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EDITORIAL

Well AT last ! The U.Q. Chemistry Department has annexed the position of editor of Mini-Heybob - part of the Department's expansion program (We're leaving the chemistry to someone else !). I must take this chance to welcome the new members that have joined since the last M-H edition. The remainder of the year should prove fantastic for walking.

Some of you might be wondering about the title,

BUMPER RAINBOW EDITION.

This is in anticipation of the end of the SEQ/NSW downpour of the last 6 months and a promise from Hughie, almighty god of weather, that this winter will be magic for bushwalkers.

With the rain behind us (I hope), not to mention a few fatefully wet trips, there is some good walking to be had in the next few months, as the trip list reveals. GOOD WALKING !!!

Michael Mathieson.

*P.S. Remember! Club meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month, 7.30pm, RYAN ROOM.
Also, the A.G.M. is on Sep 6, 7.30pm, RYAN ROOM.*

MINIMUM IMPACT BUSHWALKING

The number of visitors to our National Parks is increasing steadily. Whilst it is encouraging to see people becoming more aware of these areas (and hopefully the need for their preservation) there is the problem of the detrimental effect that these large numbers have on the environment.

To minimise this impact, a few basic rules and some common sense needs to be applied. As part of a recognized bushwalking club, all members are strongly urged to abide by the following.

1. IF YOU CARRY IT IN YOU CAN CARRY IT OUT! (NOTE: orange peel is NOT biodegradable).
2. NO FIRES - It has been a policy of all Brisbane Bushwalking Clubs not to light fires along the main range, due to the limited amounts of wood and popularity of the area. The dead wood is an important part of the ecology of the site and should not be removed, especially in heavily used areas e.g. Lizard Point, East Peak of Barney.

A couple of candles provide sufficient light for nighttime reading and discussion.
3. DO NOT cut branches for any purpose such as for fires, tent poles (carry your own) or improving a campsite.
4. Bury all faecal waste AT LEAST 100m from the nearest water source. In heavily used areas such as the Overland Track, the risk of 'gastro' is high due to people not following this rule. Also make sure you bury it 6 inches deep, as animals dig it up. There is nothing worse than used toilet paper around a campsite. Some people recommend that toilet paper be burnt, however this can be a fire risk, especially on peat soils in Tasmania.
5. Do not use soaps or detergents near creeks or water sources.
6. Always leave a campsite in its original condition, if you have cleared an area of rocks etc to sleep on, try to return it to its original state.
7. Keep to marked tracks - NO cutting corners.



The weather was settling into its familiar pattern - only light rain during the week with the massive thunderstorms confined to the weekends. With this in mind a trip was planned to Moreton Island. It was to be expected by the end of the weekend most of us had proved ourselves to be real little soldiers - wet, cold, and homesick (homesick for a home that contained only one person - Donald!).

At approximately 5.17 pm on the Friday afternoon we left the hitching post. I can't guarantee the accuracy of these times as they were taken from Donald's notes. The drive down to Fisherman's Island was relatively uneventful. We

crused the sights of Wynnum - past my old high school, my aunt's place, and saw the land that the local orphanage sold to ICI for their chemical factory. We eagerly boarded the Moreton Venture Ferry for a scenic cruise down the estuary and into the wilds of Moreton Bay. Ferry was an 1/2 hour late starting which gave the 4-wheel drivers that much needed extra time to spend at the bar. It was an interesting 2 hour trip with so many interesting people on board

telling so many interesting stories while wearing so many interesting clothes. All in all the ferry trip is a must for any world weary traveller. It will pep you up and add some spice to your life especially if you are female in the ages any between 15 and 78. As the rain set in so did the clouds of smoke lending a gentle haze reminiscent of Mills and Boon novels.

Finally we arrived at Moreton, our wet home for the next two days. Trudging through the rain we were passed by a convoy of trucks. One bunch of hardy souls were still watching their T.V. They were willing to venture forth into the wide unknown - a place without 5 tv channels - the hardship of it all. After an exhausting walk of approximately 25 minutes we reached our first campsite. Donald's first plan had been to camp on the beach. This posed one slight

problem - there was no beach. So camp was made behind what was left of the sand dunes.

Saturday dawned overcast and depressing, at least the weather as consistent for the weekend. The day was spent walking up to the battery and then retracing our steps back to the little sand hills for lunch. For a person who doesn't like beaches because they have surf and sand, Donald was very enthusiastic. The most exciting part of the day was looking for my lost raincoat. That night we camped at the back of the little sand hills in what was assumed to be a protected area. At approximately 3.00 a.m. (using Donald's notes) the other fly, which was a piece of plastic generously loaned by the Cleveland scouts decided it wanted to fly. Donald's fly decide very soon after that flying seemed like a good idea. The flapping fly was brought under control by Donald and Peter. Some people had enough sense to feign sleep while all of this was occurring. I wasn't giving up my warmish sleeping bag (Donald's rip van freeze, while there are -6 celcius sleeping bags at only \$98, Donald!) till I absolutely had to, ie. the fly actually flew away. After a sleepless night, the next morning dawned overcast and depressing.

Sunday morning was spent playing with the big sand hills. A few interesting lakes in the area were visited. We also practised getting our legs sand blasted smooth, the look so loved by professional bicyclists. This treatment was finished off by a few torrential downpours . After such an exciting morning we headed back to camp, picked up our bags and set forth to Kooringal. The walk there was quite pleasant. It was only two hours from our campsite on graded roads with the promise of junk food at the end. Beware the shop at Kooringal. I was expected slightly higher prices but not funny black and brown bits on my cooked chips. They still remain unknown. After a lunch of a hotdog , chips of unknown vintage and a few chocolate frogs we set off for the arduous walk to the ferry, all 15 minutes.

The ferry was moored at a different area to the landing site. As the rain started pelting down we thought we would board early. No!! A 4-wheel drive with two people could get on but not six very wet and cold bushwalkers. We would upset the balance of the ferry. "Ferry capsized due to weight of six bushwalkers". We had to wait over 1/2 hour in pouring rain as they moved the ferry to the landing site. Once we were on board we had to wait an hour for some idiots who couldn't get their acts together enough to be at the site on time. Finally we were off, homeward bound. The trip was uneventful till we reached our cars. One of the cars wouldn't start. It was finally pushed outside of the compound to await either a mechanic for a lift. Due to my wealth of experience pushing cars especially Toranas, I decided the best place was safely in Donald's car. After all that excitement we left for home and a pizza for dinner.

The bad weather may have influenced my opinions of Moreton Island but I was not impressed with the section that I saw. From Reeder's point the beach is very bare with flat vegetated sand dunes being its main features. The beach would be very pleasant for a Sunday afternoon walk with relatives just enjoying the sound of the waves. The main asset - the little and big sand hills - were big but not awe-inspiring. Any grandeur they possessed was wrecked by people using their footprints to create a huge peace sign on the slope of one of the big sand hills. I hope it will be more enjoyable trip when I return to Moreton when the weather is fine.

SUSAN MUIR

WHAT TO TAKE ON WALKS IN S.E.Q.

The following list is a guide for those who have not been bushwalking before. It is only intended for use in S.E.Q where weather conditions are comparatively mild. For this reason you can get by without spending any or much money at all. The club has a wide range of good quality (and expensive) gear for hire. We recommend you take advantage of this before rushing out to buy the latest in fibre-pile gore-tex jocks. Assess your own needs and budgets and ask the advice of our member gearfreaks.

Now for the gear:

(The gear marked with an asterisk is available for hire)

*PACK - lined with a heavy duty garbag to keep everything dry.

TENT GEAR

*Flysheet - a bell-ended fly is suitable for Queensland weather and lighter and cheaper than a tent.

*Poles/Pegs

Chux - for wiping down wet tents and flys

*Ground Sheet

SLEEPING GEAR

*Sleeping Bag - Carry in a garbag so it won't get wet when you fall in a creek and it rains.

*Inner Sheet - good for added warmth and essential for keeping bags clean

*Foam Mat - available from Sherry's disposals for about \$12

CLOTHING

Raincoat - Essential. Very light coats are easily ripped by scunge

Warm clothes - jacket/jumper/ long pants

wool/wool/synthetic blend socks

sandshoes or thongs - to wear around the campsite (optional)

Gaiters - optional but makes life less painful when there's lots of scunge

Boots - not essential, sandshoes will suffice but most walkers consider boots to be more comfortable.

hat

Always have a dry change of clothes in your pack for nights

COOKING GEAR

*Stove

Billy

cup

Fry-pan

Plate/Bowl

Knife Fork Spoon

Matches or lighter in waterproof container

Spare fuel

Chux/scourer

Water bottles - Plastic orange juice containers or wine cask bladders. The latter are very useful for collecting water at campsites as they don't take up much room in your pack.

Most cooking gear can be obtained very cheaply at the disposals.

TOILET GEAR

Toilet paper !!! - essential

Trowel

Toothbrush/paste

sunburn cream

Insect repellent - RID is excellent

Personal First Aid Kit - Aspirin, Band aids, antiseptic cream, medication. See the HEYBOB for a comprehensive first aid kit.

Needle and Cotton - for those embarrassing moments when your pants split sliding down the Mt Norman chimney.

STILL MORE GEAR

Food - see next article

Torch and spare batteries - remember to reverse one battery in your torch so they won't get flat when the torch is turned on in your pack.

Spare plastic bag for rubbish

Spare plastic bags - for waterproofing gear when it rains

Candles

Map - a wide selection is available from the club library

Compass - to assist the trip leader in getting lost.

DAY WALKS

Raincoat - even if it is a fine day!

Jumper

Lunch

Water

Map

FOOD

A subject very dear to a bushwalkers heart. Here I have included some suggestions for food to be taken on 2-3 day walks in S.E.Q. Extended walks require much more care in planning and won't be discussed here.

There are a few points to remember

- Take food you like
- Take more than you think (Physical exercise normally requires extra food)
- Use food that is easily prepared and cooked. (After a day's walking you will be wanting a meal quickly with least effort required)
- Canned food is only good for base camps or trips where there is no water. Otherwise it is a lot of extra weight.
- Plan each meal separately so that nothing is forgotten.

BREAKFAST

Muesli
instant powdered milk
Bacon/eggs/sausages etc

LUNCH

Bread, Bread Rolls
Pita bread
Ryvita etc
Margarine - keeps better than butter in hot weather, its full of preservatives.
Vegemite, jam, honey, cheese, salami (keeps quite well due to the preservatives), peanut paste.
Cold chicken/ham etc
Fresh fruit

DINNER

Steak (will last a day if frozen and wrapped in paper)
rice and tuna
Fresh vegetables - very suitable for a 2 day walk (and longer)
Omelet
Stew - precooked at home and frozen - an excellent way for a gourmet meal in the bush; eg veal marengo
Pasta - excellent for adding to a meal
lentils - red lentils cook in about 15 minutes
Tinned ham - an exception to the rule on tins, but a small amount can flavour a meal.
pizza - with pit a bread base

DESERT

An old favourite is fruit cake and packet custard (just add water - to the custard silly).
Camembert and biscuits
instant pud
stewed dried fruit

tim tams
fresh fruit
cake

ESSENTIALS

Tea - preferably earl-grey.
Scroggin - nuts, chocolate, dried fruit, jelly babies etc
Chocolate - enough for everyone

GETTING SERIOUS ABOUT CONSERVATION:



Walkers: Richard Davis, Brendan O'Malley, Donald Roberts

Acting on Reg's suggestion from the preceeding week, we decided to visit the Cougals as a day trip on Saturday. Located between the easternmost extremity of Springbrook and the coast, the Cougals are a pair of peaks standing at the nexus of a series of ridges leading to Springbrook and the coast.

Leaving the Pacific Highway, we proceeded down the Tallebudgera road until we turned down the road to Tomewin. From the border gate at Tomewin we continued until we reached a turnoff that ultimately led to the famed rabbit fence. The navigational requirements of this trip are small, since the rabbit fence almost reaches the summit of the first peak. Leaving the car at a locked gate we followed the fence up through the scrub to an avocado plantation. Dispelling any unworthy thoughts of theft, we walked along to a convenient spot that rewarded us with a panoramic view of the Cougals.

Joined together by a sweeping saddle, the Cougals presented a sheer rock wall to the south while enjoying a luxuriant arc of forest ascending the ridge to the top. The rabbit fence parallels the Qld-NSW border and some old forestry roads, and soon we were in some very pleasant rainforest. As the clouds that had been threatening our trip gradually disappeared, we were treated to those inspirational scenes when sunlight streams through early morning mist and illuminates the rainforest.

One of the most common comments about the Cougals is on the line of "oh, that mountain you have to pull yourself up to by the rabbit fence!". Well, that's a fair appraisal towards the final sections. Although determined not to avail myself of this artificial support, I

must admit that just before the top I gripped, just once, the fence. From the end of the rabbit fence to the summit one follows the cliff around the east to a cliffbreak. The route is easy to follow due to the usual hordes of Scouts, etc having been there before. At the top excellent views towards the south (e.g. Mt. Warning) and east are available.

Also at the top were some "walking wallies"; the kind who wear Army disposal gear and leave tin cans behind. We had heard their cooees on the way to the summit. Proof positive of the easiness of this walk !! Preferring our company to such individuals, we decided to visit the 2nd peak immediately. West Peak (NO, not of Mt. Barney, Rob !!) is most impressive when viewed from East Cougal. An imposing shell of rock, joined to its partner by a narrow razorback, West Cougal is approached by a worn path leading to the north side. Some scrambling and navigational skills are necessary to reach the top.

At the top is a superb campsite on the northern side. The top is heavily vegetated by tall grasstrees and she-oaks. From the western side the ridges leading to Springbrook are visible. There are also a plethora of tracks criss-crossing the summit. Boyd's Butt is, an impressive rocky pillar rising from the northern ridges leading to Mt. Cougal, is also visible.

Retracing our steps, we reached the avocado plantation in just under an hour. From there we could see the upper portion of Mt. Warning, like a reclining lion, covered in a cloud that turned pink as the sun set. All in all, an excellent walk, with one minor proviso - leeches.

The Cougals have changed my opinion of bushwalking in the immediate Gold Coast hinterland, an area I had previously regarded with little interest.

DON ROBERTS

CLUB EQUIPMENT

The club has a wide range of bushwalking equipment for hire at very reasonable rates. Equipment is available to club members only and advertised trips receive priority. The equipment officer is Alan Bartram
(Ph. 378 0238)

1. Enquiries regarding gear should be made to Alan BY THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE THE TRIP.

2. Please pay for hired equipment when you pick it up - a receipt will be issued.

3a. Please return equipment by the WEDNESDAY of the following week. Even if there is no advertised club trip, other members may want to use it.

b. When you return gear, leave a note or otherwise make it known who you are!

4. Air and dry all gear before returning. DO NOT leave wet tents/flys or damp sleeping bags wrapped up for days at a time!!! Good gear is expensive so please look after it.

5. Use an inner sheet (supplied) with sleeping bags to keep them clean. Wash the inner

6. Any lost pegs will be charged for at the replacement cost of \$1-50 each. (Light weight aluminium pegs have been supplied to make life easier for club members - they are not cheap.)

7. First aid kits (two) are available for loan at no charge - except that people are asked to replace what they use. (These kits are about to be updated on the basis of a "soon to be published" HEYBOB article by our resident pharmacist Rob Anderson.)

PACKS:	DAY	WEEK	TENTS:	NIGHT	WEEK
Lowes(6)	1.00	4.00	4 SEASON:		
Day packs(2)	0.50	2.00	a. Olympus (\$150 deposit)	-	10.00
<hr/>			b. Black Ice Meridian (\$100 deposit)	2.00	8.00
SLEEPING BAGS:	NIGHT	WEEK	c. Ultimate	1.00	4.00
Snow(2)	2.00	6.00	OTHERS:		
Young	1.00	4.00	K-Mart Spec.	0.50	2.00
Old (ancient!)	0.50	2.00	4 Man Fly	0.50	2.00
<hr/>			+ ground sheet.		
MISCELLANEOUS:	DAY	WEEK	Paddy Fly	0.50	2.00
Sleeping Mats	0.25	1.00	+ ground sheet.		
Stove(1)	0.50	--			

CLIMBING EQUIPMENT:

(Only loaned to club members experienced in the use of this equipment, i.e. if we have seen you at training days.)

For: 1 Rope	0.50
Associated Equipment	0.50
	<u>1.00</u> per person per outing.

Mezzanine Ridge, Mt. Barney

Mezzanine Ridge sounded good : not often visited, spectacular views from the razorback section, and even some "handle with care" sections. The weather had kindly allowed the area to dry out for the week prior to the trip, and with Saturday dawning fine and cloudless, all augered well for another great Barney trip ! Our party consisted of Alan, Alison, Geoff, Brendan and myself.

The start of Mezzanine Ridge was easily found and we pushed up a steep hill providing views of the way ahead onto the actual ridge. After five minutes of this, we stopped for morning tea. Later, much refreshed, we climbed onto the start of the rocky section and discovered that it was indeed a razorback. After admiring the cliffs on either side of us, we sent Brendan (the club "Route Finder") off ahead to pioneer the route, the rest of us following at a leisurely pace, taking photographs.

At one point, we had the choice of either an exposed slab, or a short but tricky chimney as alternate routes up the ridge. Alan, Brendan and myself chose the slab and found the views spectacular (down through our legs !!), while Alison and Geoff perfected the art of "pack removal in a difficult place" in order to get out of the chimney, as a pack haul at the top of the chimney was obligatory. The only obstacle mentioned by the guidebook (the end of the razorback section) was the least difficult as there were plenty of Xanthoreas (grass-trees) to fall into if a mistake was made downclimbing !

The razorback part of the ridge only extends halfway up, and we had completed this section by lunch. The rest of the way can best be described as a major uphill scunge-bash ! Although we headed to the

right as we ascended the ridge, it was not far enough, and by 3.30pm a series of cliffs forced us to make several unsuccessful sorties around the base of these slabs to find a quicker way up. By 4.00pm Brendan was ready to tackle any route, the steeper the better, so we suggested an impossible chimney which opened out into a rather exposed slab. Surprising us all (and himself), he made it up with his pack on (!) and disappeared from view for 10 mins or so. Incoherent shouts echoed down to us, so I headed up the chimney without my pack on (as the weeds used by Brendan on his ascent were now pulled out) to see what was going on. We were at the very top of Mezzanine Ridge, in a place few, if any people have got to, on a narrow, flat spur leading out from cliffs surrounding the southern side of East Peak. In the fading light of day, I noticed a possible route from the spur onto the ridge separating the upper headwaters of Barney Gorge from the creeks draining south.

The others were still waiting below the cliffline, and after trying another route up the spur, dusk set in and they decided to stay where they were until morning. By some miraculous means, they found a flat tentsite amongst the ferns, boulders and scrub. Brendan and I enjoyed the luxury of both a flat site and great views of West Peak and Mt. Lindesay in a beautiful red sunset.

Sunday morning, and the predicted rain depression had arrived. Mist and light drizzle eddied around the peaks. Geoff, Alison and finally Alan scrambled up the now wet chimney using dirt for handholds and with the aid of a "Brendan Belay". We'd completed the ridge, taking 20 hours instead of 4 as per the guidebook !!

More scrub (chest high, on top of loose boulders) was encountered before we finally got to the top end of Barney Gorge Creek, and

rock-hopped down about half a km to the old hut site. Belated attempts at photography in Rum Jungle followed, before we called it a day and headed down Peasant's Ridge (eternal shame !!!) in increasingly bad weather.

Beaudesert was reached. The usual gluttony occurred there.

ROB STEVENS .

Miners blast ghost-bat nook in cave

MINING company Central Queensland Cement destroyed the ghost bat nook in Speaking Tube cave on Mount Etna about 2 pm yesterday.

The nook, close to the cave entrance and mountain wall, was a warm home during cold winters for the large, white ghost bat.

The bat was listed 10 years ago by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources as a species in danger of extinction.

Mine employees worked all weekend to prepare for the blast, which ended a 14-month battle to save Speaking Tube.

The company general manager, Mr Robin Town, said last night: "Some people have cyni-

By environment reporter
ROSLYN MURRAY

cally suggested we got in to finish off Speaking Tube.

"In fact, we really needed to get that stone.

"I'm totally at ease with the fact that in my mind we've taken the best and the most unbiased advice.

"I feel there has never been any indication that Speaking Tube in any way is essential to those bats — (the advice) has only shown that it was used on rare occasions," Mr Town said.

Last Thursday, the company won a six-month court battle, giving it the right to blast Speaking Tube immediately.

The State Government may be the real loser in the fight.

Conservationists last night said they would mount a "green campaign" against the National Party during this year's election.

The Queensland Conservation Council project officer, Mr Adrian Jeffreys, said the Premier, Mr Ahern, had "the blood of the ghost bats on his hands".

"Mount Etna was an indication of how we may deal with the Government and now, in no uncertain terms, there will be a campaign against the National Party," he said.

"It will be handled on an electorate-by-electorate basis and it will be up to the locals on whether they want to run a

green candidate," Mr Jeffreys said.

He said a "loose alliance" of green candidates, similar to Tasmania's Green Independents, might result.

Mr Jeffreys said one target could be the Broadsound electorate, which included Mount Etna and coastal areas with sand-mining interests, held by Mr Hinton for the National Party.

Leaders of conservation groups in Brisbane, including Dr Aila Keto and Mr Don Henry, recently met to discuss the possibility of "green independents".

The Rockhampton caver who lead the protest, Mr Craig Hardy, yesterday declared the

battle over but he laid the blame on the Government.

"The company deliberately went out of its way to blast the most sensitive part of the cave," he said.

"The part of Speaking Tube they blasted is not of normal mining operations."

The group Mr Hardy represents, the Central Queensland Speleological Society, abandoned its fight last week when it failed to raise \$45,000 security for the company's costs during a Supreme Court trial.

The trial, to hear the society's claim that mining Speaking Tube would breach the Fauna Conservation Act, had been set for hearing from today.

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I carefully opened the front door as not to wake Alan and Alison. Creeping inside, silently closing the door behind me, I took off my shoes (now 20 hours on my feet) and began ascending the stairs.

H E L L O F R E -----D !!

@#\$% !! Half out of my wits, I reprimanded Alison's cockatoo. "Shut up Fred, it's 3 in the morning !" (or something to that effect). A plaintive drawn-out "Hello-o-o-o-o-o" was the reply. I continued to climb the stairs, staggering now after the trauma. Reaching the spare bedroom (after an obligatory stop at the small room on the left) I jumped into bed. Why was the light spinning? The cupboard too ..and.. the whole room !! Shutting my eyes only made it worse. Jumping out of bed, I stood standing, gazing out the window at the rain, feeling only slightly better for the change of position.

GREAT PARTY PAULA !!!

"Wake up Mathieson, you bastard !" was the call from Alan the friendly alarm clock. "It's time to go !" I sprung out of bed - feeling great. Then I realized it was 6a.m. After numerous comments had been passed about my arrival time and sleeping position (sitting bolt upright in bed against the wall) Alan and I packed our daypacks and were ready to go. Denise came to pick us up and, undeterred by some fairly consistent rain, we headed off. Rob and Michael P. were picked up along the way to Springbrook, the rain ever increasing in intensity.

By the time we reached Canyon Lookout, the start of the planned walk to the "Pinnacle", the rain was fairly bucketting down. Opposite the lookout was a little Devonshire Tea House which some of us were eyeing off but to my suggestion that we spend the morning there Denise responded, "I drove up here to go on a walk and I'm going to go on one !".

Donning the Gore-tex and leaving the cameras behind (except Alan), our intrepid party of five trudged off into the pelting rain and driving wind. The track led over and under several waterfalls, all of which were spraying rather heavily on the track. (Spraying, in this case, is a euphemism for BUCKETTING and FLOODING!) Leeches attached themselves firmly to our bodies.

Numerous stops were made in order to reduce the population of the little blood suckers clinging to us, but all was in vain. After passing behind Ee-jung Falls (where water was blown up underneath our Gore-tex saturating anything that was left dry) we came to a final barrier, a waterfall to our right was flooding the track to a large extent. Another waterfall leapt off a cliff immediately to our left. We decided it was too dangerous to go on so we turned back and completed the minor circuit to the tea-house. Photos were taken of the party wading in waist-deep water and clinging to NPWS signs as the waterfalls crashed down all around us. Finally we reached the top - drenched twenty times over. It was declared, at this point, that Gore-tex is thoroughly useless.

We changed into dry clothes on the verandah of the tea-house before entering to sample such delights as steaming hot vege soup and Devonshire teas - for two hours!! Meanwhile the downpour continued. At approx. 1 pm we decided to get moving and headed for Alison's mum's place at Nerang. Denise made a dodgy creek crossing above Purlingbrook Falls and we made a service station attendant brave the rain to fill the Torana tank. Upon reaching the Nerang River at the bottom of the mountain we found the bridge ~1 m under a raging torrent.

"***** hell! We're trapped!"

We found a place to stay that night - Gleneagles Tea-house. We spent the rest of the afternoon having more Devonshire Tea and learning more about each other. Rob is a great card player ???! and Alan (with sparkling genius, displayed by his statement "Cirques are formed by volcanic activity") showed why he should be on everyone's trivial pursuit team.

After a night of almost constant heavy rain, we heard the Nerang road was open about mid-morning, so we packed up and left our gracious hosts. We had to cross the newly constructed, unfinished bridge and plough over a shocking side-track (freshly laid with rocks and an old car bonnet Alan found). This was because the Hinze Dam had risen during the night and covered the road we had travelled on the previous day with at least 2 m of water. So much for constructing a new dam wall extension before the bypass road is built.

Nerang was reached safely whereupon Alan grasped Alison and said,

"Were you worried dear?"

"No!" she answered. "Not when you've been having Devonshire teas all day yesterday".

This news had come via the State Emergency Service. Apparently the lady at the tea-house at Canyon Lookout told them we were safe - not like a party of 3 who were trapped (on the same walk coincidentally) overnight in the bush, cut by flood waters, simply because they had left about an hour earlier than us.

What a FANTASTIC walk !!

MICHAEL MATHIESON

Heybob

Yes believe it or not, after 10 years the HEYBOB for 1989/90 is on the shelves. There are many great articles including trip reports, photography, spotting wildlife, humour and much more. All this for the modest price of \$5! Get yours at the next meeting, or contact Alan Bartram on 378 0238.

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TRIP LIST

Over the next few months, the club has the following walks planned. If you wish to go on a walk, contact the trip leader by the Wednesday before the trip. (N.B. Members are encouraged to think up trip ideas. If you have any thoughts, come to the next club meeting.

JULY

- 5-11 Carnarvon Gorge. Leader: Brendan O'Malley
Brendan will be leading a trip to Qld's spectacular Central Highlands. If interested, contact him ASAP
Ph.3458844
- 15-16 Mt. Clunie Daywalk. Leader: Don Roberts
"Interesting views" to be had from this steep-sided mountain on the Q-NSW border. Grade-moderate.
- 21 Slide night at Reg Pollitt's place. Phone Reg on 3717087. Grade: Intriguing, fascinating, boring, unbearable - depending on your interest in slide-shows
- 22 Training day at Kangaroo cliffs. Learn rock-climbing and abseiling. New members are encouraged to attend. Meet at the rotunda on top of the cliffs at 9.30 a.m.
- 29-30 Noosa River fishing trip. Leader: Susan Muir
Canoe and fish the delightful Noosa River. Contact Susan on 3714865.

AUGUST

- 5-6 Girraween through-walk. Leader: Alan Bartram
An trip to one of the more unique areas of SEQ. Pack your thermal undies for this visit to "BRASS MONKEY" country!
Phone Alan on 3780238. Grade: Easy

- 20
- 12-13 I will be leading a trip to the Main Range this week-end.
(Probably the Northern section). Phone me (Michael
Mathieson) on 3592656. Grade: moderate
- 19-20 The annual Club dinner will be held this weekend. Ring
Alan Bartram (3780238) for details.
- 26-27 Mt. Barney
SURPRISE!! SURPRISE!! The leader is Rob Stevens !
This trip will be ascending North Ridge and descending
via Barney Gorge (I think). Rob's number is 3711181.
Grade: Hard.

SEPTEMBER

- 2-3 Sundown N.P. Leader: Karen Woolley
Walk through this wonderfully different area of SEQ.
Ring Karen on 3717657. Grade: Easy
- 9-10 Wilson's Peak . Leader: Brandan O'Malley.
This steep peaks' most frequent visitor, Brendan, will be
leading yet another trip here. Grade: moderate.
Ph. 3458844.
- 16-17 North and South Obelisk. Leader: Reg Pollitt
Spend a weekend in Nthn NSW climbing these rock outcrops
Ph. 3717087.
- 23-24 Lever's Plateau. Leader: Brendan O'Malley
The regions most beautiful rainforest along with Mt.
Ballow (arguably). Ph. 3458844 Grade: Moderate.
- 30-31 Another training day. Ring Don Roberts for details.
Ph. 3714865.

OCTOBER

7-8

Mt. Maroon Daywalk. Leader: Reg Pollitt

Should be heaps of wildflowers along with great views of the surrounding area (Mt. Barney). Ring Reg to find out details of the day and times of the trip. Ph. 3717087.

14-15

Running Creek Falls Daywalk. Leader: Brendan O'Malley.

An easy walk to a spectacular waterfall with a magnificent swimming hole at its' base. Ph. 3458844.



ONE of the ghost bats which are under threat.

• **FUTURE** generations will condemn government and industry that wantonly destroy our fragile planet.

Mount Etna is a good example of man's greed in action.

Is limestone so rare it warrants the destruction of yet another species in our animal kingdom?— Jan Trendle, Marlene St, Caboolture.

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