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MEETINGS: The Brisbane Bushwalkers Club meets every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Newmarket Memorial Hall, cnr Enoggera Rd. & Ashgrove Ave., Newmarket. Except for December when the only meeting is on the 2nd Wednesday. All welcome.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The next committee meeting to be held at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 6th December** is at Tom Cowlshaw's at 47 Samford Road. Alderley. Ph: 3856 4050. All members are welcome to attend.

MAGAZINE: It is preferred that leaders submit pre-trip descriptions via the leaders page on the web site. Pre-trips will be given first priority, then other articles in order of receipt (subject to available space). The editor reserves the right to edit or reject articles where necessary. The preferred method for article submission is email; for other methods please discuss with editor.

DEADLINE for the **February** magazine is the **Open Meeting Wednesday 13th January**. *Pre-trip descriptions for all activities please!*

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BBW is an affiliated member of Bushwalking Qld whose website is:
www.bushwalkingqueensland.org.au

Cover Photograph
 Mt. Maroon Melbourne Cup Party
 November '09

EQUIPMENT HIRE

The following equipment is available **for club activities**. The charge *between meetings* per item is:

- Foam mat..... \$2.00
- Self inflating mat \$5.00
- Stove..... \$5.00
- Tent or Pack..... \$10.00

EPIRB: An EPIRB is available for loan on club activities. The EPIRB is free of charge to leaders.

GPS: A GPS is available for loan on club activities. The GPS is free of charge.

There is a \$20 per item deposit. Refundable upon return of equipment in good condition.

All equipment may be booked for hire by phoning the Equipment Officer. Pre-booking will ensure availability.

LIBRARY

Books, Maps and Magazines are available for loan between meetings. A fee of 50^c per item is required. Late fees do apply.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Fees include magazine subscription.

- Full Members:** Singles \$40 per annum
 Couples \$60 per annum

Annual membership falls due 31st January.

- Probationary Members:**
 Singles \$25 per 6month
 Couples \$40 per 6month

FIRST AID CERTIFICATES



BBW will refund 50% of the cost of a recognised First Aid certification course for full members. Show the receipt and give a photocopy of the certificate to the Treasurer.

Club Officials

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ABBREVIATIONS & GRADING

DISTANCE Short — Under 10 km per day
Medium — 10 to 15 km per day
Long — 15 to 20 km per day
EXtra Long — Over 20 km per day

ACTIVITY ABSeil; Base Camp; Day Walk; Through Walk; Easy Through Walk; Night Walk; SOCIAL Activity; KaYaK; CYCle; Safety & Training; Federation Mountain Rescue; ROGaine.

FAMILY Family — Family Group conditions; contact Leader

TERRAIN GRADING — 1 to 9

- 1 Path with smooth surface and low gradient.
- 2 Well-formed path or graded track with some minor obstacles.
- 3 Graded track, with obstacles such as rock or root intrusions, fallen debris, or creek crossings.
- 4 Rough, unformed track or open terrain, with obstacles such as rock or root intrusions, fallen debris, or creek crossings.
- 5 Rough or rocky terrain that may require use of hands, and/or creek rock hopping that requires small to moderate steps. Fallen debris possible.
- 6 Steep, rough or rocky terrain requiring use of hands, and/or creek rock hopping requiring moderate to large steps or jumps. Fallen debris possible.
- 7 Climb or descend steep rock, using hand or foot holds. May be some exposure. Good upper body strength required.
- 8 Climb or descend near vertical rock with exposure, using widely spaced or small hand or foot holds. Climbing skills may be required. Good upper body strength required.
- 9 Sustained climbing or descent of vertical or near vertical rock with exposure, using widely spaced or small hand or foot holds. Advanced climbing skills may be required. Good upper body strength required.

FITNESS & ENDURANCE GRADING — A to E (Note: Walking times do not include breaks.)

- A** Basic — Generally suitable for new bushwalkers. Up to four hours of walking and possibly minor hills. Slower pace with frequent breaks.
- B** Easy — About five hours of walking and up to 300m of elevation gain/loss per day.
- C** Moderate — About six hours of walking and up to 600m of elevation gain/loss per day. Agility required.
- D** High — High fitness, endurance and agility required. Up to eight hours of walking and about 1000m of elevation gain/loss per day.
- E** Challenging — Very high fitness, endurance and agility required. Up to or more than twelve hours of walking and greater than 1000m of elevation gain/loss per day.

INFORMATION FOR WALKERS

The Members Handbook has a complete list of Club Guidelines (also available from the library or download from the BBW website)

- Nominate for an activity on the clipboard list at the meetings. Walkers must be financial at the time of nominating.
- Walkers are responsible for ensuring they are capable of doing the activity for which they nominate. Read the Grading descriptions on this page. If you are uncertain, consult the walk leader.
- If you are unable to attend meetings contact the leader (who keeps the list).
- If you are unable to attend the activity you must contact the leader to cancel so that others on the waiting list may go.
- Concerned relatives can ring the Contact Officer for information if the activity is exceptionally late.

TRANSPORT COSTS: Passengers are asked to pay a contribution to the driver for their share of car expenses. Each passenger should expect to contribute 10-15 cents per km. Large cars and 4WDs obviously cost more to run than small cars. If there are 3 or more passengers then 10c/km is probably a reasonable contribution. If you are unhappy with the contribution amount, you are always free to take your own vehicle.

CAMPING FEES: National Park or State Forest camping fees are \$5.00 per person per night. (The leader will provide details.) NSW National Parks also charge \$7 per vehicle per day.

ALWAYS TAKE: Membership Card; lunch, snacks, spare food; water (at least 2 or 3 litres); first aid kit; hat & sunscreen; torch; whistle; pencil & paper; warm clothing (fleecy jacket minimum, thermals if you have them); raincoat. Don't forget a change of clothing & shoes for after the walk and money for car pooling & coffee.

Example — **FSDW-3B**
Family (F)
Short Day Walk (SDW)
Graded track with obstacles (3)
Easy (B)

PROGRAM

ALWAYS TAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU

Refer to Page 3 for a list of the minimum items required to take on a Day Walk

November

25 Meeting

26	LDW-7D	North Peak-Mt.Barney	Brian Randle	32662932
	SNW- 3C	Mt Cootha Weekly Night Walk	Malcolm Crabtree	
27-29	MBC3B/4B	Mt Glorious Base Camp	John Shields	07-32646565
	SOCIAL	Christmas T/Party Tambourine Mt.	Burney	0422386080
	SURVEY	Upper Noosa River	Rosemary Axon	
28	S83S&T	Kangaroo Point Advanced Abseil	John Granat	3274 2777 wk.
	SDW4/5B	Mt Coot-tha for New Members - MINIMAXS	Marion & Lou Darveniza	3378 4031
	LDW7D	Turtle Rock for Ninja (the secret)	Paul Horwath	
29	MDW 3B	Baroon Dam/Kondalilla Falls	Dennis Fishlock	32840551 0419577360
	MDW-5/6C	Mt Barney Waterfall	Lou & Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
	SDW5C	Mt Greville	Ryan Langley	

December

2	SDW-5B	Northbrook Gorge	Lou & Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
3	SNW- 3C	Mt Cootha Weekly Night Walk	Ken Rubie	
5	S83S&T	Kangaroo Point Beginners Abseil	John Granat	3274 2777 wk.
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	MDW 3C	Sunshine Beach Christmas	Greg Kuss.	07 37208245
	MDW-5C	Stinson Memorial & Point Lookout	Carleton Nothling	0409516652
	MINIMAXS	Iron Bark Gully	Dennis Fishlock	32840551 0419577360
5-6	MTW-5C	Upper Blackfellow Creek Circuit	John Stevens	0431 929 466
6	S83S&T	Kangaroo Point Beginners Abseil	John Granat	3274 2777 wk.
	MDW 4C	Bellbird Grove Walk	Dennis Fishlock	32840551 0419577360
	MDW 5-6C	Northbrook Ck The Source	John Shields	07-32646565
	MINIMAXS	MINIMAX Jolly's Lookout for Under 40s	Karlene Booker & Deniz Clarke)	0416 192 269
9 Meeting				
10	SNW- 3C	Mt Cootha Weekly Night Walk	Rosemary Axon	
11-13	FBC 4C	Mt. GLORIOUS FAMILY BASE CAMP	John Shields	07-32646565
12	FAMILY SOC	Family Christmas Party Mt Glorious Barracks	Marion Crowther, John Shields	33517832
	MDW SURVEY	McAfees Lookout Walk	Dennis Fishlock	32840551 0419577360
	EXLDW-2B	Binna Burra to O`Reilly`s & Return	Mary Comer	3844 6231
12-13	LTW-3C	Rat-a-Tat / Lamington NP	Barry Collins	3876 9779
			NOT on walk day please!	
13	MDW-6C	Cedar & Love Creeks from the bottom	Lou & Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
	MDW3B	Blue Pool - Stairway Falls	Peter Hunt	33513642
15	SNW2C	West End Hills	Joan Davey	0415 139 646
16	CYC	Christmas Lights Bike Tour	Picnic Pete	3351 1184
17	SNW- 3C	Mt Cootha Weekly Night Walk	Malcolm Crabtree	
19	LDW7D	Shipstern Cliffs (Pirates Challenge) for ninja	Paul Horwath	0429509334
20	MDW-5D	Teviot Brook watershed circuit	John Stevens	0431 929 466
	MDW4C	Bellthorpe Nth East Walk	Dennis Fishlock	32840551 0419577360

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23 ** No meeting - xmas eve **

28-31 FKYK	Wivenhoe to Kholo Challenge	Graham McLeod	3200 8149
		Siobhan Mouncey	3393 0382

January

9-16 KYK	Clarence River Gorge - The Loop	Picnic Pete	3351 1184
10 MDW4C	Piper Commanche & Mt D'Aguilar	John Shields	07-32646565
17 MDW5C	KOBBLE CK The Source	John Shields	07-32646565
19 SNW2C	West End Hills	Joan Davey	0415 139 646
23 MDW 4C	Manorina Walk	Dennis Fishlock	32840551 0419577360

22-26 LTW5C	Gibraltar / Washpool National Park	Jenny Zohn	
31 MDW4C	Annies Ck & Greenes Falls	John Shields	07-32646565

February

8-7 LTW 5/6C/D	New Zealand - Dusky Sound, Takitimu Mountains and Hump Ridge	Tom McAlister	38512978
12-14 BC 4/5C	Mt Glorious Base Camp	John Shields	07-32646565
14-31 LTW	Tasmania - Penguin to Cockle Creek	Ray Glancy	3343 8854
16	Equipment Show at Globe Trekker (20% off on the night)	Picnic Pete	3351 1184

ADVANCE NOTICE

26-28 March	WORK N WALK Mt Glorious Base Camp [QPWS Volunteers only] check web site for further dates throughout 2010	John Shields	07-32646565
28 March 11 April	North Queensland Bike-n-Hike & Paddle	Greg Long	3841 1720
1-14 August	Cape York	Ken Rubie	

NO MEETING 23rd December

Safety and Training Events:

Abseil Training — Kangaroo Point Baby Cliffs — Beginners and Advanced
\$20 contribution to cover wear and tear on the club's equipment.
Check the program for dates.

Always carry extra water in the summer months

REMINDER

MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE BY

January 31 2010

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Walk leaders will need to see your membership card at the start of all walks. PLEASE have it with you! You can be refused participation in an activity if you can't prove your membership status.



.....Coming Trips.....

NORTH PEAK-MT.BARNEY

Day Walk Thu 26 Nov
LEADER: Brian Randle 32662932
MOBILE: 0408744542
EMAIL: leogem@powerup.com.au
GRADE: LDW-7D
LIMIT: 10
BRING: 4 lt water, Page 3
COST: Petrol Money
DEPART: 5am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS: 200km
MAP: Mt,Lindesay 1:25000

We will park at Mt.Barney Lodge and ascend the lower portion of Logans Ridge before hanging a right across Rocky Creek and on to North Ridge. Lunch will be on top of North Peak and our descent via the same route. NO LIST AT MEETINGS, PLEASE CONTACT LEADER DIRECT.

MT COOTHA WEEKLY NIGHT WALK

Short Night Walk Thu 26 Nov
LEADER: Malcolm Crabtree
MOBILE: 0410408620
GRADE: SNW- 3C
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Page 3 plus torch and water
COST: Nil
DEPART: 6:30pm Carpark West of Summit Cafe - Mt Cootha

The Mt Cootha Thursday night walks are exercise walks to assist people to improve their bushwalking fitness and to learn techniques for night time walking. The walks will commence at 6.30pm sharp from the car park below the Summit Cafe on Mt Cootha, leading back towards the western side of the mountain. The walks will be approximately 1.5 hours in duration, on marked tracks and fire trails, involving the descent and ascent of the mountain at a reasonable walking pace. In places the terrain of the walk will involve walking on loose surfaces with moderate and in some places, steep inclines. Participants will need a moderate level of fitness suitable for hill walking. Participants will need the Page 3 items as well as requiring the appropriate hiking footwear, torch and drinking water. At the end of the walk we will have coffee at the Summit Cafe for those who wish to reward their efforts and enjoy the sights of Brisbane at night. Bookings will not be taken for these walks so people intending to walk need to arrive at the start point in sufficient time for the walk commencement at 6.30 sharp. For further information please contact the walk leader

MT GLORIOUS BASE CAMP

Base Camp Fri 27 - Sun 29 Nov
LEADER: John Shields 07-32646565
MOBILE: 0447824988[on base camp days only]
EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au
GRADE: MBC3B/4B
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Base camp and day walk gear
COST: \$12 camp fee[2 nights]
MAP: BFP
This activity is full.

KANGAROO POINT ADVANCED ABSEIL

Abseil Training Sat 28 Nov
LEADER: John Granat 3274 2777 wk.
MOBILE: 0409620047
EMAIL: johnegranat@gmail.com
GRADE: S83S&T
LIMIT: 6
BRING: Morning tea, usual day walk gear
COST: \$20
DEPART: 7:30am 12.30pm

To qualify for this training you must have successfully completed the BBW beginners abseil weekend. This course, Advanced Abseil 3, covers all the criteria detailed in the BBW Advanced Abseil assessment (appendix 2) in schedule 12, Policy and Procedures for Abseil activities on the BBW site. The training will be conducted by members of BBW. The cost will be \$20 and covers rope and equipment hire. Expect to hone your abseil skills with more knots, rope techniques and challenging abseils.

MT COOT-THA NEW MEMBERS - MINIMAXS

Minimaxs Sat 28 Nov
LEADER: Marion & Lou Darveniza 3378 4031
EMAIL: louandmarion@gmail.com
GRADE: SDW4/5B
LIMIT: 5 + 10
BRING: Usual Day walk gear - refer page 3 plus 2 litres water
DEPART: 7am Gold Mine Picnic area UBD page 157 P13
MAP: Brisbane forest Park 1:30 000

A MINIMAXS walk is an introductory/training walk designed for new members to the club. Partaking in one is necessary to qualify for full membership and we encourage new members to do one very soon after joining. An alternative is to attend a New Members Weekend (held less often). We will be walking on a variety of tracks, formed and some caused by use, going up a rocky creek or two and stopping periodically to discuss club pro-

ocols, clothing, safety, environmental impact and the club's grading system. The creek parts are graded Terrain 5, but the pace will be determined by the party and an alternative exists. Bring your daypack, morning tea, lunch and water. Even though the walk is not long and no part of the Mt Coot-tha area is considered REMOTE, bring whatever gear you would bring on a full day walk as we will be discussing the "Always Take" list. Mt Coot-tha has some surprisingly lovely country, so close to the city, easy to get to and excellent for introducing people to bushwalking and BBW. Meet at the Gold Mine Picnic Area UBD Page 157, ref P13, fairly close to Channel 9, 10 minutes before departure time. We should finish not too long after lunch. Bring a cup for tea/coffee afterwards - We'll provide the tea/coffee/milk/sugar as at that time of day the Summit Cafe will be very crowded - will boil up in the picnic shelter. Looking forward to walking with you.

TURTLE ROCK FOR NINJA (THE SECRET)

Ldw Sat 28 Nov

LEADER: Paul Horwath
MOBILE: 0429509334
EMAIL: paulpaulpaulpaul@live.com.au
GRADE: LDW7D
LIMIT: 9
COST: 20 dollars
DEPART: 6am tba
CAR KMS: 200

I promise this will be the best bush walk you ever have done or ever will do . it has it all. we're going up turtle rock. It will be hard but a lot of fun, we will head down Nixon Creek then work our way around behind the rock and climb it. This wont be as hard as egg rock, but should be a challenge, so if you can make it, you're welcome. No list at meeting.

BAROON DAM/KONDALILLA FALLS

Day Walk Sun 29 Nov

LEADER: Dennis Fishlock 32840551
0419577360
EMAIL: fyshies@bigpond.com
GRADE: MDW 3B
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Day Pack as per page 3/3lt water
COST: Petrol contribution \$15
DEPART: 6:30am Aspley Hypermarket[Aust Post Sign] UBD 119 J4
CAR KMS: 160kms
MAP: Witta/Nambour
MEETING POINT ARRIVAL: Minimum 15 minutes before departure time

This activity is full.

MT BARNEY WATERFALL

Day Walk Sun 29 Nov

LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
EMAIL: louandmarion@gmail.com
GRADE: MDW-5/6C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Usual day walk gear, swimmers, 3L water

DEPART: 6:30am Fairfield Gardens

CAR KMS: 210

MAP: Mt Lindsay 1:25 000

From Lower Portals car park we will walk into Lower Portals and have a good swim. Then it is up the track towards the gorge for some distance before striking out on a flatish ridge. The ridge is followed down to Mt Barney Ck for another swim near the waterfall. Climbing to the top of the waterfall is optional. This part is graded 6C. After lunch, siesta in the shady spot and/or another swim or play on the waterslide, we will rock hop down the creek to Lower Portals. If conditions are suitable, there will be an option to "jump" through the Portals, otherwise it is a short climb out to the track back to Lower Portals with yet another swim. The walk out to the cars will be in the cooler part of the afternoon. Jumping through the portals will require that one's pack is waterproofed. It does also involve clambering over and down some huge boulders. Whether the water levels make this a safe option will be assessed in the morning. Waterproofing of packs can be done after lunch. This trip is a great way to spend a hot day

MT GREVILLE

Day Walk Sun 29 Nov

LEADER: Ryan Langley
EMAIL: rrlaust@yahoo.com.au
GRADE: SDW5C
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Normal day walk gear
DEPART: 7:30am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS: 210

Mt Greville is a peak near Aratula. We will ascend via Waterfall Valley and return by Palm Gorge. It is a good walk to do in summer, as we are in the shade of the gorges for most of the day. Near the top of Waterfall valley, there is a small amount of scrambling involved as we head up to rock slabs overlooking Lake Moogerah for morning tea. We then continue off track, up a reasonable slope as we head to the peak for lunch. Please nominate by email.

NORTHBROOK GORGE

Day Walk Wed 2 Dec

LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
MOBILE: 0438 481 186 on day of walk only
EMAIL: louandmarion@gmail.com
GRADE: SDW-5B

LIMIT: 12
BRING: "Always take" P3 + waterproof packs
DEPART: 6:30am Alderley
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30 000
From Wivenhoe Lookout we will drop down a gully to meet up with Northbrook Ck. This is followed down to the gorge where we will have an early lunch between the first and second pools. The top pool can be negotiated around the side without swimming through, but all subsequent pools MUST be swum through. This means that packs will have to be waterproofed before swimming. If unsure of what to do, contact us to discuss it. From the final pool, it is a short climb out to the road where we will have left some cars. A great way to spend a hot day.

MT COOTHA WEEKLY NIGHT WALK

Short Night Walk Thu 3 Dec
LEADER: Ken Rubie
MOBILE: 0448448598
GRADE: SNW- 3C
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Page 3 plus torch and water
COST: Nil
DEPART: 6:30pm Carpark West of Summit Cafe - Mt Cootha

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KANGAROO POINT BEGINNERS ABSEIL

Abseil Training Sat 5 Dec
LEADER: John Granat 3274 2777 wk.
MOBILE: 0409620047
EMAIL: johngranat@gmail.com
GRADE: S83S&T

LIMIT: 6
BRING: Morning tea, usual day walk gear
COST: \$20
DEPART: 7:30am 12.30pm
This activity is day 1 of a consecutive 2 day beginner's abseil course. Members must successfully complete this day before progressing to day 2. The training will be conducted by members of BBW. Please note that you will be required to contribute \$20 towards the cost of the training, which includes issue of instructional handouts and use of club ropes and equipment. The day consists of learning essential rope techniques; knots etc. and use them to perform safe abseils down an 8 metre cliff face. Meet at the top of the Nursery Cliffs under the large Fig tree. Please nominate online, e-mail or phone. No list at meetings.

SUNSHINE BEACH CHRISTMAS

Day Walk Sat 5 Dec
LEADER: Greg Kuss. 07 37208245
EMAIL: gregorydk@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: MDW 3C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Beach wear, togs,
COST: petrol contribution + coffee
DEPART: 6am Alderley
CAR KMS: 320
MAP: Not required

This is a fun beach christmas walk. We start the walk at the Sunshine Beach SLSC park. We walk up the beach to Noosa NP. Over the hill to Devils Kitchen and enjoy the spectacular ocean views and breezes from the cliff. Alexandria Bay nudist beach is to our left. We retrace our steps to the Sunshine Beach patrolled beach and have a swim. Next we have a coffee at a great little coffee house that roasts its own beans. We jump in the cars and drive down to Coolum Beach. We walk up the boardwalk to Pt Perry Lookout. Great ocean views. We take the Coolum - Pt Arkwright coastal link, with several coastal vegetation communities. Views over rocky headlands and bays. We retrace our steps to Coolum patrolled beach for another swim. We finish with coffee and pastries at Johnathon M. Patisserie. Wear lightweight modern beach wear. Come along for fun and swims. No list at meetings, nominate online. Please do not nominate unless you have the commitment to attend on the day.

STINSON MEMORIAL & POINT LOOKOUT

Day Walk Sat 5 Dec
LEADER: Carleton Nothling 0409 516 652
EMAIL: carleton.nothling@bigpond.com
GRADE: MDW-5C
LIMIT: 10
BRING: usual day gear & at least 3 l water

COST: fuel
DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS: about 260km
MAP: Lamington 1:25000

The walk has a very historic setting and is in a beautiful area of the Lamington national Park. The Stinson airliner crashed in the McPherson ranges in on 19 Feb 1937 enroute from Brisbane to Sydney. The site of the crash is in rainforest in the rugged southern section of Lamington NP, where there is a small memorial and a little wreckage. The grave of Westray (1 of 3 survivors) is on the banks of Christmas Creek. More detailed information can be obtained by searching the relevant government archives on-line. The walk starts from the end of Christmas Ck Rd. We follow the creek to Westray's Grave for morning tea. We then ascend a steep, slippery track up the ridge with a bit of a cliff break to negotiate. We'll visit the memorial at the crash site and go to Point Lookout for lunch and magnificent views of NSW. We return via the same route. On descent, we can enjoy a swim in one of the many pools in the creek. If there is time and interest, we can do some rockhopping up the creek to enjoy the beauty of the creek. Good fitness for steep uphill walking and confidence in scrambling are required. It will be a long day hence the early start. We will walk at a fairly brisk pace. If we have not walked together before, please contact me either by email or phone, with details of similar off-track walks completed with the Club. NO LIST AT MEETINGS PLEASE.

IRON BARK GULLY

Training Day Sat 5 Dec

LEADER: Dennis Fishlock 32840551
0419577360

EMAIL: fyshies@bigpond.com.au

GRADE: MINIMAXS

LIMIT: 5+10

BRING: Day Pack as per page 3/2lt water

DEPART: 8am Iron Bark Gully Picnic Grounds
UBD MAP 117 F17

NOMINATE: Self Serve online/club meetings Suitable for New Members

MEETING POINT ARRIVAL: Minium 15 minutes before departure time

This walk is intended to introduce new members to bush walking, and to BBW Club in particular. The minimax is a good option for your first walk, we will be mainly walking on track and stopping at regular intervals to discuss a number of topics such as clothing, safety and enviromental impact. There will be a sample of off track walking to get an appreciation of the clubs grading system. WE WILL MEET AT THE IRON BARK GULLY PICNIC GROUNDS car park Map Reference UBD Map 117 F17, be on time and the required 15 minutes

prior to starting time. Bring your Pack, morning tea and lunch, please bring what ever gear you would normally take on a full day walk, as checking each others gear will be done. The Minimax is your qualifying walk for FULL MEMBERSHIP, this includes all current probationary members who have not done a minimax, only 5 places are available online initially, 10 places are reserved for Kitchen Meeting, those vacancies not filled additional online requests will be accepted.

UPPER BLACKFELLOW CREEK CIRCUIT

Thru Walk Sat 5 - Sun 6 Dec

LEADER: John Stevens 0431 929 466

EMAIL: johnpstevens@hotmail.com

GRADE: MTW-5C

LIMIT: 8 including leader

BRING: usual thru walk gear. Gaiters, gloves, long pants and long sleeve tops are highly recommended

COST: \$5 camp fee

DEPART: 6am to be advised

CAR KMS: 300 kms

MAP: Glen Rock 1:25,000

This activity is full.

KANGAROO POINT BEGINNERS ABSEIL

Abseil Training Sun 6 Dec

LEADER: John Granat 3274 2777 wk.

MOBILE: 0409620047

EMAIL: johngranat@gmail.com

GRADE: S83S&T

LIMIT: 6

BRING: Morning tea, usual day walk gear

COST: \$20

DEPART: 7:30am 12.30pm

This activity is day 2 of a consecutive 2 day beginner's abseil course. Members must successfully complete this day before progressing to club abseil trips. The training will be conducted by members of BBW. Please note that you will be required to contribute \$20 towards the cost of the training, which includes the use of club ropes and equipment. The day consists of learning more essential rope techniques; knots, passing over a knot joining two ropes etc. to perform safe abseils down an 8 metre cliff face. Please nominate online, e-mail or phone. No list at meetings.

BELLBIRD GROVE WALK

Day Walk Sun 6 Dec

LEADER: Dennis Fishlock 32840551
0419577360

EMAIL: fyshies@bigpond.com.au

GRADE: MDW 4C

LIMIT: 15

BRING: Day Pack as per page 3/3lt water

COST: Car Cost \$12 Per Person

DEPART: 6:30am Alderley Shopping Centre
CAR KMS: 80Kms
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park
NOMINATE: Self Serve online/club meetings Suitable for New Members
MEETING POINT ARRIVAL: Minimum 15 minutes before departure time

This is another very close walk from our front doors, Bellbird Grove is located on the Mt Nebo Road 3kms past Brisbane Forest Park Head Quarters and information Centre, Bellbird Park is a very well laid out picnic grounds with plenty of car parks, table settings and 2 amenities blocks. The walk starts on one of the designated tracks, we go approximately 1km where we cross a creek, at this point we enter a fire trail and follow it for some distance, then go off track and work our way ascending through medium dense eucalypt forest and come back onto a forestry road, where we will stop here for morning tea at the junction of the road. We will then move off down the lower fire trail to a designated point and go off track again ascending a reasonably steep ridge which is worth the effort to get the views of the city, as we work our way through numerous grass trees and stands of eucalypt trees the views even become better, we then arrive at our lunch spot Clear Mountain picnic grounds, yes more table settings and an amenity block [this is being spoilt] and 180 degree views across the city, but you have to work for it by doing some serious walking over a variety of terrain. After lunch we will work our way down another fire trail go off track descending back down to Bellbird Picnic grounds approximately 2 hours, change into fresh cloths and head off for afternoon refreshments back towards Alderley shopping Centre. **THIS WALK IS SUITABLE FOR NEW MEMBERS WITH A GOOD LEVEL OF FITNESS REQUIRED.**

NORTHBROOK CK THE SOURCE

Day Walk Sun 6 Dec
LEADER: John Shields 07-32646565
MOBILE: 0447824988 Walkday only
EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au
GRADE: MDW 5-6C
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Day pack as page 3 / 3 lit water
COST: \$12CAR CONTRIBUTION
DEPART: 7am Albany Ck Centro shopping centre UBD108F16 Westpac sign
CAR KMS: 80 return
MAP: BFP

This activity is full.

MINIMAX JOLLY'S LOOKOUT - UNDER 40S

Training Day Sun 6 Dec
LEADER: Karlene Booker & Deniz Clarke 0416 192 269 (Karlene)

MOBILE: 0412 007 360 (Deniz)
EMAIL: karlenebooker@hotmail.com, deniz-clarke@gmail.com
GRADE: MINIMAXS
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Always take for day walk - page three
DEPART: 8am Jolly's Lookout, Mt Nebo Road D'Aguilar National Park
NOMINATION LIST: Self Serve online/club meetings Suitable for New Members
MEETING POINT ARRIVAL: Minimum 15 minutes before departure time

This walk is intended to introduce new under 40s members to bush walking, and to BBW Club in particular. The minimax is a good option for your first walk. We will be mainly walking on track and stopping at regular intervals to discuss a number of topics such as clothing, safety, ethics and environmental impact. There will be a sample of off track walking to get an appreciation of the Club's grading system. The Minimax is your qualifying walk for FULL MEMBERSHIP. We will meet at Jolly's Lookout car park, Mt Nebo Road. Please bring what ever gear you would normally take on a full day walk, including morning tea and lunch as we will check gear.

MT COOTHA WEEKLY NIGHT WALK

Short Night Walk Thu 10 Dec
LEADER: Rosemary Axon
MOBILE: 0458177232
GRADE: SNW- 3C
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Page 3 plus torch and water
COST: Nil
DEPART: 6:30pm Carpark West of Summit Cafe - Mt Cootha

The Mt Cootha Thursday night walks are exercise walks to assist people to improve their bushwalking fitness and to learn techniques for night time walking. The walks will commence at 6.30pm sharp from the car park below the Summit Cafe on Mt Cootha, leading back towards the western side of the mountain. The walks will be approximately 1.5 hours in duration, on marked tracks and fire trails, involving the descent and ascent of the mountain at a reasonable walking pace. In places the terrain of the walk will involve walking on loose surfaces with moderate and in some places, steep inclines. Participants will need a moderate level of fitness suitable for hill walking. Participants will need the Page 3 items as well as requiring the appropriate hiking footwear, torch and drinking water. At the end of the walk we will have coffee at the Summit Cafe for those who wish to reward their efforts and enjoy the sights of Brisbane at night. Bookings will not be taken for these walks so people intending to walk need to arrive at the

start point in sufficient time for the walk commencement at 6.30 sharp. For further information please contact the walk leader

MT. GLORIOUS FAMILY BASE CAMP

Base Camp Fri 11 - Sun 13 Dec
LEADER: John Shields 07-32646565
MOBILE: 0447824988
EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au
GRADE: FBC 4C
LIMIT: 20
BRING: base camping gear/ day walk gear / games for the kids
COST: camping fees \$12 p.p [2 nights]
MAP: BFP
EMAIL ADDRESS REQUIRED IN COMMENTS COLUMN IF NO LANDLINE SUPPLIED

A base camp to start the school holidays for parents, grandparents, guardians etc to have the last base camp of the year with the kids to end the family year. Any suggestions as to what the family group wish to do as well as bushwalking on the weekend will be appreciated. Assistance in conducting any extra games etc would be needed and a family happy hour on Saturday before the evening meal would be a start. More detail will be supplied closer to the event. Children under 5 will be free of camping fees. ALL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF THE FAMILY GROUP WILL APPLY. A GUEST MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR EVERY UNDER 18 MUST HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND LODGED WITH THE BBW SECRETARY PRIOR TO THE BASE CAMP TO ALLOW THE UNDER 18 TO ATTEND. RESERVE BOOKINGS ARE TAKEN TO COVER WITHDRAWAL SHOW TO GET THERE :- Drive to MT Glorious Village via The Gap or Samford. Continue on to Maiala Pk where you come to a Pine Rivers District information sign on the left. Continue on for 700 metres from this sign and just past Western Window Lookout you come to a National Park gate on the left. It will be closed but will have a BBW sign on it. Keep the gate closed after going through. Proceed through the rain forest for 200 metres and out into the clearing and the Barracks building. See leader for setting up information. We congregate around the campfire and socialise before retiring. An early breakfast on Saturday morning and ready to go walking at 8am. Back in camp by mid afternoon and a clean up ready for the frivolities and festivities.

FAMILY XMAS PARTY MT GLORIOUS

Sat 12 Dec
LEADER: Marion Crowther
John Shields 33517832
MOBILE: 0417081002

EMAIL: marion2008@mjcsc.kk.id.au
GRADE: FAMILY SOC
BRING: Party Food to share
COST: Max\$10/child Secret Santa + \$2pp donation to barracks
DEPART: 4:30pm Mt Glorious Barracks
MAP: BFP

Let's Party! It's that time of year. School is over and the holidays are just beginning. Those people who are booked on John's Base Camp get to stay the night - the rest of us will go home after the party. Please bring a Secret Santa Gift to a maximum value of \$10 per gift according to the number of children you have - i.e. 1 child bring 1 gift; 3 children bring 3 gifts. This way each child is guaranteed a pressie from our friendly Santa. The gift should suit any age as we will have young kids right through to early teens. In keeping with the family atmosphere please keep alcohol to a minimum. If you have any great group games please contact me to include them in the program for the night. We can use the open fire for damper/marshmallows/sausages etc. Please donate \$2 per person to the night to cover the extras needed like electricity, toilet paper, detergent and other cleaning agents for the general upkeep of the barracks. To get to the barracks, go up through the Mt Glorious township and as you go past the info board at Maiala park check your odometer and drive another 700m to the entrance on the left of the road. The gate must be kept shut at all times so please close the gate behind you,

MCAFEES LOOKOUT WALK

Survey Dw Sat 12 Dec
LEADER: Dennis Fishlock 32840551
0419577360
EMAIL: fyshies@bigpond.com.au
GRADE: MDW SURVEY
LIMIT: 6
BRING: Day Pack as per page 3/3lt water
DEPART: 6:00am Alderley Shopping Centre
CAR KMS: 75kms
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park
This activity is full.

BINNA BURRA TO O'REILLY'S & RETURN

Sat 12 Dec
LEADER: Mary Comer 3844 6231
MOBILE: 0427446000
EMAIL: mco71878@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: EXLDW-2B
LIMIT: 6
BRING: Day walk/camping gear
COST: Petrol & Camping fees
DEPART: 6am Binna Burra
MAP: Lamington NP
This activity is full.

CEDAR & LOVE CKS FROM THE BOTTOM

Day Walk Sun 13 Dec
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
MOBILE: 0438 481 186 on day of walk only
EMAIL: louandmarion@gmail.com
GRADE: MDW-6C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Day walk gear, 3L water
DEPART: 6:30am Alderley
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30 000

Going up Cedar Creek from the bottom, and then doing the Cedar/Love Ck circuit makes for a longer day (1.5 to 2 hrs longer), but the rewards are in the form of excellent swims plus a great pool just by the cars ensuring clean, cool bodies for the trip home. The trip requires good rockhopping skills and confidence in getting up and down a number of steep rocky sections. The creeks are lovely and we will be in shade most of the day. Love Ck Falls are the highest in Brisbane Forest Park and if time we will deviate to the largest Red Cedar tree in the park.

BLUE POOL - STAIRWAY FALLS

Day Walk Sun 13 Dec
LEADER: Peter Hunt 33513642
EMAIL: peterjameshunt@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: MDW3B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Page 3 items
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS: 200k
MAP: Lamington National Park

A formed track takes us all of the way to Blue Pool which is a distance of around 5km. This track passes through the cool rainforest of the Lamington plateau with its many different species including the large tree type of red cedar. The track is slightly steeper than the usual graded track, however, it is still a gentle gradient. Blue Pool is a great place for a swim as it is in a very large hole in the rainforest canopy allowing the sun to warm the water in the pool. Approximately two kilometers further on is the lovely Stairway Falls under which there is another good swimming pool. This section of the track has a few creek crossings and if it is too overgrown we will retreat to Blue Pool for more swimming. We return along the same track. Lamington NP is many degrees cooler than Brisbane being a great place for this time of year especially with the swimming opportunities.

WEST END HILLS

Social Night Walk Tue 15 Dec
LEADER: Joan Davey 0415 139 646
MOBILE: 0415 139 646
EMAIL: joanyd@dodo.com.au
GRADE: SNW2C

LIMIT: 10
BRING: water, money for coffee
COST: coffee
DEPART: 6pm Ship Inn Southbank
CAR KMS: 0

We will walk around West End/Highgate Hill up & down some of the hills for about 1-1/2 hours for a little fitness training. Anyone training for that big walk very welcome. We will have a coffee/drink after at The Ship Inn after the walk. You do need to have reasonable fitness for this walk. We leave at 6pm sharp so please give yourself plenty of time for traffic & parking.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS BIKE TOUR

Night Ride Wed 16 Dec
LEADER: Picnic Pete 3351 1184
MOBILE: 0419 496 837
EMAIL: peter@lock.id.au
GRADE: CYC
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Money for supper and donations.
Cake for Santa.

DEPART: 6:30pm

By popular demand, the Christmas Lights Bike Tour is on again, and with the same format as last year. We meet at the corner of Childs St and Woodland Cl in Bracken Ridge. Please be ready to ride at 6:30pm. We will follow some back streets around bracken ridge to take in the Christmas lights displays. Navigation will be by the stars! Hopefully we will get supper (including sausage sizzle) at the Uniting Church in Board St. But it's a good idea to bring some extra Christmas food as riding can be hungry work, and we never know if we might meet hungry reindeer or Santa. Don't forget your bike lights - it will be dark! Some displays are collecting donations for charity, so bring a few coins. And some chocolate money or small treats for the householders is a good idea.

MT COOTHA WEEKLY NIGHT WALK

Short Night Walk Thu 17 Dec
LEADER: Malcolm Crabtree
MOBILE: 0410408620
GRADE: SNW- 3C
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Page 3 plus torch and water
COST: Nil
DEPART: 6:30pm Carpark West of Summit
Cafe - Mt Cootha

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1.5 hours in duration, on marked tracks and fire trails, involving the descent and ascent of the mountain at a reasonable walking pace. In places the terrain of the walk will involve walking on loose surfaces with moderate and in some places, steep inclines. Participants will need a moderate level of fitness suitable for hill walking. Participants will need the Page 3 items as well as requiring the appropriate hiking footwear, torch and drinking water. At the end of the walk we will have coffee at the Summit Cafe for those who wish to reward their efforts and enjoy the sights of Brisbane at night. Bookings will not be taken for these walks so people intending to walk need to arrive at the start point in sufficient time for the walk commencement at 6.30 sharp. For further information please contact the walk leader

SHIPSTERN CLIFFS (PIRATES CHALLENGE) FOR NINJA

Day Walk Sat 19 Dec
LEADER: Paul Horwath 0429509334
EMAIL: paulpaulpaulpaul@live.com.au
GRADE: LDW7D
LIMIT: 9
BRING: page 3
COST: 20 dollars
DEPART: tba
CAR KMS: 120 k
MAP: lam

The plan for today is to climb up the Shipstern cliffs. We will make our way past Egg and Turtle rocks via the creeks then find a way up the rock face, this walk will be for the super fit mountain goats only, after this is done we will exit out the normal way you would if we were doing normal Shipstern Circuit. No list at meeting please.

TEVIOT BROOK WATERSHED CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 20 Dec
LEADER: John Stevens 0431 929 466
EMAIL: johnpstevens@hotmail.com
GRADE: MDW-5D
LIMIT: 8 including leader
BRING: usual day gear, at least 3 litres of water, gaiters, gloves, long sleeves
DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens Car Park
CAR KMS: 220 kms
MAP: Mt Superbus 1:25,000

This walk starts from Teviot Gap. It will take us past Teviot Falls, over Mt Bell and up to Mt Roberts. At that point, we'll turn right and follow the usual route to Lizard Point where we'll have lunch. We'll return from Lizard Point along the usual route. This is an alternative route to Lizard Point, offering a greater variety than the traditional one. The section from Teviot Falls to Mt Roberts is entirely off track through rainforest. No list at the

meeting. Please nominate on line. You will need to have done at least one 5C graded walk before nominating this walk. If you have not walked with me previously, please email me a list of 5C graded club walks you've done in the last 2 months with the date they were on. Any query? please email.

BELLTHORPE NTH EAST WALK

Day Walk Sun 20 Dec
LEADER: Dennis Fishlock 32840551
0419577360
EMAIL: fyshies@bigpond.com.au
GRADE: MDW4C
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Day Pack as per page 3/3lt water
COST: Car Cost \$12 Per Person
DEPART: 6:00am Aspley Hypermarket[Aust Post Sign] UBD 119 J4
CAR KMS: 120Kms
MAP: Neurum/Bellthorpe 9444-32
NOMINATE: Self Serve online/club meetings Suitable for New Members
MEETING POINT ARRIVAL: Minium 15 minutes before departure time

Bellthorpe is in the Conondale Range and is located just outside Woodford on the D'Agular road. The vegetation is a mix of heavy eucalypt and rainforest with steep gullies, with a number of small creeks and streams, this area gets very heavy rainfall which makes it impassable, hence only the winter and spring season from June to December is when suitable access is available. The walk starts from the picnic ground entering a fire trail which we climb for about approximately one and a half hours with plenty of stops, reaching a point on the fire trail as per map co-ordinates where we will go off track and head down a ridge, the vegetation is quite dense and so stopping at intervals is paramount to get co-ordinates, we will come out on top of a waterfall, this is where we will stop for morning tea. We will leave the water fall and start climbing walk along the contour of the ridge coming across our share of Wait-A-While and other thorny vines [BRING GLOVES AND GAITERS TO PROTECT YOUR HAND A LEGS] working our way around the top of the gully and come back out on a disused logging track, then climb up a ridge, and have lunch. From lunch we will locate the fire trail, it has not been used for many years and so it is not easy to see at first, then walk out on the fire trail which is all down hill, the trail ends up parallel with the creek coming out at the concrete causeway, which we walk out on the road back to the cars at the picnic ground. Change into some fresh clothes and head off back to Woodford at CJ'S Bakery for a cold drink/coffee and cake. THIS WALK IS SUITABLE FOR NEW MEMBERS WITH A GOOD LEVEL OF FITNESS

REQUIRED, A MINIMUM OF 3 LITRES OF WATER, GLOVES AND HEAD COVER.

WIVENHOE TO KHOLO CHALLENGE

Overnight Through Paddle Mon 28 - Thu 31 Dec

LEADER: Graham McLeod 3200 8149
Siobhan Mouncey 3393 0382

MOBILE: 0428930382

EMAIL: pmouncey@ozemail.com.au

GRADE: FKYK

LIMIT: 16

BRING: PFD, Kayak/canoe or sit on top, 3 litres of water pp per day min., camping gear stashed in dry bags and compact enough to fit in chosen craft, all items on MUST TAKE LIST page 2 of magazine, Food, spare food & water, bow line, water pistols

COST: Aprox \$20 dependent on numbers, parking and taxi.

DEPART: 7am Meet at the top of the Kholo off ramp (off the Warrego Highway)

For some years now I have wanted to paddle the length of the Brisbane River. Level 5 water restrictions and water hyacinth have prevented this happening. The hyacinth were washed away earlier in the year and the water restrictions have been eased... so we have a window of opportunity to paddle the section from the Wivenhoe to Kholo Bridge. The Upper Brisbane River canoe Trail begins at the Spillway Common in Esk Shire and winds its way through a variety of vegetation types and picturesque landscapes before it comes to an end at Kholo Crossing. We expect flowing water with some gravel races and flat pools. Usually there are some grade 1 rapids but due to low water this would be wishful. This part of the trail is approximately 56 kilometers. We are planning to take 4 days, (camping 3 nights), however as this is a family paddle and participants ability unknown, rather than rush, or pull out before the end, the preference is to complete the trip and take the extra day if necessary. (31st Dec). Wildlife including koalas, prehistoric Queensland Lung Fish, Eastern Long Neck Turtles, sea eagles and, if we are very lucky, platypus have been seen on this stretch of the river. For safe keeping we have arranged to park the cars at a farm at Kholo. (No cars will be left at Wivenhoe.) I have been advised that the water is safe for swimming but not recommended for drinking. BYO water and purification tablets/ drops or filter as a back up. It will be hot. Minimum of 3 litres per person per day. A water drop will be organised- so save your plastic bottles and wine bladders. As a family activity children of all ages are welcome. Keep in mind that we will paddle up to 20km a day and be prepared to tow or share a canoe/ kayak. For safety

reasons each child should have an adult paddling buddy 1:1. Other members are welcome. Talk to me prior to putting your name down. Are you ready to take THE challenge? Stay tuned for further trips as I intend to do the rest of the river as day trips.

CLARENCE RIVER GORGE - THE LOOP

Through Paddle Sat 9 - Sat 16 Jan

LEADER: Picnic Pete 3351 1184

MOBILE: 0419 496 837

EMAIL: peter@lock.id.au

GRADE: KYK

LIMIT: 12

BRING: Boat, PFD, Helmet

The aim of this trip is to paddle from Jackadgery on the Mann River to Lilydale on the Clarence River. We have not done this before in the club, so it will be a good adventure! I expect the water to be mostly easy paddling, and there will be a few spots where we have to walk around or paddle the rapids. The spectacular Clarence River Falls will be the highlight of trip. (We will walk around those.) The pace for this trip will be slow so we have time to enjoy the new countryside and negotiate the hazards safely.

PIPER COMMANCHE & MT D'AGUILAR

Day Walk Sun 10 Jan

LEADER: John Shields 07-32646565

MOBILE: 0447824988 Walkday only

EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au

GRADE: MDW4C

LIMIT: 15

BRING: Day pack as page 3 / 2 lit water

COST: \$14 car contribution

DEPART: 7am Albany Ck Centro shopping centre UBD108F16 Westpac sign

CAR KMS: 84 KM return

MAP: BFP

NOMINATE: NO LIST AT MEETING SELF
SERVE ON LINE BOOKINGS

Arrive at the depart place by 6.45 so that we can leave promptly at 7. We drive to Tenison woods Mt and enter the NP to follow the trail along the ridge to turn off at the marker to follow the trail down another ridge to the wreckage. From here it is off track moving diagonally up to the peak on the way to Mt D'Aguilar which is only a short distance to the north. Returning to the west of the peak we then follow a further ridge to a large rock cairn at the end of the foot trail back along the ridge top to the cars. An all weather walk under the forest canopy through varying forest types. Ensure your clothing covers arms and legs and bring gloves for the off track sections. Not a difficult walk and suited for the walker wanting to advance above formed track walks. Reasonable fitness required.

KOBBLE CK THE SOURCE

Sun 17 Jan

LEADER: John Shields 07-32646565
MOBILE: 0447824988 Walkday only
EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au
GRADE: MDW5C
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Day pack as page 3 / 3 lit water
COST: \$14 car contribution
DEPART: 7am Albany Ck Centro shopping centre
UBD108F16 Westpac sign
CAR KMS: 84 KM return
MAP: BFP
NO LIST AT MEETING
SELF SERVE ON LINE BOOKINGS

Arrive at the depart place at 6.45 to leave promptly at 7am. Parking at Tenison Woods Mtn . We follow the foot trail out towards the big log and turn off down an old snigging track and drop off the southern side near the bottom into a dry creek which joins up with Kobble Ck. Following it up stream we begin the ascent up the the rock ledges and bypasses up to the track back to the cars. The ascent will take a a couple of hours and as well as having many flat sections the" ups " are approached at a casual rate with rests. A picturesque creek walk with rock hopping and some scrambling. Suitable for those interested in creek following. Reasonable fitness is recommended.

WEST END HILLS

Social Night Walk Tue 19 Jan

LEADER: Joan Davey 0415 139 646
MOBILE: 0415 139 646
EMAIL: joanyd@dodo.com.au
GRADE: SNW2C
LIMIT: 10
BRING: water, money for coffee
COST: coffee
DEPART: 6pm Ship Inn Southbank

We will walk around West End/Highgate Hill up & down some of the hills for about 1-1/2 hours for a little fitness training. Anyone training for that big walk very welcome. We will have a coffee/drink after at The Ship Inn after the walk. You do need to have reasonable fitness for this walk. We leave at 6pm sharp so please give yourself plenty of time for traffic & parking.

GIBRALTA / WASHPOOL NATIONAL PARK

Throughwalk Fri 22– Tues 26 Jan

LEADER: Jenny Zohn 07-32646565
GRADE: LTW5C
LIMIT: 8
BRING: Usual TW gear - Water
COST: 10c km petrol contribution, NSW Car Permits, 4 nites camping fees.
DEPART: 6pm Sunnybank Hills

CAR KMS: 800km approx return

NOMINATE: Online—no list at meetings

We will be driving down on the friday night and returning through the afternoon of the 26th. This will allow us to complete the full circuit with a car shuffle, expect an overnite throughwalk and 2 nites camping with the cars. If we only have 1 car load then plan "b" will be implemented. This is a different National Park with lots of Christmas Orchids and Christmas Bells in flower at this time of the year. I have experienced both fireflies and glowworms in the park as well as a spectacular forest of coachwood and a red cedar. There are some stunning rock formations, and historical relics to explore. There is a good track system linking the 2 parks with a little scrambling and bush bashing to get to some of the features. This walk is not suited to a first time throughwalker.

MANORINA WALK

Day Walk

Sat 23 Jan

LEADER: Dennis Fishlock 32840551
0419577360

EMAIL: fyshies@bigpond.com.au

GRADE: MDW 4C

LIMIT: 15

BRING: Day Pack as per page 3/3lt water

COST: Car Cost \$12 Per Person

DEPART: 6:30am Alderley Shopping Centre

CAR KMS: 70kms

MAP: Brisbane Forest Park

NOMINATE: Self Serve online/club meetings Suitable for New Members

MEETING POINT ARRIVAL: Minium 15 minutes before departure time

Manorina Park is located in the Brisbane Forest Park, on the Mt Nebo road just past Mt Nebo Village itself. The walk starts on track from the car park meandering through a mix of eucalypt tree's and cabbage tree palms stopping regularly to take in the views and different species of strangler figs. We will come out at Mt Nebo Lookout where we will stop for morning tea. From the lookout the off track walk will commence travelling at a steady pace working our way down a long ridge, the king orchids may still be out as well as there are some very old stag horns to see, we will come back out onto a fire trail, some where along here we will stop for lunch in the shade, after lunch we walk back up to the Mt Nebo Forestry road and back out to the locked gate then walk approximately 500 metre's back to the cars. Once back at the cars we will change into some fresh cloth's and head off to Samford Bakery for afternoon tea. **SUITABLE FOR NEW MEMBERS WITH A REASONABLE LEVEL OF FITNESS.**

ANNIES CK & GREENES FALLS

Sun 31 Jan

LEADER: John Shields 07-32646565
MOBILE: 0447824988 Walkday only
EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au
GRADE: MDW4C
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Day pack as page 3 / 2 lit water
COST: \$12CAR CONTRIBUTION
DEPART: 7am Albany Ck Centro shopping centreUBD108F16 Westpac sign
CAR KMS: 80 return
MAP: BFP
NOMINATE: NO LIST AT MEETING SELF
SERVE ON LINE BOOKINGS

Arrive at 6.45 to depart promptly at 7am. Driving to Mt Glorious we park at Alex Rd to enter the NP. Descending down the ridge to Annies Ck we ascend to the plateau and over and down to Love Ck Falls for smoko. Back up another ridge to the rock cairn we go west along a track to its end then offtrack down the slope to Annies Ck. Following this downstream we reach the junction with another stream and head up the ridge to the cars. Clean up and off for coffee on the way home. A not difficult walk with variations of terrain and forests. A good introduction to off track, not demanding.

NEW ZEALAND - DUSKY SOUND, TAKITIMU MOUNTAINS AND HUMP RIDGE

Mon 8 Feb - Sun 7 Mar

LEADER: Tom McAlister 38512978
MOBILE: 0417078561
EMAIL: tmca5323@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: LTW 5/6C/D
LIMIT: 4
BRING: usual throughwalk gear
COST: to be confirmed
DEPART: 7:45am Brisbane
This activity is full.

MT GLORIOUS BASE CAMP

Base Camp Fri 12 - Sun 14 Feb

LEADER: John Shields 07-32646565
MOBILE: 0447824988 Walkday only
EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au
GRADE: BC 4/5C
LIMIT: 15
BRING: base camping gear/ day walk gear
COST: \$12 camp fee[2 nights]
MAP: BFP
NOMINATE: EMAIL ADDRESS REQUIRED IF
NO LANDLINE SUPPLIED NO LIST
AT MEETINGS ONLINE BOOKINGS
OR EMAIL OR PHONE LEADER.

This base camp is aimed at the newer and older club members to experience camping, meet fellow club members both new and old and do a variety

of walks. We camp in the D'Aguilar National Park and use the old Forestry Barracks and its facilities which are away from the public situated in a grassy clearing surrounded by rainforest. The emphasis is on camping although there are a few beds in the Barracks for those walkers who so desire or you could bring a camp stretcher and camp in the truck shed. Discuss with leader before the camp as to availability. Tents can be hired from BBW. This is upmarket camping with hot shower, septic toilet, well equipped kitchen [M/W;FRIDGE;STOVE; CUTLERY; CROCKERY etc] and open fire. The fire can be used for cooking but mainly we sit around it at night and socialise. Please bring firewood if you can. This is one of the very few places in QLD National Parks where a campfire is permitted. Plenty of grassy campsites and camper trailers are welcome. The water supply is tank water so if this is a problem then bring your own drinking water. We arrive Friday afternoon/night and most are there by 9pm and usually hit the sack early to be up, breakfasted and ready to walk by 8am with smoko and lunch in their day pack. A short talk by the leader, introductions all round and we are off walking planning to get back mid to late afternoon at the latest. Time to have a coffee, clean up and ready for happy hour around the campfire. Bring nibbles and the beverage of your choice Consumption of beer, wine etc in moderation is acceptable in keeping with BBW behaviour standards. More socialising after dinner and if required general discussion on BBW and walking in general. Remember this is your weekend so feel free to ask questions. The level of walks will be decided after group discussion and we try to keep within your comfort zone. HOW TO GET THERE. Brisbane Forest Park is conveniently close to Brisbane and you head for Mt Glorious via Samford or The Gap. Pass through the village to Maiala Park to a Pine Rivers display board on the left. Travel a further 700metres and past Western Window Lookout is a closed National Park gate on the left with a BBW sign. This gate is to be kept closed at all times except when driving through. Travel 200metres through the rainforest and you arrive at the barracks. No camping is permitted on the helipad. A shorter walk is conducted on Sunday morning to bring us back just after lunch with tents dry and ready to pack up and leave mid afternoon.

TASMANIA - PENGUIN TO COCKLE CREEK

Through Walk Sun 14 Feb - Wed 31 Mar

LEADER: Ray Glancy 3343 8854
GRADE: LTW
LIMIT: 8 to 10 (for the easier sections)
BRING: usual through walk gear etc.
COST: to be confirmed

This is a collection of 6 or 7 individual walks linked by planned food drops and organised bus shuttles. The intention is to walk from the top of Tasmania at Penguin and to arrive at Cockle Ck on the very south of Tasmania. All the walks are on tracks of varying quality. My preference is for people who wish to do the entire trip but I recognise that not everyone can get this length of time off work. There will be costs involved including the National Parks \$150 fee for walking the Overland Track and various food drop, shuttle buses and other National Park fees. These will be determined hopefully by the end of August, 2009. Please consider your options and contact me ASAP. Following is the description of the walks I plan to do.

Penguin to Cradle Mountain In February and March this walk is at its peak - the weather is at its most benign, the days are long, the Gorge and River are at their lowest. This is planned as a 6 day walk 2 of which will be hard but not overlong. The advantage of this walk is that it offers good views, interesting terrain including narrow gorges. For one night the plan is to camp' in bunkhouse style accommodation and on another day we should be able to visit the Gunns Plains Caves. In BBW terms, this walk would be graded about 5C.

Overland Track What more needs to be said about a World famous icon this walk offers stunning views, mountains to climb but a relatively gentle gradient sloping down from Marion's Lookout at the Cradle Mountain end to Cynthia Bay at the Lake St Clair end. We should take about 8 days including a diversion to Pine Valley with walks up to the Labyrinth and the Acropolis 2 features that should be on everyone's TO DO list. The grade would be a low 5C.

Frenchmans Cap The usual walk to Frenchmans Cap is an out and back walk but I plan to do a circuit back up to the Lyell Highway which will add a couple of days but also increase the level of difficulty to an upper 5C to take into account the significant off-track areas after Frenchmans Cap. The attraction of Frenchmans Cap is the possibility of standing on one of the highest peaks in Western Tasmania with the chance to see all the way to the West Coast. After passing Frenchmans Cap, we will be crossing significant streams with significant elevation loss (steep downs) for the balance of the walk which should take approximately 5 days.

King Billy Ranges ?Port Davey Track There's only one word to describe the Port Davey Track MUD Lodden Plains are not known as Sodden Lodden Plains for no reason though this is not an excuse for not going on this particular track. The walking is relatively gentle and no doubt the company will be great and your reward will be bunkhouse accommodation when we arrive at Melaleuca. The trip should be about 5 days and with a grade of about

4C. **SW Cape Circuit** We leave Melaleuca and for a short period follow the South Coast Track then divert towards South West Cape and some stunning ocean views where we will be in some of the most remote areas in Tasmania. We will be doing a circuit which takes us up along the coast. The walk should take about 6 days and would be graded as an upper 5C.

South Coast Track This walk is the one walk I have always wanted to do again as I did it in fine weather with a great bunch of people and the only thing I can guarantee this time are great people the weather is up to God. You can expect stunning ocean views from both mountain tops and beach walking where the feeling of remoteness is only matched by the beauty of nature. The Iron Bound Range will test your fitness but, if the weather is fine, will reward you with the memories to last a lifetime. The walk is planned to take 9 days and would be graded as 5C only because of the Iron Bounds.

NORTH QUEENSLAND

Sea Kayak, Mountain Bike, Through Walk, Day Walk Sun 28 Mar - Sun 11 Apr

LEADER: Greg Long 3841 1720

MOBILE: 0408 264 763

EMAIL: longmg@netspace.net.au

GRADE: VARIOUS

LIMIT: Various

COST: TBA

I intend to sea kayak in the Whitsundays and Magnetic Island, traverse Mt Bartle Frere, walk Mt Cook on Magnetic Island, mountain bike a few trails and various other activities. Let me know if you are interested and I will do some planning.

CAPE YORK 2010

Vehicle Touring Adventure Sun 1 - Sat 14 Aug

LEADER: Ken Rubie

MOBILE: 0448448598

EMAIL: kenrubie@hotmail.com

BRING: Light weight camping gear

COST: TBA

DEPART: Cairns

MAP: Cape York

-Expressions of Interest-This is a camping, vehicle based, touring adventure to the top of Australia the tip of Cape York. The aim of the adventure is to stand on the most northerly part of the Australian mainland and watch the sunset over the Torres Strait, perhaps a toast or two may also be involved! Along the way the intent is to explore many of the areas of interest of the Cape including the river crossings of the Old telegraph Track, National Parks, Aboriginal Rock Art, Settlement and WWII history as well as travelling to Thursday Is. The trip will depart from Cairns on 1

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RAT-A-TAT - 10/11 OCT 09

Eight intrepid 'rain foresters' gathered at O'Reilly's Green Mountains on the morning of Saturday, 10 October 2009 for a rainforest overnigher at Rat-a-tat along the QLD/NSW escarpment. This memorable weekend commenced with a male Bowerbird strutting his stuff inside his throne of sticks, adorned externally, of course, with his assortment of azure accoutrements. An omen, you may say, portending of a magical weekend yet to unfold...and you would be right.

Within minutes of setting off along the Border Track, the crew were delighted to witness early morning forays of several avian denizens, including male Regent Bowerbird, Wonga pigeon, the ubiquitous Scrub Turkey AND a Catbird, all at close quarters.

Having started the walk in such a feathery manner, we were left to wonder at what else this marvelously populated forest could offer. Well, after following the Albert River Circuit to a gorgeous glade surrounded by ancient Antarctic Beech trees, where morning tea was taken, we then continued on down to Echo falls where we were treated to the scaly sight of a three metre carpet python, fully stretched out along the sidetrack into the Falls, taking advantage of the soothing, somniferous sun. The encounter with the somnolent serpent, however, had the opposite effect upon our hardy group of weekend warriors as the shutters started clicking.

A short time later we were at Echo Point being saturated by the awesome view south towards Mt Warning, and where a well-earned lunch was partaken by all. Just as we were leaving this lovely point of sound recall, a group of walkers arrived, having just returned from a hike out to Mt Worendo and return. This group passed on the information that a significant tree fall about 300m up the escarpment track had caused them a degree of orientation anguish for 20 minutes or so as they searched for the continuation of the track beyond the hurdle. They had eventually 'rediscovered' the track proceeding in exactly the same direction, in exactly the same line, on the other side of the blockage...duh! Oh well, you know what they say. "The winds and the waves are on the side of the ablest navigator!"

A very pleasant stroll through the now darkening rainforest ensued, past Mts Worendo and Wupawn, as the cloud cover increased, along with the humidity. In other words, as we approached the Rat-a-tat sign [duct-taped to the tree now, by the way], the rain started.

Arriving at the bush campsite a few minutes after leaving the sign, the rain had started to fall in earnest. Eight happy campers set about erecting their shelters for the night, and the camp was in place and occupied within minutes. Snuggly installed now inside dry, cozy tents, the group had time to enjoy the sound of the very heavy rain outside, all the time thinking of the soon-to-be enjoyed communal nibbles and appropriate evening libations which was to come about an hour later when the rain ceased completely.

With our 'sundowners' now downed, dinner was next on the menu, followed by some quality time enjoying the wonderful company each had to offer. As darkness descended, and the forest took on its night character, reasonably tired bodies crawled into the welcoming wombs of warm sleeping bags, ready for some rainforest rest and repose.

One site-savvy member of the group had chosen her spot with a great deal of care. Her tent was open to the glow worm bank, along which the mini-universe display was as stunning as that imagined above the jungle canopy, and through the cloud which now enveloped our earthly world below.

More rain throughout the night did nothing to dampen the soaring group spirit. Indeed, it left the rainforest with a silver lining and a mystical feel. A hot and tasty breakfast was followed by an efficient re-packing of gear, and a quiet and respectful departure from the Rat-a-tat site. The return route to O'Reilly's was to retrace our forest route to Echo Point, and then along the Border Track. The rain recommenced about halfway home, and the group arrived drenched and hungry beneath a welcome picnic shelter opposite the Lodge.

Brews were quickly on the boil, and lunches consumed as a rowdy regiment of male Regents began their well-rehearsed strafing runs in futile feathery attempts to relieve us of our hard-earned lunches. These yellow and black bombers, along with their drab female fighter escorts, made repeated attacks, but all to no avail.

With the Ranger advised that we had all returned safely from the 'wilderness', we donned clean and dry clothes to descend the mountain to Canungra where welcome coffee, smoothies, cakes etc; awaited us at the Outpost Café as the reward for another wonderful, although slightly wet, excursion into the bush in the company of good and true friends.

Thanks to Paul, Mary, Jon, Sandy, Narelle, Esther and Beryl for their companionship, and for making this such an enjoyable sojourn into the National Park. The memories remain forever.

We'll be back before too long— Baz J

CORSICA & the Grand Randonnee 20 (GR20)

The GR20 in Corsica has ranking amongst the world's top walks. It is described as the most difficult & spectacular of Europe's long distance walks. It is an icon walk. We learnt all this from two enthusiastic English walkers at Chamonix some 5 years ago while doing the Tour Mont Blanc & are delighted to have finally completed this walk

It is a 15 stage trek along the mountainous granite backbone of Corsica. We took 21 days for our trip including variations such as splitting stages, side trip to the village of Zicavo & climbing two of the accessible major peaks. We found the walking unrelentingly hard with long, high altitude ups & downs requiring constant concentration but by no means technically difficult. It is not for the faint hearted. It has a deserving reputation for being hard on knees & ankles. Tapes or ropes do not have to be carried for protection since chains, ladders or wire ropes are installed in difficult scrambling sections. The walk is extremely popular with perhaps more than 2000 people completing the full trek each year but with many more completing only section treks. It is well organized. Many options exist for either outdoor camping or accommodation in the refuges located at the end of each section. The scenery is wild & spectacular. The interaction with fellow walkers is a fascinating cultural experience in itself.

Corsica is a magic Mediterranean island holiday destination. It is a province of France but remains fiercely independent with its own language (part French part Italian), history & version of French culture. There are at least 5 other significant walks. We were in Corsica for 8 weeks & did three of these in addition to the GR20. The first walk for us was an essential shake-down 10 stage walk.

Heaps of information is readily available for walking in Corsica. A good starting point is the Lonely Planet Guide to Corsica. However, there are many twists possible in a Corsican adventure. It could be prudent to consult with people who have been there before. Richard & Ros (BBW) who fortunately for them achieved a much earlier date in the season or ourselves may be able to assist.

We found Corsica plus the GR20 a wonderful experience, not to be missed.—Marion & Lou.

Haming it up....naturally!

I recently gave a selection of my multiple Corsica pics to a fellow BBW walker.

One very perceptive resulting comment, among others, was as follows:

"I particularly liked the pig. I can see why you liked it so much".

It was presented as wildlife. My reply which may be informative to readers was also as follows:

"Yes, in fact the place is full of pigs. You will be delighted to know that they are all free range & I expect definitely naturally organic as the crudely but artistically enclosed pig pastures are for the most part located under chestnut forests (engenders happy & tasty flavoured pigs from 'under the spreading chestnut trees'). We were surprised to find tame, obviously feral but free unfenced pigs blithely wandering around near chestnut forests."

I just had to include at least one signature picture as a superb example of a contented Corse pig.

Also, these is an enormous variety of smoked Corse ham (best cut is Koppa) in the supermarkets, expensive but much sought after by the numerous seasonal terrorists such as us. We purchased a lump as durable pack food, continued to eat it as it turned green without getting sick but threw it away

after a few weeks because of the smell & off-putting visible effects. Perhaps, the anti-ozzie fox which nastily attacked both of us in the dead of night was after this lump & this was another reason why we deliberately threw it far into the bushes to hopefully recycle as further pig food.

We heard rumours that Corsican pig is so much in demand that unscrupulous entrepreneurs buy pigs in Holland, import them live into Corsica, feed them on chestnuts & acorns for a few weeks then make a killing by selling them as genuine Corse flavoured pigs - perhaps the source of our lump.—Louis D

THE ORIGIN OF "HEY BOB"

The Australian bush-call of "Coooo-eee" has been largely replaced in SE Queensland by the call of "Hey Bob", and this note records the genesis of the transition.

Once upon a time, many, many years ago, when the World was young and The Scenic Rim was but a lad, with higher peaks and shallower gorges, the UQBWC hunt was out doing what it loved best.

It was a fine winter day, about the year anno Domini 1953, when Bob MacLennan - a young medical student and one of the party - went missing.

His absence was soon noticed, with the result that the whole team went into search mode, and began cruising through the scrub doing figures-of-eight, circles, cat's cradles and many other complicated and highly random manoeuvres, calling out at the top of their voices....

Bob !

Bob, where are you ? Hey Bob !

Hey Bob, where are you ?

HEY BOB ! HEY BOB HEY BOB HEY BOB !....until the un-repentent sinner was found.

From that day hence, whenever a Uni Bushwalker wished to make a disturbance or attract attention, he had but to call out "Haaaaaaay, Bob" - and the reply in kind would echo back from the ridges and resound through the gorges.

It became the bush call of the University of Queensland Bushwalking Club during the day, and their mating call during the hours of darkness.

This latter use of the call-sign was most unsuccessful, for alas, that Club is now defunct, due to lack of interest and declining population growth, and this tragic event happened thus.

The Red Gods were irritated by the massive disturbance to the mountainside and the unseemly noises generated by the "missing man" event, to the point where a curse was laid upon the Club, and it was decreed that any male member of the Club who used "Hey Bob" as a mating call beneath the full moon would not only be rendered sterile, but also impotent; thus curtailing his immediate pleasures as well as ensuring that he made NIL contribution to next year's UQBWC gene pool. His ways were destroyed, and his means diminished and shrivelled up! The members grew smaller till the Club finally disappeared!

Bob MacLennan must have stopped to smell the en-route roses; or, being acquainted with the magical and mystical powers of rock and water, to photograph a spot of lichen upon a granite boulder, or some other fascination of the wonderful world of the bush.

In the days of yore, as it is now, and ever shall be, a party of more than three bushwalkers will be seized by the compulsion to rush between points "A" and "B"; stop to pant, drink and eat; and then resume their rush to point "C" for a repeat. They set much store on speed between points, and usually forsake the opportunity to stop and smell the en-route roses.

Dr Robert MacLennan graduated with his basic MBBS degrees from the University of Qld, and after a long and distinguished career on four continents as a scholar, medical practitioner and teacher, has now retired to SE Qld as Emeritus Professor. I do not know if Bob still bushwalks, but I am certain that if he does, he will be maximising his experiences by stopping to smell the en-route roses.—Jim

EGG ROCK – “Sunny-Side Up”

It was a bright & sunny morning when 3 keen members of BBW (Paul Horwath – our fearless & energetic leader, Kim Harburg & myself), embarked on an adventure to explore & get to the top of Egg Rock. Paul was quite determined to finally get to the top, after 2 previously failed attempts. For those who don't know where Egg Rock is, it's funnily enough, the egg shaped rock best seen from Bellbird Lookout at Binna Burra.

We arrived at the base of the rock & started exploring the southern & western ends, with the aim of seeing what routes were available that we all agreed upon. In amongst scouting poss routes up, we battled wait-a-while, lantana & every other known scunge possible....After a while we finally came across a promising way up.....time for morning tea.

The climb up was interesting with both Kim & myself, glad of our rock scrambling / climbing experience. We were assured at times, when we saw our first markers of the day ranging from toilet paper/tissue to pink tape.

Hearing joys of jubilation ahead, I knew the summit was “just around the corner” I still however was doing battle with tree branches who took a shining to my nice backpack & wanted a piece of it.

Was given a rock upon my arrival at the top, to “add to the summit cairn” in a placing of the rock ceremony. Turned out we had just re-arranged it a bit.

Was rewarded with fantastic views & a great sense of achievement....Paul was “quite” happy too....

With one eye on the scenery & one on the threatening darkening rain clouds, we enjoyed lunch with a view, while hearing the nearby prison (non escape) sirens.

We noticed what appeared to be a possible route down the east side of the rock, so investigation was warranted. We left our packs & after a bit of scrambling, were happy to see multiple pink markers (with also random toilet paper/tissue markers), leading the way down the steep rocky slabby slope. After consulting the map (again), we decided to try this way down.... After all, if the owners of the markers couldn't make it down, they would've taken the tape off (we hoped). With clouds-a-darkening & packs regained, we started the descent. The way down was quite enjoyable with lots of good foot & hand holds above some nice serious drop offs.

We made our way down the slope & then traversed across the small saddle onto Little Egg Rock, after all...we had come so far...it was a given. We were again rewarded with fabulous views including the very nice sheared face of the east side of Egg Rock. Must admit the abseiler/beginner rock climber in me was beginning to twitch...a tad...

We continued onwards & downwards & came across a steep slab. Markers indicated...this was the way down....With 2 lots of tape joined, we started the descent, which once we started, we saw that it wasn't too bad & could actually be done without tape....but it was still a nice security blanket.

Once down the slope & tape retrieved, we came across a creek with a cairn marker. After following the creek, we ended up back at our starting point & felt quite satisfied at what we had achieved.

We started the slog up the never ending steep track, back up to our starting point where the car was.

A quick change of clothes & comparisons of battle scars, we headed off to Canungra for celebratory drinks. Discussions ranged from what we had achieved to plans for next time.....

So a big thanks to Paul & Kim for a great day & if anyone has now been tempted to do Egg Rock & has the experience & comfort with exposure, I'd highly recommend it.—Chrissy Dott

MELBOURNE CUP 2009 – MT MAROON : RACE REPORT

What: Melbourne Cup Sweep
Where: Mt Maroon summit
Whither: Into the Straight
When: 1500 hours EST
Scratchings: Early: Ralph, Margaret, Helen & Leo
Late: Mary, Cheryl
Field: Lou, Marion, Paul , Baz, Wendy, Dianne, Joan, Jenny & Renate
Finishers: As above
Place getters: Everyone!

Well, with the final field set at Cotswold stables, and a suitable chicken, champers, coffee and cake breakfast imbibed from incredibly well stocked nose-bags, the final field took their allocated positions at the gate, and the event was underway several hours before that other Australia-wide televised 3200m equestrian event at Flemington, Mexico [south of the border].

This was one seriously hot, hot day, and the starters took advantage of several refreshment stops along the way. The field agreed that it would definitely not be a race, and that all participants would arrive at the finishing line simultaneously.

The tourist route was the preferred track, but this did not prevent at least one pedigree stallion from creating a more direct line to the saddle, at which position he managed to stop and take a longer rest whilst awaiting the arrival of the others. A rest in the forest followed before attacking the final sweeping circuit to the photo finish.

Once established at the finishing line on the summit, the M & L VIP tent was quickly erected, shade provided and appropriate dress donned by the jockeys. A sumptuous banquet was laid out for degustation delight prior to the start of the southern variation to this event, which would be heard on the recalcitrant radio dragged along by the club S & T rep.

Official photos were taken, with a great deal of further jockeying for places in the pictorial record of the annual event.

The food was divine, the fashion fabulous and the company wonderful to the extreme.

The aforementioned tricky trannie triumphantly stayed the distance such that the gathered throng was able to join the remainder of the Oz Nation in shutting down for those few minutes that it took to immortalize the first three place getters in the southern Cup romp. Shortly thereafter, the caterers packed up the remains of the feast, the VIP tent was dismantled and the now replete and rested group started back down the hill to the stables.

Arrival back at the pastures was followed by afternoon tea of an elaborate quality prior to the eventual slow trot back home to Brisbane. This was another memorable outing with a group of friends engaged in what we all love to do...Bushwalking with the best of BBW buddies.

Can't wait until next year. Baz J

MORETON MAGIC

The moon was nearly full, the night was balmy and the seas were calm as a merry little band of intrepid paddlers launched their fair ships (kayaks) into the briney deep for a 20min paddle up the inside shore of Moreton Is. We formed a magical flotilla of bobbing lights that seemed to dance across the moonlit waters.....anyway...enough of that, we soon arrived at our camp, a lovely flat sandy patch with tall trees for shade and an elevated view of the seaway.

Camp was quickly sorted, although hoisting the kayaks up from the shore was a team effort, best done after their heavy loads were removed. We were soon sitting around with a last cup of tea before venturing off to the land of nod.

Saturday saw a lazy start with a relaxed paddle up to Bulwa, soon the excited cries of "I saw a du-

gong...or turtle...or....dolphin!” had us paddling in circles. Coffee was off the menu at Bulwa, however the bar was open. We lazed around a bit, had a swim, photographed a live shell creature, did a spot of snorkelling and generally didn’t behave too badly. The tide eventually turned and we paddled back to camp, again dodging the denizens of the deep. Saturday finished in true BBW style with nibbles and much laughter.

It rained in the night, but held off long enough to get the tents packed away on Sunday morning. It was a fairly overcast day, but promised very pleasant paddling. So we headed down to Tangalooma for the coffee we’d missed the day before.

Travelling back north, we spend a very pleasant hour snorkelling the wrecks on the turn of the low tide. Although the clouds diminished the sparkling beauty of the little fishes, it was still a fascinating time.

Apparently they have recorded over a hundred and thirty species and the numbers are growing, There are corals and sponges and I saw a good sized clam. Not the variety of colours that you get on the Barrier Reef corals but still impressive. It was a first time for some of the team and I know they will be back to do it again.

Getting the kayaks on and off the Mi-Cat is always an exercise in “hurry-up and wait” but eventually we were stowed away and soon we waved goodbye to one of the best parts of SE Qld.

In all we only paddled about 25km, details of the route are available on wiki....compliments of Greg Long. Thanks everyone for making this trip a special weekend. Hope to see you all on the water again soon.—jenz

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August 2010 returning to Cairns on 14 August 2010. The trip will be a total of 14 days duration and all participants must be in Cairns and ready to travel on 31 July 2010. There are two travel options available to undertake this trip: 1. Travel as a passenger in a vehicle contributing to the vehicle costs. There are currently 4 seats available for this option but more may become available as others join the adventure. OR 2. Drive your own 4wd vehicle (or hire 4wd vehicle from Cairns) there is a limit of an additional 3 vehicles to join the trip. At this early stage I am interested in expressions of interest from people who would like to join the trip, indicating their likely intended mode of travel from the options above. Preference for trip positions will be given on a first come basis with a reserve list being maintained. From March 2010 the planning for the trip will begin in earnest with intended participants needing to confirm their participation well in advance of the trip commencement date to assist bookings etc. This will involve the prepayment of some costs prior to departure and to confirm participation. If you are interested or are seeking further information, please speak to me in relation to joining this adventure.

THANK YOU FROM SACHA

Thanks for all your good wishes, kind thoughts, offers of help and many contributions to our darling granddaughters fund.

Sacha was born with an extremely rare dwarfism syndrome—only 30 or so people worldwide. Sacha has spent most of her life in hospital and will require complex care indefinitely. She weighs 3.5 kilos at just under 17 months of age. (the weight of a average newborn)

Sacha will be exceptionally tiny all her life—she is unlikely to grow taller than 80cm as an adult.

She has life threatening health problems and at present requires 24 hour a day nursing care.

She needs 24 hour Intravenous nutrition, 24 hour oxygen and continuous nasal gastric feeding.

Despite all this Sacha is a very social little girl and neurologically normal. She brings joy to all who know her.

Our wish is to someday bring Sacha on a club family walk.

Happy walking to all, Bill and Betty Healy

.....Footprints.....

Welcome to this inaugural S & T monthly input to the club magazine. "Footprints" will focus on topics of interest from a Safety and Training perspective, aimed at generating interest, research and discussion amongst club members of all levels of bushwalking experience. My hope is that you will be motivated towards further formal training and self education in the pursuit of an increased level of self-sufficiency and risk management as a bushwalker.

Safety

So what is this Safety business all about? Is it simply concern for risk management? Does it just involve playing 'follow the leader'? Or, can we all contribute? If we break it down into the basics, the answer will be seen to encompass all this and much more. The father of the Scouting movement, Baden Powell, put it perfectly. Be Prepared.

These two words are really what it's all about, but we can expand a little as follows:

- S Self-sufficiency - Confidence in your own capabilities.
- A Awareness - of the Environment, Conservation, Preservation, the Fauna and Flora, your own limitations. Take advantage of the club library and the internet.
- F Forward Planning - Preparation, Fitness. Walk wisely and often.
- E Experience - comes with Exposure to the Environment. So get out there!
- T Training – First Aid, Navigation, Leadership. Take advantage of what the club has to offer throughout the coming year. Learn snake bite procedures; get into maps, compasses and GPS; participate in leader training. Talk to leaders and club members and expand your database.
- Y You! - your Attitude towards all of the above will ultimately determine your safety and that of the group.

If these few words start you thinking in the right direction, then we are, quite literally, on the right track. I hope you all have a great Christmas and New Year break. Whether you're staying at home this holiday season, or heading off to some weird and wonderful, exotic walking location, I wish you all incident-free and happy trails. Walk safely, walk often—Baz

Track Repairs and Closures - Wildfire Alerts-

As you are aware QPWS Rangers have been undertaking walking track repairs throughout Lamington NP in response to the severe storm damage that was incurred in January 2008.

At the time of printing notices had been in place for Lamington Park for September Wildfire Alerts were extended for the Noosa River Camping Zone till the 20th November. and Exclusion zones were still in place on Moreton Is, as a result of the oil spill.

If there is any further information you need or if you're looking for updates on repairs and track closures please refer to
www.derm.qld.gov.au or call 1300 130 372.

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Division, Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

As of 26 March 2009 the Department of Natural Resources and Water/Environmental Protection Agency integrated to form the Department of Environment and Resource Management.

.....Footprints.....

FLASH !! - LIGHTNING REMINDER - FLASH !!

In 2008, SE QLD experienced an amazing summer storm season, with accompanying awesome displays of lightning. As the cyclone season [Oct-Apr] is once more upon us it would be prudent to review our adverse weather procedures, in particular with regard to storms and lightning as it relates specifically to bushwalking.

Notwithstanding that this season may be predicted as a partial 'El Nino' year, the fact is that big cumulonimbus [Cb] clouds do build rapidly, at any time and track randomly through the region wreaking havoc on the unwary and unlucky. As the storm grows through its various stages of formative, maturing and finally dissipating, the gust front ahead of the storm creates great damage from the violent wind gusts, which are rapidly followed by heavy rain and hail, as well as lightning of course.

Some very credible information on the subject of lightning is available to BBW members. This information is accessible through the club website under Members Handbook, Appendix E pages 33/34, under the heading Lightning [go to BBW Home -New Members-Members handbook].

It would be worth remembering the following guide with regard to 'respecting' the space that the storm is commanding:

30/30 Safety Guideline.

For an approaching storm, move to a safe place whenever the time to thunder is less than 30 seconds; when the storm is receding, stay in the safe place until 30 minutes have elapsed after the last thunder is heard.

SE QLD storm cells may move at a rate of 40 km/h (max. about 80 km/h) which means for a typical storm cell minimum time to reach a safe spot is about 15 minutes.

Thanks to Lou Darveniza, and his very learned brother, for this timely reminder of what is a clear and present hazard to bushwalkers, especially as this kind of weather can literally pop up over the horizon with very little warning.

Barry Collins, Safety and Training

Volunteers for graded track maintenance

Bushwalking Queensland Inc. is negotiating with QPWS to enable members of bushwalking clubs to be involved with maintenance of graded tracks, initially in national parks in the South-East region.

It is intended to commence this initiative in 2010.

Volunteers will be required to attend an induction course beforehand.

QPWS is currently undertaking major reconstruction of many tracks damaged in severe storms recently in the South-East region. Professional contractors are being employed in this work.

The extent of work contemplated will most likely be on-going basic maintenance of the track network.

Members who would like to register their interest for the on-going volunteer maintenance program are invited to reply by email:

secretary@bushwalkingqueensland.org.au

John Marshall, President, BWQ

Committee

Annual Report—Social - Burney

I'd first like to thank Peter Hunt for his assistance in preparing the club meeting suppers on a regular and much appreciated basis. My thanks also to Anna Lena Moore, Janine Hope, Jillian Roberson and Shirley Peadon for their help on other occasions. To all of you who help me with lifting, the wash up and tidy the hall, your efforts do not go unnoticed, a big thank you to you, too.

Peter Hunt usually organises "Diner and a Movie night" for the first Tues of every month. These have been well frequented and a great regular on our Social calendar. Thanks to Deniz Clarke who has filled in for Pete when he is away, and for myself, with delicious events such as the Chocolate High Tea feast at Samford Plaza in March.

So far this year we have enjoyed several varied social outings: The year started with Barefoot BBQ and Bowls in Jan with over 20 attendees.

In February, a group of revellers crowded to a Cine Retro Showcase night featuring Joan Crawford.

Ahoy me hearties!! Raise the Main-sail and tighten the sheets. We were off on the South Passage for a day on the bay sailing in April.

Christmas in July, was a Bollywood event at Dairy Flats, near Kyogle. We filled 3 houses (some even had water-beds in their rooms!!) and also had campers. Thanks to Danny Mullens and Lynley Murtagh for leading the Mt. Lindesay walk. Also in that month we had a big Bon Voyage dinner for Elaine at Jade Budda on the Brisbane River.

Jazz at the Red Note Café and then on to a Turkish dinner with a beautiful bellydancer charmed us in August.

Tux and Tiarras at Binna Burra was full of fun. Thanks to Brian Randle for leading the non-birdwatches walk. Then also in Sept. we went to the Art Gallery for the Met up Late and saw fabulous paintings, heard live music and wined and dined.

I hope to round this year off with another zany Christmas event. This time we will be having a T/party as the theme for fancy dress and music while we visit the rainforests of Tamborine Mt.

Library—Mary

As a number of you are planning to go on Ray's big Tasmanian walk in the New Year it may interest you to know that in the library is an excellent book by John & Monica Chapman, "Overland Track". We also have their book "Larapinta Trail". This is a fabulous walk across the West Macdonnell Ranges west of Alice Springs. It is definately a winter walk but it is not too early to start planning your gear and walking companions for this.

If you have books, maps, CD's or DVD's getting dusty on the shelves at home and you think club members may be interested in them would you consider donating them to our library ?

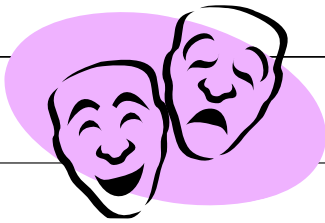
NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following New Members who joined during the last month:

Matthew Adams	Russ Adams	Pam Andrews	Jenny Bauer
Josh Cocks	Alan Cooper	Krisztina Duffy	Debra Keighley
Chris Leahy	Jenny McRae	Jasmine Norton	Cindy Philipp
Karen Robertson	Carmina Sanchez Luque	Chelle Thomas	Allison Tonge
Tracie Trim	Jojo Wang		

Congratulations to the following who have been granted Full Membership:

Esther Dobbyn	Tai Hemopo	Beate Leitner
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Out & About

DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT

LA QUINTA — BULIMBA

WHEN: Tue 1 Dec
LEADER: Peter Hunt 33513642
EMAIL: peterjameshunt@optusnet.com.au
MEET: 6:30pm LaQuinta,
189 Oxford St, Bulimba

Do you know what these meals are - Chimichangas, Tostadas, Fajitas, Quesadillas, Pescados Puerto Vallarta? Please join me in Mexico (Bulimba branch) to find out or enjoy these dishes if you already know. There are many other authentic, Mexican options on the menu well worth consideration. The movie theatre is just down the road so movies screening will be discussed over dinner. You are welcome to come for dinner only as the movie times can be a little late.

EQUIPMENT SHOW

TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY

LEADER: Picnic Pete 3351 1184
MOBILE: 0419496837
EMAIL: peter@lock.id.au
LIMIT: 70
BRING: Shopping List
DEPART: 6:30pm Globe Trekker
ADDRESS: 142 Albert St Brisbane
SHOP PHONE: 3221 4476

Learn all about bush walking gear at the Globe Trekker shop. Doors open at 6:30pm. There will be a short sit-down presentation at about 6:45pm, aimed at our newer members. We will discuss warm clothes and boots, and have a look at some of the gear you might need for through walking. Then there will be plenty of time to browse around and ask questions of shop staff and club members. There is no obligation to buy but if you do the price will be reduced by 20% when you show your membership card. (GPS, Watches, PLB not reduced. Some conditions and limits.) This is for BBW members and their invited guests only. The shop will not be open to the public. Please nominate online, or on the clip-

board, so we know how many will be coming. As with all walks, please notify the leader if you need to cancel.

CHRISTMAS "T" PARTY ON TAMBOURINE MOUNTAIN

WHEN: Fri 27 - Sun 29 Nov
LEADER: Burney 0422 386 080
EMAIL: burnicestarky@hotmail.com
GRADE: SOCIAL
LIMIT: 60
BRING: "Secret Santa Gift" = \$10, linen and pillow, self-cater for other meals, a dish for pooled dinner to be pre-arranged, walking gear, swimmers, fancy dress
COST: \$70 approx

This time the theme is "T" so come as a Tomboy, Tomcat, Tinkerbell, Tradesman, a Teddy or a Tree...the list is endless and possibly cryptic. Thunderbird Park, Cedar Ck Lodges is on the Tamborine Mountain. Accommodation is in bunk houses - 8 people per room with share amenities. Bring your own bedlinen and pillow. We will have a central recreation room for our use inc. a kitchen with crockery and cutlery. There is also a BBQ. Local activities include walking, swimming in Cedar Ck, horse riding and tennis. Cost includes accommodation and hall use from Friday to Sunday. There is no restaurant dinner on Sat. we will be doing that ourselves.

Nominations are only confirmed with full payment. Once confirmed, participants are asked to see Burney and to fill a "Share-plate" spreadsheet for the Sat night Xmas buffet. FULL PAYMENT TO TREASURER DUE BY 28TH OCT.

Santa always turns up at these events so help him by placing a wrapped gift under the tree. Gifts to the value of \$10 should be suitable for either gender, not gender specific.

Magazine Collating

Magazine collating is at Mary Comer's on Thursday 21st January. There is only about 1 1/2 hours work required. If you would like to come along for an easy social night with take-away dinner please phone 3844 6231 to confirm.



For your Bushwalking Safety
NEVER WALK ALONE...
ALWAYS TELL SOMEONE...
WALK WITH A CLUB.

If you have recently changed your address, phone number (home or work) or email please advise the Membership Register Officer so that the club records can be kept up to date:
Shirley Peadon—email: registrar@bbw.org.au; or phone: 07 3892 4641

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