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Date	Event	Leader	Phone	Type	Grade
13	Bellbird/Tullawallal Circuits (Q)	Michele	3353 2822	DW	M33
15	General Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
18	Coomera Falls (to Bahnamboola Falls) (Q)	Phil	5522 9702	DW ^t	M33
19	JTS – Alliance Hotel	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
20	Mts Beerburum & Ngungun (Q)	Michele	3353 2822	DW	S24
24	Coffee Night for Vinnies	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
26/28	Bunya Mountains (Q)	Michael	0409 620 714	BC	Var
28	Toolona Circuit (Q)	Phil	5522 9702	DW	L35
31	Blue Moon at The Full Moon	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
Feb 3	Purling Brook to Appletree Park (Q)	Kylie	0432 095 659	DW	S32
5	Committee Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
7	Coffee Night – Tuttos	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
11	Enoggera Reservoir (Q)	Paul	0412 339 311	DW	M12
13	Shrove Tuesday	Russ	3374 3534	Soc	
14	Echo Falls	Phil	5522 9702	DW ^t	M34
16	JTS – The Transcontinental Hotel	Graham	3371 9623	Soc	
17	Tallebudgera Walkabout (Q)	John	5514 0285	DW	S22
19	General Meeting – AGM	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
24	Toolona Creek Circuit (Q)	Phil	5522 9702	DW	L35
25	Obi Obi Lilo Trip (Q)	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M66
Mar 2	James Boag @ the Courtyard	Liz	3356 4874	Soc	
3	Tallebudgera to Main Beach	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M11
5	Committee Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
7	Coffee Night – Café 63 Wilston	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
10	60th Anniversary	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
15	Varsity Lakes to Broadbeach	Phil	5522 9702	DW ^t	M11
16	JTS – Gresham Hotel	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
17/18	Club Hut Feast (Q)	Michael	0409 620 714	ON	S43
18	Club Hut Walk (Q)	Michele	3353 2822	DW	S43
19	General Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
24	North Coast Mountains (Q)	Phil	5522 9702	DW	S45
30/2	Easter – Boonoo Boonoo (Q)	Michael	0409 620 714	BC	Var
Apr 2	Lower Portals from Drynan’s Hut (Q)	Pat	3366 1956	DW	M34
4/15	Commonwealth Games				
4	Coffee Night – Neighbourhood Pizza	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
7	Mermaid Mountain (Q)			DW	M25
9	Committee Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
10	Banff Film Festival	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
16	General Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
19	Mt Cordeaux	Phil	5522 9702	DW ^t	S24
20	JTS –The German Club	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
21	Newstead to West End & Return	Phil	5522 9702	Bike	
22	To Be Advised			Soc	
22	Basic Navigation	Phil	5522 9702	FMR	
22/29	Canberra (Q)	Liz	3356 4874	BC	Var
28/29	Club Hut Working Bee (Q)	Iain	3870 8082	BC	S43
May 2	Coffee Night – Café 107 Paddington	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	
3	Glennie’s Pulpit (Q)	Michael	0409 620 714	DW	M34
4/7	2018 Combined Camp	Michael	0409 620 714	BC	Var
5/7	Moreton Island (Q)	Michael	0409 620 714	TW	
5	Kangaroo Mountain (Q)			DW	S45
7	Committee Meeting	Greg	3351 4092	Meet	
12	To Be Advised			Soc	
12/13	Members Only Familiarisation Trip	Phil	5522 9702	FMR	
18	JTS – Brewski	Michael	0409 620 714	Soc	

The Calendar is subject to change without notice

WARNING: All persons, adult or child, member or visitor, undertakes all activities of the Club at their own risk.

KEY – Walk Types

DW	Day Walk	BC	Base Camp
ON	Over Nighter	S&T	Safety & Training
TW	Through Walk	SOC/SW	Social/Social Walk
TRN	Training	SP	Spiritual Event
FMR	Federation Mountain Rescue	Q	Qualifying Walk

KEY – Walk Gradings

Distance	Terrain	Fitness/Endurance
Short Under 10km / day	1 - Smooth reasonably flat path	1 - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Flat
	2 - Graded path/track with minor obstacles	2 - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Minor Hills
Medium 10-15km / day	3 - Graded track with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	3 - Intermediate - Suitable for fit beginners. Up to 5 hours walking and/or minor hills
	4 - Rough unformed track or open terrain with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	4 - Intermediate - Suitable for fit beginners. Up to 5 hours walking and/or up to 300m gain/loss
Long 15-20 km per day	5 - Rough or rocky terrain with small climbs using hands or rock hopping	5 - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking and/or up to 450m gain/loss. Agility required
	6 - Steep, rough or rocky terrain with large climbs using hands or rock hopping	6 - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking and/or up to 600m gain/loss. Agility required
Extra Long Over 20 km per day	7 - Climb/descend steep rock using hands or footholds. May be some exposure. Good upper body strength	7 - High - Up to 8 hours walking and/or up to 750m gain/loss. High fitness. Endurance and agility required
	8 - Climb/descend near vertical rock with exposure. Climbing skills may be required	8 - High - Up to 8 hours walking and/or up to 1000m gain/loss. High fitness. Endurance and agility required
	9 - Sustained climbing or descending of vertical or near vertical rock with exposure. Advanced climbing skills required. Good upper body strength	9 - Challenging - Up to 12 hours walking and/or over 1000m gain/loss. Very high fitness. Endurance and agility required

Example: M48 is a medium walk 10 to 15kms long, over unformed rough ground with obstacles, in which the trip is hard or strenuous for fit walkers requiring agility and endurance.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

May the sun always shine on your window pane;
 May the rainbow be certain to follow each rain;
 May the hand of a friend always be near you;
 May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.



COMING EVENTS

TRIPS leave from St Brigid’s car park at 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.

The “**Leaders Guide**” is on the web at:
<http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/LeadersGuideV5-02-06.html>

Leaders: Print your own Event Nomination Form from the Club’s web site.

A reminder to visitors that you are required to do 2 walks before Committee officially declares you a Member of the Club.

LEADERS

If you make changes to your walk, such as date, where, or cancel it – please tell Michael Simpson Ph: 0409 620 714.

**FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY
THE TRANSCONTINENTAL HOTEL
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

Leader: Graham 3371 9623.
Address: 482 George Street.
Time: From 4pm till 9ish.
What For: A chat and a beer and a meal.
Web: <http://www.transhotel.net.au/>

The Club meets regularly to enjoy a chat, enjoy a few craft beers and a meal. We meet somewhere in the inner City close to public transport. This month we are meeting at The Transcontinental Hotel.

The Transcontinental Hotel is one of Queensland's longest-standing pubs and has been trading for 130 years. It was refurbished in 2014 and serves both public and craft beers.

Check out the vast selection of beers available <http://www.transhotel.net.au/media/CombineWeb2017Noprices.pdf>

Unfortunately I'm away at a wedding and Graham has kindly stepped up to the plate.

**SATURDAY 17th FEBRUARY
TALLEBUDGERA WALKABOUT
DAY WALK**

Leader: John 5514 0285.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill.
Time: 6.30 am
Grading: S32
Cost : \$20 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Location: Gold Coast .
Emerg Off: TBA.

This walk will undertake an old favourite, walking around the lower reaches of Tallebudgera Creek and Burleigh Head National Park. The highlights will be the glorious views of Springbrook, Mt Cougal, creek and coastline.

We will start at David Fleay Wildlife Park where there is plenty of free parking and should see a koala, perhaps Richmond Birdwing Butterflies. Following the creek upstream we pass under the M1 as we walk along pathways. Cross over into Elanora and return along the south bank to the Recreation Centre & groyne. Explore Burleigh Head & check out the newly upgraded track. Perhaps down to the Burleigh beach. Return via the northern bank to the car park.

Please bring along at least two litres of water and your togs. Come and see the best of Burleigh.

**MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY
MONTHLY MEETING & AGM**

Contact: Greg 3351 4092
Time: 7.30pm – Doors open & meeting starts soon after.
Where: St Michael's Parish Hall,
250 Banks St, Dorrington (in the lower carpark behind the church. Drive down the ramp at the left.)

Web: <http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/page4.html>

We need a quorum for the AGM to be held. A quorum is 13 members – so come along and help make up the quorum and ensure that the AGM can proceed.

The business conducted will include:

- Receive the Committee's Report,
- Receive the Statement of Income & Expenditure, Assets & Liabilities, for the year 2017;
- Receive the Auditor's Report;
- Election of Committee for 2018;
- The appointment of the 2018 Auditor;
- Voting of Honorary Members;

All persons are welcome to attend – Do NOT be put off – you are getting two (2) meetings for the price of one.

Members should attend to carry out their democratic right of questioning, in a civilised and polite manner, the outgoing committee about the running of the Club during 2017, and to vote in the new committee. It works better if we have more than the usual number of members present.

As soon as the AGM is completed, the normal February Monthly Meeting will commence under the command of the new committee.

Visitors will find it a bit slow, but will see the Club in operation. Also, the regular monthly meeting is on afterwards, so Visitors can ask leaders about their coming trips.



**SATURDAY 24th FEBRUARY
TOOLONA CREEK CIRCUIT
DAY WALK**

Leader: Phil 5522 9702.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill.
Time: 6.30am.
Cost : \$25 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Distance: 18.5 km.
Grade: L35.
Emerg Off: Sue 5522 9702.

The Club's walk to Toolona creek on Sunday 28th January got washed out and rather than miss out this year we are going again. It is a great walk so in the words of Robert the Bruce[#].

"If at first you don't succeed
try, try and try again."

There was a gap in the Club's program on the 24th February and rather than let a weekend go it was important to try to get this special walk completed.

This walk is a lovely long walk up at O'Reilly's. The walk is 18.5 km long but is entirely graded track. But I should mention that there are a few creek crossings but usually they not are not too difficult

This walk is also designed to commemorate the Club's first walk which also experienced lots of rain. Hopefully this time we will do the walk without the rain. At lunch time up at Wanungra Lookout we will have a few very short speeches and cake, which of course will be lamington's.

We will be descending down to Picnic Rock and then visit Elabana Falls. Then up along Toolona Creek and up to the Border Track. We turn left here and walk a short distance to Wanungra Lookout where we will have lunch. On a fine day there should be views of Mt Warning from here. Then we return to O'Reilly's along the Border Track.

Bring your usual daywalk gear, in particular your raingear namely a raincoat and a small collapsible umbrella.

Make sure you bring a mug to have a cup of tea with your Lamington cake at lunch time. Plus all the usual stuff.

Grading – "L" as it is a longish walk at 18.5 km, "3" for terrain as although it is a graded track it is a bit rough in places with a couple of creek crossings where you could get your feet wet

and "5" for endurance as it takes at least 6 hours to do the walk. Also, I need to mention that there is a significant amount of uphill walking from Toolona Creek up to Wanungra Lookout that may become a bit onerous if you haven't being working on your fitness lately.

[#] Robert the Bruce, king of Scotland, is meant to have told his troops this shortly before walloping the English at Bannockburn in 1314. The idiom, is said to have been inspired by a humble spider stoically weaving his web as Bruce hid from his English pursuers in a cave,

**SATURDAY 25th FEBRUARY
OBI OBI CREEK
LILO TRIP**

Leader: Phil 5522 9702.
Meet at: To be advised.
Time: 6.30 am.
Distance: 12 km approximately.
Grade: M66.
Cost: To be confirmed.
Location: Sunshine Coast Hinterland.
Emerg Off: Sue 5522 9702.

The Obi Obi lilo trip is a classic trip. The date we go out is usually dependent on the rains. But I haven't been on a trip since 3 March 2012. Hopefully we will go again on the 25th February. It is just such fun paddling down through the Narrows gorge. Last time we did it we only went halfway down which made it a much shorter trip.

Hopefully we can do the full trip which is about 11 km long and we spend about 10 kms in the water. It takes about 6 hours. There are about 12 long pools of water joined by zippy stretches of moving water. Some are wonderful mini-waterfalls and sometimes they are babbling brooks that bounce along under the overhanging rainforest.

Bring a lilo, wear thermals for sun protection and bring some food for a great day out. Bring either a dry bag (cost about \$40) or 3 garbage bags to use as water proof bags to go inside your back pack. I highly recommend wearing Dunlop volleys as footwear and garden gloves for your hands as your hands get very soft after a few hours in the water,

Please note, the trip is great fun but it has an element of risk and you need to be aware of the danger as we will be in moving water and there is a risk of drowning. Yep it can be very serious.

**SATURDAY 3rd MARCH
TALLEBUDGERA TO MAIN BEACH
DAY WALK
(Train & Tram Walk)**

Leader: Phil 5522 9702.
Meet at: Roma Street at 7.25 to catch the 7.32am train – front carriage. The train arrives at Varsity Lakes at 8.52am.
Cost: \$2 plus train & tram fares.
Distance: 14 km.
Grade: M23.
Emerg Off: Sue 5522 9702.

This walk is a combined Train, Bus & Tram Ride and beach walk. The plan is to use public transport to do this walk. We will catch the train to Varsity Lakes Station then catch a bus to Tallebudgera Creek (south side) [disembark at 27th Avenue Palm Beach]. We will then walk back to Main Beach and catch a tram and train back to Brisbane.

There are great views along the beach and the small Headland at north Nobby has great vantage point to soak up the vibe of the coast. If the weather is yucky and rainy I still intend doing the trip but will walk along the pathways in the parklands. But bring an umbrella.

Bring your lunch, a hat, sunnies, sun screen, swimmers and a quick dry travel towel. **And bring your Go Card.**

The Tides for the day are:-

Morning High Tide	09:18 am	1.75 m
Afternoon Low Tide	15:33 pm	0.06 m

Trip Details Brisbane To Gold Coast

Train on Gold Coast Line	
Roma Street Station	7.32 am
Varsity Lakes Train Station	8.52 am
Bus trip on bus Route 765	
Varsity Lakes Train Station	9:01 am
27th Avenue Palm Beach	9:21 am

This is a 6 zone journey, travelling in zones 1-6. The expected fares are

Go Card Fare	Full Fare	\$13.26
	Concession Fare	\$ 6.65

Trip Details from Gold Coast to Brisbane

The trip is from Main Beach to Helensvale then Roma Street Station.

Tram Timetable every 10 minutes.

The aim is catch the 3:51 pm tram and the 4:24 pm train. But of course you can never be exactly certain as to the exact time you finish a walk.

Main Beach	3:31	3:41	3:51	4:01	3:51
Helensvale	3.59	4.09	4:19	4:29	4:39
Main Beach	4:01	4:11	4:21	4:31	4:41
Helensvale	4:29	4:39	4:49	4:59	5:09

Train Timetable – every 30 minutes

Helensvale Station	3:24	3:54	4:24	4:54	5:24
Roma Street	4:27	4:57	5:27	5:57	6:27

Go Card Fare	Full Fare	\$10.47
	Concession Fare	\$ 5.24

**WEDNESDAY 7th MARCH
DINNER & COFFEE NIGHT
SOCIAL**

Leader: Michael 0409 620 714.
Meet at: Café 63, 83 Kedron Brook Road, Wilston.
Time: 6.00 pm for dinner or 7.30pm for coffee.
Cost: Your choice – visit their website for their menu.

Web: <http://cafe63.com.au/our-locations/>

We like Café 63 so much we are going back to one next month at Wilston. Check out their website.

Join me for either a meal and a chat of just a coffee and a chat.

**SATURDAY 10th MARCH
THE CLUB'S 60th ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATIONS
ANNIVERSARY**

Leader: Greg 3351 4092
Meet at: St William's Church, 67 Dawson Parade, Keperra.
Time: 10am.
Cost: \$10 before OR \$15 after 28th February

Web: <http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/60th%20Anniversary%20-%20Invitation.pdf>

RSVP: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=335526&>

Emerg Off: Greg 0418 122 995.

By now you all would have received the Invitation to our 60th party.

The celebration is not just for our former members, but is for all of us to acknowledge our longevity and past successes. The Club of today is built on the past. We are standing on the shoulders of our founders and precious generations of walkers who built up the

knowledge of our walking trails and handed them down to us.

The say commences with Mass at 10am said by Fr Nigel who did the Barney Mass for us a few years ago, and with past members helping out with the liturgy.

Afterwards, we head over the courtyard to the Parish Hall where lunch is provided. It is a light finger food affair with sandwiches, sweets and tea/coffee. It will be a stand-up affair with chairs around the edges of the room in order to provide enough room for everyone to mingle and talk. There will be a lot of catching up to do – even for current members. We will be having memorabilia out on tables for all to look at.

If you have photos (especially of people) of past walks or socials, please provide copies to Michele Endicott for inclusion in an electronic display. Anything else of interest will be greatly appreciated – gear, clothing, etc.

We are initially asking everyone to book through the TryBooking link in the heading above. That way we only have the one list of names and the money is paid in advance.

We will be requiring some helpers on the morning to help set up displays in the hall before the Mass commences, to help dismantle it afterwards, to help out at the start of the Mass and the start of Lunch as “Meeters and Greeters”, help during the liturgy, and in the hall to welcome former members and collect any money.

I hope to see as many members there on the 10th as possible.

THURSDAY 15th MARCH
VARSITY LAKES TO BROADBEACH
DAY WALK
(Train & Tram Walk)

Leader: Phil 5522 9702.
Meet at: Roma Street at 7.25 to catch the 7.32am train – front carriage. The train arrives at Varsity Lakes at 8.52am.
Cost: \$2 plus train & tram fares.
Distance: 14 km.
Grade: M23.
Emerg Off: Sue 5522 9702.

This is a brand new walk for the Club. Lots of variety, lakeside pathways, the Bond University campus, parklands and a beach walk. Plus a train trip and a tram ride.

We start walking from Varsity Lakes station and zig zag across to Scottsdale Road to a lovely pedestrian walkway beside the lakes at Varsity lakes. The proposed route is – Varsity Lakes Station – Scottsdale drive (heading south east into Castello Court – then the lakeside walk on the western side of “varsity lake”, (parallel to Bayside Avenue) (I should note I have taken poetic license to call it ‘varsity lakes’ as it is merely labelled Reedy Creek in the UBD map 59), then cross the road bridge at Christine Avenue. Then along the lakeside walkway on the eastern side of Lake Orr (parallel to Bay Drive), across the footbridge, then along the lakeside walkway beside Lake Orr to Assembly Drive, then along Varsity Parade to the Ring Road, thru the Bond Uni Campus along Ring Rd, across the bridge over Lake Orr. Then take the underpass to the other side of Bermuda Street. Then zig zag thru some quiet streets, to Whitehead Ave, along Bardon Ave into Pizzey Park, through Pizzey Park (past the Burleigh Heads Rugby League field). We cross Pacific Avenue into Sonia Street, turn right into Karbunya Street, cross the Gold Coast Highway, then along Lavarack Rd to Nobby Beach Surf Club. Then it is 3 km beach walk up to Broadbeach. If you are keen you can have a quick swim along here.

The plan is to have afternoon tea or coffee at the new Kurrawa Surf Club then back down along Margaret Avenue to Broadbeach North and then catch a tram back to Helensvale then a train back to Brisbane.

Of note there is a minimum of walking through suburban streets. The walk is mainly on pathways, parklands and beach. It is a nice way to see a little visited part of south east Queensland.

The distance is approximately 14 km. Bring the usual day walk stuff, plus I suggest you bring at least 2 litres of water as it could be a bit warm. We will probably have lunch in Pizzey Park.

I would like to start walking before 9.00 am and hopefully finish walking by 3.45 pm. The plan is to catch the 4.04 tram and then catch the 4.54 train from Helensvale Station that gets back to Roma Street at 5.57 pm.

Tram Timetable every 7.5 minutes

Broadbeach South	3:41	3:49	3:56	4:04	4:11
Helensvale	4.26	4.34	4:41	4:49	4:56

Train Timetable – every 30 minutes

Helensvale Station	4:24	4:54	5:24	5:54
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Roma Street 5.27 5.57 6:27 6:57

History Note – The walk is on 15th March and the Ides of March is a day on the Roman calendar that corresponds to March 15. It was marked by several religious observances and was notable for the Romans as a deadline for settling debts. In 44 BC, it became notorious as the date of the assassination of Julius Caesar. The death of Caesar made the Ides of March a turning point in Roman history, as one of the events that marked the transition from the historical period known as the Roman Republic to the Roman Empire.]

**FRIDAY 16th MARCH
THE GRESHAM HOTEL
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

Leader: Michael 0419 620 714.
Address: 308 Queen Street.
Time: From 4pm till 9ish.
What For: A chat and a beer and a meal.
Web: <http://www.thegresham.com.au/>

The Club meets regularly to enjoy a chat, enjoy a few craft beers and a meal. We meet somewhere in the inner City close to public transport. For the month of March we are meeting at The Gresham Hotel.

This is a new venue for us

They have a constantly evolving range of local, international & seasonal beers available on tap as well as a large selection of wines.

**17th TO 18th MARCH
SATURDAY TO SUNDAY
CLUB HUT FEAST
WALK-IN SOCIAL**

Leader: Michael 0409 620 714.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 12 Noon. Non-stop to the
Lower Portals carpark.
Cost: Approx \$40.
Location: On beautiful Mt Barney Ck,
below the Lower Portals.
Web: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Banquet>
Emerg Off: Greg 3351 4092.
RSVP: Wednesday 7th March.

What is a "Feast": A gathering of friends for the purpose of having a formal meal of several courses in nice surroundings spread out over a night.

What is "The Club Hut": it is a hut (Yalburu) built by members about 50 years ago on the banks of the lovely Barney Creek.

**Members, Visitors, Friends & Family
are invited to Dinner at Yalburu**

Each year in March at the time of the anniversary of our Hut's opening in 1967, the Club holds a birthday party for it – we call it "The Feast."

The Feast consists of five courses of food spread over five hours of Saturday evening. The food is a combined effort of all those attending. As the organiser, I work out the menu and then ask the attendees to buy/prepare the food and drink for the various courses. With the work spread out amongst a dozen people, there is not much to do for each person. Some will buy the nibblies, some prepare the entree, some cook and present the main courses, others prepare the deserts and finally there are the cookies and coffee.

We start nibblies about 5pm as the main cooks prepare the courses to follow. Various wines and other beverages are on offer. Dress is semi-formal top and bushwalking bottom.

The Hut can sleep approximately eight comfortably, and some do bring tents and sleep outside. The Hut is a substantial building with good solid walls, ample ventilation, concrete floor, table & stools, it is water tight; considering it is out in the bush, it is a wonderful place.

The cost of transport and food is calculated from all your receipts and divided by the number of people attending – so the cost is not set in advance; but is not normally over \$40.

What to bring: spare clothes, Sunday breakfast, sleeping bag/light blanket, water, toiletries, small towel, togs, small pillow or something to suite the purpose, something to put under you when sleeping (but not too bulky/heavy, platex2, bowlx2, mugx2, cutleryx3, tea towel, smart casual top, comfy shoes, camera, torch, a share of the feast food, receipts, and cash.

Be prepared to carry in your own personal gear, and a share of the "feasting food & drinks." If you want to sleep outside, include a tent.

There will be a reduced price for non and low drinkers of alcohol. The cost will be calculated at Yalburu, so bring your receipts and cash.

Sleep in the BCBC hut - borrow a sleeping bag or a light blanket. Borrow a weekend pack. The Club has a few to hire out.

The drive from Red Hill to the Portals carpark is 90 minutes. Have lunch before you leave home as we will be driving straight to Barney. The walk carrying your pack is approximately two hours – up minor hill & down small dale. There are approximately four small ridges and one low creek to cross on your way into The Hut. Two hours is a very short day walk.

Ring or e-mail me as soon as possible so I can start the preparations.

SUNDAY 18th MARCH CLUB HUT WALK DAY WALK

Leader: Michele 3353 2822.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill.
Time: 7.00am.
Cost: \$25 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Grading: S43.
Location: Mt Barney National Park.
Emerg Off: Graham 3371 9623.
Web: <https://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/parks/mount-barney>

Once again, it is time to celebrate a milestone in the club's history and hike into the club hut to celebrate its birthday. The club hut was built in the sixties by enthusiastic club members with most materials carried in by hand.

The hut is a four kilometre walk from the Lower Portals carpark. There are a couple of easy creek crossings and slight uphill sections but the walk is definitely within the capabilities of most people.

Once we get to the hut, we will down backpacks and have a shared morning tea with tea or coffee. Afterwards, we will make our way down to the Lower Portals for a swim. This is a short walk, crossing the creek below the hut. Then we will retrace our steps back to the hut where we usually relax over a cuppa and lunch before making our way back to the cars.

This is a chance to catch up with friends, relive those early trips spent at the hut and be part of history as we celebrate the club hut's birthday.

Bring the usual day walk gear as well as morning tea to share and a mug or cup. If you plan to swim, don't forget your swimmers.

Give me a call to nominate.

MONDAY 19th MARCH MONTHLY MEETING

Contact: Greg 3351 4092
Time: 7.30pm – Doors open & meeting starts soon after.
Where: St Michael's Parish Hall,
250 Banks St, Dorrington (in the lower carpark behind the church.
Drive down the ramp at the left.)
Web: <http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/page4.html>

Come along to hear about what has been really happening at recent club events, as well as our coming events and past walks.

Ask questions of our leaders about their coming events, so that you can make up your mind as to whether to come on the walk.

Nominate for a walk.

Nominate to lead an outing.

SATURDAY 24th MARCH NORTH COAST MOUNTAINS Mt Cooroora & Mt Coolum DAY WALK

Leader: Phil 5522 9702.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill.
Time: 7.00am.
Cost : \$25 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Distance: 14 km.
Grade: M44.
Emerg Off: Sue 5522 9702.

This is the first walk after the equinox and as the weather is getting cooler it is time to start climbing mountains so we are heading to the Sunshine Coast to climb two very distinctive mountains.

These two mountains are very prominent peaks and every time I go past them I want to climb them. They are a bit steep in places but so worth the effort. I hasten to add they are not a place for everyone

Mount Cooroora is located just west of the town of Pomona in the Sunshine Coast Region, Queensland, Australia. The peak is a 439 metres high intrusive volcanic plug. The track to the top is apparently 1.5 km long and a climb of over 400 metres. The climb is short and very steep and you need to be fit to climb it. There are great views from the top. It is also home to a very rare species of she oak, *Allocasuarina*

rigida subsp. exsul, is found only on Mount Cooroora. We may also see glossy black and yellow-tailed black cockatoos feeding on she-oak seeds.

Mount Coolum is an isolated volcanic dome, 208 metres in height, roughly circular in outline. Geologically, it is principally composed rhyolite. The mountain has been dated as between 25 and 26 million years. Mount Coolum also has a very diverse plant life within confined. The mountain has over 700 plant types. By way of comparison, there are only 1400 species in all of Great Britain. The track to the top is only 1.6 km. It starts at a carpark on Tanah Street West off David Low Way in the suburb of Mount Coolum. The lower part of the track is well-formed and gentle but it quickly deteriorates to become very steep, very rough and dangerously slippery when wet. The walk up and back can be completed in 30–40 minutes, but I want to spend some time looking at the wildflowers.

EASTER MONDAY 2nd APRIL LOWER PORTALS STARTING AT DRYNAN'S HUT DAY WALK

Leader: Pat 3366 1956.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill.
Time: 7.00am.
Cost: \$25 (car pool), \$2 (private).
Distance: Approx. 10 kms.
Grade: M34.
Emerg Off: TBA.

If you are not going away over the Easter break but want to do a walk come with me on a trip to the Lower Portals. We won't be going via the usual lower Portals track. Instead we will start the walk at Drynan's Hut and walk over barrier ridge. Before we start walking we will pay a visit to the beautiful Drynan's waterhole on Barney Creek. This was a popular swimming hole before the Lower Portals Track was constructed but as it is on private property is now closed to the public.

The walk over barrier ridge is on an old road – steep in parts. Once down to the flats we will be on private property almost all the way to the Power Portals.

The Lower Portals is one of the most popular spots at Mt. Barney, and no doubt, there will be other people enjoying a swim.

We will return via the same route, with a short detour to visit the Club Hut.

This is a different route to the Portals and as I have the property owner's permission to access the land, come along and see a bit of new country not available to the public.

Hoping to see you on Easter Monday. As is usual on Easter Monday this will be a combined walk with Bushwalkers of Southern Qld.

FRIDAY 20th APRIL THE GERMAN CLUB JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

Leader: Michael 0419 620 714.
Address: 416 Vulture Street,
East Brisbane.
Time: From 4pm till 9ish.
What For: A chat and a beer and a meal.
Web: <http://brisbanegermanclub.com/>

The Club meets regularly to enjoy a chat, enjoy a few craft beers and a meal. We meet somewhere in the inner City close to public transport. For the month of April we are meeting at The German Club.

We have visited here before during the Octoberfest but I have always found it to be too crowded. So this year we will go earlier. They have great German beers to taste like the few below that are on tap. See their website for more. Also the food is great.

Some of the beers on tap:

- Veltins
- Arcobräu Zwickl
- Arcobräu Schlöss Dunkel
- Löwenbräu
- Erdinger Weissbier

There is even a cider on tap. See you there.

ADVANCED NOTICE 22nd TO 29th APRIL, 2018 A WALKING TOUR OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL CANBERRA CITY WALK

Leader: Liz 3356 4874.

This tour combines city walking and sightseeing in Australia's National Capital. Each day we will set out from our centrally located accommodation (YHA Canberra City) and walk to a key location in Canberra. We will walk 10 -

15 kilometres most days, usually on flat ground, but two small mountains are included. We expect to attend a ceremony at The Australian War Memorial on ANZAC Day. Other highlights include the RG Menzies Walk, National Museum of Australia (free), Parliament House tour (free), Parliamentary Gardens, Museum of Democracy (\$2/ \$1 concession), Mt Ainslie, Black Mountain, Telstra Tower (\$7.50 / \$3 concession), Australian National Botanic Gardens (free), Scrivener Dam and the National Film and Sound Archive (free).

Breakfast can be ordered at the accommodation or prepared in the guest kitchen. It will be important to carry morning tea and lunch each day. There will be an opportunity to shop for food on the day of arrival. Dinners will be eaten at local restaurants.

Bookings are open now and can be secured with \$100 deposit per person, given to Terry or Liz. Bookings cannot be accepted after the end of February, 2018 and are always subject to the availability of accommodation. Accommodation will probably be between \$45 and \$75 per person, depending on the type of room or dorm preferred. **I urge you to book as soon as you can while accommodation is still available.**

For a detailed itinerary, please email lizlittle@bigpond.com.

**VERY ADVANCED NOTICE
1st TO 9th SEPTEMBER, 2018
CAMINO SALVADO
ASSISTED THROUGH WALK**

Leader: Russ 3374 3534.
Meet at: St Joseph's Parish, Subiaco (3 km west of central Perth).
Time: 7.50am, Sunday, 2nd September (You need to arrive in Perth on or before Saturday, 1st September).
Cost: Airfare + \$1,100 (for Camino) + accommodation and meals in Perth (minimum of 1 night).
Grade: L15.
Nos Close: 8 April 2018.
Emerg Off: Graham 3371 9623.

Camino Salvado is a pilgrimage walk from Subiaco in suburban Perth to New Norcia, and broadly follows the route taken by Benedictine Bishop Rosendo Salvado, after whom the Camino is named. Bishop Salvado was born in Spain but moved to Australia in 1846, where he

travelled from Perth to New Norcia later that year, establishing the latter as a Benedictine mission along with Father Joseph Serra.

St Joseph's Parish, Subiaco runs the Camino and the fee includes food, accommodation and a support bus. There is a capacity of 24 people on the Camino so we from BCBC will be part of a larger group.

The Camino Salvado follows the Pilgrims Trail from St Joseph's Church in Subiaco – 3kms from the CBD in Perth - to New Norcia in the Wheatbelt. The trail is approximately 160kms long and travels through the City's financial district past places of historical interest and out of the metropolitan area via the beautiful Swan river foreshore. It travels via Bells rapids, site of the famous white water Avon Descent, and passes onto Walyunga National Park – a place of spiritual significance for the Whadyuk People. Then it's the Chittering Valley to Julimar Forest, and then the final leg via the Old Plain Rd into New Norcia.

A feature on arrival at New Norcia is the bells ring when you walk into the monastery, and some of the brothers will wash the feet of some of the pilgrims. The pilgrims meet for vespers with Gregorian chants and Eucharist in the chapel. That night we will stay at St Ildephonsus College or the Old Convent in New Norcia.

More information is available at –
<http://www.caminosalvado.com>
<http://www.pilgrimtrail.com.au>

If you want to join this trip – let me know *immediately* and I will send you information on what you need to do. Places on this trip, open to all people – not just BCBC members, are limited to 24 and bookings to date are strong.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We had a pretty good year in 2017. There several remarkable achievements that we should be proud of.

We arranged, by Cath Wood's subcommittee, the Hut's 50th Birthday – a Mass and Lunch at the Hut on Mt Barney Creek. Several working bees arranged by the Hut Curator Iain Renton did maintenance and weeding.

We aided YHA Bushwalkers in organising and running the Bushwalker's Pilgrimage – Michael Simpson being our end of the organisational chain. We lead 5 walks on the southern Main

Range. We also attended the Pilgrimage in large numbers. Well done all.

We commenced our preparations for the BCBC 60th Anniversary Celebrations – the planning commenced under Michael Simpson and sub-leaders. We had the very successful commemoration of the Clubs first walk at the beginning of December – with walks lead by Richard Johns, Liz Little and Kylie Moore, and the Sausage Sizzle afterwards by Michele Endicott. As many former members attended as current ones.

Over the recent long weekend, we had Toolona Circuit at O'Reilly's to commemorate our actual first official walk. There were 25 nominations, though only 20 turned up. A good turn-up of former members again. Rain dampened the spirits of the day though.

The number of walkers and the number of walks was maintained. The book balanced, and the financial results were similar to previous years.

The walks were a various lot covering the range of terrains of SEQ. We went to many different places. Not many were cancelled.

Our social calendar was huge as well. There always seemed to be an occasion to gather for a meal or drink.

Yes, overall a good successful year. Thanks to you all for participating in it.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A big thank you to those who attended the Vinnies night at the Gaythorne R.S.L. where they donated \$155.00 to this charity as well as having a fun night. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible so that you do not miss any magazines. Terry.

ABOUT PEOPLE

John, John, Michele, Veronica, Kerry, Kylie, Terry and Michael are celebrating their birthdays in February.

Past member, Dianne and Khaleel were interested visitors at our January meeting. Martlyn and Eric were visitors on Michele Johns' Green's Falls/Western Window walk. Khaleel did his first walk with us when he Joined Michele on her Lower Bellbird walk. A visitor from two years ago, Jarrod Sefton joined us on Phil's Coomera Falls walk. Khaleel and

Jarrod were visitors on Michele's Mts. Beerburum and Ngun Gun walk. Once again Khaleel was a visitor on Michael's Bunya Mountains Base Camp. (Khaleel has now applied for membership.) Past members, Ben, Rossy, Thea and Ken and Monica were all visitors on Phil's Toolona Circuit walk. (Good news, all but Thea who is Laurie's wife have rejoined the club.) Visitors are always most welcome on any of our activities.

Therese recently returned from a brief holiday in Far North Queensland. Russ and Jan have just returned from a cruise to New Zealand. Elizabeth had a holiday in Tasmania where she saw the new year in.

OUTINGS REPORT

There are still three (3) walks left to fill before the middle of the year. But there are fifteen (15) walks needing leaders in the second half of the year.

The Emergency Officer System

It appears that there is some uncertainty around the Emergency Officer System. So this month I thought I would give a revision of the system, as per By-Law 19.

1. Before a walk leaves Brisbane, the leader should contact the Emergency Officer appointed for that walk.
2. Members/visitors who have nominated for a trip and at the last minute find that they are unable to attend or are going to be delayed must contact the Emergency Officer. Note that the Emergency Officer should only be contacted when it is too late to phone the leader, or he cannot be contacted.
3. Before leaving home, members and visitors must ensure that family/relatives/flat mates know their destination and the phone number of the Emergency Officer.
4. If any delays/difficulties occur during a walk, the Leader will contact the Emergency Officer (or a Committee Contact). After 9pm on the expected day of return, family/relatives/flat mates may contact the Emergency Officer for details.

If for some reason your party is overdue, do not panic. Firstly contact the EO if possible. Secondly contact the EO after you have returned.

Generally all EO will not be concerned until the next day as there are circumstances where a

party can be just delayed, eg. terrain is not as expected or maybe a minor injury.

If there is a major incident the leader should know the procedures they need to take to ensure the safety of the party.

Most importantly, only ring the EO as other people; relatives etc., concerned should be ringing the EO. There should only be one point of contact.

Responsibility of Walkers

It is the responsibility of each individual to ensure that someone knows where they are going and who to contact if there is a concern.

It is the responsibility of each individual to ensure they have the correct equipment for the walk concerned. If in doubt speak to the leader.

It is common courtesy to ring the leader if you are going to be late.

It is common courtesy to bring a change of clothes to wear home as you may be in someone else's car.

All prospective walkers must nominate by 8pm two full days prior to the day of the activity so that transport etc. can be arranged.

Hope to see you on the tracks.
Michael 0409 620714

LEADER'S NEEDED

April 7	Mermaid Mountain
May 5	Kangaroo Mountain
June 23	Araucaria Track
July 5	Mt Moon
July 7	Savages Ridge
July 14	Vinegar Hill
August 4	Montserrat
August 11	Kobble Creek Circuit

OUTINGS STATISTICS

Date	Trip	Leader	Type	No
January 13	Bellbird/Tullawallal Circuits	Michele	DW	15
January 18	Coomera Falls	Phil	DW	4
January 20	Mts Beerburum & Ngungun	Michele	DW	11
January 25/28	Bunya Mountains	Michael	BC	12
January 26	Toolona Circuit	Phil	DW	19
February 3	Purling Brook Falls to Apple Tree Park	Kylie	DW	6

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Welcome to Donna, our first new member for 2018. We all look forward to walking with you, Donna.

Everyone has now received information about renewing membership for this year. There are two steps involved – completing the form and paying the subs. Please be sure to do both.

SAFETY & TRAINING REPORT

Safety and Training is still a low profile in our Club. As a means to raise awareness about the scope of what training we should be doing I found the following article in the Hobart Walking Clubs latest Magazine (January 2018 Issue 837) on page 8.

“Search, Rescue and Training

Essential Skills Days are part of the membership process for prospectives and include training in elementary bushcraft, map reading, what to take on a walk etc.

Existing members are welcome to attend and indeed your attendance would be most welcome. It would also be fantastic if some experienced map readers could help with the map reading session. It only takes a couple of hours in the afternoon.

21 February Wed Rupert Manners
25 March Sun Sue Denman

Other training sessions we would like to offer this year are:

- **GPS Training** – One of the key issues with a GPS is getting it set up so that it is useable on bushwalks. This is often a one to one situation. Feel free to contact me if you need help in setting up your GPS. I should be able to help you or to put you in contact with someone who can.
- **First Aid** – On 13 April 2018 the Club is running a First Aid Course suitable for bushwalkers. The Club will subsidise the course to the tune of \$1000. It will be available for all members but priority will be for coordinators The cost to participants is \$30. Numbers are limited so please book early with me.
- **Real Navigation.** The Essential Skills Day covers the very basics of navigation. The only way to really learn about navigation is to get really lost and then to use your GPS, map and compass to find your way out. So on Saturday 7th April 2018 we will hope for a really clagged in day at the top of Mt Wellington. Numbers limit. Bookings essential.
- **Coordinator Training** – [the Hobart Club uses the term trip co-ordinator rather than walk

leader] The Club will offer the training day for new and existing coordinators as we did earlier this year. The planned date is Sunday 27th May 2018 For more information contact Rupert Manners at rupertmanners@bigpond.com “

PAST EVENTS

FRASER ISLAND

THURSDAY TO TUESDAY

27th APRIL TO 2nd MAY

ROVING BASE CAMP

We left Thursday morning, with the four of us and our gear comfortably in one car. It was an uneventful trip, stopping at a pretty rest area just north of Gympie for lunch. We arrived at River Heads in plenty of time for the barge. At Kingfisher Bay the resort “train” picked up resort guests and gave us a lift down the jetty. Our taxi-driver, Lisa, introduced herself and we got going. It was the first time we had met, as her husband was the driver on previous trips.

Along the road we passed a sign announcing the new name for Fraser Island’s National Park: “K’gari”. Lisa talked about going to the ceremony marking the name change. She said that the elders pronounced it “gurri” in a guttural way (I’ve found that if you try and sound the “K” and “G” together that is what you end up with). The name change is for the National Park, not the whole island. The Butchulla people, granted native title on Fraser Island in 2014, would like to see a joint naming of the island similar to Uluru/Ayers Rock. Lisa thought this could happen with K’gari eventually replacing Fraser as happened with Uluru. She quoted one of the elders who had asked “Which would you prefer: an island named after a woman who told lies about the aboriginal people who had rescued her, or the aboriginal name for the island, which means paradise?” Lisa also told us there are several traditional owners working as National Park rangers on the island with one being trained for a leadership role. We were dropped off at the house at Eurong and settled in to luxury (compared to camping) with comfy beds and each person with a room.

On Friday morning some of us lazed and read and while others went for short walks. The taxi picked us up at eleven to drive to the north of the island (tides meant we couldn’t leave earlier). It was a long drive with Lisa telling us plenty of stories about the island: tourists’ disastrous mishaps with four wheel drives,

going on month long camping holidays with her father as a child to the north of the island (then very deserted) and the die-back of pandanus palms along some of the island’s coast (an insect has been released to help combat it). She also noted that with the removal of brumbies from Fraser, a lot of the coloured sands that used to be visible from the beach are slowly being re-covered with vegetation. As we turned around the northern tip of the island at Sandy Cape, we saw a spectacular sight. Row upon row of breaking surf marching north in an unbroken line to the horizon. This marks the sand bar, Breaksea Spit which extends 40 km north into the ocean. A few kilometres around the corner we arrived at the walking track to the Sandy Cape Lighthouse (it is also as far as you are allowed to drive along the beach). It was a quarter of an hour’s walk along a forested ridge with a fascinating variety of vegetation. The lighthouse is now unmanned with the lighthouse keeper’s house nearby. A gentle cooling breeze and shaded track made for pleasant walking. The taxi took us back down the beach to the Orchid Beach township. On the way we passed what was left of a large motor-cruiser (not much) being broken up and loaded into two massive rubbish skips with two big skip-trucks waiting nearby. This boat had come to grief in the wild seas (it was still very windy with lots of white caps) but as we neared Orchid Beach we could see others being more cautious. In the bay, in the lee of Waddy Point, five trawlers were anchored in a widely spaced line with their booms spread out and otter-boards stacked at the stern. They stayed there several days (but were gone when we left Orchid Beach on Monday morning). After meandering through back streets we found our accommodation. It was spacious and pleasant but a long walk from the beach.

On Saturday we set off early to walk to Indian Head via Waddy Point. On the way we investigated a large sand blow and then looked at the view and rock formations on Waddy Point. We slid down a very steep grassy slope the other side to enjoy the peace of walking along windswept deserted beaches and headlands with NO vehicles (they are banned in this section). All the time we were walking into a stiff south-easterly trade-wind. Dark rain showers constantly visible out to sea made a dramatic contrast to bursts of sunshine. We reached the Champagne Pools, large rock pools with ocean waves breaking over them.

There were quite a few people here and an extensive system of stairs and platforms leading down from the headland. We decided to go round the rocks to the next beach rather than take the stairs. It involved a bit of scrambling and a short drop to a sandy bottom to wade a few metres in ankle-deep water. This was fine if you timed it between wave crests. One member of the party was a bit tardy getting across and got thigh-deep water and wet shorts. We then walked along the next beach and the road behind Indian Head and then to the top of Indian Head, a very impressive lump of rock with great views up and down the island. After walking back along the beach we followed the road back to Orchid Beach trudging through soft sand and keeping an eye out for vehicles. The shop was a welcome sight, where a refreshing cold drink was enjoyed, a few extra supplies bought and then the final trudge home. Sunday morning it was north to Ocean Lake. Now we had the wind behind us pushing us along the beach for five kilometres. A few light showers had us putting rain covers on our packs but we didn't bother with raincoats. At the lake we had a nibble at the picnic table and strolled around a circuit along some of the lake and up to a lookout. Nobody was interested in bush-bashing to a large sand-blow as an alternative route back, so we returned the way we came. We had lunch back at the house and enjoyed a relaxing afternoon with rain bucketing down outside, grateful we were under a roof.

On Monday we got up very bright and early to be ready for the taxi arriving at 6am (Steve, the taxi driver woke at 4am to pick us up). We stopped briefly to look at Red Canyon and were dropped off at the walking track into Lake Wabby. The taxi continued on to drop off our gear at our accommodation. Though overcast and threatening, it stayed fine. There were a few people at the lake including a group of youngsters with a boogie board, taking turns to surf down the dune's steep slope to water's edge. We returned to the beach to walk south to Eurong. After the walking of the last few days, the last kilometre or so seemed an endless slog. Another relaxing afternoon at our accommodation was followed by an evening meal at the restaurant at the nearby resort.

On Tuesday morning three of us set off on the walking track to Central Station. Elizabeth stayed to join the taxi when it came to pick up our gear and meet us at Central Station. It was an attractive walk with a range of vegetation

types, including quite a bit of rainforest, lush and damp with recent rain. Massive trunks lying on the ground and huge tree stumps hinted at a lost magnificence. We were mostly surrounded by recent regrowth. At Central Station we read interpretive signs and had lunch, but were confounded in a search for a map showing our agreed meeting place with the taxi. The path we took last year was closed. We figured out our meeting place was a kilometre away and virtually no time to get there. So we started down the road and saw the taxi coming towards us. He had arrived at our meeting spot early, and not finding us, came looking for us. We piled on board and headed for Woongoolba Creek to catch the barge back to the mainland. On board we befriended the barge cat (with its own box and food and water bowls in the passenger cabin).

It was a great trip, we got to see a lot of the island without the rush of having to squeeze it into a long-weekend. It was a bonus having comfortable accommodation with plenty of time to relax and enjoy it. We were also able to go beyond the reach of tour busses and see the northern end of the island. Thanks to Elizabeth, Paddy and Julie-Anne for helping to make it such a wonderful trip. Thanks also to Justin who had done most of the preplanning and booking for the trip but was unable to lead it, Iain.

CLUB RETREAT SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER

Nine members accepted the invitation to gather from 10:30am to 2:30pm on this date at the Old Catholic Church (now the Church Hall) in Samford for our Annual BCBC Retreat. At this lovely semi-rural location, and under the guidance of our excellent Facilitator, Br Mark Fordyce, we took some time out from the busyness of everyday life and reflected on 'the bigger picture', asking ourselves the important Mary question: What am I being called to say 'Yes' to (at this particular stage of my life)?

We had a short gathering time, to have a cuppa, get settled in and allow our Facilitator to get to know us a little, before receiving some stimulus material on Mary's 'Yes' and the Marist (Mary-ist) 'Yes'. We then had the opportunity to spend some time alone in nature reflecting on these ideas and pursuing our own thoughts, too. During that time, some chose to sit still in the little old church or in the main Church next door, while others wandered around the

garden, admiring the mountain views and communing with Nature.

After a shared lunch and some further input on Marist Solidarity and ways we ourselves can show solidarity with the poor and marginalised, we then considered a personal action plan, answering the question: "What am I called to commit to at this time in my life?" To conclude, we reflected on words of wisdom about Mary as a role model for all of us: a model of justice and tenderness, of contemplation and concern for others. After the formal proceedings had concluded, some of us 'retreated' to a coffee shop in Samford Village for a debrief and chat over coffee – a very pleasant way to round off a good reflective day. Thanks to those who made the effort to attend. Michele E.

CHRISTMAS PARTY SATURDAY 6th JANUARY SOCIAL

On a fine Saturday evening 18 people gathered at the home of Russ and Jan to celebrate the Christmas season on the feast of the Epiphany. A few people took advantage of having a swim prior to dinner. Hot and cold savouries were served followed by a roast dinner and a variety of desserts. Russ organised a trivia quiz which thankfully was a little easier than the previous year. Much to the surprise of Antonia and Jan, they were declared the winning team and presented with certificates by Russ.

Thanks to Karen and Michael for assisting with catering for the event. Those who attended were Greg, Michele and Lucy, Liz, Graham, Antonia, Therese, Terry, Mike and Cath, Michael, Karen, Pat, Jonas, Michele and Richard as well as Russ and Jan.

LOWER BELLBIRD CIRCUIT/BALLANJUI FALLS SATURDAY 13th JANUARY DAY WALK

With temperatures expected to reach a scorching 38 degrees, it was decided to alter the advertised walk to include a swim at Lower Ballanjui Falls, a short 3kms further. While a car shuffle was taking place, morning tea was enjoyed on bench seats in a shady nook beside the car park.

It was a short road walk down hill to the start of the Lower Bellbird Circuit. From there it was very easy walking as we made our way down

the slope to the intersection with the Shipstern Track. We were walking clockwise, not anti-clockwise as originally planned. We arrived at the falls just before 11am. While a few went swimming the rest ate their lunch or just relaxed while taking in the spectacle of the huge volume of water cascading over the rock face. It certainly was quite spectacular. The water was a welcome relief and the fine spray in the air from the waterfall kept things a little cooler.

Unfortunately, all too soon we readied ourselves for the hot walk out of this idealic spot back to the cars. Walking up hill, we soon had several groups walking at different paces. The heat was certainly zapping energy. Along the way, we spotted a brown snake and a black snake which decided to bail up a couple of walkers for a fleeting moment. However, it decided to move across the track and up the bank, much to the relief of the said walkers. We passed two excellent lookouts, Yangahla and Koolanbilba, where we could see egg rock and down to where we had walked in the morning.

We were soon back where we had left Richard's car. While the car drivers went back to retrieve cars, the rest sat on a grassy shaded bank and waited. We finished the day at the Outpost Cafe at Canungra.

Thanks to the 15 keen walkers, Pat, Russ and Jan, Gerry, Paddy, Maria, Rosie, Sherryn, Richard, Louise and Russell, John, Janelle, and visitor Khaleel. Michele.

THURSDAY 18th JANUARY BAHNAMBOOLAH FALLS DAY WALK

Weather: A fine day with barely a cloud.
Temperature: 27°.
Distance: Approximately 14kms.
Attendance: 4 – Phil, Michele & Richard and Jarrod.

A lovely day. Beautiful fine weather. Nice scenery and the view of Coomera Falls was amazing. A major feature of the walk was how dry the track was and there were no leaches.

The trip went off really well and I am glad we did the shortened version of the walk as we got to see Coomera Falls twice. Lunch at Bahnamboola Falls was lovely and one person, Jarrod, went for a swim.

A special feature on the walk was the amount of lizards, snakes and goannas we saw. In particular we saw lots of land mullets and a beautiful red bellied black snake. It was a mid-week but there were very few people on the track.

Thanks to those who joined me on this walk. Phil.

**THE ALLIANCE HOTEL
FRIDAY 19th JANUARY
JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY**

The first JTS for the year found us back at the Alliance Hotel. We really enjoyed this venue last time and this time did not disappoint. Thanks to the eleven people who joined me, Karen, Josh, Hannah, Graham, Liz, John, Greg and Michele, Russ & Jan, Peggy, Mike and Kath. Michael.

**MTS BEERBURRUM & NGUNGUN
SATURDAY 20th JANUARY
DAY WALK**

After introductions, a beautiful and scorching afternoon saw 11 keen walkers climbing Mt Beerburum. Starting from the car park, the short descent to the top was quite deceiving, as it was presumed that a short climb would be relatively easy. We soon realised that our initial assumption was inaccurate. The paved path ascending up the mountain was steep and quite challenging and for many of the walkers, the seats along the way were a pleasant surprise for some much needed rest. The bush around was mainly open eucalypt forest. A fire tower was perched on the summit where we could see uninterrupted views of the mountains around. The challenging and steep climb was well worth the effort though. As we took in the 360 degree views of all the Glass House Mountains and the Sunshine Coast, we were mesmerized by the spectacular views. The cool breeze was also a pleasant, but welcomed surprise.

After making our way back down to the car park, we drove to the Information Centre and had some afternoon tea. Unfortunately, the Information Centre was closed but we found a cool spot with a park bench and seats. After a much needed rest we were ready for the highlight of the afternoon and headed off to Mt Ngungun to watch the sunset.

We began by walking through open forest with fern understory. The track was well defined and had some steep sections, so we soon found ourselves climbing at our own pace. Half way up, we could see views of Mt Tibrogargan. Arriving at the summit, we took the opportunity to take some photos of the spectacular close-up views of the surrounding mountains, which included Mt Tibrogargan, Mt Crookneck, Mt Beewah and Mt Coochin. While enjoying the cool breeze and pleasant views, we ate tea, relaxed and waited for the sun to set. Quickly the mountain became a popular place to be at sunset as groups of mainly young people shared the top of the mountain with us. Many a photo was taken with the cloud cover adding to the quality of our photos.

We soon made our way back down in the dark, with some opting to make the ascent early before it got too dark. A pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Thanks to everyone that came along, Gerry, Rosie, Robin, Terry, Richard, Sherryn, Sue, Anne and visitors, Khaleel and Jarrod. Michele.

**ST VINNIES NIGHT AT THE
GAYTHORNE
24th JANUARY
SOCIAL**

This is our one night to contribute to a charity and to enjoy ourselves at the same time. It all began at the time we met at Red Hill. We wanted to put something more back into the parish than just the rent on the hall. So, our January Coffee Night became a night for donating to the local chapter of St Vincent's.

Back then it was bringing your home-made goodies and boiling the billy at a lookout – and collecting coin for the donation. Now we no longer boil a night-time billy but prefer to go out to buy supper. For many years we have held it at the Gaythorne RSL. The atmosphere is nice, and the noise level is low, the food reasonable and the surrounds pleasant.

This year we had 18 persons turn up and enjoy a meal, a few drinks and much conversation. The first arrived before 6pm and the last to leave was after 9pm. We moved around the table so as to be able to talk to everyone at some time or other. We did not solve the problems of the world, but we did catch up with what everyone else was doing.

Thanks to all those who came and contribution to our donation, Michele E, Karen, Michael & Josh, Graham, Pat & Jonas, John H, Bob & Anne, Liz, Terry, Andrea, Maria, Marian, Dianne, Michele and Richard. Greg.

**THE BUNYA MOUNTAINS
THURSDAY TO SUNDAY
25th TO 28th JANUARY
BASE CAMP**

Most walkers arrived sometime on Thursday so the rest of us took the opportunity to enjoy our lodgings and surrounds. The weather was significantly cooler than Brisbane with no rain around. A good time to be here.

Friday morning arrived as did the last of our group as we headed down to see the ranger and find out if there were any problems with the tracks. There were with one small section closed because of land slips. This would not affect us this weekend.

After lunch and the compulsory coffee we set off to walk the Barker Creek circuit which at 10kms and through mainly rain forest was a good introduction to the Bunyas. We headed around the track clockwise passing Paradise car park and headed down to Paradise Falls which were dry. It is very dry up here with the only water seen in Saddle-tree Creek at the start. The next falls, Little Falls, at least had a trickle of water and so we took a break. Not long after the falls we crossed a natural bald (a treeless area) which we discovered a little later was across the top of Big Falls. There was one detour out along a spur with views back over Big Falls, which were dry, and views into the South Burnett, Barker Creek Lookout. This view was very similar to our view from our lodgings with the Tarong Power Plant very evident. From here it was a short walk back to the start and up to the café for refreshments.

Dinner tonight was at the Maidenwell Pub some 30kms away. The pub was alive with Australia Day celebrations and the staff were rushed off their feet. One said to us as we were ordering 'We got smashed today so there may be delays'. Yes there were delays and changes to our orders as they ran out of items but we were well compensated with free drinks, dessert and cheese platters. The majority of us loved it there even with the problems. It was great to be back in a country pub where life matters rather than deadlines.

Saturday arrived with clear skies again although we had been in the clouds overnight. Over breakfast Nicky had spotted a big snake wandering through the grounds, either a King Brown or a Taipan. I didn't care what it was as long as it went away. After breakfast we headed up to Burton's Well at the northern end of the park to our starting point for today's walk. Today's walk could be broken into four stages and Nicky would be at the end of each stage to pick up people where necessary. Thanks heaps Nicky. Today's walk was along the western edge of the park with views over the Dalby and Cecil Plains available all day. At around 16km the whole walk was not arduous as it was generally flat. The first section to Cherry Plain was about 6km and Michele left us here. The views from the various lookouts were great but the proliferation of Prickly Pear was not. The whole area was infested with the horrid stuff. Greg even said the park should be Prickly Pear NP not Bunya NP. After Cherry Plain it was about 4kms into Westcott where we had morning tea and Josh left us. We also took the opportunity to move the cars from Burton's Well to Paradise thus saving time at the end of the day. Westcott is a lovely campground and picnic area as well as having the Koondaii Circuit where you get the highlights of the western side of the park. The sections continued to get shorter as the distance into Paradise was just over 3kms. This section followed the edge for about half the distance before returning to the rain forest before Paradise car park. Nicky was waiting for us but everyone wanted to complete the last 3kms back to Dandabah. Paul decided to do the Barker Creek circuit so we left him here and caught again at the café where we all adjourned after the walk. Now we headed back to our lodgings either by car or walking and prepared the barbie for tonight's meal.

Sunday arrived and it was time to pack up already. The weekend was almost over. After leaving our lodgings we headed down to Dandabah to do the short walk out to Pine Gorge Lookout past Tim Shea Falls. These falls were flowing quite well which was a welcome surprise after all the dry falls we had passed. It was now time to head home. We returned by Kingaroy but unfortunately it shuts on a Sunday so we just headed straight home from there.

It was a great thanks helped by the people who came with me. Thanks to Karen, Josh, Pete & Nicky, Paul, Kylie, Liz, Paddy, Khaleel, Greg

and Michele and thanks to Nicky for doing all the running around. Michael.

**SUNDAY 28th JANUARY
TOOLONA CREEK CIRCUIT
DAY WALK**

Weather: A yucky rainy drizzly day.
Temperature: 25°.
Wind: 17 kph from South East.
Distance: Group 1: Approximately 7kms.
Group 2: Approximately 18kms.
Attendance: 19 – Phil, Michele & Richard ,
Pat, Rusty & Louise, Sue, John, Terry, Heike,
Laurie & Thea, Maxine, Therese & Peter, Ben,
Ken & Monica and Rosy.

The report below is by Monica.

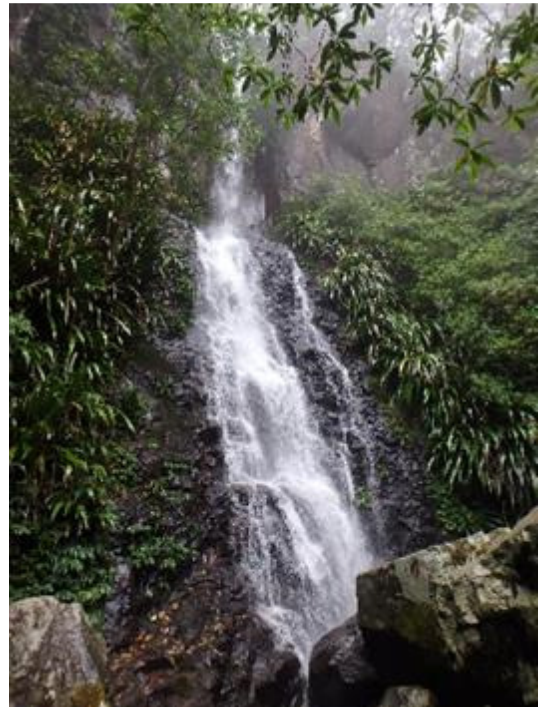
An intrepid and varied group of walkers gathered in Canungra before heading up the hill to O'Reillys. 17 walkers started, with a plan for a couple of latecomers to catch up.

The years of walking experience present would run into the centuries (no names mentioned). The troops headed out under cloudy skies, a chattering descent towards Picnic Rock. Unfortunately, as the group were eagerly anticipating a relaxing break at Picnic Rock, the heavens opened and umbrellas and raincoats rapidly unfurled. As the downpour continued it was decided that a hasty retreat was the wisest decision for such a large group.



Two foolish folks decided, in the spirit of the Club, to soldier on and complete the walk up Toolona Creek, stopping to admire the view of

clouds at Mt Wanungra Lookout, Toolona Lookout and Bithongabel.



Toolona Falls

The positives: beautiful waterfalls shrouded in mist, amazing Lamington Blue Crayfish out in their multitudes on the track, time to meditate walking in the overcast and cool weather (as opposed to the forecast hot weather), good company (thanks Ken) and clocking up more time on the track in my boots.

The negatives: the rain wasn't really a bother but there were a spectacular number of leeches which relished the wet weather and access to a ready feed.



Laminton Blue Crayfish

At the end of the walk Ken had strangers (and Phil!) capturing the bloody aftermath, and he probably wasn't the best promotion of the joy of bushwalking! We were reunited with some of the group and heard how they spend the rest of their day sensibly, eating, drinking and reminiscing.

Thanks to Phil for organizing the walk (and allowing a bloodied Ken to get back in his car.)

It is wonderful that the Club can still be going strong and returning to the same great places time and again – here's to the 60th! Monica McCarron.

The rain

The walk started at 9.15 am. The rain started at 10.00 am and became very heavy at 10.15 am just when we were having morning tea and kept raining until after nearly 12 noon. According to the Bureau of Meteorology the rainfall was 23 mm.



The decision to turn back.

One of the hardest thing to do as a leader is making a decision to abandon a planned walk and head back. We had only done about 4 km and only walked for a bit over an hour of a 5 hour walk. But as leader I was concerned about the cool and very wet conditions. Several people in the group didn't have raincoats on and were getting drenched. The track was wet and slippery and the leaches were coming out. I was very concerned about getting such a large group through the 12 creek crossings and decided the safest thing was to take the bulk of the group back. At about 10.45 am I advised that I was calling the walk off and heading back. I advised the group that Ken and Monica were doing the full walk and I suggested to a few people that they might like to join Ken and Monica on the full circuit but no one availed themselves of the opportunity to do a lot more walking in the rain. Basically everyone was very happy to head back early.



Standing - Pat, Thea, Lawrie, Terry, John, Sue, Michele, Richard & Rusty
Sitting - Phil, Rossy, Louise & Maxine

The full walk – Ken and Monica must have moved very quickly as they completed the full walk by 2.15 pm. But they didn't walk fast enough as the leaches had time to jump on board and Ken had over 50 leaches on him. His trousers which were normally grey had turned red. Phil.

BLUE MOON @ THE FULL MOON WEDNESDAY 31st JANUARY SOCIAL

This event was well attended with fifteen (15) members rolling up to view the first Blue, Super, Blood Moon in 150 years. Unfortunately the weather did not co-operate with complete cloud cover blocking all views. However it did not dampen the night with all enjoying a convivial atmosphere and quality pub meals. Around 7.30pm we all decided to finish the evening with a stroll down to the Shorncliffe Pier but again the weather intervened with light rain falling. So off home we went.

My thanks to the fourteen astronomical observers who joined me, Karen & Josh, Greg & Michele, Anne & Bob, Michele & Richard, Terry, Trevor, Elizabeth, Liz, Graham and Susan. Michael.

SATURDAY 3rd FEBRUARY APPLE TREE PARK TO PURLING BROOK FALLS DAY WALK

What a fabulous walk – offering stunning views of the magnificent Purling Brook Falls – made even more magnificent, if that were possible, by the showery weather on the day. I guess it wouldn't be a rainforest if there wasn't any rain! At the pre-outing a couple of weeks earlier, it was decided that this walk would be best achieved in reverse – allowing us to save the best for last (the falls) and affording us a slightly

easier ascent out of the valley. Thus, a little before 9am, six intrepid club members set off from Apple Tree Park, along the fire trail, and down a slightly sharpish, and in spots slippery, trail to Little Nerang Creek. The creek crossing was a little more exciting as the water levels were higher because of the recent rain, and a couple of members did get their feet wet! A few leeches tried to hitch a ride as well but we managed to spot the majority of them before any could have a bit of a feed.

Morning tea was taken at the beautiful Warringa Pool. We continued on towards the Purling Brook Falls, which were simply stunning, with

an increased volume of water. The nearby loop track over the bridge has been closed off, but we were able to stand on the bridge and admire the views back to the falls and down the valley below, before heading up to the upper lookout. The view back along the valley was quite ethereal as the mist from the rain provided a magical atmosphere.

Afterwards we enjoyed a quick cuppa at the Dancing Falls café. Many thanks to Paddy, Maria, Janell and Gerard, and Khaleel for joining me on this stunning walk. Kylie.

HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

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, 78 Musgrave Rd. Check "Jilalan" to determine the location to be sure.
- (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. Do not presume that outings are cancelled – ie, because of bad weather.
- (f) Should you change your mind and decide not to come to a Club event, please notify the leader as soon as possible.
- (g) 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.

All visitors must sign an Assumption of Risk form for insurance purposes.

VISITORS – for general enquiries contact Greg on Ph: 3351 4092.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, at 7:30pm. The location is St Michael's Parish Hall, Banks St, Dorrington. The hall is on the terrace below the church, out of sight – drive down to the lower car park.

VISITORS are always welcome.

EMERGENCY OFFICER: If you have not returned from an outing by 9:00pm, your family may ring the Emergency Officer (Or "EO" or "Emerg Off") for that outing – but please they are not to panic. If the EO is not mentioned, ring either the President or Vice President. IF any action is to occur, the Club will arrange it.

<http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/EmergOffSyst.html>

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT: The Club 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.

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Triple Zero Awareness Work Group (TZAWG)

As a result of problems experienced by emergency call-takers and emergency services, in late 2013 TZAWG launched a free smartphone app: Emergency*. TZAWG identified that more than 66% of incoming emergency calls were now made from mobile phones; however, mobile callers often do not know exactly where they are, meaning call-processing times are longer and call-takers are then unavailable to take the next incoming emergency call.

Determining caller location is the most critical piece of information emergency call-takers need when a call comes in. If callers don't know where they are, emergency services can't send help.

Emergency+ uses the existing GPS functionality of smartphones to enable callers to provide emergency call-takers with their location information as determined by their smartphone. When activated, the built in accessibility features of a smartphone will describe aloud what appears on-screen, so a caller can use the app without seeing it.

The Emergency+ app is available for free download in Apple iOS, Android and Windows phone versions, and has already saved lives by ensuring emergency services arrive on-scene as quickly as possible to assist someone in need. One group for which Emergency+ has obvious benefits is bushwalkers, and TZAWG has numerous examples where lost or injured bushwalkers have used the app to pinpoint their location for emergency services.

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