The BUSHWALKER BRISBANE BUSHWALKER

March 2010



BRISBANE BUSHWALKERS MONTHLY NEWS



BRISBANE BUSHWALKERS CLUB INC (EST. 1948) GPO BOX 1949, BRISBANE 4001

www.bbw.org.au

PRICE PER ANNUM \$20.00 (included in Club Membership fee) **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 3rd March** is at Tom Cowlishaw'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 **March** magazine is the Open Meeting **Wednesday 10th March**. Pre-trip descriptions for all activities please!

BBW website

www.bbw.org.au

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BBW is an affiliated member of Bushwalking Qld whose website is:

www.bushwalkingqueensland.org.au

Cover Photograph

Morning Tea at Flora Hut, Mt Arthur Tablelands in Kahurangi NP, New Zealand

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° 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 6 month

FIRST AID CERTIFICATES



BBW offers a \$10 reduction to your subscription if you have a current First Aid certificate when you renew or pay a full members subscription. Give a photocopy of the certificate to the Treasurer.

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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

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

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.

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

Febru	ıary			
23	LDW-5C	Giants Stairway	Barry Collins 3876 9779 [N	lot on walk day]
	SNW2C	West End Hills	Joan Davey	
24	Meeting		,	
	MINIMAXS	Mt Coot-tha for New Members	Lou & Marion Darveniz	a 3378 4031
25	SNW-3C	Mt Cootha Weekly Night Walk	Ken Rubie and Ma	
26	SOC	37 Mollison St West End	Nada Campbell	
	MBC-5D	Best of Lamington Swimming Ho	•	Falls
_0 _0	20 02	Door of Lammigron own mining the	David Sydes	33184085
27	MDW-3A	Jolly's Lookout to Boombana	•	
	LDW-7D	Charraboomba CAVES via ships		
		-	Chrissy Dott & Peter H	
	MINIMAXS	Mt Coot-tha for New Members		3351 1184
28	MDW 3B	Jolly's Lookout	Nada Campbell/Kerry F	
20	MDW-6C	Lower/Upper Portals from Cleare	•	
	MDW4C	Bellbird Grove Walk		1 0419577360
	FSDW-5B	FAMILY Northbrook Gorge		
	EXDW-3C	Mt Mitchell & Bare Rock- Cunnin		
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3	MDW-6C	Byron Gorge & Stevens Ck	Lou & Marion Darveniz	za 3378 4031
5-7	SURVEY BC	Shirley Strachan Memorial Walk		
6	MDW-7C	•	Ruth Palsson 3359 7447 (5:3	•
U	MDW2B	Sunshine Coast Beaches 1	Joy Atkinson	0754452920
	MDW3C	Mt Coot-tha from The Gap	Christine & Tony Evere	
7	LDW-3C	Toolona Creek Circuit	Joan Davey	
,	MDW-4C	Northbrook Mtn	John Shields	
	MDW-5C		Nick Brooking	
	MDW-7C	The Cougals Summer Creek plus up the Falls		
	MINIMAXS	Tamborine Mt for New Members		
10			• •	32019337
10 13	Meeting MDW-6D	Nature Photography - Michael West Canungra waterfall climb S		0266760526
13	MINIMAXS	Mt Coot-tha for New Members	Lou & Marion Darven	
10 11	LTW-3C		Deniz Clarke	0412 007 360
13-14	MTW-6D	Albert River Through Walk		0412 007 300
14		Mt Ballow Enoggera Creek Catchment	Ryan Langley	51 0410577260
14		~ ~		
	LDW-6D	Around Mt Bangalora	Lou & Marion Darveniza	
	MDW3B	Mapleton Falls to Ubajee Lookou		32646565
20	FSDW-2A	Toohey Forest Under 6's Mornin	-	3846 1432 H/W
20	MDW 4C	Northbrook Creek via Eagles Ne	<u> </u>	3844 6231
20-21	MTW-5D	Flaggy Creek thru walk	John Stevens	0431 929 466
04	MTW5C	South Bald Rock	John Mitchell	32819751
21	MDW 3A	Jolly's Lookout	Bill Gale	33556023
	MDW5C	Greenes Falls &love Ck Falls	John Shields	32646565
	XLDW-4C	Sunshine Coast Great Walk Ghe	•	
00	CYC	Sandgate to Nudgee Beach	Ken Rubie	. 0070 4004
23	MDW-7C	Summer Creek plus up the falls	Lou & Marion Darven	
0.4	SNW2C	West End Hills	Joan Davey	0415 139 646
24	Meeting	Bushwalking & Camping Auct		
26	SOC	Party Time	Nada Campbell	-1- 00040505
	WORKNWALK	• •	* -	
27	S83S&T	Kangaroo Point Nursery Cliffs	John Granat	3274 2777 wk.
07.00	SDW 5C	Mt Greville	John Mitchell	32819751
27-28	MBC5/6D	Christmas Creek Base Camp	Joan Davey	0415 139 646

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28 A pril	MTW-6D S83S&T MDW 3B LDW 7D	Lizard Point Kangaroo Point Nursery Cliffs Somerset Trail Castle Crag via Python Rock	Dennis	Ryan Langley John Granat Fishlock 328405 Paul Horwath	3274 2777 wk. 51 0419577360 0266760526
April 3 4 5-10 10 10-11	MDW-7D MDW-5C LTW5C ABS-MDW9E SDW-6C MBC-5C MDW 4-6C MDW 4C	Coomera Gorge Lincoln Wreck Oxley Wild Rivers NP Short Leaning Ridge - Mt Barney North and Middle Kobble Creeks Xmas Creek Base Camp Northbrook Ck The Source GlassHouse Mountains Mt Tibbook		John Mitchell Lynley Murtagh John Stevens Paul Horwath John Shields	0266760526 IOT on walk day] 32819751 3165 3031 0431 929 466 0266760526 32646565
14	MDW 5C SOC Meeting	Stinson Memorial & Point Lookout Bicycle Ride Toombul to Sandgate Snow Trip 2009 - Peter Lock		Carleton Nothling Nada Campbell	
	SDW3A	Mt Matheson Trail, Spicers Gap		John Mitchell	32819751
17	M5C	Pt. Lookout via an unnamed creek		Ray Glancy	3343 8854
40	MDW-7D	Mt Maroon Cave Route		Paul Horwath	0266760526
18	ABSDW-5C MDW 3B	Kinnanes Falls Abseil Somerset Trail- Mt Mee	P	Anne Kemp, Greg L Bill Gale	ong 3371 2707. 33556023
	LDW 3C	Warrie Circuit		Mary Comer	3844 6231
	MDW 4C	Iron Bark Gully	Dennis	Fishlock 328405	
	MDW5C	SOUTH KOBBLE CK The Source		John Shields	32646565
	CYC	Alderley to Nudgee Beach		Ken Rubie	
20	MDW-5C			lins 3876 9779 [N	
23-26	6 BC3/5C	Mt Glorious Base Camp [long wee		John Shields	32646565
	XLTW 3C	Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk		Greg Kuss.	0408 806310
	MTW - 5B MTW-6D	Girraween National Park Southern Lamington - Survey		Cath Carkeet David Sydes	3357 5607 33184085
24	S83S&T	Kangaroo Point Nursery Cliffs		John Granat	3274 2777 wk.
27	LDW 7D	Mt Ernest caves via organ pipes		Paul Horwath	0266760526
24-26	S LTW5C	Washpool/Gibraltar Walk		John Mitchell	32819751
25	S83S&T	Kangaroo Point Nursery Cliffs		John Granat	3274 2777 wk.
28	Meeting				
30-3	MTW - 6D	Spicer's Gap to Teviot Gap		Lynley Murtagh	3165 3031
	MTW-6D	Teviot Gap to Spicers Gap		David Sydes	33184085
ADV.	ANCE NOTICE				
1-3	May	Washpool/Gibraltar Walk		John Mitchell	32819751
8-9	May	First Aid Course		Barry Collins	3876 9779
	3 June	The Steamers		Paul Horwath	0266760526
11-14	l June	Mt Glorious Base Camp [long wee	ekend]	John Shields	07-32646565
	l June	Eighth Annual Barney Four Day Cl	assic	John Hinz	3846 1432 H/W
) June	Guy Fawkes NP		John Mitchell	32819751
2-4	July	Mt Barney for First Timers Weeker	nd	Lynsey Moore; B	rian Randle
2-4	July	Christmas in July		Nada Campbell	
	August September	Cape York Snow 2010	Di	Ken Rubie icnic Pete, Andrew	Hunt 3351 1194
	September September	Washpool/Gibraltar Walk	rı	John Mitchell	32819751
	September	FAMILY Snow 2010	Mario	on Crowther, Peter	
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.....Coming Trips.....

GIANTS STAIRWAY

Day Walk Tue 23 Feb

LEADER: Barry Collins3876 9779 [Not on walk

day please]

MOBILE: 0410 703 041

EMAIL: bazzoo340@yahoo.co.uk

GRADE: LDW-5C LIMIT: 15

BRING: Always take p3 day walk gear, 2-3ltrs

H2O, swimmers

COST: Fuel contribution/\$20 DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens

CAR KMS: 220

MAP: HEMA Lamington NP 1:25000

Driving up to O'Reilly's Green Mountains we'll leave the cars near the Duck Creek Road junction and vomp down steep Bull Ant Spur to Yerralahla Pool on West Canungra Creek. We then cross the creek-on the first of many occasionsand follow some of the old original track system past the beautiful Stairway Falls. Located here are a couple of picturesque swimming holes, perfectly situated below a rocky terrace. From a little further downstream we have fabulous views of the Falls in all their glory. We'll then head off towards the confluence of West and East Canungra Creeks, at which point we'll walk up East Canungra Ck towards Kareeba Falls and Giant's Stairway. At an appropriate time we'll about turn and head back to the cars along our inbound route. No list at meetings.

WEST END HILLS

Social Night Walk Tue 23 Feb

This activity is full.

MT COOT-THA FOR NEW MEMBERS - MINIMAXS

Minimaxs Wed 24 Feb LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031 MOBILE: 0438 481 186 on day of walk only EMAIL: louandmarion@gmail.com

GRADE: MINIMAXS LIMIT: 5 + 10

BRING: Usual Day walk gear - refer page 3

plus 2 litres water

DEPART: 6:30am Gold Mine Picnic area UBD

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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 protocols, 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 enabling time for Coffee (at the Summit Cafe) and getting home easily before the bushwalking meeting that night. The early start is to allow people to get across Brisbane before the traffic gets horrendous. We will be in New Zealand until 17 Feb. Email will only be checked about once a week, so acknowledging an online nomination may take some time. Please be patient - you will be accepted.

MT COOTHA WEEKLY NIGHT WALK

Short Night Walk Thu 25 Feb LEADER: Ken Rubie and Malcolm Crabtree MOBILE: 0448448598 or 0410408620

GRADE: SNW-3C

LIMIT: 15

BRING: Page 3 plus torch and water 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

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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

37 MOLLISON ST WEST END

Dinner Fri 26 Feb

This activity is full.

BEST OF LAMINGTON SWIMMING HOLES -BLACK CANYON & FOUNTAIN FALLS

Base Camp Fri 26 - Sun 28 Feb

This activity is full.

JOLLY'S LOOKOUT TO BOOMBANA

Day Walk Sat 27 Feb LEADER: Dawn Glancy 3343 8854

MOBILE: 0418 778 369

EMAIL: rayanddawnglancy@yahoo.com.au

GRADE: MDW-3A

LIMIT: 12

BRING: Usual daywalk gear, 2 lt water, morn-

ing tea. Lunch to be left in car. WARM CLOTHING for lunch area

which is exposed to winds.

DEPART: 7:30am Park & Ride, Cnr Illowra &

Waterworks Rd, The Gap. (opp. Set-

tlement Rd intersection)

MAP: Brisbane Forest Map

This is combination of three beautiful track walks totalling 10.6km. We car pool at the Park & Ride Bus facility and drive up to Jolly's Lookout (where there are Public Toilets). From here we do the Thylogale Walking Track from Jolly's Lookout to Boombana and then the Rainforest Track Circuit then back to Jolly's Lookout and the Egernia Circuit, We will walk through open eucalypt woodlands and some rainforest beside creek beds. If we are quiet we should see a good variety of birdlife. Lunch will be at Jolly's Lookout. Please bring warm clothes for lunch stop. THIS WALK WILL BE AT A SLOW PACE - please do not nominate if you want to set a world record pace. Preferred nomination is by email. When nominating please include the following details: phone number (land line if possible), suburb, membership status (full or probationary).

CHARRABOOMBA CAVES VIA SHIPSTERN CLIFFS PART 3

Day Walk Sat 27 Feb LEADER: Paul Horwath 0266760526

MOBILE: 0429509334

EMAIL: paulpaulpaul@live.com.au

GRADE: LDW-7D

LIMIT: 9

DEPART: 5am Fairfield

we will head of from binna burra bottom car park, head up the creek to shipstern cliffs then follow the land around to the caves, these caves are all new to me. so this will be part 3 of this survey, no list at meeting

MAROON BY MOONLIGHT (PHOTO)

Day / Evening Walk Sat 27 Feb

This activity is full.

MT COOT-THA FOR NEW MEMBERS - MINIMAXS

Minimaxs Sat 27 Feb LEADER: Picnic Pete 3351 1184

MOBILE: 0419 496 837 EMAIL: peter@lock.id.au GRADE: MINIMAXS

LIMIT: 15

DEPART: 8:00am Gold Mine Picnic area UBD

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MAP: Brisbane forest Park 1:30 000

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 protocols, clothing, safety, environmental impact and the club's grading system. We will be trying out some grade 5 terrain, but the pace will be slow and there is a bypass option if you need it. 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 enabling time for Coffee.

JOLLY'S LOOKOUT

Day Walk Sun 28 Feb LEADER: Nada Campbell/Kerry Frankcombe

MOBILE: 0414724489/0430915943 EMAIL: nadacampbell@v7mail.com

GRADE: MDW 3B LIMIT: 15

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

COST: Car Cost \$12
DEPART: 7am Alderley
Self serve online

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Suitable for New Members

Jolly's Lookout is located in The Brisbane Forest

Park in the Mt Nebo area, the lookout is just spectacular on a clear day where you can see across the Brisbane valley to the coast line. The first stage of the walk will be done track, Egernia circuit Thylogale track and Pitta circuit, at Boombana Park we will stop for morning tea there are also public toilets at the park, the vegetation is quite varied from rainforest, you will see strangler figs [one is 300 years old Pitta circuit] cycads, wild ginger and ferns, to eucalypts of different varieties and bunya pines. There is an abundance of bird life to see. We will have lunch at some point as well, it will be a short walk appr 10km, It will be more like nice and easy walk, give you time to chat to the walkers and take photos if you wish.

LOWER/UPPER PORTALS FROM CLEARED RIDGE

Day Walk Sun 28 Feb LEADER: John Stevens 0431 929 466 EMAIL: johnpstevens@hotmail.com

GRADE: MDW-6C

LIMIT: 8

BRING: usual day gear with waterproof pack

DEPART: 6 am Fairfield Gardens

CAR KMS: 240 kms

MAP: Mt Lindesay 1:25,000

Mt Maroon 1:25,000

This walk starts from Cleared Ridge. We'll walk down along the ridges to the Lower Portals. Then we'll follow Barney Creek all the way to the Upper Portals. We will continue along Yamahra Creek towards Grace's Hut and walk back up to Cleared Ridge. This walk involves several hours of rock hopping and at least one swim through. Please ensure your pack is waterproof. If the day is hot, they'll be plenty of opportunities to cool off. We will need another 4WD car to get us to Cleared Ridge. No list at the meeting. Please nominate on line advising whether your car is 4WD. You will need to have done at least one 5C graded walk before nominating for this walk, have some rock hopping experience and be confident you can swim though a waterhole with a pack on. 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 send me an email.

BELLBIRD GROVE WALK

Day Walk Sun 28 Feb LEADER: Dennis Fishlock 32840551

0419577360

EMAIL: fyshies@bigpond.com.au

GRADE: MDW4C LIMIT: 15

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

COST: Car Cost \$12 DEPART: 5:30am Alderley

CAR KMS: 80Kms

MAP: Brisbane Forest Park

NOMINATION LIST:Self Serve online/club meet-

ings Suitable for New Members

MEETING POINT ARRIVAL:Minium 15 minutes before departure time

This is another very close walk from our front door, Bellbird Grove is located on the Mt Nebo road 3kms past Brisbane Forest Park Head Quarters and information Centre. Bellbird Park is a well laid out picnic grounds with plenty of car parking, table settings and 2 amenities blocks. The walk will start on a designated track, which we will walk for approximately 1km where we will cross a creek we will then enter a fire trail travel along for a distance and come to a junction, at this stage we will go off track and work our way up a ridge through medium dense eucalypts and come back out onto a forestry road walk along to a y junction, here we will stop for morning tea. We will then move off onto a lower fire trail to a specific point and go off track ascending a reasonably steep ridge which is worth the effort to get the city views, 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 the top of Clear Mountain, yes more picnic grounds including table settings and amenity block [this is being spoilt] and 180 degrees views across the city, but we have to do some serious walking over a variety of terrain. After lunch we will work our way down another fire trail and go off track descending back down to Bellbird Park Picnic grounds. THIS WALK IS ALSO SUITABLE FOR NEW MEMBERS WITH A GOOD LEVEL OF FITNESS REQUIRED.

FAMILY NORTHBROOK GORGE

Day Walk & Swim Sun 28 Feb LEADER: Marion Crowther 33517832

MOBILE: 0417081002

EMAIL: marion2008@mjcskk.id.au

GRADE: FSDW-5B

LIMIT: 15

BRING: p3, THERMALS

DEPART: 8:30am Maiala Top Carpark BFP

MAP: Brisbane Forest Park

This is a great summer walk/swim for those from 4-5yrs and up. There is a bit of walking then a bit of swimming, bit more walking, bit more swimming etc. A small kickboard wouldn't go astray for the younger kids. We did this walk in early December with the Christmas camp participants and it was good fun and great to be able to get cool along the way. After meeting at Maiala Park top car park we will go in convoy to the start point

about 10km further up the road. From there we follow an easy to find track down to the creek and gorge and then head upstream. Some of the walk is on track, some offtrack and some parts through the water. After going through about 5 pools depending on the speed of the group we will stop for our picnic lunch before heading back. This will not be a late day. You and your pack WILL get wet! Either waterproof your pack (your lunch!!) or be happy for the contents to get wet. The kids and probably the adults will need thermals - do not leave them behind. Even if it is a rainy day, this walk will go ahead - after all you are going to get wet anyway. :-) This is a FAMILY activity, please do not nominate unless you are a member of the family subgroup of BBW. Please nominate your children separately following my example and include your email address and landline number when nominating.

MT MITCHELL & BARE ROCK- CUNNING-HAM'S GAP

Day Walk
LEADER: Eddie Chappel 32619337
MOBILE: 0432733847 Day of walk only
EMAIL: edwin.chappel@bigpond.com

GRADE: EXDW-3C

LIMIT: 12

BRING: see page 3 mag, 2 litres water DEPART: 6:30am Fairfield Gardens

We will walk both the Mt Mitchell & Bare Rock tracks in the one day. The combined distance is 22.6km. Mt Mitchell is on one side of the Cunningham Highway at Cunningham's Gap & Bare Rock is on the other. The Mt Mitchell track ends at the summit which is a knife-edge ridge above a sheer cliff. Bare rock is on the north side of the highway, it detours west of Mt Cordeaux & crosses a rocky saddle north of the peak. There are spectacular views over the northern section of the national park as there are from Mt Mitchell. The walk is on track but the distance is VERY LONG & Mt Mitchell is up all the way so GOOD FITNESS IS REQUIRED but otherwise it is suitable for new members.

BYRON GORGE & STEVENS CK

Day Walk Wed 3 Mar LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031 MOBILE: 0438 481 186 on day of walk only

EMAIL: louandmarion@gmail.com

GRADE: MDW-6C

LIMIT: 12

BRING: Usual day walk gear. 3L water

DEPART: 6:30am Alderley

CAR KMS: 120 km

MAP: Mt Byron 1:25000

This trip combines many favourite elements - rock

slabs, waterfalls, rock hopping, rock scrambling, huge overhanging cliffs, caves, swimming, interesting vegetation changes, some scunge and isolation. This trip is in the Mt Mee State forest starting from the Gantry Picnic Area and is ideal for this time of the year.

SHIRLEY STRACHAN MEMORIAL WALK

Base Camp Fri 5 - Sun 7 Mar

This activity is full.

BOOLOUMBA CREEK

Day Walk Sat 6 Mar LEADER: Ruth Palsson 3359 7447 between

5:30pm to 9:30pm

MOBILE: 0427 776 584

EMAIL: mum@tweak.net.au

GRADE: MDW-7C

LIMIT: 10

BRING: Page 3 stuff plus overnight gear if

camping. Also have your pack water-

proofed.

COST: \$5.00 camp fee if also doing the Sun-

day walk plus petrol contrib

DEPART: 6:00am Alderley

CAR KMS: 250km

We will start walking from the Booloumba Falls carpark and walk down the new Great Walk track to Artists Cascades for the first swim and then rock hop up the creek (large boulders) to Frog Falls for the second swim then Kingfisher falls with its 5 separate falls and then through Booloumba Gorge to Booloumba Falls and the Breadknife. There are several swim throughs. The tricky climb out of the last swim through in Booloumba Gorge is now relatively easy because of a rock fall. Anyone on Lou and Marion's list for Summer Creek on Sun, 7 March has first option on this trip until 20 Jan. We will camp at Booloumba Creek camping ground in Kenilworth Forest reserve - cold showers! and flat campsites. You need to book your own campsite. I have booked site no 15 at Campground 3. This site has maps of the campgrounds:https:// www.epa.gld.gov.au/parks/iaparks/gds/

IAGDS030.do Because of the nature of this walk, you will probably need to be known personally to the me or have someone I know vouch for you. Please give me a ring first and then nominate on the website. Note: the EPA website says: The creek crossings on Booloumba Creek Rd and into the Booloumba day use area are suitable for high clearance 4WD vehicles only. This means take care on the creek crossings if you drive a 2WD. All the roads are fine.

SUNSHINE COAST BEACHES 1

Day Walk Sat 6 Mar

Joy Atkinson LEADER: 0754452920

0408533222 MOBILE:

EMAIL: imatkinson@rabbit.com.au

GRADE: MDW2B

LIMIT: 15

BRING: Morning tea, lunch, min 1lt water

(plenty opportunity to refill), swim-

mers

DEPART: 7:30am Keith Hill Park Esplanade

Golden Beach

Sunshine Coast Beaches 1This is the first in a series of walks that will show case the Sunshine Coast's beaches. The plan is that eventually we will have walked the whole of the coastline from Golden beach to Inskip Point. This first walk will take in Golden, Bulcock, Kings, Shelly, Moffet and Currimundi beaches. We will finish at Currimundi Lakes. Morning tea will be at Kings beach and we should get to Currimundi about lunch time. This section of the coast line will be the busiest with roads and shops close by, however it is still very beautiful. Mostly we will be walking on footpaths, however there is plenty of opportunity to feel the sand beneath your toes and explore the rock pools. Although the terrain is easy, it will be over 13 km, so still a good walk. I plan to start walking at 7:30 am so that we can finish by lunch and not be walking in the afternoon heat. (leaves plenty of time for a swim too) You can either get up VERY early and leave from Bris on Sat morning or you can come stay at my place Fri night and get an extra hour sleep in. Car pooling will be organised via email and phone.

MT COOT-THA FROM THE GAP

Day Walk Sat 6 Mar

This activity is full.

TOOLONA CREEK CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 7 Mar

This activity is full.

NORTHBROOK MTN

Day Walk Sun 7 Mar LEADER: John Shields 07-32646565

MOBILE: 0447824988 Walkday only EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au

MDW-4C **GRADE:**

LIMIT:

BRING: Albany Ck Centro Shopping Centre

UBD 108 F16

car contrib \$14 COST:

7am DEPART:

CAR KMS: 80 km return

MAP: **BFP**

> NO LIST AT MEETINGS SELF SERVE ONLINE BOOKINGS

Arrive at the meeting place by 6.45 am to arrange

cars and depart at 7am sharp and drive up to Mt Glorious via Samford. Turning off past Maiala Pk we access Lawton Rd and drive down to Northbrook Mtn .The mountain is ascended via an old track and on reaching the first peak we stop for smoko and admire the views. On packs we track along ridge for about 2 hours with views both sides to reach the higher peak. Descending down the north face we head for the bend in the road to access the track to Eagle Hawk Nest. This descent can be a little steep and loose in places. Over and up to E H N we perch for lunch and 360 degree views. Refreshed we return to the road for a short walk back to the cars.

THE COUGALS

Day Walk Sun 7 Mar LEADER: 3262 5244 Nick Brooking

MOBILE: 04 1972 4296

brooking@bigpond.com EMAIL:

GRADE: MDW-5C

LIMIT: 12

BRING: Day Walk Gear, at least 2I water

petrol \$20 COST:

DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens

CAR KMS: Approx 200km

MAP: Sunmap 1:25,000 Springbrook

The Cougals are twin peaks in the Springbrook National Park on the NSW border. We'll park the cars at the end of The Garden of Eden Rd. follow the track beside the border fence up a steep ridge through some lantana at the start. We get good views as we climb. Then we enter rainforest and eventually it gets steep and rocky. When we reach a cliff line there is an interesting cave, which we'll have a look at: make sure you bring your torches. A bit of a scramble up an easy cliff break through spear lilies to the summit of East Cougal with more great views. Then over the saddle to West Cougal, it's a bit rougher and a little more scrambling. We will return via the same route. Currumbin for coffee. This is a good walk for new members who are have climbed a couple of mountains on tracks and are now ready to go off-track.

SUMMER CREEK PLUS UP THE FALLS

Day Walk Sun 7 Mar

This activity is full.

TAMBORINE MT FOR NEW MEMBERS

Minimaxs Sun 7 Mar Eddie Chappel 32619337 LEADER:

0432733847 MOBILE:

edwin.chappel@bigpond.com EMAIL:

GRADE: MINIMAXS LIMIT: 5 + 10

BRING: See Page 3 mag + 2 litres water DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens

We will be walking a couple of the tracks in the Tamborine Mountain area including Witches Falls which was the first National Park in Queensland. This walk is intended to introduce new members to bush walking, and to Brisbane Bushwalking Club in particular. And it's a good chance to make some new friends. It is a good option for your first walk with the club. We will have a stroll around some walking tracks, and stop occasionally to discuss clothing, safety and environmental impact. There will be a small sample of off track walking to give an appreciation of the club's grading system. After leaving Fairfield Gardens we will meet at the car park at Witches Falls (UBD Gold Coast section Map 13 ref L18). Be at Fairfield Gardens about 15 minutes before the departure time. Bring your pack, and your lunch. Even though this walk will be short and close to the cars, please bring what ever gear you would normally take on a full day walk, because checking out each other's gear is part of the fun.

WEST CANUNGRA WATERFALL CLIMB STAGE 2

Day Walk Sat 13 Mar LEADER: Paul Horwath 0266760526

MOBILE: 0429509334

EMAIL: paulpaulpaul@live.com.au

GRADE: MDW-6D

LIMIT: 9

BRING: Usual day walk gear & swimmers

DEPART: 5am Fairfield Gardens

CAR KMS: 220

MAP: Lamington NP

This walk is in the O'Reillys, Green Mountains section of Lamington NP. We descend via the graded track system to Yerralahla Pool, where we will have morning tea and our first swim. We then follow the newly reconstructed and beautiful West Canungra Creek upstream, passing many gorgeous waterfalls and tree gardens to Elabana Falls and Picnic Rock. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and we will have a lovely day in a very beautiful place. as all D graded walks expect steep rough terrain use of hands, we also will be using tape to climb up waterfalls. NO LIST AT MEETINGS.

MT COOT-THA FOR NEW MEMBERS - MINI-MAXS

Minimaxs Sat 13 Mar LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031 MOBILE: 0438 481 186 on day of walkn only

EMAIL: louandmarion@gmail.com

GRADE: MINIMAXS 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 those new 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 protocols, 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.

ALBERT RIVER THROUGH WALK

Through Walk Sat 13 - Sun 14 Mar

This activity is full.

MT BALLOW

Through Walk Sat 13 - Sun 14 Mar

LEADER: Ryan Langley

EMAIL: rrlaust@yahoo.com.au

GRADE: MTW-6D

LIMIT: 8

COST: Camp fees + fuel DEPART: 6pm Pre-arranged

This walk is to Mt Ballow, which is a short distance north-west of Mt Barney. The walk is on the edge of three maps, being Mount Lindesay, Maroon and Mount Clunie. Transport will be prearranged and we leave around 6pm on the Friday night and drive to the campground at Mt May (no facilities). On Saturday we drive up to Cleared Ridge, which requires 4WD vehicles. From there, we start the walk, taking in Monserrat lookout and Double peak, which have great views of Mt Barney. This is an off-track walk, and there is a reasonable amount of elevation gain so good fitness is required. We camp at Mt Ballow, and

there is water near the campsite. On Sunday we either return the same way, or via Big Lonely and Barney Creek. You can never predict the weather, so come prepared for rain or a little heat. I will modify the walk if it looks like rain. I have a 4WD and can fit two passengers, so it would be great if anyone else can bring their 4WD. Please nominate by email.

ENOGGERA CREEK CATCHMENT

Sun 14 Mar Day Walk This activity is full.

AROUND MT BANGALORA

Day Walk Sun 14 Mar This activity is full.

MAPLETON FALLS TO UBAJEE LOOKOUT

Day Walk Sun 14 Mar This activity is full.

TOOHEY FOREST UNDER 6'S MORNING WALK

Family Group Day Walk Sun 14 Mar LEADER: John Hinz 3846 1432 H/W **EMAIL:** johnhinz@optusnet.com.au

GRADE: FSDW-2A

20 LIMIT:

BRING: Morning tea for during walk, plus

plenty of drinking water

8:30am Toohey Picnic Area. This is DEPART:

> located on the LHS of Toohey Rd at Tarragindi, just after the park boundary when travelling from the city.

UBD Map 200 E2

MAP: See http://www.brisbane.gld.gov.au/

bccwr/environment/documents/

track_map_toohey.pdf

Please note that this is a Family Group walk and specifically meant for parents and carers with children. The walk is specifically tailored to younger children under the age of six, with a slow pace and a short distance. While older siblings are allowed, they must be prepared to travel at the pace of the group. I plan to head off along the Sandstone Circuit to Western Outlook. There are some interesting rock outcrops here where budding junior rock climbers can practice their skills (optional activity). We will head back to the car park on the Toohey Ridge Track. The whole walk is only about one kilometre in length but we should be able to stretch things out to a few hours by the time we include morning tea and some interesting off track diversions. It will be a good chance for the younger members of their club to get to know each other without having to travel any more than 15 minutes from the CBD. On-line and email bookings are preferred, but

please feel free to call me if you have any queries about the walk. Please remember to give me the names and ages of any children when nominating. All parents must accept total responsibility for their children's safety and wellbeing as a condition of nominating for this walk. Why not come along for what should be a good morning in the bush.

NORTHBROOK CREEK VIA EAGLES NEST

Day Walk Sat 20 Mar

This activity is full.

FLAGGY CREEK THRU WALK

TW Sat 20 - Sun 21 Mar 0431 929 466 LEADER: John Stevens johnpstevens@hotmail.com EMAIL:

GRADE: MTW-5D

LIMIT: 8 including leader DEPART: 5am Fairfield Gardens

CAR KMS: 245 kms

MAP: Glen Rock 9342-23 1:25,000

This thru walk is based on the Flaggy Creek circuit. On Saturday, we'll walk up Blackfellow Creek valley and up a steep spur that will bring us to our camp site, on a small grassy plateau at an altitude of approx. 950 metres. In the afternoon, there will be an optional survey south eastwards along the escarpment, carrying day packs. On Sunday, we'll follow the ridge line westwards until we reach Glen Rock. From Glen Rock, it is only a short, steep walk down back to the cars, sections of which are along guite a narrow spur. Glen Rock area tends to be guite hot in summer and early autumn. Gaiters and gloves are recommended. No list at the meeting. Please nominate on line. This is an off track walk only suitable for experienced walkers. You will need to have done at least one 5D graded day walk before nominating for this walk. If you have not walked with me previously, please email me what 5D graded club walk you've done with the date it was on. Any query? please send me an email.

SOUTH BALD ROCK

Through Walk Sat 20 - Sun 21 Mar This activity is full.

JOLLY'S LOOKOUT

Day Walk Sun 21 Mar LEADER: Bill Gale 33556023

MOBILE: 0409613905

EMAIL: fregata@bigpond.net.au

GRADE: MDW 3A

LIMIT: 15

BRING: page3 items, 2 l. water

COST: \$10 Car share DEPART: 7:30am Alderley MAP: Brisbane Forest Park

Jolly's Lookout is on Mt Nebo Rd, giving access to D'Aguilar national park, with great views of Moreton Island and Glass House Mountains. We will walk through some beautiful sub-tropical rainforest and more open eucalyptus forest, using the Thylogale track to Boombana and then around the Rainforest Circuit. The Boombana picnic area is a pretty civilized place for an early lunch, after which we will walk to Ergenia Circuit and then back to Jolly's Lookout. We could go off track if people want to, but if we stick to the tracks, distance is 10.5 Km. The park in this area has a variety of vegetation, animal and bird life, which we will take time to look for and, possibly, identify. Thylogale is a Pademelon wallaby and Ergenia is a skink lizard, which may appear if we are not too noisy. THIS WALK IS SUITABLE FOR NEW MEMBERS

GREENES FALLS &LOVE CK FALLS

Daywalk Sun 21 Mar 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: \$12 car contribution

DEPART: 7am Albany Ck Centro shopping cen-

tre UBD108F16 Westpac sign

CAR KMS: 80 km return

MAP: BFP

NO LIST AT MEETING

This walk was deferred from 21Feb. Arrive at the departure place at 6-45 to arrange cars and leave promptly at 7am. We drive to Mt Glorious and park at the end of Alex Rd to start the walk and head down the ridge to Annies Ck. Up to and across the plateau then down to Greenes Falls Lookout. Down the track to have smoko on a rocky ledge looking up the falls. Back up another longer ridge to the plateau to drop off down a ridge to Love Ck. Down stream a short way to Love Ck Falls. Here we slip down the track to get an up view of the falls. Back upstream to peel off into Annies Ck to start the ascent up the rock ledges, through the shady palm groves to select a beauty spot along the creek for lunch. We reach the Y junction to leave the creek and ascend the ridge and back to the cars.

SUNSHINE COAST GREAT WALK GHEERULLA CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 21 Mar

This activity is full.

SANDGATE TO NUDGEE BEACH

Bike Ride Sun 21 Mar

LEADER: Ken Rubie MOBILE: 0448448598

EMAIL: kenrubie@hotmail.com

GRADE: CYC LIMIT: 10

BRING: Bike, Water, Repair Tools

DEPART: 7am Refer to Trip Description Below This is a bike ride with a stop for coffee covering two beaches from the Sandgate beachfront to Nudgee Beach via the Boondall Wetlands. Rating: Distance approx 40kms. Mainly flat on bike paths and quieter back roads, but it can be hot with headwinds. Quicker pace. the ride will commence at 7:00 AM and conclude around 11:30 including a coffee stop at Nudgee beach The meeting place is Flinders Pde, Sandgate, beside the swimming pool. UBD Map 110, Ref Q2The ride is suitable for all types of bikes but you will need to bring water, repair tools etc to meet your own needs.

SUMMER CREEK PLUS UP THE FALLS

Day Walk Tue 23 Mar

This activity is full.

WEST END HILLS

Social Night Walk Tue 23 Mar LEADER: Joan Davev 0415 139 646

MOBILE: 0415 139 646

EMAIL: joanyd@dodo.com.au

GRADE: SNW2C LIMIT: 10

BRING: water, money for 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 as we do find as many hills as we can. We leave at 6pm sharp so please give yourself plenty of time for traffic & parking.

PARTY TIME

Party Fri 26 Mar

See details on Page 27

MI GLORIOUS BASE CAMP [QPWS VOLUN-TEERS ONLY]

Base Camp Fri 26 - Sun 28 Mar LEADER: John Shields 07-32646565

MOBILE: 0447824988

EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au

GRADE: WORKNWALK

BRING: tools, work clothes, gloves, eye pro-

tection etc

The usual work and fun with the other volunteers

KANGAROO POINT NURSERY CLIFFS

Abseil Training Sat 27 Mar 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

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. Please nominate online, e-mail or phone. No list at meetings.

MT GREVILLE

Day Walk Sat 27 Mar This activity is full.

CHRISTMAS CREEK BASE CAMP

Work 'n Walk Sat 27 - Sun 28 Mar

This activity is full.

LIZARD POINT

Throughwalk Sat 27 - Sun 28 Mar

LEADER: Ryan Langley

EMAIL: rrlaust@yahoo.com.au

GRADE: MTW-6D

LIMIT: 8

COST: Camp fee + fuel
DEPART: 6pm Pre-arranged
MAP: Mt Superbus 1:25000

Lizard Point is south of Cunningham's Gap, in the Main Range National Park. Car pooling is prearranged and we leave Brisbane around 6pm on the Friday night, driving through Cunningham's Gap and camping the night near the start of the walk (the campsite has no facilities). On Saturday there is a steep up at the start of the day to the Steamers, and we will get great views of the Steamers during the day. We continue to Lizard Point, which has fantastic views, and if it all goes to plan we should have dinner under moonlight on the Point. Water is near the campsite. On Sunday we return via the Lincoln wreck. Good fitness is required, due to the elevation gained on

day 1. Also come prepared for a little heat or rain, as you can never predict the weather in the Main Range. I will modify the walk if it looks like rain. 4WD's are required, so let me know when nominating if you have a 4WD. Please nominate by email.

KANGAROO POINT NURSERY CLIFFS

Abseil Training Sun 28 Mar 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

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.

SOMERSET TRAIL

Day Walk Sun 28 Mar LEADER: Dennis Fishlock 32840551

0419577360

EMAIL: fyshies@bigpond.com.au

GRADE: MDW 3B

LIMIT: 15

BRING: Day Pack as per Page 3/3ltr water

COST: Car Cost \$15

DEPART: 5:30am Albany Creek Shopping Cen-

tre [Westpac Sign] UBD 108 F16

CAR KMS: 200kms return

NOMINATION LIST: Self Serve Online/Club

Meetings

MEETING POINT ARRIVAL: Minium 15 Minutes before Departure Time

Mt Mee is the destination we are heading for, travelling out through Dayboro and turning left off Sellin road and out to the Gantry which is a large established picnic ground. The Gantry is the legacy of a once active sawmill. The first part of the walk is along a short circuit where you will see the remnants of timber getting, as well as walking through a piccabeen palm grove, from here we will start the walk out along the Somerset trail, which is made up of rain forest, scribbley gum and other species of eucalypt's and australian native vegetation. Along the trail we will stop for

morning tea, this walk is a social easy walk, we will arrive at the Somerset look out for lunch and photo's, after lunch we will continue the final stage of the trail back to our cars. THIS WALK IS ALSO SUITABLE FOR NEW MEMBERS WITH A REASONABLE LEVEL OF FITNESS REQUIRED.

CASTLE CRAG VIA PYTHON ROCK

Day Walk Sun 28 Mar This activity is full.

COOMERA GORGE

Day Walk Sat 3 Apr LEADER: Paul Horwath 0266760526

MOBILE: 0429509334

EMAIL: paulpaulpaul@live.com.au

GRADE: MDW-7D LIMIT: 10

BRING: Day walking gear, 3L water,

DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens

CAR KMS: 210

MAP: Beechmont 1:25000

This walk out of Binna Burra starts by following the Coomera Circuit track for about an hour, then dropping down into the river through a number of cliff breaks. People need to be confident about down climbing using rock/roots/grass or trees as handholds. The meandery route is exposed in places, crossing under & over waterfalls, so people need to be comfortable with exposure. Once at Coomera River, we will rock hop and/or wade up past more waterfalls to the base of the Coomera Falls where there is a marvelous pool. The return is the same way. Fantastic scenery guaranteed. If you do not want to get your boots wet, then take a pair of joggers to change into at the river & pick up your boots on the way back. (Can also leave a water bottle there).- NO LIST AT **MEETINGS**

LINCOLN WRECK

Day Walk Sun 4 Apr This activity is full.

SHORT LEANING RIDGE - MT BARNEY

Abseil Day Walk Sat 10 Apr LEADER: Lynley Murtagh 3165 3031

MOBILE: 0414 631 115

EMAIL: lynleymurtagh@gmail.com

GRADE: ABS-MDW9E

LIMIT: 5

BRING: Usual day walk gear & sense of ad-

venture

COST: Camping Fees Mt Barney Lodge DEPART: 6am 6.00 am Lower Portals Carpark

CAR KMS: 220

MAP: Mt Barney

Short Leaning is probably the most technical thing you will do on Barney without a rope. There are some technical sections with serious air beneath you. Ascent via Short Leaning, descent via North Ridge. Note that we need to abseil off Leaning Pk, so you need to be BBW ABS certified. Our traverse over Leaning, and down North Ridge will make this a long day. We will depart the lower portals car park at 0600 Saturday. We will camp at Mt Barney lodge on Friday night for an early start on Saturday - and Saturday Night if you wish; to avoid Brisbane for as long as possible. Camping is optional both nights, but certainly highly recommended Friday night if you think you are going to get to the start on time. Please nominate direct to leader via email supplying: hm phone, mob phone, email, car, passengers, suburb, m'ship & camping requirements + abseil gear hire requirements. Transport will be prearranged. NO LIST AT MEETINGS

NORTH AND MIDDLE KOBBLE CREEKS

Day Walk Sat 10 Apr LEADER: John Stevens 0431 929 466

EMAIL: johnpstevens@hotmail.com

GRADE: SDW-6C

LIMIT: 8 including leader DEPART: 6:30am Alderley

CAR KMS: 70 kms

MAP: Brisbane Forest Park

This is a cut down version of the walk I led in August 2009. I have modified it to turn it into a halfa-day walk so that we will come out before lunch. We will walk up Middle Kobble Creek, scramble up 2 waterfalls and follow North Kobble creek valley back down to our starting point. Middle Kobble Creek is a very pleasant creek, well worth the visit. The 2 waterfalls we will scramble up are great fun. You will need confidence on rock and use your hands to get up. No list at the meeting. Please nominate on line. While this walk is reasonably short, it is not easy. You will need to have done at least one 5C graded walk and have some off track walking experience before nominating for this walk. If you have not walked with me previously, please email me a list of the 5C graded club walks you've done in the last 2 months with the date they were on.

XMAS CREEK BASE CAMP

Base Camp Sat 10 - Sun 11 Apr LEADER: Paul Horwath 0266760526

MOBILE: 0429509334 GRADE: MBC-5C LIMIT: 30

BRING: Base camp gear and walking gear COST: Car contribution plus camp fees

CAR KMS: 100k

There will be a number of walks on this weekend including Larapinta Falls and Neglected Mountain. The weather should be warm by this time of year. Can't wait for this one, it's going to be a party. Hope to see you there. Camp fees are 5 dollars per person per night. NO LIST AT MEET-ING PLEASE.

NORTHBROOK CK THE SOURCE

Day Walk Sun 11 Apr LEADER: John Shields 07-32646565

MOBILE: 0447824988 Walkday only EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au

GRADE: MDW 4-6C

LIMIT: 10

BRING: Day pack as page 3 / 3 lit water

COST: \$12 car contribution

DEPART: 7am Albany Ck Centro shopping cen-

tre UBD108F16 Westpac sign

CAR KMS: 80 KM return

MAP: BFP

NO LIST AT MEETING

SELF SERVE ON LINE BOOKINGS

Arrive at the meeting place by 6-45 am to depart at 7am sharp. We drive to BFP Mt Glorious and park near a beehive site adjacent the Gravel Pit on the left past Alex Rd . The walk starts from the cars down a gully to the source of the creek and we follow it down over waterfalls and cascades to the bottom of the gorge . The steep terrain can require bumsliding and rock scrambling in places . The creek is followed through beautiful rocky palm lined gorges with magic waterholes and falls until we exit via a tributary on the left then onto a ridge up to the Gravel pit and back to the cars. FITNESS IS IMPORTANT AS IS SCRAMBLING ABILITY.

GLASSHOUSE MOUNTAINS MT TIBBOOWUC-CUM/ MT COOEE

Day Walk Sun 11 Apr LEADER: Dennis Fishlock 32840551

0419577360

EMAIL: fyshies@bigpond.com.au

GRADE: MDW 4C

LIMIT: 15

BRING: Day Pack as per Page 3/3ltr water

COST: Car Cost \$12

DEPART: 5:45am Albany Creek Shopping Cen-

tre [Westpac Sign] UBD 108 F16

CAR KMS: 120kms

MAP: Glass House Mountains

NOMINATION LIST: Self Serve Online/Club

Meetings

MEETING POINT ARRIVAL: Minium 15 Minutes

before Departure Time

The Glass House Mountains are remnants of volcanoes active 25-27 million years ago, these

mountains were formed from plugs and masses of molten rock. Vegetation is mainly open eucalypt and plantation forest, this area is the home to koalas, echidnas, and grey kangaroo's, the bird species often seen are kookaburras, cockatoos, lorikeets and peregrine falcons. We will start on a track through open forest and go off track and climb a small summit Mt Cooee where we will have morning tea and take in the views of Mt Tibrogargen. From here we will return to the track and head out to Mt Tibberoowuccum and again leaving the track and climb to the summit for lunch again getting 360 degree views of the mountains and valleys. We will descend back onto the track and walk back to our cars. THIS WALK IS ALSO SUITABLE FOR NEW MEM-BERS WITH A SOUND LEVEL OF FITNESS.

BICYCLE RIDE TOOMBUL TO SANDGATE

Bicycle Ride Sun 11 Apr

LEADER: Nada Campbell MOBILE: 0414724489

EMAIL: nadacampbell@y7mail.com

GRADE: SOC LIMIT: 10

BRING: descrip as below
COST: money for coffee drink
DEPART: 8am Albert Bishop Park

MAP: 140 P/Q-3

Hedley Aven Toombul

The 17.5 km ride mostly on bike track will take us alongside the Kedron Brook, past the Nudgee Golf course to Nudgee Beach Road. We then cross over to the Boondall Wetlands bike track and ride to the Information Centre, where we will have a short break for an energy snack before proceeding with the rest of the ride to Shorncliffe and Sandgate. Cycling at an easy pace, we should arrive at Sandgate by 10am and find ourselves a shady spot in the Arthur Davis Park for morning tea. To provide time for those wishing to swim in the Sandgate Pool we will spend approx. 1 hour in Sandgate. Fish on Flinders opposite the park is available for coffee and cake, plus cooked food. Please take a substantial morning tea to give you the energy to cycle 17.5 km back to the cars. For those too tired to cycle back, the train is available at Sandgate to Toombul. What to take: Bike, helmet, sunglasses, sunscreen, water bottles, energy snack, morning tea and optional bathers and towel. Cost for pool is \$4.30 and the pool appreciates small change. Toilets located at Albert Bishop Park, Boondall Wetlands Information Centre and Arthur Davis Park.

MT MATHESON TRAIL, SPICERS GAP

Day Walk Wed 14 Apr LEADER: John Mitchell 32819751 EMAIL: mitchbbw@gmail.com

GRADE: SDW3A

LIMIT: 10

BRING: Usual day walk gear, + 2lt water.

Lunch can be left in cars

COST: \$15

DEPART: 7:00am Fairfield Gardens

CAR KMS: 170kms

We will car pool from Fairfield Gardens to the Pioneer Graves picnic area at Spicers Gap. We start our walk at the Pioneer Graves by following the trail to Mt Matheson. The track overlooks the Cunningham Highway as it climbs between Mt Cordeaux and Mt Mitchell. There is a loose rocky area that we will climb for about 100m where gloves may be useful to protect your hands. A small section of rainforest gives great examples of the Strangler Fig. The walk then continues as the Heritage Trail with examples of the road building techniques used by the pioneers. Information Boards along the way tell the story. We will admire the fantastic view from the Governor's Chair Lookout, which overlooks the Fassifern Valley and Lake Moogerah. We then walk down the road, passing Mosses well and return to cars at the picnic site for lunch. Those who have the afternoon free can head back to Aratula for cake and coffee at their leisure. Access to Spicers Gap is via an excellent dry weather gravel road. This road will close in wet weather. There is an alternative walk if road is closed.

PT. LOOKOUT VIA AN UNNAMED CREEK

Day Walk Survey Sat 17 Apr LEADER: Ray Glancy 3343 8854

MOBILE: 0419719480

EMAIL: rayanddawnglancy@yahoo.com.au

GRADE: M5C LIMIT: 6

BRING: Usual day walk gear + change of

socks

DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens

CAR KMS: 220 kms

MAP: Lamington (supplied)

If you have been up to Pt. Lookout by the usual track and would like something different why not come with me up the creek which is the watersource for the Pt. Lookout campsite. It will be steep with the probability of waterfalls as we progress up. There will be approx. 2kms of creek rockhopping so you will need to be fit and comfortable on rocks. My reason for doing this survey is to hopefully find a watersource closer to Pt. Lookout as I plan to put on a throughwalk to the Stinson/Stretcher Track later in the year. So come along if you are game and we might even visit the Stinson wrecksite on the return down the

track

MT MAROON CAVE ROUTE

Day Walk Sat 17 Apr LEADER: Paul Horwath 0266760526

MOBILE: 0429509334

EMAIL: paulpaulpaul@live.com.au

GRADE: MDW-7D

LIMIT: 7

DEPART: 5am Fairfield Gardens MAP: Maroon 1:25000

Mt Maroon is located in Mt Barney NP south southwest of Brisbane off the Boonah-Rathdowney road. This walk starts at the usual place for Mt Maroon walks but quickly departs from the normal route. Once 'off track' we locate a ridge to the lower set of cliffs. From here we follow around until directly under "the cave". From the cave we get interesting views of surrounding country as we enjoy our morning tea. Following this break we descend out of the cave then contour/climb around the mountain until on a rocky spur which takes us up to the northern rim. From here the going is more open and views abound. Depending on how we are travelling for time we'll either stop somewhere here for lunch or we may go all the way to the main summit. Descent is via the 'tourist track'. NO LIST AT MEETINGS.

KINNANES FALLS ABSEIL

Abseil Day Walk Sun 18 Apr LEADER: Anne Kemp, Greg Long3371 2707

MOBILE: 0411327704

EMAIL: anneikemp@hotmail.com

GRADE: ABSDW-5C

LIMIT: 5

BRING: Abseil and day walk gear, warm

clothing

DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens

Kinnanes Falls is located on Wilsons Creek in Main Range National Park south of Boonah. The access route involves a short but steep climb before we traverse "The Verandah" a narrow ledge along a cliff face. There will be three abseils. Initially a short drop into a deep pool at the top of the falls followed by two long abseils, 50 and 60 metres down the falls. The views as we descend are breathtaking. There is little space on the ledges between drops so numbers must be limited. Waterproofing is essential as two drops are into deep water. A short walk down the creek returns us to the cars. This day is only suitable for those who have recently completed BBW abseil training at Kangaroo Point. Come along for a very exciting day. Please phone me if you have any queries or need to hire club equipment and don't forget warm clothing as we will be wet for several

hours.

MT GLORIOUS BASE CAMP [LONG WEEK-END]

Base Camp Fri 23 - Mon 26 Apr LEADER: John Shields 07-32646565

MOBILE: 0447824988 Walkday only EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au

GRADE: BC3/5C LIMIT: 15

BRING: base camping gear/ day walk gear

COST: \$18 camp fee[3nights]

CAR KMS: EMAIL ADDRESS REQUIRED IN

COMMENTS COLUMN IF NO LAND-

LINE SUPPLIED

MAP: BFP

NO LIST AT MEETING

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. Bernie Ryan will be leading 3 grade walks and John will lead some 4 & 5 grade 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. This is upmarket camping with hot shower, septic toilet, well equipped kitchen [M/W;FRIDGE;STOVE; CUT-LERY; CROCKERY] and open fire. Please bring firewood if you can. 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 9p.m.and usually hit the sack early to be up and ready to walk by 8a.m. with smoko and lunch in their day pack Bring nibblies and the beverage of your choice . 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. ONLINE BOOKINGS OR EMAIL OR PHONE LEADER. ALL BEDS RESERVED

GIRRAWEEN NATIONAL PARK

Throughwalk Fri 23 - Mon 26 Apr LEADER: Cath Carkeet 3357 5607

EMAIL: cmcarkeet@gmail.com

GRADE: MTW - 5B

LIMIT: 6

BRING: Usual throughwalk gear, warm cloth-

ing, small day pack

COST: \$15 camping fee + car contribution DEPART: 8pm Friday night, Caltex Warwick.

Transport pre-arranged

CAR KMS: 520

MAP: Girraween and Bald Rock (Hema

Maps) 1:33000

Girraween National Park is located south of Stanthorpe in the Granite belt near the Queensland NSW border. We camp Friday night at Castle Rock camping ground. We start walking Saturday from the Underground Creek and have the option of visiting some of the features of Girraween such as the Aztec Temples, the Round House, Twin Peaks. We'll camp by Racecourse creek on Saturday night (and probably Sunday night as well so bring a day pack for side trips). Sunday we'll head to South Bald Rock and I'll try to find the way through the cave system beneath the rock (torches required). We'll then take in West Bald Rock (and maybe Middle) before returning to camp. Monday we'll take a different route back to Underground creek and see more features along the way. The terrain is fairly open, some walking will be on fire trails with some cross-country navigation. Most of the climbing is done without packs. Some of the scrambling is tricky, particularly the ascent of Middle Bald Rock, however I have not factored this into the walk grading as it's an optional side trip.

SOUTHERN LAMINGTON - SURVEY

Through Walk Fri 23 - Mon 26 Apr LEADER: David Sydes 33184085

MOBILE: 0419871100

EMAIL: david.sydes@pivit.net.au

GRADE: MTW-6D

LIMIT: 6

BRING: usual throughwalk gear, 3l water COST: \$15 camp fee, plus car contribution

DEPART: 5pm TBA

This is a survey walk, not for the faint hearted. We'll be starting from Rimfall cottages on Saturday morning after camping by the cars overnight, and we'll head straight up Mt Gipps, then along the border to Tweed Trig, north to Pt Lookout, down the Stretcher track, drop south into England Creek, then follow Running Creek back down to Rimfall Camp sites somewhere along the way to Tweed Trig (maybe where Black Snake Ridge

joins the ridge), also at Pt Lookout. According to Bushwalking in Southern Qld, water is accessible (near Black Snake Ridge), and there's water 30 mins from Pt Lookout. I have walked from Richmond Gap to Tweed Trig about 30 years ago the first bit is relatively straight forward, because we follow the old rabbit fence through to near Black Snake Ridge. The second half is a bit navigationally complex I recall, may be a bit of bushbashing involved. I haven't done the bit into England Creek before (how hard can it be?) Are you up for an adventure? Let me know if you're interested, I'd like to keep the party size to six or less

WASHPOOL/GIBRALTAR WALK

Through Walk Sat 24 - Mon 26 Apr LEADER: John Mitchell 32819751

EMAIL: mitchbbw@gmail.com

GRADE: LTW5C LIMIT: 10

COST: petrol 10c/km, camp fees, car permit

DEPART: 6:30am TBA CAR KMS: 800kms

MAP: Coombadhji, Glen Elgin, Rockadooie This three day walk is casual walk along part of the World Heritage walk in the Gibraltar/ Washpool NPs It passes through a variety of landscapes rainforest, wet/dry eucalypt forest and granite formations. This walk is designed for beginning through walkers with a good level of fitness and follows graded tracks, forestry roads, road and fire trails. The walk is in the range 700m-1000m so it is cool even in Summer and very cold in Winter especially at night. There is plenty of time to observe the variety of landscapes and the inhabitants. The area has forestry, mining and grazing points of history. Summary Day 1 3/4hrs walking 10kms Early start from Brisbane. Drive directly to Mulligan's Hut camp. Car shuffle. Walk from MH to Washpool Camp Ground. Rainforest to dry forest. The last 3km down 300m along the road. Camp. Day 2 4/5hrs walking 12/13kms Leave camp and follow Moogen Fire trail uphill 300m in 3km and then on to the NW fire Trail. Granite formations. Camp 2/3 kms past Grassy Creek? Near the junction of the Bicentennial Trail. Day 3 2/3 hrs 5/6 kms Morning tea at Duffer Falls. walking Walk to Boundary Falls for early lunch. Car shuf-

SPICER'S GAP TO TEVIOT GAP

Throughwalk Fri 30 Apr - Mon 3 May LEADER: Lynley Murtagh 3165 3031

MOBILE: 0414631115

EMAIL: lynleymurtagh@gmail.com

GRADE: MTW - 6D

LIMIT: 8

BRING: Usual TW gear, warm clothing, 3L

water + capacity for 6L

COST: \$15.00 camping fee + car contribu-

tion

DEPART: 6pm Transport will be pre-arranged

CAR KMS: 360 km (approx)

MAP: Cunningham's Gap & Mt Superbus

1:25000

NOMINATE: Direct to leader please, no list at

meetings

This is a great classic throughwalk in the Main Range, the Great Dividing range, where we take 3 days to traverse a series of major peaks of the scenic rim. The walk is guite strenuous and can vary considerably in bad weather. You will need a high level of fitness to complete the walk as there are a lot of ups and downs. You will need to be confident at rock scrambling with a through pack on, as well as experienced at off track walking. We will camp Thursday night at Spicer's Gap. We are lucky enough to have a group going in the opposite direction so we are able to swap keys on the track. This means we don't have a long car shuffle on Friday night. Our first day is the longest and will require an early start. It involves the ascent of Spicer's Peak, Doubletop, and the long up to the campsite at Mt Huntley. There is also a cliff break to be negotiated before we get to the camp site. We camp Saturday night on Mt Huntley. Day 2 we climb Mt Asplenium and Panorama Point and camp at Steamer saddle. Day 3 involves climbing Mt Steamer first thing in the morning, Lizard Point and Mt Roberts. Each day involves walking along the Main Range escarpment, offering spectacular views but also some arduous ascents/descents. The cliff breaks require confidence in scrambling. Like all Main Range walks, this features impressive views, lots of up and down and a variety of terrain from rainforest to open forest with grass trees. The walk is suitable for fit and experienced throughwalkers. We will need to keep up a good pace, especially on the first day. The water is only available at the campsites so the capacity to carry extra will be needed. Camping fees will be required upon nomination being accepted.

TEVIOT GAP TO SPICERS GAP

Through Walk Fri 30 Apr - Mon 3 May LEADER: David Sydes 33184085

MOBILE: 0419871100

EMAIL: david.sydes@pivit.net.au

GRADE: MTW-6D

LIMIT: 8

BRING: usual throughwalk gear, water con-

tainers, 3I water

COST: \$10 camp fee, petrol

DEPART: 6pm TBA

CAR KMS: 300

MAP: Cunninghams Gap, Mt Superbus This is a classic through walk traversing mountainous terrain between Teviot Gap and Spicers Gap. Like all Main Range walks, this features impressive views, lots of up and down and a variety of terrain from rainforest to open forest with grass trees. The walk is suitable for fit and experienced throughwalkers. Each day involves walking along the Main Range escarpment, offering spectacular views, and occasional cliff breaks which require confidence in scrambling. We will camp Friday night at Teviot Gap, having exchanged cars and keys with Lynley's group who are doing the walk in the opposite direction. On Saturday morning, we'll take a variation on the usual route to Mt Roberts, crossing Teviot Falls and climbing over Mt Bell on the way to Mt Roberts. We'll have lunch and spectacular views at Lizard Point, and then head to our campsite at Mt Steamer saddle - water available here. On Sunday, we'll climb Panorama Point, Mt Asplenium and Mt Huntley (hopefully meeting the other group somewhere along the way), and we'll camp at Huntley saddle. Day 3 will see us conquering Mt Doubletop and Spicer's Peak before a steep descent to the cars at Spicer's Gap. I will contact participants closer to the date to arrange carpooling, departure times etc. Nominate to leader please, no list at meetings.

GUY FAWKES NP

Through Walk Sat 26 - Wed 30 Jun LEADER: John Mitchell 32819751

EMAIL: mitchbbw@gmail.com

GRADE: LTW5C LIMIT: 9

BRING: Through gear COST: petrol 10c/km DEPART: 6:30am TBA

CAR KMS: 840km

MAP: Sara, Guy Fawkes

5 days This walk follows in most part the Bicentennial Trail, and enters the Park through private lands at the northern end of the park. Most walks enter the Park from the Ebor end, but this means a very steep climb in and out. The walk incorporates three rivers Boyd, Guy Fawkes and the Sara. The only people using the Park are one old local with his cattle, horsemen mustering brumbies, NP rangers and the occasional walker. The walk follows a old 4wd drive management track. The river crossings (and there are a few) are ankle to knee deep. In following the rivers, this walk is flat and very suited to 5C/D level of fitness. I am a slow walker. The large water holes provide an opportunity for the keen fishermen. NSW Fishing regulations. VERY Cold gear essential. SUMMARY: Day 1 4 hrs walking 12kms Drive through Tenterfield. Turn off the Grafton Rd on to the Mann River Road. Park cars off road and head up the Boyd. Camp. Day 2 4/5 hrs 14kms. Continue upstream to the junction with the Sara. Walk up the Sara with Day pack to gold mine. Return and camp. Day 3 4/5hrs 11kms Continue upstream and camp. Day 4 4/5hrs 12/13kms. There are some shortcuts on the way back to the cars. Day 5 4/5hrs 12/13kms. Continue back to cars and head home.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

SOCIAL Fri 2 - Sun 4 Jul See details on Page 27

SNOW 2010

Multiple DW Sat 18 - Sun 26 Sep LEADER: Picnic Pete, Andrew Hunt3351 1184

EMAIL: peter@lock.id.au

COST: approx \$800 includes travel and food The 3rd annual BBW snow trip will see us staying Jindabyne flats for a week, with various day trips to the snow each day. Snow shoes are the easiest way to get around on snow, and a natural progression for bush walkers who want to explore a different kind of Australian wilderness. The week's walking programme will get slightly more challenging each day, culminating in trips such as Mt Kozzy, Blue Lake and Cootapatamba Hut. There will be the option of spending a night in a snow cave or igloo. Come to the club meeting on 14th April to see the photos from 2009, and there more details on the internet are www.picnicpete.com/snowtrip

FAMILY SNOW 2010

Multiple DW Sun 26 Sep - Sun 3 Oct LEADER: Marion Crowther, Peter Lock

33517832

MOBILE: 0417081002

EMAIL: marion2008@micskk.id.au

GRADE: FAMILY FUN

LIMIT: 20

COST: \$800-\$1000pp CAR KMS: 3000+day trips

This is the family version of the "Trip to the Snow". Again we'll be staying at Jindabyne flats for a week. The week will involve having fun in the snow. This may involve skis, snow shoes or propping up the local cafe bar as your heart desires. To stay with us in the accommodation, you do not need to be a BBW member but to participate in any of the activities you do. This will allow Mum or Dad to come if they're not a member (but hey, for an extra \$20 or so they could join and have some fun with us!!!).

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Rat-a-tat Throughwalk (LTW-3C) - 6 & 7 February

Well, our fearless training and safety officer who was to lead this romp in the bush had to pull out in the last week, but he sure does know when to pull out.....

Mary Comer stepped up as she does and with some back-up from Paul Feeney we were off for a weekend with a difference, a weekend which drew not a whimper from anyone.... just smiles and good fellowship. Now you might ask, why did I say 'not a whimper from anyone"? Well, it was a bloody wet weekend, with more leeches and more water than you could poke a stick at, so it was bloody from leech bites (those little buggers really do bite, not like the big ones at Mt Glorious which use a proboscis to get at you!) and we were walking in a wet rainforest, not a dry one, a wet one.... in fact it was a **very** wet one.

It was peak hour on the Albert River Cct with two other groups there for a day walk, with one group turning back - not the BBW group we might add! Along with all the people there were numerous Lamington Crays on steroids, all ready to take your leg off if you got too close.

On Saturday it began to rain during the morning, then stopped for a while, then about an hour out of Rat-a-tat it began to p.... down, and kept on p.... down!

As for the views, you can't see much when you are looking through your rain jacket hood, watching the person in front, looking for the trail, walking in cloud, walking in rain, in *heavy* rain, picking leeches off each other like monkeys picking fleas from their mates, slopping along in water clogged boots, but always having a generally good time.

Strange, but our fearless training and safety officer's name came up a few times.....!

Back to the report..... a short break - or should I say lessening - of the rain late on Saturday afternoon gave us an opportunity to put our tents up with a minimum of water into said tents. Fortunately, Joan had a tarp so we could cook dinner out of the rain. Did we mention it was raining ... continuously, hard, with big drops, lots of big drops, close together big drops, continual close together big drops....add in the long roars of thunder and lightning flashes from 6.00pm to midnight as we waited for the trees to get struck and fall on our little tents, or just those big, sodden branches to fall on our little tents.... As for the fire-flies..... well, Chrissy gave up looking and watching because they sent a message saying they had all drowned so we stayed in our little tents. Like most others, Mary was mopping her tent regularly during the night and Paul had water over his sleeping mat.

Sunday, the rain eased a little first up and we had breakfast and packed up while we had the chance. The walk (*slosh...*) out was very ably led by Joan who set a decent pace and kept going until she found her favourite tree near the Albert River/Border Track junction. Again we were playing monkeys as we continued to check out each other for leeches. In our hair, on our face, around out necks, on our legs, hands, fingers, throats... and in fact *very close to some very private parts*. Those little buggers sure do bite, and they are everywhere and they bite everywhere! Oh yes, the Border Track was blocked by tree fall, twice, so we 'went bush' to get home!

No, we didn't do any side trips so a certain mountain is still waiting to be climbed or walked.... but in better weather when we can see past the edge of the rim. 300 plus mm of rain and we copped it. Check the photo Chrissy took from her tent while waiting for the fire- flies.... the white is water, not snow!

Baz, you intrepid leader, we know where you hang out on certain Wednesday evenings so you had better keep your head down!! Mary C, Paul F, Marion C, Chrissy D, Joan D, and Christine and Tony E. thank you for a good but *very* wet weekend Baz, even if you didn't join us.

PS. There is always a next time!

Tony Everett



....Footprints.....

CLARIFICATION OF EMERGENCY CONTACT PROCEDURES

In June 2009 Bushwalking Queensland (BWQ) President, John Marshall, contacted the Director-General, Department of Community Safety seeking clarification of emergency contact procedures should an incident occur whilst on a club bushwalk. The request was passed to the Queensland Police Service, the State Search and Rescue (SAR) action authority.

BWQ subsequently received a reply from the Officer in Charge (OIC) of Police Communications Centre, which is the Centre where the majority of Triple Zero calls are received. The OIC is a SAR trained officer and the salient points of his reply are repeated here for the benefit of all members.

"Current preparation tactics, equipment and procedures are sound. I know that your members are well organised and have very good risk reduction strategies in place. Your members should not hesitate calling Triple Zero in life threatening situations, provided they have reception. The following hyperlink provides some more information about calling Triple Zero from a mobile phone. GSM users need to call 112.

http://www.acma.gov.au

If there is a member seriously injured then the caller should ask for the ambulance. That way professional pre hospital advice can be provided immediately to the caller. The ambulance will provide the information to the police.

If your members are lost, missing or overdue then the caller should ask for the police. The information will be provided to a SAR trained police officer to commence action.

Your members should provide the call taker with as much detail of their location as possible. It will assist to give distances and a direction from nearest landmarks, not just the common area name. For bushwalking, the trail and park name would assist greatly. Distances and directions travelled from main track junctions would also assist.

The most accurate is obviously GPS coordinates as long as they are read out accurately and in the right format – Latitude and Longitude or Grid References. Your members need to remember that the call taker's ability/skill to understand these formats will vary, so they need to explain it in plain speak. But, when the information is provided to a SAR trained police officer to action, that officer will know exactly what they mean.

All calls to Triple Zero are recorded and can be easily reviewed. The following hyperlink provides some more information about the National Triple Zero system and campaign.

http://www.triplezero.gov.au

The following hyperlink provides some Queensland Police Service specific information about Triple Zero.

http://www.police.qld.gov.au.triplezero.htm

I understand that self help would be the first option, depending on the situation. Mobile phone would be your next best option. That way you can tell the call takers exactly what the situation is.

If emergency services cannot be alerted by phone, and a life threatening situation exists, then your members should activate their Personal Locator Beacon (PLB). It will take time for the system to be alerted and resources dispatched.

The following hyperlink provides you with some information about the distress beacon system in Australia.

http://beacons.amsa.gov.au/distress beacons.asp

I hope this information assists with your enquiry and helps your members. Fingers crossed, they will never have to use the emergency system. This information will assist if they do. "

Barry Collins

Safety and Training

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THE PERSONAL LOCATOR BEACON [PLB]

'Pushing all the right buttons!'

You're the 'Tail' on an off track rainforest yomp, and the walker in front of you has headed off behind a huge araucaria cunninghamii for a comfort break. As he disappears behind the humungous hoop pine, you hear a loud scream. Crashing through the lacerating lawyer vine to his aid, you see first a death adder slithering rapidly away from behind the tree trunk, followed by the walker, clutching at his ankle and screaming "It bit me! It bit me! ". As you shout the loudest ever "Hey Bob! " of your life, you set about immediately trying to prolong the victim's life.

'DRABC' springs instinctively to mind. The snake has gone, your mate is going into shock, you're trying to reassure him as you commence monitoring Airway, Breathing, Circulation. He's supine now, his pulse is weakening and yours has increased to an unprecedented rate. Your 'lonely' situation is interrupted by the sound of boots thumping through the undergrowth beside you as your trip leader quickly assesses the situation before her and sets a well prepared management plan into action.

The previously identified 'group nurse' is delegated to the continuing care of the now semiconscious walker; without further instructions the' group navigator' applies himself to the task of determining the accurate location to be passed to Triple Zero; the remainder of the group have been sharing their snake bandages to the 'nurse' and you get a break, for now.

Continuing to manage the incident the leader is informed that there is no mobile service network of any kind available, nor can there be any certainty that the subsequent call to '112' was received. This rapturous rainforest romp has definitely turned pear-shaped!

Without any further delay, the leader extracts a club PLB from her pack and activates it!

BBW has several PLBs available for loan to leaders at any time. It is recommended that leaders take advantage of the availability of these units, especially when planning off track walks into the bush. Different brand units are available so you may not always receive the same one.

The PLBs are very easy to operate and you should take the time to read carefully the instruction manual issued with the unit, prior to undertaking your planned activity. The manual must remain with the PLB at all times. Ensure that the unit receives the very special love and care that you would normally provide to any potential lifesaver.

So how do these little yellow/orange/dayglo units work? What system is set in place when you activate it? A brief look at the International COSPAS-SARSAT System will reveal all. The COSPAS part of the acronym stands for a bunch of Russian words that translate as 'Space System For the Search of Vessels In Distress'. The SARSAT bit is English and stands for 'Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking'. The system uses polar orbiting satellites to detect PLB distress signals which, in Australia, are relayed to the Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC) of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) in Canberra. The signal is relayed to the RCC from Ground Receivers located at Albany, WA; Bundaberg, QLD; Wellington, NZ.

Once activated, the PLB transmits a continuous digital emergency signal on UHF 406 Megahertz, which is intercepted by the satellite system. Each unit has its own Unique Identification Number. And, if your PLB is GPS-equipped (as are the BBW units) your accurate position (within 100m) is also transmitted and will form the datum for the soon to be launched SAR operation heading your way. The PLB also transmits on VHF 121.5 Megahertz to enable rescue aircraft to home to the position during the final phase of the search.

All PLBs must be registered with the authorities to enable emergency services to contact next of kin (or Club Contact Officer for the BBW units) and to confirm activation is not a false alarm.

Note: If you are resident in Australia, you must purchase a PLB that has Australia as the country of origin otherwise it cannot be registered with AMSA. The following hyperlink provides more information on the subject of purchasing PLBs overseas: www.beacons.amsa.gov.au

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Committee

PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORT

South-East Queensland is a remarkable region for the keen bushwalker. Within a few hours' drive of Brisbane there are hundreds of walks to suit beginners as well as the experienced; walks for a quiet stroll as well as those for the adventurous.

Once you have tried a few 'quiet strolls' why not try something of a higher grade? With reasonable fitness all you usually need is some extra confidence; most are quite capable of doing the harder walks. The rewards are there for the taking - hidden waterfalls, rock scrambling, remote scenery and locations not accessible to most. A freedom of the spirit. Nature absolutely untouched.

This message is for more recent leaders too - take advantage of the experience of leaders who have been leading for some years. Get them to show you the less travelled routes so that you in turn can take members there. If you haven't already, learn some navigation skills. Many excellent destinations spring to mind. Isolated Peak, Red Rock, Branch Creek, Reynolds Gorge, Spicers Peak, The Steamers to name a few. Believe me, you won't regret it.

Tom Hulse

GUEST SPEAKERS

Wed 10 March: Nature Photography - Michael Snedic

Michael Snedic is one of Australia's most accomplished nature photographers, with a special interest in native wildlife. His photos have been published in numerous publications and he is also a regular feature writer on nature photography for different magazines which include Australian Photography, Wildlife Australia, and Wingspan (Birds Australia). Michael has also had a feature published in the world's most prestigious wildlife magazine, BBC Wildlife.

Michael has had the privilege of working with Sir David Attenborough when he was working on a documentary in Lamington National Park. He is one of only a handful of people in the world to successfully photograph the displaying male Albert's Lyrebird, a feat which took seven weeks of sitting in a rainforest in a cold, cramped hide in the middle of winter.

He is the author of a 200 page coffee table book titled "Wildlife of Australia – a nature photographer's journey" which will be available for sale as autographed copies.

Wed 14 April: Snow Trip 2009 - Peter Lock

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Cheryl

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PLBs should only be activated to request assistance in an immediate life-threatening situation.

[S & T Comment: take the time here to think about what situations may be life-threatening. *If you're* ever in doubt, then there is no doubt...push the button!

Battery life is approximately 24 hours.

Once activated, do not turn it off unless requested to do so by rescue services.

If accidentally activated, turn it off and call the RCC on 1 800 641 792, or the local Police, as soon as possible (there will be no repercussions).

Barry Collins
Safety and Training

Snow Show

At the 14th April club meeting, Picnic Pete will be showing a 12 minute DVD made at last year's club snow trip. The movie shows some of the fun that we had in 2009, and is a good introduction to the fun we will be having in 2010. (Many thanks to the contributing photographers, and to Joy Atkinson for producing the DVD.)

The 3rd Brisbane Bush walkers snow trip will see us staying in flats at Jindabyne for a week, with various day trips to the snow each day. Snow shoes are the easiest way to get around on snow, and a natural progression for bush walkers who want to explore a different kind of Australian wilderness. The week's walking programme will get slightly more challenging each day, culminating in trips such as Mt Kozzy, Blue Lake and Cootapatamba Hut. For the through walkers, there will be the option of spending a night in a snow cave or igloo!

You will not need previous experience with the snow, as snow shoes are easy to learn and we have catered for a longer and a shorter walk each day.

There will be a chance to try cross country skiing as well. The skis will allow you get around much faster and easier than snow shoes, but only after you learn how to work them!

Also this year we will have a family trip to the snow, in the following week. It will be run in a similar way, but with greater emphasis towards the requirements of children and families. More snow men, more snow fights, more penguin slides, less mountain top views.

The trips are in the September school holidays. The details are at www.picnicpete.com/snowtrip and on the club website.

Peter Lock

UGANDA - June or July this year

Denise and Raymond Downham would like to invite anyone who may be interested in joining us on a trip to Uganda in either June/July this year. To help reduce the costs of the trip, we are looking for up to 4 additional companions.

Uganda is a little known and less well travelled country but has excellent birdwatching, chimpanzee tracking, gorilla tours and game viewing opportunities. We plan to visit all the key national parks including Queen Elizabeth, Murchison Falls, Bwindi (to view gorillas), Lake Mburo and Kidepo. The trip will be approximately 26 days in total and excluding flight times. The cost of the trip includes all accommodation and meals, park entrance fees, vehicle hire, boat rides, chimpanzee tracking, guided nature walks and a ranger guide where necessary, so fairly all inclusive. The company we have approached comes recommended to us by someone who visited this area approximately two years ago and it was his presentation that inspired our interest in this area.

Please contact either Denise or Raymond on denisedownham@yahoo.com or raymonddownham@yahoo.com for further details or enquiries. Alternately, contact Denise on 0435006234.

Denise and Raymond Downham

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This is not a downhill resort style trip. On the first day we plan to practice on skis and snow shoes not far from home and see where everyone's strengths lie. From Day 2 onwards we'll probably split up a bit and do things to match the abilities and desires of the various crew. We'll definitely build a snow man, a snow cave and attempt an igloo. Some cross country skiing should be possible and some snow bush walking on the snow shoes will be on. Above all, we plan to have fun! Night games and concerts will be included - bring your portable instrument/s and board games if you'd like. More info can be found at www.picnicpete.com/snowtrip - check it out.

BRISBANE BUSHWALKER'S AUCTION NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, 24 MARCH 2010

AUCTIONEER: The illustrious Mr Terry Maloney

Members are invited to attend an Auction Night to be held on Wednesday, 24 March 2010. This is an opportunity for members to sell unwanted, but still useable, bushwalking and camping gear.

Sellers and Bidders are requested to bring small notes and change on the night. (Preferably in Australian currency. This is not an opportunity to offload those Nepalese Rupees you have left over from your last trip.)

Sellers

Sellers of items must place their name and item description on item on the night.

Sellers to advise their name, item description and Reserve Price to Catherine Lowry by email or telephone (katlowry@hotmail.com; 3364 4397 office, or 0430 450 569 mobile – no later than Monday, 22 March 2010.

Sellers to arrive no later than 7.15pm on the night

Bidders

If you are in the market for boots, please bring thick socks.

Volunteers

We require three volunteers on the night – please contact Catherine.

Based on previous occasions, this will be a fun-filled night with lots of laughter.

Catherine Lowry & Cheryl Curtis

NEW MEMBERS

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

Sarah Angell Cheryl Bell Rick Allendorf Thomas Atkinson Natasha Barton Monika Budek Maureen Charlesworth Joelene Clancy Trish Cochrane Denise Benge Janine Gill Alicia Court Doug Ferguson Cheryl Grady Garry Gill Richard Grady Matt Gregson Cara Joseph Robyn Harris Gary Joseph Catherine Lewis Sop Kim Ruth Lloyd Rachael Loadsman Janine Markey Anna Martvn Cath Neill Andrew Newman Sue Noble Annie Nord David Phillips Damian Snape Sarah Tighe Debra Todhunter Rebecca Williams Melanie Williams Monique Van Heerden Andrea Young

Congratulations to the following who have been granted Full Membership:

Sonya Callf Colleen Dawson Robert Dawson Karen Downey Marjorie Heasman Andy Helm Maree Helm Harry Hodkinson Leo Irwin Ron Lipinskas Dan McGee Julie McVarnock Jenny Price Bob Rea Noel Reddicliffe

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Out & About

PARTY TIME

Party Fri 26 Mar

LEADER: Nada Campbell MOBILE: 0414724489

EMAIL: nadacampbell@y7mail.com

GRADE: SOC LIMIT: 30

BRING: see details below

DEPART: 7:30pm

Party Time at Everton Park. Come along on 26 March at 7:30pm to Nada's place for a social evening - supper and music. This is a great opportunity to get to know each other and have a good time in a casual atmosphere. BYO drinks, chair, and a plate of nibblies to share. If you'd like to bring some music that makes you get up and dance bring that along too!! Unfortunately the number of attendees must be limited to 30. Further details will be emailed to those attending.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Christmas In July Fri 2 - Sun 4 Jul

LEADER: Nada Campbell MOBILE: 0414724489

EMAIL: nadacampbell@y7mail.com

GRADE: SOC LIMIT: 60

BRING: see details below COST: \$65 per person

DEPART: 3pm

CAR KMS: organise your own transport

MAP: UBD 105 D6, 1874 Mount Glorious

Road, Mount Glorious

Christmas in July Weekend at Mt Glorious. Don't miss out on our biggest event of 2010 - enjoy Christmas in July on beautiful Mt Glorious, from Friday 2nd July to Sunday 4th July. Experienced team leaders will conduct walks for differing fitness levels through the magnificent forests of Mt Glorious, or nearby, on Saturday and Sunday.

Look out for details of the walks the leaders will provide, and nominate online. Brisbane Bushwalkers Club Members can invite their 'nonmember partners'. to join us for the weekend and enjoy the social gatherings on Friday night and at Saturday evening's dinner / dance. We'll have a fabulous dinner on Saturday night and then kick up our heels to the music of a live Bush Band. Bring your own food for the weekend, but for Saturday evening's dinner, we will ask everyone to bring a dish to share. Closer to the weekend, a list will be provided to attendees who can nominate which dish they'd like to bring. Registration is available for a total of 60 people only at the well-appointed Camp Constable, Mt Glorious. Although partners cannot join the organised walks, they can 'do their own thing' - take short walks, have a chat and a coffee at the coffee shop around the corner, or take the chance to relax in the peaceful bush environment. The Camp has a double-storey hall, with a recreation hall upstairs and a dining room and kitchen downstairs. Crockery, cutlery, pots and pans are provided and a walk-in cold room is available for food storage. If you'd like to celebrate Christmas in July using your favourite wine glass, bring it along, and you could even wear something Christmassy. The comfortable accommodation facilities offered by Camp Constable are: two dormitories with comfortable double-bunk beds (1 dormitory for females, 1 dormitory for males); and there's plenty of camping space for anyone who would like to bring their own tent and camp over the weekend. Everyone needs to bring their own bed linen - sleeping bags, sheets, blankets and pillows. There are separate hot showers and toilets for women and for men. The accommodation and entertainment is \$65 per person. The cost for people want to camp will be \$50 per person for the weekend. To ensure you don't miss out, nominate your interest to attend online. Please send your cheque to BBW's Treasurer, or pay by cash at one of the Club's meetings. Registration cannot be confirmed until payment is received. Please come along to have a great time and support your Club.

Magazine Collating

Magazine collating is at Rosemary McConnell's at Bardon on Thursday 18th March at 7:00pm. 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 3369 8714 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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