

*The*  
**BRISBANE BUSHWALKER**  
*February 2011*



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**BRISBANE BUSHWALKERS MONTHLY NEWS**

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

**[www.bbww.org.au](http://www bbw.org.au)**

PRICE PER ANNUM \$20.00  
(included in Club Membership fee)

**MEETINGS:** The Brisbane Bushwalkers Club meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday. All welcome.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** The next committee meeting to be held at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 2nd February** is at Tom Cowlshaw's at 47 Samford Road. Alderley. Ph: 3856 4050. All members are welcome to attend.

**MAGAZINE:** Pre-trip descriptions are submitted via the leaders page on the web site. Any articles from members, especially post-trip reports, are welcome. The editor reserves the right to edit articles to fit available space. 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 9th February.**

#### BBW WEB SITE & EMAIL

BBW web site: [www.bbw.org.au](http://www.bbw.org.au)  
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BBW is an affiliated member of Bushwalking Qld whose website is: [www.bushwalkingqueensland.org.au](http://www.bushwalkingqueensland.org.au)

#### FIRST AID CERTIFICATES

To encourage members to maintain a current First Aid certificate, the Club will organise courses for Full members (not Probationary members) for half price for those who attend.

#### Cover Photograph

Rimfall Base Camp (Deniz, Peta and Gail)  
 photo: :Ben Blanche

#### 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

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.*

**PLB:** The Club has several PLBs which Leaders may borrow, at no cost, for approved club activities only. Extended loan periods will need to be arranged with the Equipment Officer.

#### LIBRARY

Available on the library table at all meetings:

- For sale: Long sleeve shirts \$30.00, Short sleeve shirts \$20, Caps \$10. These articles have the club logo embroidered on them.
- Car stickers and material badges all \$3.00
- Brisbane Forest Park maps unlaminated \$10.00
- Long, wide bandages to be used in the unlikely event of a snake bite \$8.00
- Maps and Rasters: free loan to leaders
- Available for loan to members: Books 50c, Magazines 20c, DVDs and CDs \$2.00

#### 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

## Club Officials

President	Tom Cowlshaw	3856 4050	Photographic	Nada Campbell	0414 724 489
Vice President	Cheryl Curtis	3801 1311	Librarian	Gary Curtis	3801 1311
Secretary	Chris Patterson	3161 4930	Abseil Co-ordinator	John Granat	3265 5404
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Safety & Training	Barry Collins	0410 703 041	Editors	Eugene Hedemann	3359 3114
Membership	Dennis Fishlock	3284 0551		Jenny Zohn	3272 2732
Social	Deniz Clarke	0401 725 726	Contact Officers	Tom Cowlshaw	3856 4050
Equipment	Eddie Chappel	3312 7032	Family Co-ordinator	Marion Crowther	3351 7832

## **ABBREVIATIONS & GRADING**

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

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

**FAMILY** Family — Family Group conditions; contact Leader

### **TERRAIN GRADING — 1 to 9**

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

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

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

## **INFORMATION FOR WALKERS**

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

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

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

**CAMPING FEES:** National Park or State Forest camping fees are \$5.15 per person per night. (The leader will provide details.) NSW National Parks also charge \$7 per vehicle per day.

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

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

## **PROGRAM**

### **ALWAYS TAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU**

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

#### **January**

25	SNW2C SOCIAL	West End Hills-Joans Walk Dinner & Movie Night	Steve Cockburn K.Rosbrook	0421059482
26	<b>Meeting</b> LDW-8D	<b>New Members orientation</b> Pyramid Rock part3	Paul Horwath	
26-30	STW 7D	Guy Fawkes River	Annette Miller	
27	4C/5C	Mt Cootha	Ken Rubie	
29	MDW-6C LDW-7D	Cabbage Tree Creek - Brisbane Forest Park Logan's Ridge Mt Barney	Nick Brooking Paul Horwath	3262 5244
30	MDW 5C MDW-8D	Byron Creek North End MID south east Ridge{new way up}	Dennis Fishlock Paul Horwath	32840551 0419577360

#### **February**

1	SOCIAL	Sultans, Turkish	Peter Hunt	33513642
3	MDW-5C	Paddy's Ck Circuit	Barry Collins / Jim Lydon	3876 9779
4-6	BC L 3 B BC3/5C	Green Mountains Base Camp Mt Glorious Base Camp	Kay Byrne John Shields / Bernie Ryan	3397 1021 32646565
4-7	MTW - 5C	Cataract River	Cath Carkeet	3357 5607
5	MINIMAXS 3B SOCIAL	Iron Bark Gully Tapas & Planetarium	Dennis Fishlock Deniz Clarke	32840551 0419577360 0401 725 726
7-12	LTW 6D	Lewis Pass to Nelson Lakes New Zealand	Andrew Wedlake	3264 6744
9	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>New Members orientation</b>		
11-13	STW 6D TW4C	Girraween ZOMBIE Cooloola Great Walk - Northern Section	Paul Horwath Deniz Clarke	0429509334 0401725726
12	MDW - 5C	Golden Stairs Circuit	Jim Lydon	04 3191 3264
13	MDW 3C LDW-6D MDW4C	Baroon Dam/Kondalilla Falls Around Mt Bangalora Northbrook Mtn	Dennis Fishlock Lou & Marion Darveniza John Shields	32840551 0419577360 3378 4031 32646565
	PHOTOGRAPH	Photographic Workshop-Roma Street Parklands	Nada Campbell	
	MINIMAXS-3B	Tamborine Mt for New Members	Eddie Chappel	33127032
19	KAYAK MDW 3B	Mooloolaba Jolly's Lookout	Peter Hunt & Greg Long Jeniffer Petty	33513642
19-20	MBC-7C LTW-4C	Two Creeks in the Conondales Moreton Island Under 40s FUN IN THE SUN	Ruth Palsson, Lou & Marion Darveniza Paul Horwath	
20	MDW 5C MDW 5D MDW-6C MDW5C	London Creek Lizard Point via Mt Bell Survey - Boyds Butte Greenes Falls & love Ck Falls	Dennis Fishlock Carleton Nothling Nick Brooking John Shields	32840551 0419577360 0409 516 652 3262 5244 32646565
23	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Carnarvon Great Walk - Gary Tischer</b>		
25-27	MBC4B S&T	Navigation and Leader Training Base Camp, Mt Glorious Barracks	Barry Collins	3876 9779
	BC3/5C	Mt Glorious Base Camp	John Shields, Bernie Ryan	32646565
26	MDW-7D MINIMAXS4B SURVEY	MYSTERY TRACK Coomera Gorge Mt Coot-tha for New Members Lagoon Creek	Paul Horwath Lou & Marion Darveniza Dennis Fishlock	3378 4031 0419577360
27	MDW-6C LDW-7E	Byron Gorge & Stevens Ck Around Mt Bangalora in REVERSE	Lou & Marion Darveniza Paul Horwath	3378 4031

#### **March**

3-13	LTW	Overland Track - Tasmania	Marge Henry	
4-6	MBC-5C	Mt Huntley/Doubletop	David Sydes	33184085
5	LDW-6D MINIMAXS 3B	Around Mt Bangalora Iron Bark Gully	Lou & Marion Darveniza Dennis Fishlock	3378 4031 32840551 0419577360

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6	FMDW - 5C	Golden Stairs Circuit - FAMILY	Marion Crowther, Jim Lydon, Cheryl Curtis	33517832
<b>9</b>	<b>Meeting</b>			
10-11	LDW 4D	Lamington - Wanungara Ridge	Jim Lydon	04 3191 3264
12	DW2-B	Daves Creek	Ray Glancy	3343 8854
12-13	MTW-8E	LIZARD GORGE via reverse Reynolds Gorge	Paul Horwath	
13	MDW 3C	Mylett Track Walk	Dennis Fishlock	32840551 0419577360
	MDW-4C	Redwood Park	Bernie Ryan	33255616 [not on walk day]
18-20	MDW 5C	Mt Archer Base Camp	Dennis Fishlock / Paul Joselyn	32840551 0419577360
19	SD/NW 3B	Sunset and Moonrise from Mt Mitchell	John Mitchell	32819751
20	SD/NW3B	Sunset and moonrise from Mt Mitchell	John Mitchell	32819751
	EXDW-3B	Elanda Point to Fig Tree Point & return	Eddie Chappel	33127032
22	MDW-5C	Lincoln Wreck	Barry Collins	3876 9779 [not on walk day]
<b>23</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>BBW Auction Night</b>		
25-27	W 'N' W	Mt Glorious Base Camp [QPWS Volunteers only]	John Shields	32646565
26	DW5-D	Running Creek Falls via Neglected Mountain and Stretcher Track	Ray Glancy	3343 8854
26-27	LTW-4C	Moreton Island Under 40s FUN IN THE SUN	Paul Horwath	
27	MDW-4C?	Jubilee Park SURVEY	Bernie Ryan	33255616 [not on walk day]
29	MDW-5D	Lizard Point	Barry Collins	3876 9779 [not on walk day]

### April

1-3	M BC 3C	Border Ranges Base Camp	Greg Kuss.	0408 806310
2-3	LTW-3C	Albert River Throughwalk	Deniz Clarke	0401 725 726
	MTW4 C	South Bald Rock	John Mitchell	32819751
	TW-6C	Stinson Wreck and Stretcher Track via Oi Oi Oi Creek	Ray Glancy	3343 8854
8-10	SOC	Flinders Beach, North Stradbroke Island	Elaine Beller	0450 614300
9	MDW-6D	Mt Barney - South Ridge	Barry Collins	3876 9779
9-10	MTW4 C	South Bald Rock	John Mitchell	32819751
9-21	SOC	Island Cruise	Nada Campbell	
<b>13</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Light Weight Through Walking - Joe Iriondo</b>		
16	SD/NW 3B	Sunset and moonrise from Mt Mitchell	John Mitchell	32819751
17	SD/NW 3B	Sunset and Moonrise from Mt Mitchell	John Mitchell	32819751
	MDW-6D	Mt Maroon - South Ridge	David Sydes	33184085
18-26	LTW5C	Oxley Wild Rivers NP	John Mitchell	32819751
26-30	LTW 3-C	Fraser Island	Ken Rubie	
<b>27</b>	<b>Meeting</b>			
29-2	MTW-6D	Teviot to Spicers	Lynley Murtagh	3165 3031
	MTW-6D	Spicer's Gap to Teviot Gap	David Sydes	33184085
30	LDW-7D	Logan's Ridge Mt Barney	Carleton Nothling	0409 516 652
30-2	MTW4 C	Moreton Island	John Mitchell	32819751

### May

6-8	BC3/5C	Mt Glorious Base Camp	John Shields, Bernie Ryan	32646565
20-22	MTW-6C	Worendo and Albert River	Elaine Beller	0450 614300
21	LDW - 7D	Mt Barney SE Ridge	Carleton Nothling	0409 516 652

### ADVANCE NOTICE

3-5	June	Mt Barney for First Timers Weekend	Lynsey Moore / Brian Randle	
11-13	June	Washpool/ Gibraltar NPs	John Mitchell	32819751
11-24	June	Central Australian Canoe Expedition	Ken Rubie	



# .....Coming Trips.....

## **MT COOTHA**

Night Walk

Thu 27 Jan

LEADER: Ken Rubie  
MOBILE: 0448448598  
EMAIL: kenrubie@hotmail.com  
GRADE: 4C/5C  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: Page 3 items  
DEPART: 6:30pm See Description below  
MAP: Mt Cootha

The Mt Cootha Thursday night walk is an exercise walk to assist people to improve their bushwalking fitness and to learn techniques for night time walking. The walk 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 2 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 to good level of fitness suitable for hill walking and to maintain the pace of the walk. Participants will need the Page 3 items as well as requiring the appropriate hiking footwear, torch and drinking water. At the end of the walk we will have coffee at the Summit Cafe for those who wish to reward their efforts and enjoy the sights of Brisbane at night. For further information please contact the walk leader

## **CABBAGE TREE CREEK - BRISBANE FOREST PARK**

Day Walk

Sat 29 Jan

LEADER: Nick Brooking 3262 5244  
MOBILE: 04 1972 4296  
EMAIL: brooking@bigpond.com  
GRADE: MDW-6C  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: Page 3 BBW Mag  
DEPART: 6:30am Alderley  
CAR KMS: 70 kms  
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park

This is a walk John Stevens and I have led over the last couple of years. It's a challenging and beautiful walk in our backyard - Brisbane Forest Park. The walk starts 1 km south east of Mt Nebo and initially follows forestry roads. The descent to Cabbage Tree Creek is down a steep grassy slope. We come down near a large swimming hole. From there on, we rock hop up Cabbage

Tree Creek. There are a number of swimming holes along the rarely seen and enchanting creek. We will come out up an astonishingly steep forestry road that will take us (eventually) back to our cars. This walk involves 3 hours of rock hopping, so it's not for inexperienced walkers. Unless we know each other, please email me with your experiences at level 6 walks and rock-hopping, as I want to make sure we have a competent mob for the walk.

## **BYRON CREEK NORTH END**

Day Walk

Sun 30 Jan

This activity is full.

## **MID SOUTH EAST RIDGENEWAY UP**

Day Walk

Sun 30 Jan

LEADER: Paul Horwath  
MOBILE: 0429509334  
GRADE: MDW-8D  
LIMIT: 9  
BRING: Day walk gear / 3L water  
COST: Refer trip description  
DEPART: 4am Fairfield Gardens  
CAR KMS: 200km +  
MAP: Mt Lindesay 1:25000  
NOMINATION: Self registration preferred  
This is the ridge in between logans and south east. MID south east this will be a long and reasonably arduous day. we'll leave at 0600 morning, climbing to the top of East Peak and returning via eagans creek. We're planning a 4 hour ascent, a leisurely 1 hour lunch on top, followed by a 3 hour descent. With around 1000m elevation to be gained and lost, it's always possible that we could arrive back at camp after dark, so you MUST be prepared accordingly. No torch, no go! Before nominating for this activity you MUST have previously completed other Grade 7d/8d walks. The pace will be reasonably 'constant' so fitness is a prime consideration. If we have not walked together before, please contact me via email with details of previous club walk experience. Looking forward to your company on the day. if you're down for the day 4am Fairfield Gardens. NO LIST AT MEETINGS PLEASE.

## **PADDY'S CK CIRCUIT**

Day Walk

Thu 3 Feb

LEADER: Barry Collins / Jim Lydon 3876 9779  
MOBILE: 0410 703 041  
EMAIL: bazzoo340@yahoo.co.uk  
GRADE: MDW-5C  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: Page 3 / 2-3 ltrs water

COST: \$20 vehicle contribution  
DEPART: 6:00am Fairfield Gardens  
CAR KMS: 220km  
MAP: Mt Maroon 1:25,000

This walk will be familiar to several mid-week walkers, but includes some new creek, ridge and spur sections, all of which are guaranteed to excite the adventurous spirit. There will be a swim through towards the very end of the walk as we breaststroke our way east through Little Barney Gorge. The walk will commence from Drynan's Hut, whereupon we immediately get our boots wet as we cross Barney Creek, enroute to Paddy's Creek and Paddy's Falls [you may wish to cross the creek at the start in footwear other than your walking boots, changing into those on the other side]. After climbing to the top of the Falls we then ascend an exciting rocky spur to the saddle between Paddy's Plain and the top of The Golden Staircase, where we will stop for morning tea. From here we continue upwards via Paddy's Ridge to Paddy's Peak, before descending into Mt May Creek for a well-earned swim and lunch. Depending upon how we're traveling, we may have the opportunity to explore further north up Mt May Creek, before returning to the cars via Mt May and Barney Creeks, the latter of which will require much time negotiating several crossings of the creek at various times. The culmination of the walk will be the requirement to waterproof our packs for the final swim-through Little Barney Gorge.

### **GREEN MOUNTAINS BASE CAMP**

Base Camp Fri 4 - Sun 6 Feb  
LEADER: Kay Byrne 3397 1021  
MOBILE: 0429924726  
EMAIL: kayabyrne@gmail.com  
GRADE: BC L 3 B  
LIMIT: 15  
BRING: Base Camping equipment, food, day walking gear  
COST: \$10.30 camping fee + petrol  
DEPART: 5pm arrange own travel/carpool  
CAR KMS: 250 kms  
MAP: Hema Lamington National Park

This base camp is designed to take in a relaxing weekend to do some track walking in the Green Mountains section of the Lamington National park. After arriving on Friday evening and a relaxing nights sleep, we will take advantage of an early start to walk the Albert River Circuit track (20.6km) we will finish with enough time to enjoy an afternoon exploring the O'Reillys retreat and a social evening together. Please bring a plate of pre dinner nibbles to share with the group. Culturally talented are encouraged to entertain by bringing musical instruments, favourite songs and

poems. We will do the shorter Box Forest circuit Track on Sunday (10.9km) before returning to Brisbane not too late on Sunday. Please arrange your own car pooling, if you would like help to find traveling companions please email me early so that I can assist you. Please book your own camp-site. Camping permits must be arranged prior to arriving by going online at [www.epa.qld.gov.au/parks](http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/parks).

### **MT GLORIOUS BASE CAMP**

Base Camp Fri 4 - Sun 6 Feb  
LEADER: John Shields, Bernie Ryan 07-32646565  
MOBILE: 0447824988 Walkday only  
EMAIL: johnashields@bigpond.com  
GRADE: BC3/5C  
LIMIT: 20 [2 leaders]  
BRING: base camping gear/ day walk gear  
COST: \$13camp fee [2 nights]  
MAP: BFP

**NO LIST AT MEETINGS**

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 conducts the 3 grade walks while John does the 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. Tents can be hired from BBW. This is upmarket camping with hot shower, septic toilet, well equipped kitchen [M/W; FRIDGE; STOVE; CUTLERY; 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, breakfasted and ready to walk by 8a.m. with smoko and lunch in their day pack. Plan to get back mid to late afternoon at the latest for the campfire. Bring nibbles and the beverage of your choice. The level of walks will be decided after group discussion and we try to keep within your comfort zone. **HOW TO GET THERE.** Brisbane Forest Park is conveniently close to Brisbane and you head for Mt Glorious via Samford or The Gap. Pass through the village to Maiala Park to a Pine Rivers display board on the left. Travel a further 700metres and past Western Window Lookout is a closed National Park gate on the left

with a BBW sign. This gate is to be kept closed at all times except when driving through. Travel 200metres through the rainforest and you arrive at the barracks. 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. NO LIST OUT AT MEETINGS--ONLINE BOOKINGS OR EMAIL OR PHONE LEADER.

### **CATARACT RIVER**

Throughwalk Fri 4 - Mon 7 Feb  
This activity is full.

### **IRON BARK GULLY**

Training Day Sat 5 Feb  
LEADER: Dennis Fishlock 32840551  
0419577360  
EMAIL: fyshies@bigpond.com.au  
GRADE: MINIMAXS 3B  
LIMIT: 15  
BRING: Day Pack as per Page 3 / 3ltr water  
DEPART: 8am Iron Bark Gully Picnic Grounds  
UBD MAP 117 F17  
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park  
NOMINATION LIST: Self Serve Online/Email  
Leader  
MEETING POINT ARRIVAL: Minium 15 Minutes  
before Departure Time

This walk is intended to introduce new members to bush walking and to the BBW Club in particular. The MinimaxS is a good option for your first walk, we will be mainly walking on track and stopping at regular intervals to discuss a number of topics such as clothing, equipment, safety First Aid and Environmental Impact to name a few. There will be a sample of off track to get an appreciation of the clubs walk grading system, bring your pack, morning tea and lunch, please bring what ever gear you would take on a full day walk. Register directly on the website or at the club meetings on the registration boards with the New Membership Officer.

### **LEWIS PASS TO NELSON LAKES NEW ZEALAND VIA MATAKITAKI VALLEYS**

Long Through Walk Mon 7 - Sat 12 Feb  
LEADER: Andrew Wedlake 07 3264 6744  
MOBILE: 0439 864 418  
EMAIL: Topqs@hotmail.com  
GRADE: LTW 6D  
LIMIT: 5 + Leader  
COST: 300 + Accommodation & flights  
DEPART: Christchurch  
MAP: NZ Topo, Lewis, Matakitaiki, St Arnaud

Classic NZ tramp starting at Lewis Pass on the St James walkway, heading over 3 tarn pass, down

the West Matakitaiki, up the East Matakitaiki, over D'Urville pass with a high sidle to Thompson pass, over Waiiau pass, past Lake Constance & Blue Lake, down the Sabine & up to Lake Angelus, down the Robert Ridge to St Arnaud. Long glacial valleys, high alpine passes and alpine ridge travel through the most remote sections of Nelson Lakes national park taking in the most spectacular features of the park including Lakes Thompson, Constance, Blue lake, Angelus and the Robert Ridge. 5 high alpine passes at approx 1800 m. Valleys at 500 & 700m. Day 4 includes a 1300m ascent over 3km. You will need to be fit & capable of 8-10 hrs (20km) per day with full through walk gear. The fitness requirements are similar to walking 8 hours of rugged flat travel then climbing Mt Maroon. I will be offering weekly training walks to assist with fitness in the month leading to the trip. See this full activity description on the BBW website for details on accessing online trip reports with photographs.

### **GIRRAWEEEN ZOMBIE**

Through Walk Fri 11 - Sun 13 Feb  
LEADER: Paul Horwath 0429509334  
GRADE: STW 6D  
LIMIT: 10 incl. leader  
BRING: Page 3, and mud crab  
COST: Camp Fee \$5 pp p night  
DEPART: pre-arranged  
CAR KMS: Approx 500  
MAP: Girraween & Wallangarra 1:25,000

The focus of this walk will be visiting some of the most popular granite monoliths in the park, enjoying lots of scrambling & views from the tops, and maybe visiting a couple of cool caves. On the Saturday night we bivvy on one of the high granite domes with panoramic views, & enjoy the sunrise spectacle of the first rays of sun touching Mt Norman. we will do both valley of winds and the rock garden, also will try to fit a bit more into the weekend depends on time. the best thing about the walk is we won't need to carry our bags all day we can hide them, so you will need a day walk pack something just for water and food. The through walk will leave Saturday morning, there will be some intermittent scunge to connect up the good bits and lots of dropping of packs to scramble up interesting things (rocks) and scramble down again. Although the intention is to bivvy on Saturday night, please carry a fly or other weather shelter in case of precipitation. and don't forget the party food!! No list at meetings. BRING A GOOD TOURCH CAVES EVERYWHERE

### **COOLOOLA GREAT WALK - NORTHERN SECTION**

Throughwalk Fri 11 - Sun 13 Feb



This activity is full.

### **GOLDEN STAIRS CIRCUIT**

Day Walk Sat 12 Feb  
LEADER: Jim Lydon 04 3191 3264  
EMAIL: j.lydon@uq.net.au  
GRADE: MDW - 5C  
LIMIT: 16  
BRING: Page 3 Kit + 2L Water  
COST: \$20 Car Pool  
DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens  
CAR KMS: 230  
MAP: Maroon 9441-42

We park near Drynans Hut, wade across Barney Ck, change into dry footgear and walk up Drynans Hut Road to the bottom of Golden Stairs, a watercourse full of small rock structures, with large rock sheets pouring over from Paddys Peak Ridge to the South. Near the head of the creek, we walk around and up to the lip of Top Falls for smoko and to enjoy the expansive views and the breezes. This is a commanding shelf of rock. A gentle spur leads us up to the crest of Paddys Peak Ridge, thence a short walk up the ridge to Paddys Peak Summit, with exceptional views either side of the ridge to Barney/Maroon etc. We retrace our steps a little way, then continue down the full length of Paddys Peak Ridge, to the Barney Creek crossing, our change of shoes, and the cars. Paddys Peak Ridge is not steep; it has no buttresses to ambush the weary Bushwalker, has much rock, and fine views out to either side. Towards the bottom, it gives outstanding views down into Little Barney Gorge, past truly vertical cliff faces.

### **BAROON DAM/KONDALILLA FALLS**

Day Walk Sun 13 Feb  
This activity is full.

### **AROUND MT BANGALORA**

Day Walk Sun 13 Feb  
This activity is full.

### **NORTHBROOK MTN**

Day Walk Sun 13 Feb  
This activity is full.

### **PHOTOGRAPHIC WORKSHOP-ROMA STREET PARKLANDS**

Afternoon/night Walk Sun 13 Feb  
LEADER: Nada Campbell  
MOBILE: 0414724489  
EMAIL: nadacampbell@y7mail.com  
GRADE: PHOTOGRAPH  
LIMIT: 18  
BRING: Camera, tripod, extra batteries and a memory card

COST: Free  
DEPART: 4pm Coffee shop next to the Escalator at the Roma Street Parklands

I have arranged for Kevin Darch to conduct a photographic workshop on Sunday 13th of February, at the Roma Street Parklands. We will meet at the coffee shop next to the escalator at the Parklands. The workshop will commence at 4 pm and finish by 7 pm. Kevin is a professional photographer with over 30 years experience and has been conducting TAFE courses on how to use your camera to improve your photographs. Kevin will teach you how to make the most use of available light for your portraits and we will also use macro photography techniques to photograph flowers and plants in the parkland gardens. With luck we will see some water dragons and take photographs of various birds using telephoto techniques. As the light drops we will photograph the waterfalls there and then photograph the sunset. If we have time we may travel to Kangaroo Point to photograph the city from there to show the Brisbane city lights. Participants should bring a tripod if you have one. You should also make sure your batteries are fully charged and if you have a spare battery, please bring that along too. Make sure you have plenty of room on your memory card for around 200 photos. Bring your camera instruction book if you have one. Class is limited to 18, so please put your name down early. If you have a question, write it down and include it with your entry.

### **TAMBORINE MT FOR NEW MEMBERS**

Short Day Walk Sun 13 Feb  
LEADER: Eddie Chappel 33127032  
MOBILE: 0432733847  
EMAIL: chappel.e@optusnet.com.au  
GRADE: MINIMAXS-3B  
LIMIT: 5 + 10  
BRING: See Page 3 mag + 2 litres water  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens

We will be walking a few 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. 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.

### **MOOLOOLABA**

Day Kayak Sat 19 Feb  
LEADER: Peter Hunt & Greg Long 33513642  
EMAIL: peterjameshunt@optusnet.com.au &  
longmg@netspace.net.au &  
longmg@netspace.net.au  
GRADE: KAYAK  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: Kayak, paddle, PFD, money  
DEPART: 8:30am Mooloolaba

This is an opportunity to learn some sea kayaking skills without any cost for the training. Included in the skills list is paddle strokes, beach launching & landing, deep water rescue, handling basic sea conditions. Mooloolaba is a reasonably protected beach from which to learn these skills. I do not have any qualifications so all that I can provide is knowledge, no certificate. Please bring your own kayak as you will need it when we launch into the sea. Either an estuary or sea style of kayak is suitable. No other options please. You can hire either of these from such places as Rosco Canoe & Kayak, Windsor, Goodtime, Woolloongabba and other options in the yellow pages on the net. You can hire roof racks with the kayak if needed. Include your e-mail address with your nomination so that I can e-mail the details for the meeting place at Mooloolaba. Please do not launch your kayak as we will be covering some theory first. Also, bring some money for a fish and chip lunch from one of the many places in the area.

### **JOLLY'S LOOKOUT**

Day Walk Sat 19 Feb  
This activity is full.

### **TWO CREEKS IN THE CONONDALES**

Base Camp Sat 19 - Sun 20 Feb  
LEADER: Ruth Palsson, Lou & Marion Darveniza  
GRADE: MBC-7C  
LIMIT: 12 including leaders  
BRING: Camping gear, usual day walk gear (WATERPROOFED), pre dinner nibbles for Sat evening.  
COST: \$5.15 camp fee, car pooling  
DEPART: 6am TBA  
CAR KMS: 250Km  
TO NOMINATE: See website - it's complicated  
There are two great creeks in the Cononales - Booloumba Ck which Ruth will lead on Saturday and Summer Creek including going up the falls on Sunday with Lou & Marion. Camping on Saturday night will be at Booloumba Campsite 3 -

Kenilworth Forest Reserve. You will need to book your own campsite. Saturday - We will start walking from the Booloumba Falls car park 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 separate falls and then through Boooumba Gorge to Booloumba Falls and the Breadknife. The tricky climb out of the last "swim through" in Booloumba Gorge is now relatively easy because of a rock fall. Sunday - After packing up, we drive a few kilometres, walk along an old road, then drop down a steep grassy slope into the creek. It will be fairly easy rock hopping with superb swims until lunchtime. Packs have to be waterproofed for the next section which involves swimming through a canyon, clambering over some large boulders and another swim to the base of the waterfall. The climb up the two sections of the waterfall requires competence climbing up steep rock, care, plus the ability to cope with exposure. Once up the waterfall we follow tracks of varying quality back to the cars.

### **MORETON ISLAND UNDER 40S FUN IN THE SUN**

Throughwalk Sat 19 - Sun 20 Feb  
LEADER: Paul Horwath  
MOBILE: 0429509334 . tom 0404025150  
GRADE: LTW-4C  
LIMIT: 20  
BRING: Usual through walk gear plus swimmers. 2 litres water plus extra capacity. Sunscreen and insect repellent  
COST: \$70 approx  
DEPART: 6pm Howard Smith Drive Lytton  
We will catch the 6.30 barge on the Friday night from Lytton. The barge leaves at 6.30pm but you will need to be there by at least 6pm. There is no booking required to walk on. Cost is \$45 return and there is a \$10 parking fee to leave your car in secure parking at the wharf. You can get pies and drinks etc on board. That night we will camp at the Wrecks near Tangalooma. this weekend is all about snorkeling and swimming also we can go tobogganing, you can make your own way over; any way you like, I will be riding my jetski over, the flyer could also get you there on Saturday morning.

### **LONDON CREEK**

Day Walk Sun 20 Feb  
LEADER: Dennis Fishlock 32840551  
0419577360  
EMAIL: fyshies@bigpond.com.au  
GRADE: MDW 5C  
LIMIT: 15

BRING: Day Pack as per Page 3/3ltr water  
COST: Car Cost \$12 Per Person  
DEPART: 5:30am Aspley Hypermarket Front  
Car Park Under Sails  
CAR KMS: 120kms  
MAP: Landsborough sheet 9444-21  
NOMINATION LIST: Self Serve Online/Email  
Leader

This walk is located in the Peachester State Forest, we start the walk down a steep ridge and drop into London creek, from here we will walk in a easterley direction up the creek rock hopping over fern and moss covered boulders constantly criss crossing the creek. In the early morning the sun rays step through the tree canopy and create fantastic photo shots, the vegetation is mainly made up of rainforest with some native vegetation mixed into the landscape. We will have morning tea at a specific point where the creek branch's into a Y junction, after our break we will circumnavigate on the high side and drop back into the creek where we first started. From here we will continue down the creek criss crossing and stop for lunch beside a large rock pool where we can cool off. After our break we will continue trekking then leave the creek enter a track and work our way onto a fire trail and back out to the parked cars. Vecchios for afternoon tea. **THIS WALK IS SUITABLE FOR MEMBERS WITH OFF TRACK AND ROCK HOPPING EXPERIENCE.**

### **LIZARD POINT VIA MT BELL**

Day Walk Sun 20 Feb  
LEADER: Carleton Nothling 0409 516 652  
EMAIL: carleton.nothling@gmail.com  
GRADE: MDW 5D  
LIMIT: 8  
BRING: Page 3 things (incl raincoat)  
COST: \$22  
DEPART: 5:45am Fairfield Gardens  
CAR KMS: 240 km  
MAP: Mt Surperbus

Mt Bell, Mt Roberts and Lizard Point are located in the Main Range NP south southwest of Brisbane near Boonah. This is a circuit walk as we will go out to Lizard Point via Mt Bell. Mt Bell is connected to Mt Roberts by a long saddle. The walk is entirely off track through rain forest. This is an alternative route to Lizard Point. This walk starts from Teviot Gap. On the way to Mt Bell we cross both branches of Teviot Brook and will possibly visit the top of Teviot Falls. It will take us over Mt Bell and up to Mt Roberts. We will join the Superbus-Roberts Ridge a little before Mt Roberts. At that point, we'll turn right and follow the usual route to Lizard Point where we'll have lunch. We'll return from Lizard Point along the

usual route - via Mt Roberts and up to the shoulder of Mt Superbus where we descend along the old rabbit fence to Teviot Gap. The track is steep and slippery in places and involves some scrambling. The walk is suitable for fit and experienced walkers. The objective is to be out of the rainforest & back at the cars by 4.00 pm.

### **SURVEY - BOYDS BUTTE**

Day Walk Sun 20 Feb  
LEADER: Nick Brooking 3262 5244  
MOBILE: 04 1972 4296  
EMAIL: brooking@bigpond.com  
GRADE: MDW-6C  
LIMIT: 8  
BRING: Page 3 BBW Mag  
DEPART: 7:00am Fairfield Gardens

This is a survey in the national park at the head of the Currumbin Creek. Jon Beer will help us explore the route/s between Currumbin Ck National Park carpark and Boyds Butte, explore the feature and find the track to East Cougal. I've been leading a walk up the Cougals from the Garden of Eden Rd for years, and would like to extend it. This is preparation for a cross-over walk with one group starting at the Garden of Eden Road and the other group starting at Currumbin Ck NP carpark. The survey goals are modest, so it won't be a strenuous day. If we have time, we might improvise and explore. Expect a lot of lawyer vine. We'll have afternoon tea at Currumbin. Feel free to bring your togs and jump in the ocean.

### **GREENES FALLS & LOVE CK FALLS**

Day walk Sun 20 Feb  
LEADER: John Shields 07-32646565  
MOBILE: 0447824988 Walkday only  
EMAIL: johnashields@bigpond.com  
GRADE: MDW5C  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: Day pack as page 3 / 3 lit water  
COST: \$12CAR CONTRIBUTION  
DEPART: 7am Albany Ck Centro shopping centreUBD108F16 Westpac sign  
CAR KMS: 80 KM return  
MAP: BFP

NO LIST AT MEETING

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. Coffee at Olleys honey and coffee shop.

### **NAVIGATION AND LEADER TRAINING BASE CAMP MT GLORIOUS BARRACKS**

S&T Fri 25 - Sun 27 Feb  
LEADER: Barry Collins 3876 9779  
MOBILE: 0410 703 041  
EMAIL: bazzoo340@yahoo.co.uk  
GRADE: MBC4B S&T  
LIMIT: 16  
BRING: Day walking gear, food, water if you don't like tank water, compass  
COST: \$6.50pp/pn  
DEPART: We will meet at the Barracks on Friday evening.  
MAP: Maps will be supplied, please bring your compass

This weekend is a combination of Navigation and Leader training, sharing information in a relaxing atmosphere of a base camp weekend. We arrive Friday afternoon/evening and depart Sunday afternoon. Basic Navigation training on the Saturday / Leader Training on the Sunday. The navigation exercises on the Saturday will prepare you for the Leader training walk the following day. You will learn a number of bushcraft skills, including navigation both with and without map and compass, as well as some very helpful hints for a range of different situations that may be encountered during walks. The essentials of leading a BBW walk will, of course, be covered. There will be a number of hands-on activities to develop practical skills in map reading, compass use, as well as route selection and planning. A number of BBW leaders will give presentations on leader skills and BBW club policies. We will be walking on both days to enhance our activities, with plenty of time to relax and socialize during the evenings of what will be an informative and enjoyable weekend.

### **MT GLORIOUS BASE CAMP**

Base Camp Fri 25 - Sun 27 Feb  
LEADER: John Shields, Bernie Ryan 07-32646565  
MOBILE: 0447824988 Walkday only  
EMAIL: johnshields@bigpond.com  
GRADE: BC3/5C  
LIMIT: 20 [2 leaders]  
BRING: base camping gear/ day walk gear  
COST: \$13camp fee[2 nights]  
MAP: BFP  
NO LIST AT MEETINGS

*Due to circumstance beyond our control bookings*

*for this base camp are closed but reserved will be accepted to replace any withdrawals. We are sharing the facility with a BBW Navigation and Leader Training course on this weekend so there will be plenty of company.*

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 conducts the 3 grade walks while John will be involved with the S&T Course on this camp . We camp in the D'Aguiar National Park and use the old Forestry Barracks and its facilities which are away from the public situated in a grassy clearing surrounded by rain-forest. The emphasis is on camping although there are a few beds in the Barracks for those walkers who so desire or you could bring a camp stretcher and camp in the truck shed. Discuss with leader before the camp as to availability. Tents can be hired from BBW. This is upmarket camping with hot shower, septic toilet, well equipped kitchen [M/W; FRIDGE;STOVE; CUTLERY; CROCKERY etc] and open fire. 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, breakfasted and ready to walk by 8a.m. with smoko and lunch in their day pack. Plan to get back mid to late afternoon; happy hour around the campfire. Bring nibblies and the beverage of your choice. The level of walks will be decided after group discussion and we try to keep within your comfort zone. HOW TO GET THERE. Brisbane Forest Park is conveniently close to Brisbane and you head for Mt Glorious via Samford or The Gap. Pass through the village to Maiala Park to a Pine Rivers display board on the left. Travel a further 700metres and past Western Window Lookout is a closed National Park gate on the left with a BBW sign. This gate is to be kept closed at all times except when driving through. Travel 200metres through the rainforest and you arrive at the barracks. 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. NO LIST OUT AT MEETINGS--ONLINE BOOKINGS OR EMAIL OR PHONE LEADER.

### **MYSTERY TRACK COOMERA GORGE**

Day Walk Sat 26 Feb  
LEADER: Paul Horwath  
GRADE: MDW-7D  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: "Always take" (P3 of mag) + togs

DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens

CAR KMS: Approx 220

MAP: Lamington NP

This walk is in the Binnaburra section of Lamington NP. We start out on the Coomera Gorge circuit for about an hour before heading off track down to the Coomera River via a wonderful amphitheater below a waterfall & a nice little cliff break. Once we reach the river we rock hop (& wade) our way upstream to the base of the Coomera falls & lunch & no doubt a swim or 2. After lunch we will re-trace our steps back to Binnaburra. Walkers need to be comfortable with scrambling & the use of roots as handholds, as there is plenty on this walk. Of course there will be a coffee stop on the way home! And please note the early start.

### **MT COOT-THA FOR NEW MEMBERS**

MinimaxS Sat 26 Feb

LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza 3378 4031

MOBILE: 0438 481 186 on day of walk only

EMAIL: louandmarion@gmail.com

GRADE: MINIMAXS4B

LIMIT: 15

BRING: Usual day walk gear including the p3 items, 2L water

DEPART: 7am Toowong Memorial park (car park) Sylvan Rd, Toowong. UBD p159, A16

MAP: Brisbane forest Park 1:30000

This trip is designed to introduce new members to bushwalking and to the Brisbane Bushwalkers club. We will meet at Toowong in the car park of the Memorial Park on Sylvan Road (UBD page 159, ref A16, car pool and then travel up to Mt Coot-tha. Arrive 10 minutes before the stated departure time. Mt Coot-tha has plenty of tracks, formed and unformed plus several creeks which will enable new walkers to experience a variety of terrains. The creek bits will be terrain 5. (walking up a rocky creek) and there should be an opportunity to experience Terrain 6 by scrambling up a waterfall (optional) Being a MINIMAXS, we will be discussing, safety, clothing, club protocol, minimal environmental impact, first aid, the grading system etc. We expect to finish early to mid afternoon. Bring morning tea, lunch and the "always take" items on page 3 of the magazine.

### **LAGOON CREEK**

Day Walk Survey Sat 26 Feb

This activity is full.

### **BYRON GORGE & STEVENS CK**

Day Walk Sun 27 Feb

This activity is full.

### **AROUND MT BANGALORA IN REVERSE**

Day Walk Sun 27 Feb

LEADER: Paul Horwath

MOBILE: 0410 703 041

GRADE: LDW-7E

LIMIT: 5

BRING: Day walk gear waterproofed.

COST: \$20 car pooling

DEPART: 5:30am Fairfield Gardens

CAR KMS: 230

MAP: Mt Superbus 1:25000, Teviot 1:25000

Note: 7E GRADED WALK. Ring me for detail in what you will need in the skills dept. This is a reasonably long day and the early start is to try to beat the heat for the steep climb up to a saddle between Mt Bell & Mt Bangalora, with great views of the Main Range. Then we drop down the western side of the saddle along a steep slope into Reynolds Gorge. The Gorge is the highlight of the trip. Negotiating it involves sliding, climbing down and jumping into the pools with the certainty of being wet for nearly 1.5 hours, so wearing a thermal top is recommended. A second gorge will be checked out from above and then we return to the cars by continuing around the mountain. WALK WILL BE DONE TOTALLY IN REVERSE

### **OVERLAND TRACK - TASMANIA**

Through Walk Thu 3 - Sun 13 Mar

This activity is full.

### **MT HUNTLEY/DOUBLETOP**

Base Camp Fri 4 - Sun 6 Mar

LEADER: David Sydes 33184085

MOBILE: 0419871100

EMAIL: david.sydes@pivit.net.au

GRADE: MBC-5C

LIMIT: 12

BRING: Base camp, plus day walk gear, plus food to share for Saturday night

DEPART: 5pm TBA - car pooling to be arranged

CAR KMS: 300km?

MAP: Spicers Gap 1:25000

I'm planning to camp near Swanfels Road, which will give us access to the Main Range from the west. On Saturday, we will climb up to Mt Huntley. This is a bit of a survey, as I would like to see if we can find a water point that can be used somewhere near Mt Huntley saddle. We will return by a different route to camp (maybe via Sentinel Point), and enjoy a shared meal on Saturday night. On Sunday, we'll climb (via forestry roads and tracks) to Mt Doubletop on the Main range for morning tea, then head across to Mt Cuthbertson for lunch. We will return the same way back

to our campsite.

### **AROUND MT BANGALORA**

Day Walk Sat 5 Mar  
This activity is full.

### **IRON BARK GULLY**

Training Day Sat 5 Mar  
LEADER: Dennis Fishlock 32840551  
0419577360  
EMAIL: fyshies@bigpond.com.au  
GRADE: MINIMAXS 3B  
LIMIT: 15  
BRING: Day Pack as per Page 3 / 3ltr water  
DEPART: 8am Iron Bark Gully Picnic Grounds  
UBD MAP 117 F17  
NOMINATION LIST: Self Serve Online/Email  
Leader  
MEETING POINT ARRIVAL: Minium 15 Minutes  
before Departure Time

This walk is intended to introduce new members to bush walking and to the BBW Club in particular. The MinimaxS is a good option for your first walk, we will be mainly walking on track and stopping at regular intervals to discuss a number of topics such as Clothing, Equipment, Safety, First Aid and Environmental Impact to name a few. There will be a sample of off track walking to get an appreciation of the clubs walk grading system, bring your pack, morning tea and lunch, please bring what ever gear you would take on a full day walk, this includes a change of fresh cloth's to get into at the completion of the training day. Register directly on the website or at the Club Meetings on the registration Boards with the New Membership Officer.

### **GOLDEN STAIRS CIRCUIT - FAMILY**

Day Walk Sun 6 Mar  
LEADER: Marion Crowther, Jim Lydon, Cheryl  
Curtis 33517832  
MOBILE: 0417081002  
EMAIL: marion2008@mjcskk.id.au  
GRADE: FMDW - 5C  
LIMIT: 20  
BRING: Page 3 Kit + 2L Water  
COST: \$20 Car Pool  
DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens  
CAR KMS: 230  
MAP: Maroon 9441-42

MINIMUM AGE: 8yrs recommended  
FAMILY GROUP EVENT - We park near Drynans Hut, wade across Barney Ck, change into dry footwear and walk up Drynans Hut Road to the bottom of Golden Stairs, a watercourse full of small rock structures, with large rock sheets pouring over from Paddys Peak Ridge to the South. Near the head of the creek, we walk

around and up to the lip of Top Falls for smoko and to enjoy the expansive views and the breezes. This is a commanding shelf of rock. A gentle spur leads us up to the crest of Paddys Peak Ridge, thence a short walk up the ridge to Paddys Peak Summit, with exceptional views either side of the ridge to Barney/Maroon etc. We retrace our steps a little way, then continue down the full length of Paddys Peak Ridge, to the Barney Creek crossing, our change of shoes, and the cars. Paddys Peak Ridge is not steep; it has no buttresses to ambush the weary Bushwalker, has much rock, and fine views out to either side. Towards the bottom, it gives outstanding views down into Little Barney Gorge, past truly vertical cliff faces. This is a FAMILY group event - please do not nominate if you are not planning on bringing children unless otherwise invited by the leaders. Parents/Guardians - please ensure your children are current registered guest members PRIOR to this walk. We recommend a minimum age of 8yrs for this walk due to the nature and exposure during the walk. If you wish to discuss this please contact Marion by phone.

### **MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

BBW walk leaders will need to see your membership card at the start of all walks, so PLEASE have it with you! You may be refused participation in an activity if you cannot prove your membership status.

# Cicadas Cycles



Most of us will remember searching tree trunks for cicada shells when we were kids and now I work at a school where the students fight over how many cicada brooches they can find. Little did I think much about these empty shells that were left behind or the occasional adult cicada clinging to a tree.

On a recent Girraween camp and tramp weekend we spotted on a tree trunk about eye level the most amazing creature. It was emerging from its light brown mud encrusted shell with the top of its body free and perpendicular to the trunk of the tree. It looked like it was stuck midway through its emergence and was looking for divine intervention. I guess it was using the weight of its torso to bolster its efforts or maybe waiting for its wings to unfurl so it could wiggle out of its body armour. It appeared to be hanging itself out to dry.

After a few photos we decided to leave it be and check it on our way back. On our return it had emerged and was a lovely newborn cicada with fresh light lime green opaque wings and beady little black eyes. Leaving its protective covering behind it looked very vulnerable and innocent. We left it to its own devices and during our walk we came across more 'upside-downers' and cicadas in various states of undress - even a few dark cicada bodies along the way. The almost deafening cicada sound sensations of that walk and the sighting of the intriguing cicada birth prompted some investigation.

Sparing the scientific jargon here are some interesting facts about the life and times of cicadas -

Only male cicadas 'sing' and they do so to lure female companions and also to deter birds.

Cicada 'song' is produced from organs called tymbals (ribbed membranes) situated on each side of the base of the abdomen. These tymbals are attached to an internal muscle which contracts and relaxes rapidly which causes the membrane to emit sound.

Cicadas can produce noise levels up to 120 decibels which approaches the pain threshold of the human ear.

When a male sings it creases its tympana (hearing organ) so it won't deafen itself.

The female cicada lays several hundred eggs into slits she cuts into the bark of a tree branch using her sharp, piercing ovipositor.

The eggs hatch into little nymphs which drop and burrow under the ground in search of living roots which it feeds upon. The nymph feeds by piercing small tree roots with its needle-like rostrum and sucking up sap.

The nymphs periodically shed their skin while underground until they reach maturity and then it digs its way to the surface and climbs to the nearest vertical object.

Nymphs live underground anywhere from nine months to seventeen years depending on their species and climatic conditions.

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# Committee News

## President's Communique

Having endured an inclement festive season it is pleasing to note members attention to safety considerations and, of the walks which went ahead before the downpour, all returned with joyful memories.

At the last committee meeting we looked ahead to some of the important issues we have to address. These include:

- Workplace Health and Safety obligations and our ongoing safety and training updates
- Maintenance, management and future developments of our website (which really broadens to electronic communications through the computer networks)
- Insurance cover
- Diversity of walks and leader recruitment
- Magazine print being optional

Dawn attended the meeting with an agenda to donate a significant financial contribution to the helicopter rescue services in response to the number of members who have used this service in recent years. This was met with some concern mainly on the grounds that bushwalking was only a very insignificant part of their rescue activities and their operational expenses are fully government funded. Never the less it was resolved that the club should support their fundraising venture and we are to donate \$600 to the groups from this year's surplus. (More strain on our Treasurer to balance the budget.)

In this vein, it was the consensus of the meeting that should members feel strongly enough about future donations of this nature, then members should be levied with subscription increases when we are setting next year's subscriptions.

We also resolved to purchase an upgraded projector screen and amplification system for our feature presentation at meetings. This was well within our budget and plans and is expected to cost around \$5,500.

It is now becoming a reality that courts are imposing huge fines on individuals and members of club's management for their roles in activities which end up in disasters. This means not only do leaders and management committees have to have regard for insurance coverage but also for the State and Federal legislation with regard to competency skills for the activities we conduct or condone. Being incorporated offers us little or no protection.

Let's get back to what we do best, share joy and walk safely as a healthy, good spirited recreation.

Thomas Cowlshaw

## NEW MEMBERS

*Welcome to the following New Members who joined during the last two months:*

Marisse Anderson	David Campbell	Philip Hardine	John Henzell	Anne Homer
Tricia Kent	Mariee Klar	Peter Lippiatt	Leann Messenger	Brett Myors
Linda Newman	Phil O'Regan	Sebastian Payne	Roland Pluschke	Anthony Pollock
Nick Scholz	Nadia Zeaiter			

*Congratulations to the following who have been granted Full Membership:*

Christine Constable	Lisa Coulburn	Kahren Giles	Tim Mullins	Sandra Winzar
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## Guest Speakers

### **Wed 26 Jan & Wed 9 Feb      New Members Orientation - Dennis Fishlock**

The new members' orientations will be conducted by Dennis Fishlock (Membership officer) from the front of the hall. Both orientations will occupy the first half of the meeting and there will be no guest speaker. As stipulated above this applies to the meetings of 26th Jan and 9th Feb.

### **Wednesday 23 Feb      Carnarvon Great Walk - Gary Tischer**

The Carnarvon Great Walk links the Carnarvon Gorge and Mount Moffatt sections of Carnarvon National Park, an area of outstanding natural beauty and human history set within the highlands of the Central Queensland Sandstone Belt.

This 86km (6 day) walk passes through Carnarvon Gorge before heading up to the basalt capped crest of the Great Dividing Range and crosses the headwaters of the Maranoa River before returning to Carnarvon Gorge via Boolimba Bluff. Gary was with a group of BBW members that completed this walk last August.

### **Wednesday 23 March      BBW Auction Night - Terry Maloney**

This is an opportunity for members to sell unwanted, but still useable, bushwalking and camping gear. Once again, BBW has secured the services of the illustrious Mr Terry Maloney as auctioneer. Based on previous occasions, this will be a fun-filled night with lots of laughter.

### **Wednesday 13 April      Light Weight Through Walking - Joe Iriondo**

Joe will be talking about the ultralight tents he is developing. Materials include carbon fibre tent poles and high strength minimum stretch spectra cord. Very high strength aluminium tent pegs of about 11 grams are becoming the norm but he has initiated trials of a carbon fibre tent peg which weighs 7 grams. Also discussion about coating silnylon fabric with silicon to make it significantly more water-proof.

## Queensland Floods

We will never understand the full extent of the damage suffered by BBW members in the recent floods across Queensland. My experience has been that members have stayed in contact, assisted each other and their community where possible. Thank you to those people who were involved in evacuations, the ongoing clean up effort within their surrounding areas and all other forms of assistance. To those who were affected directly by the impact of the floods, please know that our thoughts are with you and that you have a community within the club available to assist you, please just ask.

Deniz Clarke

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### *.... Cicadas Cycles ..... continued from p.15*

It is believed Australian cicada nymphs remain underground for about six-seven years.

The adult cicada emerges after the outer skin splits down the back and it can fly after its body has hardened sufficiently. The empty nymphal skins remain behind.

Adult cicadas have a hollow proboscis beneath their head and with it they pierce the bark of plants and suck the sap as food. Most of the liquid part of this fluid is surplus to the cicada's dietary requirements and is passed out the rear end in regular squirts. Beneath trees occupied by many cicadas this cicada rain of droplets may be felt by bushwalking folk.

After mating the female lays eggs and the cycle continues - the adult cicada only lives for around two to four weeks.

Some common names of different cicada species include Cherrynose, Double Drummer, Flourey Baker, Black Prince, Yellow Monday and Greengrocer.

Susanne Fraser

## WANTED - FELLOW WALKER FOR PILGRIM'S WALK IN SPAIN

Wanted - fellow walker for the 900 km Camino de Santiago de Compostela - Pilgrim's Walk in Spain. I am doing this walk immediately following an Anzac Day dawn ceremony at Villers Bretonneux, and travel to Southern France. The walk requires crossing the Pryenees, turning West and walking until you get to the coast along ancient paths and trails.

I am on a tight timetable so there will not be many free days, basically 30 days of 35kms a day with 2 or max 3 rest days.

Anyone always wanted to do this historical walk to "the end of the world" ???

Please ring for info - Carol Shekell - after 6pm 3264 6271.

## 10% off at Maiala Rainforest Teahouse & Restaurant

For those members who may be visiting the Mt Glorious area:

The new management at Maiala Rainforest Teahouse & Restaurant are offering 10% off your bill on presenting your BBW membership card. This applies anytime and is not restricted to club outings. Make yourself known to Hugh Douglas who is the new proprietor. Take your friends or family for a pleasant time.

[www.maiala.com.au](http://www.maiala.com.au)

## Photographic Workshop - Roma Street Parklands

Date: Sun 13 Feb 2011, 4pm for afternoon / night walk  
Leader: Nada Campbell  
Mobile Phone: 0414724489  
Email: [nadacampbell@y7mail.com](mailto:nadacampbell@y7mail.com)  
Limit: 18  
Cost: Free  
Depart: See BBW website for details and to nominate online.

I have arranged for Kevin Darch to conduct a photographic workshop on Sunday 13th of February, at the Roma Street Parklands. The workshop will commence at 4 pm and finish by 7 pm.

Kevin is a professional photographer with over 30 years experience and has been conducting TAFE courses on how to use your camera to improve your photographs. Kevin will teach you how to make the most use of available light for your portraits and we will also use macro photography techniques to photograph flowers and plants in the parkland gardens. With luck we will see some water dragons and take photographs of various birds using telephoto techniques.

As the light drops we will photograph the waterfalls there and then photograph the sunset. If we have time we may travel to Kangaroo Point to photograph the city from there to show the Brisbane city lights.

Participants should bring a tripod if you have one. You should also make sure your batteries are fully charged and if you have a spare battery, please bring that along too. Make sure you have plenty of room on your memory card for around 200 photos. Bring your camera instruction book if you have one. Class is limited to 18, so please put your name down early.

Nada

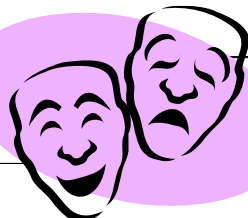
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**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES**

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A reminder to all **Full Members** that annual membership fees are due by 31st January 2011.

Single membership: \$40.00 per annum    Couples: \$60 per annum.



# Out & About

## **SULTANS TURKISH RESTAURANT**

Tue 1 Feb  
LEADER: Peter Hunt 33513642  
MOBILE: 0431652083  
EMAIL: peterjameshunt@optusnet.com.au  
MEET: 6:30pm at Sultans,  
2125 Sandgate Rd, Virginia

Sultans Turkish Restaurant is an eye opener from the moment you walk in. Authentic decor, chefs from Turkey who recreate the classics of their homeland. 2125 Sandgate Rd (corner of Zillmere Road, Virginia - next to Nudgee college). There is plenty of parking.

Peter

## **TAPAS & PLANETARIUM**

Sat 5 Feb  
LEADER: Deniz Clarke 0401 725 726  
EMAIL: denizclarke@gmail.com  
LIMIT: open - bookings essential  
COST: TBA  
MEET: 3pm  
Mt Cootha Botanical Gardens Cafe

Heading to Mt Cootha Botanical Gardens Cafe for afternoon tea (potentially a mixed tapas), then onto the Brisbane Planetarium for a film. Bookings are essential for this event. Planetarium film will be around \$15. Exact details of film will be revealed closer to the date. Currently the 6pm show is Saturday Night 'Live'. Brisbane Planetarium astronomers take the audience on an exciting 'live' full dome spaceflight. Chart a course through the wonders of the solar system, past the most distant space probes, beyond the stars that form the familiar constellations, and on to the outskirts of the Milky Way galaxy. Nominate online. Bookings are essential for this activity.

Deniz

## **ISLAND CRUISE**

Sat 9 - Thu 21 Apr

LEADER: Nada Campbell  
MOBILE: 0414 724 489  
EMAIL: nadacampbell@y7mail.com  
LIMIT: nil  
COST: see below  
DEPART: Brisbane

We are pleased to announce a very special event for April 2011 - a P&O Island Exotics Cruise. This is your chance to get away with your friends on a fabulous 12 night cruise and experience the beauty and culture of these Pacific islands and towns ... Isle of Pines, New Caledonia; Suva and Port Denarau, Fiji; Vila and Pentecost, Vanuatu; with tropical palm lined beaches, bustling fishing villages, and time to shop for traditional souvenirs at the markets. While we're on-board we'll enjoy all that the liner has to offer ... exciting daily activities, tax free shopping, dazzling free entertainment and shows every night, and after the shows, we can dance the nights away. Relax during the day at the massage and beauty salon, be pampered with facials, manicures and special therapies. You can even try pilates and yoga. And of course the food is just amazing!! Because we're dedicated to fitness, we can even keep up our walking activities but this time it will be around the decks of a beautiful ocean liner.

Our club has organised special rates for members but to make sure we get these special rates we need to book early, as prices may vary closer to the time of the cruise, depending upon availability. ... See the *BBW website for the full activity description with details of prices and conditions.*

Think about the fun we'll have on this once-in-a-lifetime trip with your Bushwalking mates. If you've cruised before you'll know how fantastic it is. If you haven't tried it before this is your time to let yourself go. Get away from work, traffic jams and pollution, and spoil yourself with fun, tempting food, beautiful sights and exciting nights. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call me.

Nada

## **Magazine Collating**

Magazine collating is at Deniz Clarke's at Moorooka on Thursday 17th February. There is only about 1½ hours work required. If you would like to come along for an easy social night and dinner please phone 0401 725 726 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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