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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 17th August at 7.30p.m. Visitors welcome.

CLUB CALENDAR

7/9th August, 1970	Club Hut	Safety & Training
11/12th August, 1970	Barney Mass	Base Camp
15th August, 1970	Social	Horse Riding
17th August, 1970	General Meeting	
28/30th August, 1970	O'Reilly's	Base Camp
11/13th Sept., 1970	Barney Pilgrimage	Base Camp/ Throughwalk
20th September, 1970	Social	Car Rally
21st September, 1970	General Meeting	
25/26th Sept., 1970	Mt. Moon	Overnight Day- walk
9/11th October, 1970	Goomburra Valley	Base Camp
15th November, 1970	Beau Brummell	Daywalk

OFFICE BEARERS

CHAPLAIN	Rev. Fr. M. Keohane, O.M.I.	
PRESIDENT	Terry Panton	781646
VICE PRESIDENT	Kathleen Vingoe	486178
GENERAL SECRETARY	Denise Thompson,	
OUTINGS SECRETARY	Gavin Clancy	485391
TREASURER	Vacant.	
SOCIAL SECRETARY	Chris Sweeney	974674
S. & T. OFFICER	John Graham	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Brian Hanvin	572488	Rita Dittman	684493
Brian McMahon	913532	Greg Gilby	487675

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 9.00p.m. at the earliest.

Owing to shortage of time this month, the membership list for 1970/71 will not be published until September. As a number of active members have still not paid their subscription for the year, there names can still be included on the membership list if they become financial before September.

The following nominations have been received for position of Treasurer which is to be filled at the August General Meeting. Any further nominations should be sent to the Secretary before the August meeting.

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
Russell Nelson	Peter Gleeson	John Ward
Kathy Graham	Denise Thompson	John Graham

It is advised that the first nomination by Russell Nelson cannot be accepted as Russell is not due to become an Ordinary Member until the next Committee Meeting. The Club thanks you for your interest Russell and hopes that you will keep a position on Committee in mind for the future.

PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

As the newly appointed President, I feel a statement by me on my ideas concerning the Club would be in order. To a great number, I am little more than a name, to some a face and to others a good friend. Thus I feel it is important that you know my attitude towards our Club and its functions.

A very relevant point of discussion within our organisation these days is that concerning active interest in bushwalking. When the Club was first established, the founders' objects were quite clearly expressed in their constitution. These objects are still in our constitution but let us consider how many of us see these aims in their true perspective. They are expressed in five clauses, four of which are concerned directly with the pastime of bushwalking. The last clause encourages social activity among members.

It is my considered opinion that a little too much emphasis has been placed on social activity lately. No one can dispute that the Club owes its existence to bushwalking, and for people who hold precious their experience with nature. However, let me be the first to congratulate Chris on his remarkable and unprecedented work as Social Secretary.

Some suggest that in the intake of new members we are attracting people who are looking for companionship rather than those who wish to share with others the challenge of a hard walk.

No one person can bring our club back to its original spirit of togetherness with the bush. But if we give more thought to the subject with better patronised trips, then we will have the companionship that can only be earned through the shared experience of a good walk. Lets not do away with socials, but rather place more emphasis on the second B of "B.C.B.C."

Terry Panton

PROPOSALS FOR AN IMPROVED CIRCULAR

by Peter Gleeson

The monthly circular has always been the life blood of our club. Even more so than the Monthly General or Committee meetings because it flows out to every member of the club. It carries all the information to get you to the Quay on time; but more importantly it carries news and views which once shared help to unify the club. Everyone in the club wants friends. The circular is unnecessary to unify us in the desire; but friends should know one another and that is where the circular is important. Any contribution to it, even the smallest, helps club members to get to know one another. The circular can be of great benefit to the club if sufficient news about those serious and amusing highlights of trips goes to press. In any case, there's more joy in bushwalking when its shared with friends. Perhaps, if only once, you could share some of those moments to remember with the body of the club who weren't there, by writing a short article, alone or in combination, for the circular.

At the last committee meeting, I suggested that the club's blood was slightly out of order - revealed by a lagging interest in the circular. There was a hum of agreement and John Graham piped up "You've got yourself a job". Now, as editor of the monthly circular, I'm putting my ideas to you on what the circular should be. If you have any ideas please see me, or if you feel more strongly, write a letter to the editor. This brings me to a point about the relationship between the circular and the monthly General Meeting. The circular would be used by anyone to preview any discussion they would like to initiate at a coming General Meeting. It could give the other members a few moments in advance to consider their stand - giving a more representative discussion at the meeting.

Strong encouragement should be found in the circular for new members, and not so new, to take up their packs more often. If enough is written about our daring deeds and cheerful togetherness, on both private and club trips, new members will expect enjoyable company and enjoyable walks and it will be less of a struggle to become an established walker.

The next circular will be coming out in a new format with a new cover. It will be a new easy-to-type size and yes - in the new easy-to-read layout pages will always follow consecutively. Anyone offering to help in the compilation would be heartily welcomed to join the editorial sub-committee. The new circular will include not only a preview of trips but some definite recommendations on how easy they will be and how empty you can afford to leave your water-bottles. Few trips are actually as difficult as they are rumoured to be - an official rating will accompany trip notification in future. On the whole, the new circular will consist of additions to the old one rather than subtractions.

There will be more feature articles of the quality seen in the club's magazine in past years, on any subject remotely or directly related to the thoroughly enjoyable outdoor activity of bushwalking. There will be reports on some of the club's trips which, I hope, will include the type of comment seen until now in the bushwalker's casebook. If anyone has a bright idea about an amusing or serious addition to the circular, pull out your spelling book, dictionary, or whatever and have a lash at writing something. If you would like to share any incidents which occur out on a trip with the rest of the club, let your trip leader know about it so that he can include it in the report.

I hope we'll soon have a more entertaining, lively circular to involve you as much as possible, be you near or far, in the companionship of our club.

COMING EVENTS IN DETAIL:

TUESDAY NIGHT/WEDNESDAY 11/12th AUGUST - BARNEY MASS
Leader - Terry Panton Fare \$2.00
Transport from North Quay (behind Trittons at 7.00p.m.
on Tuesday night.
Emergency Officer - Michael Laherty (97-6303)
Nominations close on Monday 10th August.

First, welcome to Father Hobbs of Bardon, who will be saying Mass on Barney for us this year.

Second, would anyone who is going down on Wednesday morning please let the Outings Secretary know. Even though Father has his own transport, he doesn't know the way and would appreciate a guide.

Third, your co-operation in ensuring an early start (if possible by 8.00a.m.) to the climb up Barney (approximately 3 hours) would be very much appreciated, as Father Hobbs has to be back at Bardon in time to say evening Mass at 5.45p.m.

In view of the bushwalking and spiritual significance of Barney Mass, the fare for this trip has been reduced to two dollars, not three as previously advertised.

Water bottles (of at least pint capacity - preferably larger) are advisable as there is no water flowing past the Saddle Hut (even though water may still be found further up the stream.

WEEKEND 28th/30th AUGUST - BASE CAMP/THROUGHWALK - O'REILLY'S

Leaders - Base Camp - Kath Vingoe Fare \$3.50 including
Throughwalk - Required 50cents camping fee.

Transport from North Quay (behind Trittons) at 7.00p.m.
on Friday night.

Emergency Officer Michael Laherty (97-6303)

Nominations close on Monday 24th August.

For those who have been there, O'Reilly's needs no introduction.

For those new to this area, O'Reilly's is situated, some 75 miles from Brisbane, in Lamington National Park (via Canungra), has an extensive track system (covering the easier walks in the Park), and several off-track walks of greater difficulty (e.g. Commando-Moran's, Lost World, Black Canyon, etc.) than the track walks.

WEEKEND 11/13th SEPTEMBER - BASE CAMP/THROUGHWALK - BARNEY PILGRIMAGE.

Leaders - Base Camp - required Fare \$3.00
Throughwalk - required

Transport - Private

Emergency Officer - Michael Laherty (97-6303)

This is the weekend of the Barney Pilgrimage, when various Clubs in Federation converge on Barney from several directions.

How our Club will climb Barney is not known at this stage, but you may rest assured that it will not be the easy way (up Bushwalkers = Peasants = South-east Ridge; call it what you will).

Club Retreat

The Retreat which it was hoped to hold during August at Booloumba Creek has been cancelled as we have been unable to contact a Priest who would be able to conduct such a Retreat. However, Ave Maria Retreat House has been booked for next February and it is hoped that we will be able to conduct an outdoor Retreat at some later date.

SAFETY & TRAINING"FIRST AID BY BOOK"

1. "Not a soul among us had any medical or first aid knowledge but one lady dug up a first aid book which was some help."
2. "We did not even have a drink of water to give the injured".
3. "It was claimed that the bus carried no first aid kit, water, first aid box."

These are extracts from Brisbane papers on the recent Frazer Island tragedy, where 7 people were killed and 33 injured.

These people **were** not bushwalkers or hikers, they were mainly tourists with their families. Perhaps for this reason there is some excuse, but for any bushwalker to go on a trip without a First Aid Kit, there is no excuse.

For this reason, the Club is providing a large First Aid Kit to be carried on all official club base camps. A smaller kit is being prepared for the throughwalkers.

Safety and Training weekends are also going to be run, they will be spaced throughout the year so that all members, new and old, can attend at least one.

There should be no excuse for members of this club being unprepared.

John Graham

REIMBURSEMENT FOR PREOUTINGS

Reimbursement for preoutings is at the following rates:-

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| (1) Four cylinder cars - | |
| 2 passengers | 4 cents per mile |
| 3 passengers | 5 cents per mile |
| (2) Six cylinder cars - | |
| 3 passengers | 5 cents per mile |
| 4 passengers | 6 cents per mile |

Where a member has used his/her car for a preouting for an official Club trip, he should submit a claim to the Outings Secretary or the Treasurer specifying -

- (a) Mileage
- (b) Type of car
- (c) Trip for which preouting was done

This claim should be signed by the member.

Reimbursement for Club Trips where Official Transport is by Private Vehicles.

Reimbursement will be arranged by the Outings Secretary at monthly Committee Meetings.

Rates are as for preoutings.

Where nomination fees have been paid, these will also be refunded to the drivers concerned.

COMING SOCIALSHORSE RIDING & BAR-BE-CUE

DATE Saturday, 15th August, 1970.

TIME 12.30p.m.

PRICE \$2.00 Transport Private vehicles

MEETING PLACE North Quay (opposite Trittons)

Nominations close 7th August.

The afternoon will be spent horseriding at Kingston which will be followed by a bar-be-cue at Logan Village.

Members attending will be required to bring along their own steak for the bar-be-cue but trimmings will be provided.

"CAR RALLY !

DATE Sunday, 20th September.

TIME 9a.m. North Quay (Passenger Picked up
Go to Davies Park)

9.30a.m. -- First Car Leaves from Davies
Park - West End.

MILEAGE 200 mile round trip approx.

COST 50 cents per person BUT people in car
and drivers pay for petrol.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE DEFINITELY 5th September

Surprise Ending - Prizes for Winning Car -
Bar-b-cue afterwards. Bring own food.

LAST MONTH'S TRIPSMT. SAMSON

12 people in 3 cars set out from North Quay to climb Mt. Samson. After some faulty road navigation by 2 cars had been corrected by the third car, the party eventually reached the starting point. For the duration of the climb, which led onto the ridge on the northern side of Mt. Samson, a strong rather cool westerly was blowing. This did not really affect anybody until a stop **was made** for lunch, on top of the northern ridge, some 400 yards from the summit. After a short lunch, the party then gain the summit (and lost most of the view in the trees on top). Mt. Samson was then descended via the eastern ridge until a timber track was reached. This track was then followed until, at about 5.00p.m., the cars were reached. After some assistance was given to the local farmer with one of his cows, the party finally left for home at about 6.00p.m.

THE STEAMERS BASECAMP/THROUGHWALK

The campsite on South Emu Creek, about a mile past the old sawmill, was reached at about midnight on Friday night. The throughwalkers left at 8.00a.m. and headed towards Lizard Point while the basecampers left at 8.30a.m. to climb Conn's Plains. Owing to some 'superb navigation by Judith Cushing, the basecampers were able to have morning tea on Conn's Plains. After lunching back at camp, they then visited the old sawmill and school. One basecamper amused himself by rolling an empty tank over the ground. After returning to camp, 5 basecampers then proceeded further along the road, but had to turn back at 4.30p.m. before they could find where the road led.

On Sunday the basecampers moved round to Emu Creek, and tackled the Prow from the northern side. More superb navigation by Judith (in spite of which four people had to move some 200 yards to the right to find a route more within their capabilities) and the top was reached at the first attempt.

THE STEAMERS (CONT.)

Most of the basecampers missed the splendid views off the western end of the Prow (the views would have been magnificent except for a heavy dust haze brought in by a westerly wind). After lunch the basecampers headed towards the Funnel but it was decided not to descend the razorback off the Prow. Instead a way was found off the northern side and after much slithering and sliding, the party arrived back at the bus at 3.00p.m.

At 3.55p.m. they were rejoined by the throughwalkers. After a short stop for a clean-up, 7.00p.m. Mass was attended at Kalbar. The bus arrived back in Brisbane at about 10p.m.

The throughwalkers reached Lizard Point at 3.30p.m. on Saturday. On Sunday they traversed the main range to Mt. Steamer, and then headed towards the rendez-vous point near Emu Creek. Views on the Sunday were not so good, for in addition to the dust haze, there was also a pall of smoke from a fire in the area.

MEETING FEATURESAUGUST GENERAL MEETINGC A N D I D C A M E R A

Last Reminder! - Please give slides to Greg Gilby by Monday 10th August at the latest.

HEY, JUST JOINED !

Have you filled out and handed in (to Denise Thompson)
your APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP yet ?

This form is necessary in order to become an Ordinary
Member. i.e.

Section 7 (iv)

"Prospective members shall undergo a probationary period
of three months calculated from the date of receipt of
both subscription and correctly completed application
for membership" form.

By-Law 11

"Before his/her application for full membership shall be
considered by the Committee each prospective member must
attend at least two Club bushwalking trips, either day or
weekend."

MEMBER FACING BANKRUPTCY !!!MUST SELL PERSONAL ASSETS

1 set bongo drums	\$7.00
1 guitar	\$5.00

Contact Terry Panton
Phone 781646

KNOTS

- (a) Bowline - An extremely versatile knot, that can be tied quickly.



A single bowline.

- (b) Figure of Eight - An invaluable knot, easily tied and loosened.



A single figure 8 loop.

- (c) Overhand knot - single and double (tape knot). The single overhand knot can be used for making loops in rope - but is hard to loosen. The double overhand or tape knot is used for joining the single ends of tapes. The knot loosens easily, and is best tightened by foot pressure if possible. Check it instantly.

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NOMINATION FORM

Trips or Social

To: Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club, P.O. Box 151, Brisbane
North Quay, 4000

I hereby nominate for.....
to be held on.....

I nominate as a visitor on the above
outing/social.

I/we enclose postal order/money order/cheque for \$.....
this being the specified nomination fee.

I/we undertake to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws
of the Club. The Club or its agents does not accept any
liability for injury, loss or damage suffered or caused
by any Member, Prospective Member or visitor whilst
participating in the Club's activities.

Signature.....

Phone - Home

Work