

Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club



MONTHLY CIRCULAR

UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR LADY OF THE WAY

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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

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Laurie Kearney	-	Denise Thompson	33 9523
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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 Gavin Clancy

It is Election time again and I'm not talking about the Council elections. They are over.

Ours are still to come and for us they are every bit as important because those who are elected have the responsibility of running the Club in the next twelve months.

How well the Club is run depends on who is elected. Who is elected depends on who is nominated and for what position. Who is nominated depends on you, the member.

Have you given any thought as to who should be President? Vice-President? Secretary? Outings Secretary? Treasurer? Social Secretary? S. & T. Officer? or plain ordinary Committee or Social Committee? Have you thought that perhaps you could fill one of these positions and not merely fill it, but fill it with distinction?

Because what this Club needs more than ever before is dedicated service and enthusiasm; dedicated service not only on Committee but also as an ordinary member. Yes, and enthusiasm too.

Over the past year you, the members (with some exceptions) have not made it very easy for the present Committee; you have not pulled your weight as you should. Whether this was from ignorance on your part as to what was required of you, or whether there was any actual ill-will towards the Club, is known only to you.

Let me say, and quite plainly, that you should nominate in writing for trips; that you should pay before the trip and with your nomination. This applies not only to trips but to socials also. Don't just "turn up" and hope that our charity will cover a

multitude of your sins. And worse - don't nominate and then fail to turn up without letting anybody know.

Am I being hard on you, the general member? By no means. You are only making things more difficult for yourselves because you make it so hard for Committee to ~~organise trips and socials for you.~~

Resolve that not only will you see to it that you elect the best possible Committee for 1970/71; resolve that you, the general member, will pull your weight and help to make 1970/71 the best year that the Club has ever had.

Any satisfaction you get out of being a Club member will only be in proportion to the effort and interest you put into the Club.



CLUB CALENDAR:

WEEKEND 17/19TH. APRIL Base Camp/Throughwalk - Spicer's
Gap - Federation Track Clear

MONDAY 20TH. APRIL Annual General Meeting

SUNDAY 26TH. APRIL Day Walk - Mount May

WEEKEND 1/4TH MAY Base Camp - Wyberba

SATURDAY 9TH. MAY Social

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

We need not see eye to eye in order
to stand shoulder to shoulder.

COMING EVENTS IN DETAIL:WEEKEND 17/19TH. APRIL - BASE CAMP/THROUGHWALK - SPICER'S PEAK:

<u>Leaders-</u>	Mike Laherty (T.W.)	John Walker (B.C.)
<u>Time</u>	7.0p.m.	<u>Fare-</u> 84.00
<u>Nominations-</u>	Monday 13th. April	<u>Departs-</u> North Quay
<u>Emergency Officer-</u>	(39.2309)	Kevin Herlihy

Spicer's Gap, named after its discoverer Peter Spicer, a convict overseer, was once the main route to the Darling Downs. However politics decreed that the road through this pass should be abandoned in favour of a new road through the somewhat more inaccessible Cunningham's Gap, so the little town of Alphen died and the road through the pass fell into disuse. Today all that remains are a few deserted buildings and an old cemetery.

Spicer's Peak (4,004 ft.) is a double peaked mountain and will be climbed by both Basecampers and through-walkers, with the through-walkers proceeding on to Double-top. The ascent of Spicer's Peak will be made from the Gap side and up either the North or the North-west ridge. Spicer's Peak commands good views of the main range. The campsite will be beside the creek in Spicer's Gap.

MONDAY 20TH. APRIL - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Business of the meeting will be to elect a new General Committee by secret ballot. Following these elections, nominations for the Social Sub-committee will be called from the floor of the meeting. Time permitting it is hoped to feature a short slide showing - an audio-visual, by Pat Lawton. Entitled "The convenience of IT" it is left to the imagination of members to decide what "it" could be.

SUNDAY 26TH. APRIL - DAY WALK - MOUNT MAY

Leader- Greg Gilby Time- 9.00a.m.
Nominations- Monday 20th. April Fare- \$2.00
Departs- North Quay (behind Supreme Courts).
Emergency Officer- (39.2309) Kevin Herlihy

~~Mount May, situated between Mount Maroon and~~
 Mount Bellow is a double peaked mountain rising to 2,700 ft. The usual ascent via. the northern ridge is through open forest. Mount May, a National Park should afford excellent views particularly of Mount Barney. This should be a most rewarding day-walk.

WEEKEND 1/4TH. MAY - BASE CAMP - WYBERBA:

Leader- Time- 7.00p.m.
Nominations- Monday 27th. May Fare- \$5.00
Departs- North Quay (behind Supreme Courts).
Emergency Officer- (39.2309) Kevin Herlihy

Wyberba is situated in what is known as "The Granite Belt" and is justly one of the most popular of our bushwalking areas. Its great granite boulders are in some ways reminiscent of Ayers Rock, and the highest of them, Bald Rock, rises to a height of 4,190 ft. It is not yet known which of the many monoliths we will be climbing but the area with its giant rock slabs, its underground river and balancing rocks affords plenty of scope for all.

It is advisable to put in plenty of warm clothes as it can get very, very cold and sleet is not unknown here in the winter. With a little bit of luck it may even snow!

CANCELLATION OF SOCIAL - CAPTAIN COOK NIGHT:

This Social has once more been cancelled due to the lack of interest of members. Sorry Captain, but it looks as if this isn't your year - as far as the bushwalkers are concerned anyway!

BACK OF GATTON

by Greg Gilbert

* Earlier this year a small party set out to explore Tenthill and Blackfellow Creeks in an area approximately ~~20 miles south of Gatton.~~

Tenthill Creek, reached via Caffey and Mt. Sylvia criss-crosses the road for some distance and disappears under-ground periodically.

At the first gate across the road, a Spanish farming family were helpful in that they said the creek wasn't noted for its scenic views. We followed it along for about three miles to some cattle yards, passing a private sanctuary with the usual signs.

The Cattle-yards are under Mt. Zahel to the east and they mark a junction of Tenthill creek and the end of the road for two-wheel drive vehicles. The area around the creek is mostly open grazing land, however higher up the ranges the scrub gets much thicker. We climbed the right hand side of the valley up steep slopes to Mount Lowe.

Mount Lowe we found, is the top of the range which divides Tenthill Creek and Straight-forward Creek, and if you follow the ridge South, and around the head of Tenthill Creek, you have magnificent views of Mt. Zahel, the Liverpool Range, Mt. Beau Brummel and the Laidley Gap.

The trip around the top and back to our base at the Cattle Yards took approximately four and a half hours. It was a dry walk, but both branches of the creek were running with water.

Following an earlier encounter with barbed-wire, Paul W. decided he should up-date his tetanus injections so we returned to Gatton and the Hospital in the late afternoon.

We set out just before dark to find a campsite on Blackfellow Creek. As long as you ask the permission of the farmers and satisfy them that you aren't carrying a car load of guns, they are very friendly. It also appeared that few, if any, bushwalkers had been up Blackfellow Creek before.

The road is very good as far as Junction View, seven miles from Mount Sylvia and from there, eight miles of dirt road, numerous creek crossings and gates led to a good grassy camp next to the creek and two hundred yards past a two-storey farmhouse. The area by the way has produced some of the fattest and best looking beef cattle I have seen.

Sunday morning we climbed Glen Rock, 2,850 ft. from directly behind our camp and on the east side of the Valley. This rock has some very steep parts and is weathered sandstone so a heavy pack could make climbing tricky. The view from the top is excellent as Glen Rock is part of a short ridge jutting out into the valley and you can see Mount Philp directly north and Mounts Edgar and Haldon on the other side of the valley and the complete headwaters of Blackfellow Creek. This creek has a very good flow and looks as if it could flood badly in the rainy season.

We didn't have time to investigate the Blue Hole on our way back but locals say that it has permanent water, is bottomless and is in a patch of rain-forest up near the top of Straight-forward Creek.

The pathway to civilization is paved with
tin cans.

LAST MONTH'S TRIPS:

The O'Reilly's Through-walk/Base Camp was attended by thirty-six members. Due to the condition of the road after the rain, the bus became bogged a short way from Canungra. As it looked like remaining bogged for some time several members set out at 12.30a.m. (a really early start) to walk to O'Reilly's, a distance of eighteen miles. They arrived footsore and weary, at the Guest house at 8.30a.m. The bus finally turned up at 11.30a.m.

The throughwalk was of course out of the question and Saturday was spent mainly in catching up on lost sleep. However an 18 mile throughwalk before breakfast on Saturday was not a bad week-end's effort. On Sunday some members went on various short walks including Lyre Bird Lookout and Elebana Falls. Father Keohane celebrated the 6.30p.m. Mass in the O'Reilly's chapel.

The Day Walk to Mount Wengawallan had to be cancelled because the low number of nominations (11) didn't warrant chartering a bus and private transport was unavailable.

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.

CLUB NEWS & VIEWS:

Business discussed at the meeting included a motion moved by Paul Skehan "that on future trips where private transport is used, drivers should be reimbursed at the same rate as at present but not pay any nomination fee for the trip except in the case where a camping fee is charged." The motion was carried.

Mike Laherty's motion "that the Club become a financial member of the South Queensland Conversation Council" was carried.

The meeting finished with Kath Vingoe entertaining members with her slides and commentary of her trip to Europe.

Tentative date for the Club's Annual Retreat is the weekend 17th. to 18th. of October.

Congratulations to Greg Gilbert who has satisfied the Club's requirements for ordinary membership.

At the February Committee Meeting it was decided to recommend to the in-coming Committee that nomination forms be a pre-requisite for nomination for Outings and Socials.

The Bible charges us to love our neighbours
and our enemies;
probably because they are usually the
same people.

Chesterton.

BUSHWALKER'S CASEBOOK:

Congratulations to Kathy Boyle and Dermot O'Moore who recently announced their engagement.

Congratulations also to Lyn Boatwright and Greg Gilby who announced their engagement.

Anne Davis home for Easter. Anne is believed to have recently bought a "woosh cylinder" - a kind of jet propelled broomstick.

Twenty-first birthday congratulations to Jan Weston and Bunie Fienberg who both celebrate their "coming of age" this month.

Kath Vingoe to play the part of Rachael Henning in a historical pageant to be performed before the Queen. Kath will explain who Rachael Henning was if you ask her.

Thea Sanders on safari to Central Australia.

After a party of bushwalkers had attended a recent Hibernian Ball, Tony told his milkman that he was getting up early.

Photograph taken recently of Larry in "Hair!"

Pat Lawton has just purchased a black Triumph Thunderbird 650c.c. motor bike and matching jacket after her encounter with bikies over Easter.

Madonna lived it up over Easter. She took a nightie to the Warrumbungles according to Paul Skehan.

Angelino is offering a reward for the capture of his thongs. They were last seen disappearing into the mud on the road to O'Reilly's.

Leon afraid he is going down-hill fast, as he now drinks his coffee black and his whisky straight.