

**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 Tobin 3366 3193.

Please have all Jilalan articles to Louise Leonardi by the 1st of the month.

Articles, if on disk, need to be submitted in RTF (Rich Text Format) with a hard copy included, otherwise a handwritten or typed copy will do. Alternatively, you can e-mail your articles to: leonardi@gil.com.au

GENERAL MEETINGS

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

OUTINGS

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

EMERGENCY OFFICER

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

EQUIPMENT HIRE

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

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

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

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

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

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS 2005

DATE 2005	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT NUMBER	WALK TYPE
August				
15	Meeting			
17	Mt Barney Mass	Phil Murray	3841 0254	D/W
19-21	Federation Pilgrimage at Bigriggen	Redland Bay		B/C
24	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
27	Harry's Hut - Cancelled	Richard Johns	3353 2282	D/W
28	Daves Creek Circuit	Liz Little	3356 4874	D/W
September				
3	Fr Ed Memorial Walk - Moreton Island	Maxine Brophy	3203 4699	D/W
9 - 11	Swan Creek Base Camp	Iain Renton	3371 4672	B/C
11	Spicer's Peak and Double Top	Iain Renton	3371 4672	D/W
17 - 18	Rogaine - 8 Hour Championship	Phil Murray	3841 0254	O/N
18	Mary Valley Rattler	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	Social
19	Meeting			
28	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
30 - Oct 2	Wallangarra - Girraween	Iain Renton	3371 4672	T/W
October				
1 - 2	Girraween	Paul Evans	3357 5254	B/C
8	Mini Ballows Circuit	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	D/W
Sat 15	Progressive Dinner			Social
17	Meeting			
23	Wynnum to Ransome	Graham Glasse	3371 9623	D/W
26	<i>Coffee Night</i>			Social
29	Sandstone Point to Beachmere	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	D/W
November				
6	Coomera Circuit			D/W
6	Fountain Falls	Matthew Palmer	3876 8125	D/W
19-20	Koreelah National Park			B/C
21	Meeting			
26	Gold Creek Reservoir	Robyn Jones	3267 7377	D/W
December				
3	Xmas Party			Social
9-11	Yamahra Creek (Mt Barney)	Justin Tobin	3366 3193	B/C
19	Meeting			
26	Boxing Day Walk			

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		2. Terrain		3. Fitness	
Short	Under 10km per day	1-3	<u>Graded or open terrain.</u> No scrub	1-3	<u>Easy.</u> Suitable for beginners
Medium	10-15km per day	4-7	<u>Bush.</u> Minor scrub rainforest, rock creek Rock hopping, scrambling	4-7	<u>Medium.</u> Reasonable fitness required.
Long	15-20 km per day		<u>Bush.</u> As Above+ thick		
EXtra	Over 20 km per day	8-10	scrub, major rock scrambling using hands, technical	8-10	<u>Hard</u> Strenuous, fit walkers required.
Long					

Club Web Address: www.geocities.com/briscathbushclub/
email: briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au

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

FATHER FRANK MOYNIHAN**By Pat Lawton****1929 – 21/8/2005**

20 years ago our Club celebrated the 25th Anniversary of our Annual Mt. Barney Mass. As many past and present members were expected to attend, and as the climb up the mountain would be too strenuous for many, it was decided that for the 25th anniversary the celebration would take place at the base of Mt Barney.

Fr. Frank Moynihan was our Celebrant for that milestone in the Club's history.

The Mass site chosen was a lovely spot a short way up on the grassy slopes leading to South East Ridge. The mass actually began at the gate and grid just before the causeway over Barney Creek. 150 were present and most walked from the car park to that location. The Entrance Hymn and Opening Prayers took place there and then in procession all marched over the causeway and wound their way up the ridge to the Mass site. It was indeed a wonderful sight and experience to see and hear many people singing their hearts out.

As I said, Fr. Frank Moynihan was our Celebrant for this Mass.

Fr. Frank always had great admiration for our Club. He himself was very much a bushwalker; however his heavy workload prevented him from getting away. Many of his holidays were taken at O'Reilley's, where he loved to get out and walk all the tracks. Fr. Was particular about many things and that included having polished shoes. Once at O'Reilly's he forgot his shoe polish. His shoes were black and the only polish that could be found was brown – and brown he used – having polished shoes was more important than the colour!

Father also celebrated several of our Annual Masses at St. Stephens Cathedral and on a couple of occasions he wrote an article about the club for the "Catholic Leader".

Fr. Frank began his studies for the Priesthood when he was 24 and was ordained in 1959. In 1976 he was appointed Administrator of the Cathedral, a position he held for 17 years. Father usually celebrated the 7:30p.m. Sunday mass and as that was the Mass usually attended by B.C.B.C members after a weekend away, he got to know many members and was always interested to know where you had been etc. etc.

Father Moynihan took up the position of Parish Priest at Inala in 1991 and retired from that position last November. Unfortunately, he did not get to enjoy his retirement. Early this year he was diagnosed with a brain tumor and after several months of illness passed away on 21/8/2005.

Father Frank was a kind and gentle man. He was never idle and had very strong work ethics.

I recall one night when I was attending a meeting at the Cathedral. I heard a rustle in the bushes and found a "down and out" settling in for the night. As the gates were usually locked to keep such people out, I told Fr. Moynihan about my find. Father looked at me and said "He is safer there than in the street. I know he is there and now you know, so we'll keep it a secret."

On another occasion at his home at Wynberg a homeless man knocked on the door asking for money. As Wynberg had many such requests he was naturally turned away. The man insisted and said he wanted Fr. Moynihan. It was a cold night and Father made time to see him. He gave him a blanket so he could keep himself warm in New Farm Park.

I'm sure all who knew Father would have many such stories to relate. He loved and cared for all the people he ministered to and he had many stories about those he had met over the years, especially some of the more colourful characters, many of whom he knew by name.

Father was indeed a compassionate, diligent and wonderful person and I'm so pleased to say that I had the honour of knowing him. I attended his Funeral at St Stephen's Cathedral and it was a great farewell to a great man.

*Father Frank Moynihan
Celebrating the Club's 25th
Barney Mass*



PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

The Courier Mail sometimes publishes details of our Outings in the Friday's Great Outdoors. This is of a great advantage to the Club since we do not do too much regular publicity. This means that people unknown to the Club may phone you, the leader, to nominate to you. Please take the person's full name, address and phone number so that we can send the next few Jilalans to them. The contact may become a regular visitor to us. So, please phone our Membership Officer, Robyn Jones, and give her the details of the caller – she then can arrange a Jilalan.

When that person phones you about your Outing, quiz them about their walking ability, past experiences, membership of other clubs and all that to determine if they are capable of doing your Outing. Do not automatically refuse their nomination because you have not seen them walking, nor do not automatically accept the nomination – ask the questions and make up your mind.

When speaking to them on the phone, please be positive to the caller – especially if you decide they are not fit enough to do your Outing – let them down slowly, and remind them there are other Outings for them that meet their ability. Encourage them to attend another Outing in the near future.

Part of leading an Outing (or any other Club event) means that your details may appear in the Courier Mail, and certainly will be on the Club's web page. Jilalan goes out to all members, visitors and people who make contact with the Club over the previous 3 months.

The Club keeps going to be getting new members and it is the contacts & visitors who will become our new members.

Keep walking. Greg E.

ABOUT MEMBERS

To Catherine Simpson – a belated “Happy Birthday”.

Birthday wishes this month to David Auer, David Cory, Jenny Dancer & Rosemary Stafford.

Graham Glasse has just returned from a brief holiday in W.A where he managed to do a bit of walking. Also, Don & Robyn have returned safely from their motorhome tour to central Aus.

A speedy recovery to David Cory who broke his leg during a social football match.



Sketch by Iain Renton

Inquiries, Visitors and New Members

It has been good to see some visitors joining us on some of walks of late. We welcome Rosie O'Brien to the club. Chatting on the track with us she said that she is off to Greece shortly. We look forward to hearing about her trip on her return. Gordana Stanojevic & David O'Connor joined us as visitors at Karawatha & we look forward to seeing them again soon. Other inquiries for July were Ross Holman, Andrew Digby, Graeme Daniel, Robyn Carroll & Anita Bietmann who was to join us at Karawatha but didn't make it as her mother was ill.

A warm welcome is extended to Ha Do, Wayne Forshaw & Steve Ricketts who joined Pat's Alpaca Farm to Canungra Creek walk and Julie Cullen & Ross Holman who took up the challenge of Justin's North Coast Mountains epic. Andrew Voltato, Julie Cullen, Pamela Mitchell & Andrew Greenwood enquired about the club in July.

August also has a long list of inquiries & visitors. Anne Burstow, Thomas Breen, Lindsay Ions, Charmaine Darby, Monica Elliott, Margaret Marshall and Corey Wensor who walked with the club for the Barney Mass. We look forward to seeing these people on the track soon.

Robyn Jones (Membership Officer)

TREASURERS REPORT



<i>Balance 18/07/05</i>	\$1699.60
<u><i>Plus Receipts</i></u>	<u>\$ 443.03</u>
	\$2142.63
<u><i>Less Payments</i></u>	<u>\$ 153.30</u>
<u><i>Balance 18/07/05</i></u>	<u>\$1989.33</u>
<i>Term Deposit</i>	\$1803.63

Terry.

At the conclusion of our August meeting we drew the raffle. This time, for the first time, the two prizes were won by visitors. Congratulations to Steve Ricketts who won 1st prize and to Julie Cullen who 2nd.

Once again, thank you to all those who bought tickets. The good news is that tickets in our next raffle are already selling

well. This time the 1st prize is a Kathmandu black toilet/travel bag and 2nd prize is a black accessory bag.

Letter from the Editor

Computers are not always as efficient as we think they are. If you send to me an article and it does not appear in the magazine, please do not hesitate to give me a phone call or talk to me at a meeting or bushwalk. It is more than likely a fault of the computer/internet rather than my forgetfulness.

Don't forget, you are more than welcome to send the article to me by post.

Once again, many thanks to those for your patience in getting your articles published. Also, many thanks to those who have sent articles for this months magazine.

COMING EVENTS

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

Monday 19th September

Time: 7.30 PM
Location: St Brigid's Parish Hall
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
The Big Brick Church on Top of the Hill
Contact: Greg (3351 4092)
Cost: FREE

Now that the dance classes have moved out, we can arrive earlier and set up the chairs so that the business can start at 7.30pm. Be there or be late.

Come and listen to our leaders talk about their Outings and Socials. Learn what you need to bring, what you need to wear, listen to a description of the route. Ask questions

that will clear up the mystery of what a walk is about. Bring along your photos of recent trips.

Have your input into General Business – the part of the Meeting where the general membership ask the delicate questions that make the Committee sweat, where the secrets are revealed, where you find out what you always wanted to.

Stay for supper, have a biscuit, hang around and talk. Hopefully, the “business” apart of the meeting should be over by 9pm.

Happy walking. Greg E.

**Girraween
Sat 1st - Sun 2nd October
Basecamp**

Leader: Paul Evans (3357 5254)
Meet at: St Brigid’s Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 5:30am SHARP
Cost: \$55:00 approx
Grading: M 2 3
Emerg Off: Cathy Evans
(0412 339 322)

It is hoped to get away early Saturday morning and progress to Stanthorpe. It will be a 2-3 hours trip(approx) and we should be at the National Park by 9am. There are numerous walks in the park: the Pyramid Track /Junction Track /Granite Arch Track, Castle Rock Track, Dr Roberts Waterhole Track and more. There is the option of the Sphinx and Turtle Rock Track and possibly Mt Norman Track. It will be all on tracks in the National Park.

The wildflowers should be out and the granite rocks will be spectacular. Girraween was known as the “meeting place” to the aboriginals. It is certainly a great park to visit. On Saturday night instead of camping

at the park we will be returning to Stanthorpe where we will be staying at the Top Of The Town Caravan Park. There are all levels of accommodation. I have made a booking at this stage for the cabins (approx \$30 per person) and this will be included in the total price above.

That night Stanthorpe is ready to be discovered and the plan is to go out to Anna's Restaurant for great Italian food and wine (not included in the price) we will be in staggering distance from home / no driving.

Sunday is back to the National Park for walks in the morning. We will be back by lunch taking in several wineries for tastings and stocking up on some Queensland wines. It is the plan to be on the highway by 3pm and back in Brisbane by 6 pm.

It should be a great weekend to experience a great part of south Queensland.

Paul Evans

**Wallangarra–Girraween
Fri 30th Sept – Sun 2nd Oct
Throughwalk**

Leader: Iain Renton (3371 4672)
Time: 7:00pm (maybe earlier)
Meet at: TBA
Grade: M 3 4
Cost: \$35:00
Emerg Off: Don Keating (3878 7296 or
0402 043 612)

We’ll drive up on Friday afternoon or evening, camp overnight and then start the walk at Wallangarra. We’ll walk along the Border Fence to West Bald Rock and South Bald Rock. We should have plenty of time to explore this area of impressive granite domes (with lots of interesting rocky bits and all sorts of fascinating nooks and crannies). Our campsite will be near South Bald Rock (hopefully with water available)

where we'll be able to enjoy the sunset in this beautiful and peaceful spot.

The next day we'll walk across through Girraween National Park via Mt. Norman with great views back over our route. There are other interesting possibilities along the way. At the main camping area we'll meet up with the basecampers and somebody will take us back to our car at Wallangarra. Come and join me for a great weekend (which won't be too arduous) in one of the best bushwalking areas around.

Iain.

N.B. I was a bit careless in naming this walk in the planning stage last year. The start is at Wallangarra not Tenterfield.

Mini Ballows Circuit Saturday, 8th October 2005 Daywalk

Leader: Justin Tobin (3366 3193)
Time: 6:30am
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Grade: L 5 5
Cost: \$18:00
Emerg Off: Susan Tobin (3366 3193)

The mini Ballows circuit is an interesting day walk. It takes us to Monserrat Lookout with those great views of Mt. Barney, Focal Peak, the centre point of the volcano which formed the peaks of the Barney region, across Cedar Pass, the head waters of Ballow Creek and up to Durrumlea and Mowburra Peak at the start of the Ballow Range.

Come journey with me on this interesting circuit in the shadows of Mt. Barney.

Justin Tobin

Wynnum to Ransome Sunday 23rd October 2005 Daywalk

Leader: Graham Glasse
(3371 9623)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 8:30am
Grade: M 1 2
Cost: \$3:00 + train fare
Emerg Off: Sam Leonardi (3287 1372)

This activity will begin with a walk around the Wynnum North Reserve Circuit and Mangrove Boardwalk. We shall then walk from Wynnum to Lota along the bikeway on the esplanade. After lunch, we shall cross Lota Creek on the boardwalk and then do a walk on the circuit track in the Brisbane City Council Ransome bushland. This will be followed by a walk through the Lota Melaleuca Environmental Park. We shall then make our way to Lota station and catch the train back to Wynnum.

The final stage is to walk from Wynnum station to the cars, perhaps with coffee on the way. This walk should be a nice mix of seascapes and bushland, and is approximately 12 kilometres in length. (It will also be possible to join the group at Wynnum if that is more convenient).

Graham



**Sandstone Point to Beachmere
Sunday 29th October
Daywalk**

Leader: Pat Lawton (3366 1956)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 7:30am
Cost: \$12:00
Grading: M 4 2
Emerg Off: Sam Leonardi (3287 1372)

This walk will be a little different to our usual bushwalks – just because it is all flat it certainly won't be dull.

Sandstone Point is on the mainland side of the Bribie Island Bridge. We will follow the interesting shoreline with its sandstone cliffs along to Godwin Beach for morning tea. At this point we will leave civilisation behind and head off into the wilds of the mangroves before emerging on to an isolated beach north of Beachmere for lunch.

The walk will finish mid afternoon at Beachmere. The walk is full of variety and as I said totally different to our usual walks.

Hopefully the tides will be okay, however you may (or may not) get wet feet – so be prepared.

Come along with me and enjoy a bit of fun on a lovely walk – total distance approx. 13 klms. There will be a car shuffle involved with the walk. Pat

COMING SOCIALS

**Mary Valley Rattler & Kenilworth
Sunday, 18th September
Daywalk**



Contact: Justin Tobin (3366 3193)
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 7:00am
Cost: \$45:00

Come and ride The Rattler – a fully restored 1920's steam locomotive. We will travel through the Mary Valley from Gympie to Imbil. A 40 km journey passing through the small towns of Dagon, Amamoor and Kandanga.

From Imbil we'll drive over to Kenilworth for a bar-b-que lunch in the park. While the sausages are cooking you can visit the cheese factory across the road or play on the swings with Mary.

After lunch it's a tour of the Scarecrows scattered around town for the annual Scarecrow and Limerick festival. Yes, you can vote for your favourite. From here it is home down the Blackall Range, stopping for coffee along the way.

Bookings are needed for the train so nominate as soon as you can please.

Justin

PROGRESSIVE DINNER**Saturday October 15th**

Organiser: Greg Endicott (3351 4092)
Start: 96 Buckingham St
 St John's Wood
 (Patricia Funnell's House
 @ Ashgrove West)
Time: 5:30pm
Cost: \$20:00
Bring: Plate, Bowl, Cutlery, Tea
 Towel & a chair
Last minute: Patricia Funnell
Contact (33666767)

**All food is provided. Tea & coffee
 provided but not alcohol**

The term "Progressive Dinner" signifies that you move about while eating – which is correct, but does not sound too healthy.

We arrive about 5.30pm at St John's Wood where we meet and greet. Have some nibbles and something to drink. Talk to everyone, make welcome our newer friends. Start to unwind and relax after a big week at work.

If you want to car pool, arrange it here with a few friends, but remember you will have to come back to the start to pick up the car at the end of the night – but car pooling is a good idea anyway.

Then head off to the next location for main course. This is where you will really need your plates and fork. Sample the variety of casseroles, stews and lasagnes. Our expert chefs have provided grand fare just for your gastronomic pleasure.

Stay and talk, have a second helping, talk to old friends. Listen to the stories being told by others. Add your colour to the night. I think we should be here for one and a half hours or so, before moving onto desert.

At desert be prepared to test your taste buds. Try out our little treats. Saver our delights. Pamper your taste buds. If you

thought the cakes and cheesecakes at coffee nights were beautiful, wait for this.

Remember, start at St John's Wood. Only phone Patricia on the night itself if you are running late and want someone to wait. Nominate to Greg. Car pooling would be a good idea. Pick up your friends from home and come already "pooled". Bring your own plates, bowls, mug, glass, knife, fork, spoon and tea towel. You will wash up your own things before departing to the next course. Bring a chair as no one has 30 spare ones around the house. We may ask one or two people to stay behind at each house to clean up and wash up. Alcohol is not provided.

Drink responsibly – do not drink and drive.

Have a good time.

COFFEE NIGHT**Wednesday 28th September**

Where: Merthyr Bowls Club
Location: Oxlade Drive
 New Farm
Time: 7:30pm for Coffee & Cakes
Contact: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092

This is a lovely spot for a coffee and cake – right beside the river on a balmy spring night – you couldn't ask for anything more. The breeze blows off the river over the greens where the table and chairs are placed. You overlook the other side of the river, with its lights reflecting from the mirror-like river surface.

There is plenty of parking and it is well lit. Park in the grounds, or if full, in the street outside.

The bowls club caters for the dinner crowd or those just wanting coffee and conversation. Come along for a memorable night.

See you there. Greg.

PAST SOCIALS

COFFEE NIGHT AT ASHGROVE

Thirteen of us gathered at Café Bello on Waterworks Rd at Ashgrove on Wednesday 24th August. We had a loooong table to ourselves down the back – this way we could carry on and not disturb anyone. No really, as our numbers increased, we needed more room and the back was the biggest area.

We ordered, we talked, we ate, we talked some more, we drank and we talked even more. We even got complementary raisin toast from the management. It was good to see some of the not-so-regular members and visitors. It was good to catch up with people, since I do not do so much walking these days.

Thanks all for coming: Liz Little, Mary Nolan, Ben Larkin, Justin, Susan, Mary, Michael Simpson, Therese Abernathy, Bernard Ivers, Terry Silk, Patricia Mackie, Pat Lawton and the one or two I have forgotten since I didn't write down the names.

PAST OUTINGS

Kin Kin Noosa Trail 3 Saturday 2nd July

Nine intrepid explorers took part in the inaugural BCBC Kin Kin Noosa Trail 3 walk. (I had up to 15 nominees, but they gradually whittled down as the day got nearer). After a lengthy period of rain in the days beforehand, we were fortunate to have a fine day for the actual walk. It was also pleasant to find that underfoot the land was reasonably dry and the sun shone on us throughout the day. This walk starts near the Woondum State Forest and although the early morning mist meant we missed the views from the James McKane Memorial Lookout, for the rest of the day we had plenty of clear views.

We made good time and were therefore able to relax for lunch at the Johnston's Lookout, where the handy-people amongst us were not able to overcome the lack of a washer and we had to see water running out of the rainwater tank. Sticks etc do not work the same!

A special mention is needed of our Environmental Samaritan, Louise Leonardi, who collected up a day bag of broken bottles to take back to Brisbane to recycle. The weight alone meant she must be in training for a through walk!

This 17.5km walk is a good way to appreciate the countryside around Kin Kin as it is a mixture of walking through forest, paddocks, country roads; with quite a few hills (fortunately most of the track for these was down hill) and lots of undulating countryside. It also passes through cow and horse paddocks as well as areas where there were lots of wildflowers and some birdlife.

Many thanks to Michael Simpson who drove and thanks to all who came along on

this walk. Also thanks to Majella Deegan for being emergency officer.

Cheers, Jean

Karawatha Forest Wildflower Walk Sunday 14th August

It was a lovely day as 3 cars left Red Hill to head for Karawatha. South side members Jenny Dance, Rosie O'Brien, and Mary Naughton met us at the entrance of Karawatha. In Graham's car were Viv & Cheryl with a visitor for the day David O'Connor who has recently moved to Brisbane. Terry & Terese travelled out with the Tobin family so we had Mary to skip along and entertain us during the walk. Louise Rooney & Gordana Stanojevic, another visitor, travelled out with me.

As we left the cars we walked past purple Hovea (Sarsparilla Bush) breaking into flower. We headed off on the Ironbark Circuit and moved across to the Rocks circuit. As we walked along we saw Hardenbergia violacea (native Sarsparilla) and large areas of Forest Boronia (Boronia rosmarinifolia). As we walked along the gentle ridge we had glimpses of urban sprawl through the trees. We stopped after climbing stairs across a large granite outcrop to identify the distant suburbs. We were starting to see several varieties of wattle (*Acacia complanata*, *A. concurrens*, *A. fimbriata*, & *A. ulicifolia*) as we moved along. Other flashes of yellow proved to be Golden Glory Pea (*Gompholobium*) or Bush Pea (*Pultenaeca petiolaris*) and *Daviesia umbellata*. Morning tea was called a short distance further on with a rocky outlook & picnic tables before we left the Rock circuit and moved down the Echidna trail.

Here we found *Lomandra* (mat rush) in flower and a small clump of *Patersonia sericea* flowering amongst the granite boulders. As we moved downwards to the

creek we also saw a large clump of grass trees (*Xanthorrhoea*) with full flowering spikes. These flowers were soaked in water by the aboriginal people to produce a thick drink. The resin from these grass trees was warmed and used as glue or water proofing dillies. Sixty years ago this area was filled with ferns & called fern gully with native clematis growing near the creek. Maybe we were here at the wrong time of year or perhaps lack of rain has impacted as few ferns remain at the moment, although we could see vines hanging over the creek. We left Echidna trail & moved onto the Casuarina Track and climbed upwards to the reservoir seeing more black wattles and *Westringia* identified by Jenny. The reservoir is not used as it has concrete canker because the mix was not correct at the time of building. We moved along the well named Casuarina track with both male & female trees showing flowers then turned onto the Maculata Track. *E. Maculata* is the botanical name for spotted gum. As we walked along this track we saw in the understorey red grevilleas flowering, hybridised varieties reintroduced by the birds. We then turned onto the Hakea Track and headed to the lagoon for lunch. The lagoon surrounded by reeds with its tannin dark waters reflected the tall *Melaleuca* nearby. The more boggy soil here grows a large area of Wild May (*Leptosperum*) which was just coming into bud.

After lunch we returned along the Hakea Track to continue along the Maculata Track until we came to the Brushtail Track. This led us along behind the houses that border the park and it was sad to see the litter and waste that was just thrown over the fence. We then followed along the fence boundary until we returned to the car park. Sadly I had not checked the area out for coffee shops so we said goodbye to our south side members & returned to Red Hill. A big thankyou to the drivers and Terry for collecting money. Thanks to everyone for their company as we walked Karawatha – a place of memories & old photos in my

mother's album. An area walked by 4 generations of my family.

Robyn Jones



Sketch by Iain Renton

Dave's Creek Circuit Sunday 28th July

Dedicated was this bunch of walkers.

Appreciation was what we showed to Iain and Michael when they boiled the billy at morning tea.

Variable was the vegetation we walked through – montane heath, dry sclerophyll and rainforest.

Eva was the youngest walker who had no trouble with the challenge.

Surprised was how Liz felt when the lunch stop turned into a party.

Cones were what Phil filled with strawberries, cream, ice cream, sprinkles and topping.

Really lucky was how we felt when the threatening clouds didn't result in rain.

Everyone was who enjoyed Louise's delicious coconut pie at morning tea.

Earlier than we really needed to was when we set out.

Keeping warm was hard to do in the cave at morning tea.

Confidently was how James and David approached the walk.

Intimidated was how the paddy melons felt when we approached them on the track.

Rest was what we didn't do after the party.

Carefully was how Jean, Therese, Michael, Greg and Phil drove on the mountain road.

Unusual was how it seemed to see busy Mary on a walk.

Incinerated was the state of the Binna Burra coffee shop.

Tired (but happy) was how we felt at the end of the walk.

Amazing were the views on this walk.

Numinbah was the name of the lookout and the valley.

Dry ice was what Greg used to keep the ice cream frozen in his pack until lunchtime.

Party hats were how we kept the celebrations going on the walk back to Binna Burra.

Alternative was the track Jeffery chose for the last two kilometres back.

Rock was what Stephen put in Lucy and Sarah's pack.

Trusty tail end Charlie was the job performed by Terry.

Yellow was the colour of the wildflowers that lined the track – as well as white and purple.

M.B.S

Which club member might possibly be lost in the Desert? Perhaps they have the same name!

Other Items of Interest

Bushwalking Membership Classification

Dear Fellow Members

I am gathering information regarding members' viewpoints on the classification we have in our club for members and the associated roles members might have in the club. I would like to collate all the viewpoints with some of the reasons why these views might be held.

Anonymity in my final collation of members concerns, thoughts, fears and feelings is assured! My purpose for this exercise is to explore some possible alternatives (if this is possible) for membership that might be acceptable and inoffensive to all members.

Please send your thoughts to me by letter or email.

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Thanking you in anticipation for your responses,
God Bless
Patricia

FIRST AID TRAINING SATURDAY 05/11/2005

Contact: Paul Evans (3357 5254)
Location: 1/3 Amy Street
Albion
Time: 9:00am – 2:00pm
Cost: \$110:00

National Institute Continuing Education
First Aid Certificate given notes to be supplied.

The aim of the course is to have as many people as possible with a First Aid Certificate in the club/ especially leaders of walks. There are already members who have certificates due to work requirements. The course is accredited and is current for 3 years.

I would encourage everyone to consider updating their First Aid through the club.

A note from the Editor.....

Please forward your magazine articles by the **1st of the month**. You may forward your articles to either:

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**“The Lord delights in those... who
put their hope in his unfailing love.”**

Psalm 147:11

*Yours in Christ
Louise Leonardi*