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# Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club



## MONTHLY CIRCULAR

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Monthly General Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month in the Temperance Hall, Canberra Hotel (Edward St. entrance). The next meeting will be held on Monday 20th. April at 7.30p.m. Visitors welcome.

### OFFICE BEARERS

CHAPLAIN	Rev. Fr. M. Keohane	O.M.I.	6 4422
PRESIDENT	Paul Skehan	Ex.314	31 0201
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GENERAL SECRETARY			
OUTINGS SECRETARY	Larry Corkran		36 4326
TREASURER	Gavin Clancy		48 5391
SOCIAL SECRETARY	Kathleen Vingoe		48 6178
S & T OFFICER	John Walker		81 5009

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Leon Buchanan	49 1109	Bernice Caffery	66 9544
Laurie Kearney	-	Denise Thompson	-
EQUIPMENT HIRE -		Larry Corkran	36 4326
EMERGENCY OFFICER -		Kevin Herlihy	39 2309

NOTE:- Where a party is overdue, the onus is on parents to telephone the Emergency Officer if they are concerned over their son/daughter's safety. Please do not ring before 9.0p.m. at the earliest.

EDITORIAL

by Denise Thompson

During the past twelve months, members have become more and more lax with regard to lodging nominations for Club functions.

It is necessary that nominations for Club walks, whether day walks or weekend walks, be in the hands of the Outings Secretary at the latest by the Monday before the intended walk. If this is not done it is impossible for the Outings Secretary to know how many people will be attending the trip. Transport for Club trips is provided either by bus, if there are sufficient numbers attending the trip, or by private transport. The Outings Secretary is not a mind reader and cannot provide transport if he doesn't know you are coming.

There are also a number of members in the Club who nominate for outings and socials but never turn up. This is the height of bad manners. Members should not nominate for outings or socials unless they are, at the time, sure they will be able to attend. It is realised that unforeseen circumstances can occur, but it is expected that you advise the Club if you are unable to attend. Etiquette provides that once an engagement is made no other invitation should be accepted. The members are the Club and you should have pride in your club and not treat it like an old shoe that can be abandoned when something else comes up. A number of the Socials held by the Club require bookings to be made in advance and the exact number attending must be known and paid for in advance.

The Club's Annual Mass is to be held on Saturday 16th. May. This is a very important event in the Club's year and all members are requested to make every effort to attend. It is hoped to be able to hold a Dinner Dance after the Mass, however unless all nominations are in the hands of the Social Secretary by the April meeting, the function will not be able to be held. This is the

first time the Club has endeavoured to hold such a function and if there are sufficient people wishing to attend, it will be an excellent evening.

In view of the difficulties being experienced with late nominations, cancelled nominations and non-advice of cancellations, this Committee recommends that the incoming Committee insist on written nominations for all outings and socials to be accompanied by the nomination fee.

Probably all of us have been guilty at some time of laxity in regard to these matters, so let's all pull our socks up and make the Outings and Social Secretaries' jobs a whole lot easier.

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Your attention is drawn to the NOMINATION FORM herein for the election of a new Committee. Nominations must be in the hands of the Committee by 10th. April - late nominations not accepted.

Don't put your name down as a candidate if you are not prepared to pull your weight. There's little glamour attached to a Committee position and there's a lot of work, so give the matter some careful thought.

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CLUB CALENDAR:

SATURDAY 14TH. MARCH	Concert Dress Rehearsal
SUNDAY 15TH. MARCH	Concert Rehearsal
MONDAY 16TH. MARCH	General Meeting
FRIDAY 20TH. MARCH	Concert All Saints Hall
WEEKEND 21/22 MARCH	Federation Track Clearing
SUNDAY 5TH. APRIL	Day Walk - Mount Wongawallan
SATURDAY 11TH. APRIL	Social - Captain Cook Night
WEEKEND 17/19TH. APRIL	Base Camp/Throughwalk - Spicer' Gap Federation Track Clearing
MONDAY 20TH. APRIL	Annual General Meeting
SUNDAY 26TH. APRIL	Day Walk - Mount May
WEEKEND 1/4TH MAY	Base Camp - Wyberba
SATURDAY 9TH. MAY	Social
SATURDAY 16TH. MAY	Annual Mass
MONDAY 18TH. MAY	General Meeting
WEEKEND 22/24TH. MAY	Base Camp/Throughwalk - Mt. Ballow
SUNDAY 31ST. MAY	Corpus Christi Procession
SUNDAY 7TH. JUNE	Day Walk - Mount Alexander
WEEKEND 12/15TH. JUNE	Base Camp/Throughwalk - Tweed Pinnacle

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COMING EVENTS IN DETAIL:SATURDAY 14TH MARCH - DRESS REHEARSAL FOR CONCERT:

This is a reminder notice for those involved in the production of the concert. Rehearsal starts at 12.00 noon in the All Saints Hall, Ann Street. It is most important that all members taking part in the concert endeavour to attend this rehearsal - on time.

This is also a warning to those who are not taking part in the concert. Anyone caught attempting to obtain a sneak preview can expect to be subjected to the full wrath of the Producer.

MONDAY 16TH. MARCH - GENERAL MEETING:

Business of the meeting will include calling for nominations for the position of General Secretary. Nominations will be called for from the floor of the meeting, notice to this effect having been given at the last General Meeting. Nominations will also be called for the position of Outings Secretary, notice of the vacancy of this position hereby being given.

Slides will be the feature of the meeting.

FRIDAY 20TH. MARCH - ANNUAL CONCERT:

Venue - All Saint's Hall, Ann Street, & Wickham Tce.  
Time - 8.0p.m. sharp.

Concert time comes but once a year and each year there is but one performance. You simply cannot afford to mark the evening of Friday 20th. March for anything but the Bushwalkers' Annual Concert.

Remember too that the Hall is big enough to seat your family and friends as well, so help keep up the tradition of making the Concert a great ~~get-together~~ of families and friends. Price - adults 70¢ - Children 10¢.

WEEKEND 21/22ND. MARCH - FEDERATION TRACK CLEARING:

The weekend after the concert is one of four during the year which the Clubs of Federation have agreed to keep free for the resumption of the track clearing programme.

The track clearing is part of a programme of co-operation with the Forestry Department to help keep bushwalking areas in their natural condition.

Those wishing to help in the work should form themselves into small private parties (for transport) and contact Madonna Stratford for full details.

SUNDAY 5TH. APRIL - DAY WALK - MOUNT WONGAWALLAN:

Leader- Madonna Stratford Time- 9.00a.m.  
Nominations- Monday 30th. March Fare- \$2.00  
Departs- North Quay (behind Supreme Courts).  
Emergency Officer- (39.2309) Kevin Herlihy

Mount Wongawallan is on the northern end of the Tamborine complex and has made a popular day-walk on previous occasions. While not a spectacular walk, it is extremely pleasant and April usually provides perfect walking weather.

This will be the second last trip of the Club year and so one of the last chances to increase your score for the year. At the same time you can find out all about the mountain with that intriguing name.

SATURDAY 11TH. APRIL - CAPTAIN COOK NIGHT:

It was on the 29th. of April, 1770, that Captain Cook first set foot on Australian soil and it is fitting that two hundred years later in that same month, our Bushwalking Club to whose members our country means so much, should be celebrating this first landing on our shores.

Kath Vingoe has again offered home for this social and her address is 31 Blomfield Street, Moorooka. Festivities will commence at 7.30p.m. and admission which covers the cost of supper is 80¢. Costumes are to be worn and if you are lucky you might even be presented to Captain Cook!

WEEKEND 17/19TH. APRIL - FEDERATION TRACK CLEARING:

A basecamp and throughwalk at Spicer's Gap was originally planned for this weekend. So far no one is prepared to lead either walk, so chances of its coming off are not high.

There is also a Federation Track Clearing activity planned for this weekend, so keep this in mind as the time approaches. Details of this are not final but Madonna Stratford (36.4184) can give you the latest information.

SATURDAY 16TH. MAY - ANNUAL CLUB MASS AND DINNER:

It had been planned to hold our Annual Mass on Saturday evening 16th. May, to be followed by a Dinner-Dance, as a change from our previous Sunday Communion Breakfasts.

Although a suitable venue was tentatively booked, some difficulty has arisen which may cause us to cancel the function for Saturday night and revert to the Sunday Mass and Communion Breakfast on the 17th. May. In either case nominations will be required by the Social Secretary no later than the April General Meeting by which time the matter will have been resolved.

If you nominate for the function and don't turn up, you will still be charged the full amount as a specified number will have to be catered for.

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THE SHORT CUT TO HOBART:

(or how to succeed in getting a stiff back and sore feet without really trying.)

by Peter Herzog

Well it all started when I was studying the Tasmanian map and saw a straight line to Hobart via Cradle Mountain National Park. Hours later you could recognize me in a big supermarket in Devonport buying huge quantities of food, and around noon, people turned their heads to look at a guy carrying a huge pack through the main street. I started hitch-hiking, and about two hours later I found myself in a place called North Matton, - not exactly where I should have been. A kind driver set me on the right track and I set up camp outside Wilmot near the National Park. The night was very busy since hundreds of rabbits tried to visit me.

In the morning I reached Waldheim with the help of a last lift and ten miles of walking. I lost no time and proceeded right to the bottom of Cradle Mountain. It was a very sunny afternoon but I decided to climb the peak early in the morning to see the sun rise. The night was cold and when I woke up mist covered the whole place, - I turned over and slept for a few more hours. Well who gets up early? Anyway around 8.0a.m. I was fighting for the last yards to the peak. The view was cloud and it was bitterly cold. I made my way down and had to keep rubbing my fingers to keep them warm. In the base-camp again, I packed everything and after a brief meeting with two other boys I was off towards Windermere hut. The weather cleared and I had to hold myself back from climbing Barn Bluff as well. The track is very swampy in parts and I was really glad to see Windermere hut. It is situated on a beautiful lake and is one of those places where you could spend a week, however it seemed to be an unlucky place for me. I went knee-deep into a swamp and right after that I had my first meeting with a snake. To top it all I lost my map. Despite all this I set off again early in the morning. The way leads through a



a place called "Pineforrest Moor." I wished there could have been more pines; moor and swamp were plentiful, I was just about to approach one of the many clear, unnamed lakes when the cloud cover lifted and peak after peak appeared. If you want to know all the names, just look on a map. I couldn't tell you. I searched my mind to give the lake a name but finally I named it "Lake 59". Why? Well the last one was Lake 58! I staggered along the moor and despite all the efforts to keep dry feet, sooner or later they get wet. However a veteran of Running Creek and Obi-Obi Gorge takes this as one of the happy things in the life of a bushwalker.

Finally the track improved and I reached Pelion hut, from where the track is like a real highway with proper bridges. I made very good time although it was uphill and reached the saddle between Mount Ossa and Pelion East. It was beautiful sunshine and only the late hour held me back from climbing Mount Ossa. So I walked on towards Kia-ora hut thinking about the evening meal. It finally turned out to be a dinner by candlelight for one.

Menu:- Entree - Tea citron (lemon)  
Mushroom soup  
Rice - special Mount Ossa (boiled in billy)  
Corned beef GI (fried in dirty pan)  
Fresh passion-fruit (fresh out of can)  
Wine - Chateau neuf de Pape - 1959

Least bother was the wine since there was plenty of water in the creek and I have a good imagination.

Next morning I turned my steps backwards to Mount Ossa. It was a long long way, but not hard to climb - except if you follow me and climb the wrong peak first. The view was breathtaking - peaks all around me - and the quietness. I enjoyed a small can of fruit salad and a cup of tea and it tasted like a million up there. On the way back I tried to be smart and went down another way, crossing the snow field on top which was nearly six feet deep, and headed for the lake at the bottom. After about an hour I was involved in a furious scunge bash and another

hour later I had to admit I was lost in the scrub. I was crossing swamps and battling through forrests to find the track again. I stirred up quite a few animals and a snake I saw didn't make me feel any easier. Finally I climbed a high tree and saw the track only two hundred yards away. After a heartfelt prayer of thanks I set a new record climbing down trees. After such a day I finally had a good nights rest in the Du Cane hut. The following day I had in mind to make an effort to reach Cynthia Bay, the end of the trip. I judged the distance eighteen to twenty miles. First I visited the D'Alton and Fergusson falls. I had to drop right down to the bottom of the gorge, the falls are really **big**. The D'Alton falls are nearly 100 yards and the Fergusson are about 15 yards wide. The whole air is full of water dust. The climbing up back to the track is another story. The way leads through open forest - gentle going up to Du Cane gap. From there it's all downhill. I had another encounter with a snake on the track and I had to really stir her up to leave me pass. None of the snakes I saw looked really dangerous - perhaps I was not good looking enough to be considered as a bite. Finally after a real swinging time on a hanging bridge I reached Lake St. Clair. I thought it would be just a hop to reach my final goal but the going was up and down, passing countless creeks and climbing over fallen trees. Even the animals along the way couldn't brighten me up much. It was nearly dark when I finally more crawled than walked into Cynthia Bay. There I found out that I had made twenty-five miles that day. Well, the way to Hobart, riding in a big Valiant was much easier.

Question Time: Why call this a short-cut? Well for me it is always a short-cut when I can avoid work for awhile.

Would you advertise the trip? I recommend it and I think any average walker would be able to do it. You don't have to climb any peaks if you don't like. My final comment - It's a really great experience and I wouldn't have missed it for anything.

LAST MONTH'S TRIPS:

The Roving Basecamp to the mountains of the North Coast was attended disappointingly by only eleven members. Friday night was spent camped on the verandah of a deserted farmhouse near Pomona, permission having been obtained beforehand from the owner. The greatest drawback apparently to camping on this spot was the belief that the farmhouse was haunted. However all survived and Saturday was spent climbing Mount Cooroora (near Pomona); the more strenuous Mount Cooroy (near Cooroy) - this entailed a great deal of scunge bashing and Mount Ninderry, (near Yandina). All these mountains afforded extensive views of the lovely North Coast hinterland.

The "Rovers" moved on to camp on Saturday night at Yaroomba beach, Coolum. Sunday was spent in climbing Mount Coolum, where some interesting caves were discovered. A short visit to Noosa National Park and a swim at Coolum completed the day. The party arrived back in Brisbane in good time to attend Mass at Toowong.

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The Mount Misery Day Walk was attended by sixteen members. The walk commenced north of Canungra and the party climbed the ridge to the 1,732 ft. peak without any difficulty, although some scunge was encountered. Some time was spent at Canungra Creek before returning to Brisbane.

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CLUB NEWS AND VIEWS:

February General Meeting: As a departure from our usual slide showings, excellent movies were presented showing the Mount Beauty area in Victoria and different aspects of life in Melbourne.

An auction was held in which a great many unclaimed articles and lost property were disposed of, some members bidding higher than the article was originally worth.

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Paul Wijngaarden has announced his resignation as General Secretary, due to his recent transfer to Emerald. Nominations to fill this position will be called for from the floor of the meeting.

Notice is hereby given of a vacancy for the position of Outings Secretary, due to the resignation of Larry Corkran. Nominations will also be called to fill this position.

Please keep in mind that should either or both of the above positions be filled at the March meeting, it will only be for the duration of the month as the election of a new committee will take place at the Annual General Meeting in April.

Congratulations to the following who have satisfied the requirements for Ordinary Membership. -  
Christine Sinclair, Donna Ransom, John Raadschelders.

Change of address for Anne Davis to:-  
Flat 14, 7 Wakefield Street, Kent-town, 5067.  
ADELAIDE.

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BUSHWALKER'S CASEBOOK:

Paul Wijngaarden recently transferred to the Commonwealth Bank at Emerald. Plenty of scope for visiting those caves at Mount Etna now Paul!

There is a rumour going around that Pat Lawton bought some arsenic for Madonna.

Sorry to hear that Madonna has not been feeling well lately. She is on sick leave and has (according to Pat Lawton) gone to stay with her sister in Sydney.

Popular sport within the Club at the moment is canoeing and recently a dozen or so devotees tried their skill on the Noosa River.

Tasmanian Trippers report having spent \$70.00 on food in the Cash and Carry - in an hour. Most of the food apparently later being eaten by a Super Possum, with a fair share going to Denise, who became known as "the bottomless pit."

Make sure Luigi (Greg Gilby) takes his chef's cap on future walks and you won't have any cooking worries. He might even be persuaded to give you some of his handy hints, girls.

Judith C. after a visit to the Hobart Laundrymat has announced that the "in" colour this season for ladies garments is the delicate shade of grey. Judith has offered to model these garments.

Instead of sea-sick tablets or a walk around the deck while on a sea-voyage, the Tasmanian Trippers recommend a cosack dance on the top deck in time with the pitch of the ship.

Sorry to hear that Larry had an accident with his car on his way home from Tassie.

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NOTICESFOR SALE:

One Portable Primus Two burner stove  
One Barbecue Plate for Stove  
One Cylinder 2½ lbs. for Stove  
One Lamp for night cooking

BARGAIN - \$35.00

please contact Denise Thompson.

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DON'T MISS THE GRAND CONCERT on Friday March 20th.

Come and see our budding ballerina's (male) perform in their own inimitable style. Then of course there are sketches, and a play, all performed with their usual superb artistry. And the singing - it has to be heard to be believed!

THIS IS ONE SOCIAL YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS.

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NEW MEMBERS - VISITORS:

Did you know that the Club has for hire tents and packs? Don't be reluctant to try the camping trips merely because you do not have these items. Rather contact the Outings Secretary, or any member of the Committee and arrange hire of the equipment at the time you nominate.

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NOMINATION FORM

In terms of Section 21 of the Constitution, nominations are hereby invited for the positions comprising General Committee.

Nominations must be in writing on this form, signed by nominator, seconder and nominee, all of whom must be financial ordinary members of the Club as at 31st. March, 1970. Nominations are to be in the hands of the Committee by 10th. April.

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE</u>	<u>SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR</u>	<u>SIGNATURE OF SECONDER</u>
President			
Vice President			
General Secretary			
Outings Secretary			
Treasurer			
Social Secretary			
S & T Officer			
General Committee	1		
	2		
	3		
	4		
Auditor			

WANTED: Typists to help type the Annual Report.  
Would you please give your names to  
Bernice Caffery or Denise Thompson.