QFBWC sought clarification on current progress and the future process to achieve its five year review.

NRMSEQ: Kerry continues to represent QFBWC on this body. They have made some progress in organising their affairs to distribute NHT II funds. We also advanced our views at the NMRSEQ meeting dealing with the 'State of the Region' section of their Plan. QFBWC participated in the Land & Landscape Asset Workshop.

Pilgrimages: Last year's Pilgrimage at Glen Rock run by BOSQ was well attended and despite bushfire worries

was quite successful. This year Toowoomba Bushwalkers are hosting the QFBWC Pilgrimage and we all look forward to our annual get-together. Again, the central Queensland clubs ran a successful Pilgrimage for members in that part of the state. Well done to all the organisers.

Publicity for Bushwalking: QFBWC encourages bushwalking as a healthy and enriching recreation through our website and at various planning meetings. Ian and I contributed to an article that appeared on 11th June in the Courier Mail encouraging people to take up bushwalking and to expand their skills and attainments.

SEQ2021/RLU: QFBWC put in a major submission to the SEQ2021 initiative and continued liaison with the old RLU. John, Catherine Kerry and I were the principal contributors to this. Thanks to those who assisted with the production of this sizable document.

SEQFA: It was pleasing that the Premier and Minister for Environment were able to announce the finalisation of about half of the SEQFA land tenure area assignments. New National Parks and Conservation Parks of more than 215,000 hectares will be created near Monto, Biloela, Calliope, Bunya Mountains, Biggenden, Gayndah, Agnes Waters, Beerburum and Boonah. Beekeeping, gazing and other issues remain to be settled in some areas and negotiations continue on the more difficult allocation cases. This is a praiseworthy effort by the QPWS staff involved and to the Minister for moving this government initiative along. For QFBWC the expansion of the Main Range National Park, which was under considerable stress because of its narrowness in many places, is

particularly satisfying. QFBWC has advocated this since the early 1970's. Thanks to all the bushwalkers who participated in the Community Consultative Committees. You must be heartened to see this work progressing.

Tasmania's Logging of their old growth forests: This destruction continues. QFBWC has joined with others in opposing this and we hope the coming Federal election will provide a forum for concerns about the issue to be put to the Australian people.

Trust established: An earlier initiative by QFBWC to have a Queensland Trust for Nature established to buy and maintain areas of high conservation value was launched in April with a 'seed' grant of \$5 million from the government. It is disappointing that, despite QFBWC's interest in promoting this, we have not been asked to participate in its Management Committee. The idea is for this separate legal entity to buy land, put a binding conservation covenant on it, and then re-sell the land. The money raised will be used to repeat the process. These covenants will bind future landowners to protect the land. The priority will be to conserve open space in south-east Queensland. Federal approval to enable tax deductible grants of land or money to be made to the Trust is being sought.

Wet Tropics: Thanks to the northern clubs, especially the Tablelands club, for representing bushwalker interests on these important strategy documents. The results of this work will have a significant bearing on future Management Plans in the Wet Tropics.

Many thanks to all clubs and individuals who have contributed to promoting

bushwalking and any of the above bushwalking-related matters.

Finally, my warm personal thanks to every member of your hard-working committee for all of their helpful and valuable endeavours during the year.
Many thanks, Ron

Queensland Rogaining Championships 2004. August 28 – 29, 2004

On the weekend of 28-29th August, 2004 the Queensland Rogaine Championships are to be held near Warwick.

A choice of 3 events is available
6 hour,
15 hour and
24 hour events.

Entries close on Friday 20th August, 2004.

For further information look on the website www.qldrogaine.asn.au or phone the organisers on (07)3245-2186. Thanks for your help.

The Rogaine will be held about 2½ hours west of Brisbane (30mins west of Warwick).

The terrain is mainly fast, open grazing country, and is very close to the fantastic map used for the Rugarats to Fossils Rogaine. We have been lucky enough to have some wonderful landowners allow us access to this beautiful land.

The local community is organizing the Hash House so expect good wholesome country food. Entry includes all meals at the Hash House during the event. Camping is available at the Hash House

site on Friday and Saturday nights with hot showers and flush toilets provided. Detailed information and directions will be provided to entrants in the week leading up to the event.

The choice of 6, 15 or 24 hour event makes this suitable for all ages, levels of fitness and navigation experience, including beginners!

The roving 15hr event means any 15 hours in the 24 hour period, so teams can return to the hash house for a meal and a good night's sleep before setting out again in the morning.

For the less energetic competitors there will be a photo competition so bring your cameras and make the most of this scenic location.

So organize your team of 2 to 5 people, fill out an entry form (available on QRA website) and come along to enjoy the competition, the exercise or just the serenity of the bush. We look forward to seeing your entry soon and meeting you in person at the event. Entries close Friday, 20th August.

For more information please phone the organizers or visit our website

Barbara - (07) 3245-2186 or
Mike - (07) 3359-8301 or email:
eleventhhr Rogaine@yahoo.com

www.qldrogaine.asn.au

Obtain an application form from the web site.

**The Great Australian
Bushwalk**
A Letter from Federation.

All Queensland Federation Bushwalking Clubs are invited to participate in The Great Australian Bushwalk, which is being coordinated by the National Parks Association of Queensland. It is to be held on Sunday 24 October, 2004.

This is an initiative to encourage new and old bushwalkers to venture into national parks right across the state, for a day of exercise, exploration, flora and fauna and fresh air appreciation in the company of like-minded people.

The Premier of Queensland is invited by his counterpart in NSW to participate and it is expected he will take up the challenge.

The Great Australian Bushwalk was begun in New South Wales a couple of years ago, spearheaded by the NSW Premier and NPANSW, and has encouraged thousands of people to go on their first bush walk.

All Federation clubs are invited to notify which walks they already have scheduled for that date, and to offer them to the general public in their area. Local publicity by your committee will encourage involvement of those who have always thought of bushwalking, but not yet tried it, as well as those who usually walk privately. All participants should be covered by your club insurance, with provision for your guest walkers.

The Great Australian Bushwalk could be a valuable opportunity for recruitment of new members to your club.

Details of your scheduled walk forwarded to NPAQ will be included in the extensive media publicity they are coordinating.

Clubs might, alternatively, put on an extra walk, which should be of at least 12 km in length, in a national park, and probably of minimal difficulty to encourage beginners.

Please contact NPAQ with details of your walk by 8 August 2004.

Thanks, Cathie.

OTHER EVENTS

SOCIETY FOR GROWING AUSTRALIAN PLANTS

SPRING FLOWER SHOW

& PLANTS MARKET:

11th and 12th September 2004

The annual SGAP Spring Flower Show will be held on 11th and 12th September 2004 at the Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt. Coot-tha Auditorium, Mt. Coot-tha Road, Toowong.

There will be
Spectacular displays of native flora,
landscaping ideas,
Displays from Branches
Plants sales,
book sales,
plant information,
bush tucker displays.
Admission is \$3.00 - children free.

OPEN GARDENS

A great way to see a display of Australian native plants is at the Australian Open Garden Scheme

Hodge Native Garden

81-89 Loganview rd
Logan Reserve
UBD map 281 at N8
A lovely display of wattles, banksias grevilleas and daisies

Dennis Nielsens Garden

18 and 19th September
59 Kunde St
Loganholme
UBD Map 264 at D2
A lovely display of many natives including palms, cycads ferns and grevilleas.

Brad Nielsen's Garden

18 and 19th September
84 Hibiscus Drive
Mt Cotton
UBD Map 245 at D8
Known for grevilleas, paper daisies and rockery plants.

The admission cost is \$5.00 for adults.

LATE NEWS - STOP PRESS

The recent walks have been very well attended.

- ◆ The Downfall creek to the Sea had 20 walkers.
- ◆ The Lizard Point Throughwalk had 8 people on the trip with Kathleen doing her first throughwalk with the Club.
- ◆ The Bridge to Brisbane had 18 people from the Club.
- ◆ The Barney Mass had 28 people in attendance. 19 people did the more difficult Logan's Ridge.
- ◆ The Burbank was well attended with 15 walkers.

Phil

**Majella
1956 to 2004**

Majella was born in Brisbane, the third child and only daughter of Pat and Veronica of Yeroongpilly. Her primary education was in Mt Morgan, Townsville and Roma where she began her secondary education.

She completed her secondary education at Stuartholme, Brisbane. Having a passion for French, Majella completed her Bachelor of Arts with a double major in French at the University of Queensland. She was a member of the Alliance Francaise. In 1977 she gained a scholarship to train as a primary school teacher and completed post graduate studies at Kelvin Grove Teachers' College.

Majella taught at several schools over a career spanning 26 years with Education Queensland. These schools were West End infants, Beenleigh, Mooloolah and Woongoolba. She was retired due to ill health this year.

In 1983 she commenced ice skating at Acacia Ridge. She discovered she had a flair for this sport. She joined the Queensland Precision Ice Skating Team, *Corps de Patineurs*. Over the next six years they won national titles and Majella was team captain for two years. The team competed internationally on two occasions in Canada and the United States. It also performed in the Torville and Dean Show. Individually Majella trained in ice dancing achieving the level of the silver medal.

Majella met John in 1989 and they married the following year. The early years of their marriage were spent at Mooloolah, where John worked for Queensland parks and Wildlife Service within the Glasshouse Mountains. In 1995 they moved to Springwood. Thomas was born in 1997.

Majella was very involved with St Edwards parish and school and had a love of singing and was involved in one of the church music groups. Majella was an accomplished pianist. She enjoyed being a class parent helper. She loved her family very much.

Majella was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1998. She suffered recurrences in 2000 and 2003. Majella did not let the disease control her, showed great courage and kept living her life to the end.

Tell the children of Israel to march on (Ex 14:15).

The above article is from the Mass Booklet from Majella's funeral

The INAUGURAL ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Monday 15th November

The idea of the having a photographic competition is to encourage members to bring their photos out and share them with other members. A great way to share them is by entering them in the competition and also including them in the Club's magazine, annual report and on our website.

Our goal as a club is to encourage the love of the bush and bushwalking. I trust the photos will display the spirit of the Club and the beauty of nature and why we go bushwalking.

The categories of the competition are as follows -

1 **Landscape** - this includes all the landscapes, waterscapes, mountains

2. **Moods of nature** – sunrises, sunsets, storm and rain or mist from a waterfall, or a shady spot in the eucalypt forest.

3 **Nature Close up** - i.e. approx one metre or less - plants, animals, birds, rocks, leaf litter etc

4. **People and faces** – Portraiture & Club Character - capture some interesting faces as you walk or socialise

5. **Miscellaneous**- any photos that do not fit into any other category.

6. **Best overall** - awarded to the print deemed to be best overall by the invited judge.

7. **Peoples choice.** the best overall photo selected by the members on the night.

The Competition Rules

- The photographs have to be prints and displayed at the November meeting.
- The size of the photographs shall be approximately A3 size - 210 mm x 149 mm or smaller.
- Photographs do not need to be mounted.
- All photographs must be the competitors owners work
- Each person may enter 2 photographs per category
- Each photograph must be titled and have the owner's name, and date (approx) the photo was taken.
- The photos must be from a BCBC trip or in the area in which we usually walk
- Photographs can be entered on the night but no later than 8.00 pm
- There is no entry fee
- There will be a select judging panel of at least one person.

- There will be an overall winning photo which will receive a very modest prize.
- The winning photo will go on the front cover of the next annual report
- The ownership of the photo will remain that of the photographer.
- The owner agrees to allow the club to scan their photos to use the photos in the club magazine, annual report and website.
- photographs will be returned to the owners at the December meeting

Further information can be obtained from Phil.

ps next year there will be a category for overseas trips.

Minutes of General Meeting

Monday 19/7/04 7.45pm

Present : As per attendance book.

Apologies : Michelle E., Desley, Bob, Caroline, Richard, Gloria, Nick, Kathleen, Louise, Pat

Correspondence :

Inwards :

- Bushwalking Club Newsletters from
- Maryborough Bushwalkers Club inc,
- Bushwalkers of Southern Qld Inc,
- Gold Coast Bushwalkers Club Inc,
- Brisbane Bushwalkers Club,
- The Waysider,
- National Parks Assoc.
- a flyer from Toowoomba Bushwalkers Club about the Pilgrimage.,
- Qld Teachers' Credit Union – Statement Acct,
- Qld Country Credit Union – Fixed Term Deposit , account summary & notice of forthcoming election of Director,
- Postcard from Pat,
- Thank you card from John,
- Qld Federation of Bushwalking Club's Minutes of 25/3 & 27/5. (emails from Greg),

- Dep't of Natural Resources – Budget Highlights
Outwards : sympathy card to Therese & family,
Business arising : Pat just out of hospital & Peta also just out of hospital

Treasurer's Report :

Bal :	\$ 1242.92
19/6/04	
Receipts :	\$ 1194.10
Payments :	\$ 1090.20
Bal : 19/7/04	\$ 2346.84
Term Dep. :	\$ 1718.01

Business Arising : Round of applause for Robyn for a job well done with Christmas in July.

Outings Report

Good turn-ups, Anthony did an excellent off track walk & had 14 people on it.

Average group on a walk is 20 plus at the moment! In the next few months, some walks may need to be changed because of possible fire danger.

Greg mentioned the 'Walks' sub committee meeting that had met and invited anyone to attend the next one at Iain's on the 9th August at 7.30pm. This meeting will put a Leader's Kit together. One outcome of the last meeting was to request that speakers came out to the front and address the group, having prepared what they wish to say. Any leader unable to attend is requested to nominate someone else to speak on their behalf.

1. Pat's Bluff & Luke's Bluff –27 June- Michele spoke on behalf of Kerry. It was a cold start but they had a lovely day and experienced some sweeping views along the track back to O'Reillys.
2. Oxley Ck Common –4 July- Robyn spoke on behalf of Don. It was a lovely 'Boxing Day' afternoon walk with a good crowd and a guest speaker who

spoke about 'Water Quality' in Oxley Creek. Rewards were given out for sightings of the mistletoe bird and other birds along the way. A photo was taken of members wearing the new club T-shirt !

3. Mt Ernest –11 July - Iain spoke on behalf of Anthony. They had a late start but were quickly in the foothills of Mt Lindesay, ready for the steep climb up Mt Ernest. It was a cool and overcast day but this helped with the climb. Lovely views of Mt Barney from the summit. At lunch Carolyn and Kathleen recite the poem of Ernie the Fastest Milkcart in the West. Phil mentioned the trip on the way down was hard because of the loose rock covered by ferns and the steepness. He said that it was advertised as a hard trip and many still nominated which was great to see. Phil made the suggestion for a future outing on the Beaudesert Steam Train which leaves at 8.30 and 1.30. Barbara mentioned that there were some nice wineries in the vicinity between Ipswich & Beaudesert and this could make it a pleasant day.

4. Shepherd's Walk – 17 July- Terry. 160 people did the walk of which there were 30 club members! The route was very overgrown compared to past years and the countryside was very dry. A gentleman of Chinese descent gave a talk about the Chinese who were in the area in the 1830's. The views were still spectacular and the hospitality was great ! The SES people were marshals for the day.

Barbara mentioned that they had received some compliments on the club T-shirts. Robyn mentioned that others had noticed that we had young people with us and that some of them were of Chinese descent. This was given as a compliment, given our walking population is ageing.

Coming Outings :

1. Downfall Ck (Mountains to Mangroves) – 24 July-Maxine and Robyn. This 15 km walk is part of a 32 km walk that was constructed in 2000, linking up natural green spaces and heritage in the area. The creek changes name to Nundah Ck. Robyn has lived in the area for 40yrs and will share some history along the way.
1. Lizard Point Through Walk – 31 July/Aug1 – Matthew. Permit for Lizard Point is 8 & there were already 8 nominees ! They will be celebrating Iain's 50th Birthday along the way. Eric recalled the time in '55 when he walked, as a novice bushwalker, at Emu Ck and heard the crash of the RAAF Lincoln! The experienced walkers in the party walked back to civilization to make contact and notify authorities about what they heard and the general direction the sound came from. It was great to listen to Eric's story!
2. Mt Barney Mass – 11 Aug – Phil. This pilgrimage will happen on Exhibition Wednesday. There will be a night camp at Mt Barney Lodge. Start time at Yellowpinch will be 7.35am for the ascent which will be done via 3 routes : Logan Ridge, South East Ridge & Peasants! Groups will meet on the summit at noon followed by Mass in the saddle. Phil's advice is " Every one needs to do this Pilgrimage at least once!"
3. Bridge to Bridge – 1 Aug – Greg - 7am Start from toll gates but be there at 6.30am for park. It is 12 km of enjoyable walking & the average person will take 2 ½ hours. So far 15 members are going.
4. Mt Tibrogargan – Trachyte Track– 8 Aug- Iain spoke on behalf of Gabe. You need to be confident about rock scrambling, heights and be reasonably fit.

5. Federation Pilgrimage at Girraween – 14-15 Aug- Iain - 7pm Departure Friday Night. Choice of many walks, a bush dance & sausage sizzle on Saturday night and Bush Olympics on Sunday!
6. Burbank Wildflowers – 15 Aug – Phil - Starting at 1.15pm and finishing at 4pm, the walk will be in excess of 3km. Many flowers will be in bloom! J.C. Trotter Park is part of the Brisbane Koala Park.
7. Dave's Ck has been postponed to the 13th of November!
8. Stinson Wreck – 10 Oct- will have another offering ! This will include a separate walk to Westray's grave. Phillip is looking for someone to do the pre-outing with him.

Social Secretary's Report

Past Outings:

- Coffee Night at Chermside was pleasant & 12 came along. Barbara is trying to schedule a venue, each 2nd month, where you can also have a meal.
- Christmas in July – Barbara expressed a vote of thanks to Robyn for a wonderfully organized evening !
- the Turkish Restaurant function had 14 people attending. It was a great night, plenty of food and 2 young Italian visitors who came with Rosemary really enjoyed the evening.

Coming Outings:

- Next Coffee night is at '3 Monkeys', West End on Wed 28 July.
- Abbey Museum -31July- Meet at 10.30am. This spectacular clergyman's collection was moved here because of the war. Barbara said that anyone wishing to car pool could contact her. Lunch at Bribie Is.
- **T- Shirts** – Barbara is taking orders for the next batch of T-Shirts. Money has to be paid to Terry before we order them. It will be approx 3-4 weeks after

the order is lodged. It is a good way of advertising the club.

Colonial Ball – Sat 14 Aug- Looking for a group of 8?

FMR

The training night last Thursday (17th July) gave broad outlines on Diabetes, Epilepsy, Asthma, Chest Pain and Ticks. At the risk of jarring some sensitivities the presenter pointed out that our main bushwalking population is aging and many are in the age group that is susceptible to have heart attacks!

The highlight of the night were the old historic movies from the 1970s were shown – ‘Walking with Safety’ & ‘Climbing of Crookneck’, done by Fred Fromm & Kevin Pearl.

Membership Officer’s Report

- The club now has 78 members! Michael has rejoined us.

- Greg said that there is a need to update our insurance.

- Greg provided a display of bushwalking gear because Caroline is away at the moment doing a pastry cook’s course !

General Business

1 – Book Reviews - Phil talked about John & Lyn Daly’s book ‘Take a Walk’. It is a very good publication and includes walks in Qld National Parks. It is out of print at the moment but Pat informed us that they are doing a second edition. Another book involving good reading is ‘The Tasmanian Tramp’. Phil has seen it on the bookshelf at Binna Burra and Pat mentioned that the Information Centre at Gatton in Apex Park has an excellent supply of bushwalking type books.

2. – Wildflower displays - Phil mentioned the Mt Coot-tha Wildflower Display was on 11-12 Sept. Also, the

Open Gardens program will be showcasing the best native gardens over the next few months - the Hodge garden on the weekend of 27/28 Aug. The Neilsen’s garden will be open on the weekend of 18/19 Sept.

3. Each meeting will have a talk on some aspect of bushwalking. Barbara talked about backpacks this evening. Some considerations are as follows :

- Cost – try to buy on special & don’t buy the first one you see!
- Hip Strap is essential – firm and padded if possible
- Shoulder Strap – these need to be on an angle and curved into the shoulder
- Padding on the back
- Strap across the chest
- Pockets – good to have these both on the outside and inside
- Camel pack? – this can be very useful and there may be an aperture in the pack for the tubing to come through
- Waterproofing- Some packs come with rain coats that can be very useful
- Frame – this can keep the pack off your back and prevent excessive sweating.

Useful places to shop are those camping places in the Valley & Luggage Warehouse on Montague Rd, West End. Pick the brains of the attendants in the shop.

5. Website – Greg asked for a general consensus on what people thought about in regard to publishing names and addresses etc on our website in relation to walks etc. He said that there was a variety of possibilities that he saw in his research of other bushwalking clubs. Some include

- No names or just phone contact
- Leader’s Christian name only
- Full name with phone no.

Greg mentioned that the name and phone no was the way a few members had made contact with the club.

Barbara mentioned that just Christian names still addressed the privacy issues and was more friendly

Greg said that if we just had landlines, no addresses and no mobiles it would be hard to trace people.

The group was in favour of just Christian names and phone nos.

6. Punctuality – there has been a request to be more punctual. Greg asked for everyone to try to be on time. From now on all meetings will begin 7.45pm sharp and all walks will leave on time. Walkers need to notify the leader or emergency officer if there is a delay.

7. Visitors were invited to stay for supper

Meeting Concluded approx. 10.15pm

Patricia

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