

The Brisbane Bushwalker



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BRISBANE BUSHWALKERS MONTHLY NEWS



BRISBANE BUSHWALKERS CLUB INC (EST. 1948)
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MEETINGS: The Brisbane Bushwalkers Club meets every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Newmarket Memorial Hall, cnr Enoggera Rd. & Ashgrove Ave., Newmarket. Except for December when the only meeting is on the 2nd Wednesday. All welcome.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The next committee meeting to be held at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 7th December** 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 February magazine is the Open Meeting Wednesday 11th January.

BBW WEB SITE & EMAIL

BBW web site: www.bbw.org.au
 email editor@bbw.org.au
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BBW is an affiliated member of Bushwalking Qld whose website is:
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

Back Creek Abseil
 Photo: Chrissy Dott

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	Cheryl Curtis	3801 1311
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	Jenny Zohn	3272 2732
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Family Co-ordinator		<i>position vacant</i>

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 **AB**Seil; **B**ase **C**amp; **D**ay **W**alk; **T**hrough **W**alk; **E**asy **T**hrough **W**alk; **N**ight **W**alk; **S**OCial Activity; **KaYaK**;
CYCle; **S**afety & **T**raining; **F**ederation **M**ountain **R**escue; **ROG**aine.

FAMILY Family — Family Group conditions; contact Leader

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

Note for Leaders when grading a walk: *The brief descriptions below are to help members match their ability to an activity. Do not use for grading as errors can result. To grade your walk consult the Standard List of Graded Walks.*

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 or minor creek crossings.
- 4 Rough, unformed track or open terrain, with obstacles such as rock or root intrusions or minor creek crossings.
- 5 Rough or rocky terrain that may require use of hands, and/or creek crossings.
- 6 Steep, rough or rocky terrain requiring use of hands, and/or major creek crossings.
- 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.
- 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 via the club website, or by phoning or emailing the leader. (Some leaders only accept phone or email nominations.) 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 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 \$5.30 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

November

21	SNW-2A	Toohey Forest Monday night walk	Graham Olive	32775279
22	MDW6?C? SNW2B	Mt Coot-tha - Four Creeks River Walk + K P Cliff Stairs	Lou & Marion Darveniza Steve Cockburn	3378 4031 0438110249
23	Meeting	Central Aust Canoe Expedition - Ken Rubie		
24	SNW 2B	Mt Coot-tha weekly night walk	Ken Rubie, Graham Olive	32775279
25-27	W 'N' W SOCIAL	Mt Glorious Base Camp [QPWS Volunteers only] Xmas Party - Binna Burra Bunkhouse	John Shields Deniz Clarke	32646565 0401725726
26	MDW 4C MDW-8C SDW7B	Manorina Walk Coomera Gorge Upper Love Creek	Dennis Fishlock Keith Rosbrook Lou & Marion Darveniza	32840551 0419577360 0401221403 3378 4031
26-27	MTW-5C	Upper Blackfellow Creek Circuit	John Stevens	0431 929 466 AH
27	MDW-2B MDW3B MINIMAXS4B	Noosa Heads National Park (headland Section) Noosa Heads National Park (Hill and Headland Sections) Mt Coot-tha for New Members	Jenny Campbell Mike Eden Lou & Marion Darveniza	37195435 3378 4031
29	SNW2B	West End Hills-Joans Walk	Steve Cockburn	0438110249
30	SDW-5B	Northbrook Gorge & Lunch	Lou & Marion Darveniza	3378 4031

December

1	SNW 2B	Mt Coot-tha weekly night walk	Graham Olive, Ken Rubie	32775279
3	ABS-S5C SDW-3A MDW-7C LDW-7E MINIMAX 3B	Kinnanes Falls Abseil Mt Nebo Lookout Coomera Gorge Rocky Creek, Mt Barney Iron Bark Gully	Chrissy Dott, Anne Kemp Kelvin Taylor Lou & Marion Darveniza Paul Horwath Dennis Fishlock	0411 312 241 32693726 3378 4031 0419577360
4	SDW-3B MDW-3C SDW-6D MDW5C SOCIAL	Purling Brook Falls & Twin Falls West Canungra Creek Mezzanine Ridge. Mt Barney .WILD SIDE Lower Portals & Barney Waterfall ULTIMATE SPORTS/BBQ/FUN DAY - New Farm Park	Bernie Ryan Peter Day Paul Horwath Ken Rubie Mike Eden	33255616 [not on walk day] 0407181955 0429509334
6	LDW-6D SOCIAL	Around Mt Bangalora West End Hills Xmas Dinner	Lou & Marion Darveniza Joan Davey	3378 4031 0415 139 646
9-11	S & T /NAV FBC3A-5C	Mt Glorious FAMILY Mt Barney Lodge End-of-Year Camp	John Shields, Barry Collins Marion Crowther, Picnic Pete	32646565 33517832 / 33511184
10	MDW-5/6C SDW-5B THR-8D	Mt Barney Waterfall Love Creek Falls Logan's Ridge by FULL MOON	Lou & Marion Darveniza Kelvin Taylor Paul Horwath & Tom Bishton	3378 4031 32693726

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10-11	KYK	Upper Noosa River	Ken Rubie	
11	LDW-3B	Coomera Circuit	Katherine Gifford	0457583033
	SDW-5B	Northbrook Gorge	Lou & Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
	MDW-6D	Middle Kobble Falls via HP560	Kelvin Taylor	32693726
13	SOCIAL	West End Gardens Dinner Night	Bernie Ryan	33255616 [not on walk day]
14	Meeting			
17	ABS-S5C	Kinnanes Falls Abseil	Chrissy Dott/Anne Kemp	0411 312 241
18	MDW 5C	London Creek	Dennis Fishlock	32840551 0419577360
	MDW 6D	Moonlight Slabs survey, Mt. Barney	Paul Horwath	0429509334
24-25	STW 6D	Valley Of The Winds & The Rock Garden, Girraween	Paul Horwath	0429509334
28	No Meeting - Christmas Break			
January				
2-8	KYK	Chandler River Paddle	Picnic Pete	3351 1184
8	MDW-6C	Summer Creek	Lou & Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
11	Meeting			
14	LDW-6D	Around Mt Bangalora	Lou & Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
18	MDW-5/6C	Mt Barney Waterfall	Lou & Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
21	ABS-S5B	Watson's Falls Abseil	Chrissy Dott/Anne Kemp	0411 312 241
	MINIMAXS4B	Mt Coot-tha for New Members	Lou & Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
22	MDW-2B	Lower Bellbird and Caves Circuits	Elaine Beller	0450 614300
	MDW-6C	Byron Gorge & Stevens Ck	Lou & Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
	MDW2B	Daves Creek Circuit	Burney	0422386080
25	Meeting			
28	ABS-BC5C	Watson's Falls Abseil Base Camp	Chrissy Dott/Anne Kemp	0411 312 241
29	ABS-BC5C	Kinnanes Falls Abseil Base Camp	Chrissy Dott/Anne Kemp	0411 312 241
February				
3-5	BC3/5C	Mt Glorious Base Camp	John Shields, Geof [BUSHY] Hinds	32646565
4	SDW-5B	Northbrook Gorge	Lou & Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
10-12	FMDW5C/BC	FAMILY Stairway Falls Walk & Camp	Marion Crowther	33517832
11	MDW-6C	Byron Gorge & Stevens Ck	Lou & Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
12	MINIMAX 3B	Tamborine Mt for New Members - MINIMAXS	Eddie Chappel	33127032
12-18	LTW 6D	Nelson Lakes New Zealand	Andrew Wedlake	3264 6744
18	MINIMAXS4B	Mt Coot-tha for New Members	Lou & Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
24-26	BC3/5C	Mt Glorious Base Camp	John Shields, Geof [Bushy] Hinds	32646565



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

TOOHEY FOREST MONDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Mon 21 Nov
LEADER: Graham Olive 32775279
EMAIL: go191084@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: SNW-2A
LIMIT: 10+
BRING: Page 3 items
DEPART: 6:30pm Car park behind
McDONALDS Salisbury. Cnr Toohey
Rd, Orange Grove Rd & Evans Rd
MAP: BCC Toohey Forest track map

Toohey Forest is located just 10km south of Brisbane's CBD. There are extensive walking tracks through open eucalypt forest and heath. We start this two hour night walk from the car park behind the Mcdonalds restaurant in Salisbury. This walk will be on both sealed and dirt tracks with some short hills. There are lots of tracks so a different route each time. If we are lucky we might see an owl or two. Bookings will not be taken for these walks so people intending to walk need to arrive at the start point in sufficient time, to register their name for the walk commencement at 6.30 sharp. By the way, these walks don't count toward full membership.

MT COOT-THA - FOUR CREEKS

Survey Tue 22 Nov
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
MOBILE: 0438 481 186 on day of walk only
EMAIL: louandmarion@gmail.com
GRADE: MDW6?C?
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Usual day walk gear, 2L water
DEPART: 6am Picnic Shelter JC Slaughter Falls
Picnic grounds.

MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30 000
The idea is to check out at least 4 of the creeks on Mt Coot-tha that flow into East Ithaca Creek with an early start to beat the heat. We are partly familiar with some of them, so know that good scrambling skills will be needed, and that the creeks look interesting. It will be a case of up one creek as far as possible, across to the upper part of the next, down it, along East Ithaca, up the next and so on, eventually reaching a trail, then a bit of cross country back to cars.

RIVER WALK + K P CLIFF STAIRS

Training Walk Tue 22 Nov
LEADER: Steve Cockburn 0438110249
MOBILE: 0421059482
EMAIL: scockburn@powerup.com.au

GRADE: SNW2B
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Water , Money for Coffee
DEPART: 6pm Ship Inn South bank
We will meet at the Ship Inn of South Bank (Stairs opposite the Inn) as per the West End Hills Walks. We will then cross the Good Will bridge and follow the river through the botanical gardens and follow the River Walk to the Story Bridge and then back to the other side of the River walk to the Kangaroo Point Cliff stairs. This will be a moderate picturesque training walk involving doing an initial endurance walk, then multiples of stair climbs at each end of the cliff tops. We will go for approximately 90 mins in total. We will keep together and whilst there are often lots of people using the stairs, we will take it easy and not rush. You will need a reasonable level of fitness and if you are preparing for a big walk involving hills, this one might help. If you are very fit or wanting to get fitter, you might want to bring a weighted pack to push yourself. If you have any questions feel free to call or email. Coffee or drink and chat afterwards at the Ship Inn. There is usually plenty of parking on the streets but factor in heavy traffic and peak hour times. I will try to do this at least monthly and will try to time this in between the West End Hills walks and the Tuesday Socials.

MT COOT-THA WEEKLY NIGHT WALK

Short Night Walk Thu 24 Nov
LEADER: Ken Rubie, Graham Olive Graham
32775279
MOBILE: Ken 04484448598
GRADE: SNW 2B
LIMIT: 20+
BRING: page 3 plus torch and water
COST: money for coffee
DEPART: 6:30pm carpark west of Kuta Cafe Mt
Coot-tha
MAP: BCC Mt Coot-tha track map
MUST: Read trip description

The Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walks are exercise walks to assist people with improving their bushwalking fitness and to learn techniques for night-time walking. The walks will commence at 6.30pm sharp from the 1st carpark you enter before the lookout on Mt Coot-tha. The walks will be approximately 2 hours in duration, on fire trails and marked tracks, with obstacles such as rock or root intrusions, fallen debris, and some, usually dry, creek crossings on some of the tracks. The walks will also involve the descent and ascent of the mountain at a reasonable walking pace with up to 520 metres gained and lost over the length

of the walk. 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 the appropriate hiking footwear, torch and drinking water. At the end of the walk we will have coffee at the Kuta 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. By the way, these walks don't count toward full membership.

MT GLORIOUS BASE CAMP [QPWS VOLUNTEERS ONLY]

Base Camp Fri 25 - Sun 27 Nov
LEADER: John Shields 07-32646565
MOBILE: 0447824988 Walkday only
EMAIL: johnshields@bigpond.com
GRADE: W 'N' W
BRING: Working clothes, gloves, tools etc optional day walk pack
COST: \$13camp fee [2 nights]
Our normal maintenance work along Western Walk with the optional day walk on Sunday if desired. Basic tools supplied by QPWS.

MANORINA WALK

Day Walk Sat 26 Nov
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 Per Person
DEPART: 4:50am Alderley
CAR KMS: 80 kms
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park
NOMINATION LIST: Self Serve Online/Email Leader

Manorina is located in the Brisbane Forest Park, this walk has been extended from a recent survey. The walk starts on a formed track out to Mt Nebo Look Out, from here we will go off track and work our way over some ridges and gully's, we will get some good views across Samford valley and will also see a variety of orchids. Somewhere along the off track at a good vantage point we will stop for morning tea, from here we will continue to work over more ridges and gully's the vegetation also has a mix of medium dense rain forest amongst the Australian Native vegetation which makes the walk quite interesting. We will come across an-

other fire trail which we will follow back onto Mt Nebo forestry road and back to the car park. Afternoon tea at the Samford Bakery. **SUITABLE ALSO TO NEW MEMBERS WITH A GOOD LEVEL OF FITNESS AND WHO WANT TO GET FURTHER OFF TRACK EXPERIENCE.**

COOMERA GORGE

Day Walk Sat 26 Nov
LEADER: Keith Rosbrook 0401221403
This activity is full.

UPPER LOVE CREEK

Day Walk Sat 26 Nov
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
This activity is full.

UPPER BLACKFELLOW CREEK CIRCUIT

Thru Walk Sat 26 - Sun 27 Nov
LEADER: John Stevens 0431 929 466 after hours
EMAIL: johnpstevens@hotmail.com
GRADE: MTW-5C
LIMIT: 8 including leader
BRING: usual thru walk gear. Gaiters, gloves, long pants and long sleeve tops are highly recommended
COST: \$5.15 camp fee
DEPART: 5:30am to be advised
CAR KMS: 300 kms
MAP: Glen Rock 1:25,000
This mostly off-track walk will take us down a steep spur into Blackfellow Creek Valley where we'll camp for the night. The next day, a 600 metre climb along another steep spur will be followed by several kms through native raspberry and untracked rainforest. By lunch time we will come out on a forestry track that will lead us back to our cars. Walkers wishing to nominate need to contact me directly by email. There will be neither nomination sheet at the club meetings nor nomination on line. If you have not walked with me previously, please email me what 5C+ graded club walks you've done in the last 3 months with the date they were on as well as what thru walk experience you have. We will need a second 4WD car to get all of us to the start of the walk.

NOOSA HEADS NATIONAL PARK (HEADLAND SECTION)

Day Walk Sun 27 Nov
LEADER: Jenny Campbell 37195435
This activity is full.

NOOSA HEADS NATIONAL PARK (HILL AND HEADLAND SECTIONS)

Day Walk Sun 27 Nov
LEADER: Mike Eden

MOBILE: 0457687811
EMAIL: mike.eden@hotmail.com
GRADE: MDW3B
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Page 3 gear plus swimmers and towel.
DEPART: 7:30am Alderley
CAR KMS: 250km

This is a chance to take a stroll and swim around Noosa National Park for a distance of only about 14km. We start at Parkedge Rd and follow a fire trail up to intersect the Tanglewood track. Here we will head West for a short distance then head North over the top of Noosa Hill and down to the Info centre. We will have an option to go and try out gelato in Hastings Street for morning tea at this stage. After the detour/break we will follow the Coastal Track East to Hells Gates with a swimming break at Ti Tree Bay on the way. The coastal track has spectacular views of the rocky fore-shore, Noosa beach and river entrance and has typical coastal vegetation of Pandanus, Baby Echidna Trees and Sheoaks. After lunching at Hells Gates we will drop down into Alexandria Beach for another possible dip and eventually pick up the Alexandria Beach track at the southern end and follow this Southwest back to Parkedge Rd and the cars. Hats and sunscreen are essential along with a healthy water supply and some cash for Gelato. This walk is **SUITABLE FOR NEW MEMBERS**.

MT COOT-THA FOR NEW MEMBERS

Training Day Sun 27 Nov
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 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. 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). 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.

NORTHBROOK GORGE & LUNCH

Day Walk Wed 30 Nov
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
This activity is full.

MT COOT-THA WEEKLY NIGHT WALK

Short Night Walk Thu 1 Dec
See activity description for Thu 24 Nov

KINNANES FALLS ABSEIL

Abseil Day Walk Sat 3 Dec
LEADER: Chrissy Dott, Anne Kemp
This activity is full.

MT NEBO LOOKOUT

Day Walk Sat 3 Dec
LEADER: Kelvin Taylor 32693726
This activity is full.

COOMERA GORGE

Day Walk Sat 3 Dec
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
MOBILE: 0438 481 186- on day only
EMAIL: louandmarion@gmail.com
GRADE: MDW-7C
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 very 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. **CONTACT THE LEADER DIRECTLY** to nominate

ROCKY CREEK...MT BARNEY

Day Walk Sat 3 Dec
LEADER: Paul Horwath
MOBILE: 0429509334
GRADE: LDW-7E
LIMIT: 6
BRING: 4lt water, Page 3
DEPART: 5am bris
CAR KMS: 200km
MAP: Mt,Lindesay 1:25000

ATTEN this walk starts at the lower porthole car park, 7 am. We will park outside Mt.Barney lower portholes car park and walk for about one hour until we pass the start of eagles Ridge track. At the creek crossings we hang a left up between Logans Ridge and north ridge which will take us all the way to a saddle. To north ridge peak for lunch. This vantage point affords us different views of Mt.Barney and is quite spectacular. and down north ridge. Come along for a long but wonderful day

IRON BARK GULLY

Training Day Sat 3 Dec
LEADER: Dennis Fishlock 32840551
0419577360
EMAIL: fyshies@bigpond.com.au
GRADE: MINIMAX 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 a track and stopping at regular intervals to discuss a number of topics such as Clothing, Equipment, Safety and 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 day pack, morning tea and lunch, please bring what ever gear you would take on a day walk, also bring a change of cloths to change into at the end of the walk. Register directly on the web site or at the club meetings on the registration boards with the New Membership Officer.

PURLING BROOK FALLS & TWIN FALLS

Day Walk Sun 4 Dec
LEADER: Bernie Ryan33255616 [not on walk
day please]

This activity is full.

WEST CANUNGRA CREEK

Day Walk Sun 4 Dec
LEADER: Peter Day 0407181955
MOBILE: 0407181955
EMAIL: peter.day76@hotmail.com
GRADE: MDW-3C
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Usual day walk gear & swimmers
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS: 220

MAP: Lamington NP

This walk is in the O`Reillys, Green Mountains section of Lamington NP. It is a rainforest track walk of 15kms with some [usually easy] creek crossings. We descend via the graded track system to Yerralahla Pool (Blue pool), where we will have morning tea. We then follow West Canungra Creek upstream, passing many gorgeous waterfalls and tree gardens to Elabana Falls and Picnic Rock. From here we ascend on the track system back to the cars. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and we will have a lovely day in a very beautiful place. The walk is suitable for new members.

MEZZANINE RIDGE.BARNEY. WILD SIDE

Day Walk Sun 4 Dec
LEADER: Paul Horwath 0429509334
EMAIL: paulpaulpaulpaul@live.com.au
GRADE: SDW-6D
LIMIT: 7
BRING: Page 3 gear, torch, 3L water
COST: \$20
DEPART: 8am yellow pinch
CAR KMS: 200km
MAP: Mt Lindesay

This is a New walk. Its not the same as chambers of secrets. We will park outside yellow pinch walk across the road and immediately start walking uphill towards Ridge. After about 2 hours we will reach a rocky outcrop for morning tea. Then we go down in the wild side of mezz ridge in the creek. Should be very exciting and new. this will be a survey walk for the second part of it.

LOWER PORTALS & BARNEY WATERFALL

Day Walk / Swim Sun 4 Dec
LEADER: Ken Rubie
This activity is full.

AROUND MT BANGALORA

Day Walk Tue 6 Dec
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
This activity is full.

MT GLORIOUS

Base Camp Fri 9 - Sun 11 Dec
LEADER: John Shields, Barry Collins 32646565
MOBILE: 0447824988 Walk days only
EMAIL: johnashields@bigpond.com
GRADE: S & T /NAV
LIMIT: 25
BRING: usual base camp and day walk gear
COST: \$13Camp fee [2nights]
CAR KMS: 80 return
MAP: BFP
This Base Camp has been organised by Barry Collins as S & T Co-ordinator for participants in

COOMERA CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 11 Dec
LEADER: Katherine Gifford 0457583033
This activity is full.

NORTHBROOK GORGE

Day Walk Sun 11 Dec
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
MOBILE: 0438 481 186 on day of walk only
EMAIL: louandmarion@gmail.com
GRADE: SDW-5B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: P3 stuff, 2L water
DEPART: 7:30am Alderley
MAP: Brisbane Forest park 1:30000
TO NOMINATE: Email leaders
Northbrook Gorge's pools have filled with gravel, but it is still a beautiful place. Because now one does not have to swim through the gorge (sad but true), this "easy, downhill almost all the way" trip can be done at any time. As usual we will leave from Wivenhoe Overlook, drop down a rainforest gully to Northbrook Creek. The gully descent keeps the grading at Terrain 5 (often wet). We then follow the creek downstream through the two Gorges. Travel now is much simpler and faster along the creek. Boots will almost certainly get wet. The remaining pools are big enough to get wet in to cool off. There is a 70 metre climb up a track back to where cars will have been placed before starting.

KINNANES FALLS ABSEIL

Abseil Day Walk Sat 17 Dec
LEADER: Chrissy Dott/Anne Kemp
This activity is full.

LONDON CREEK

Day Walk Sun 18 Dec
LEADER: Dennis Fishlock 32840551
This activity is full.

MOONLIGHT SLABS SURVEY, MT. BARNEY

Day Walk Sun 18 Dec
LEADER: Paul Horwath 0429509334
EMAIL: paulpaulpaulpaul@live.com.au
GRADE: MDW 6D
LIMIT: 9
BRING: page 3
DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens
moonlight slab , I now know the way - To Lower Portals then up Barney Waterfall to the saddle between Isolated & North. The slabs are somewhere on the west side. this is a of track walk, you will need to be fit and use to scrambling.

VALLY OF THE WINDS AND THE ROCK GAR-**DEN GIRRAWEEENFOR XMAS**

Through Walk Sat 24 - Sun 25 Dec
LEADER: Paul Horwath 0429509334
EMAIL: paulpaulpaulpaul@live.com.au
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

CHANDLER RIVER PADDLE

River Through Paddle Mon 2 - Sun 8 Jan
LEADER: Picnic Pete 3351 1184
MOBILE: 0419496837
EMAIL: peter@lock.id.au
GRADE: KYK
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Boat, paddle, life jacket, helmet, shoes to walk in water
COST: \$200 transport
CAR KMS: 1200km
MAP: Big Hill, Kempsey Forestry
Our paddle begins at Carters Trail on the Chandler River, and finishes 60km downstream in the Macleay River at Georges Junction. This stretch of river boasts spectacular scenery, glorious campsites, crystal clear water and easy paddling. We will see rock wallabies hopping up the cliffs above us, and brumbies crossing the river ahead, which add to the adventure feel of the trip. The river has numerous small rapids. These are not monster white water extreme sports, but they do add some excitement to the trip and will require basic river paddling skills. We'll have 5 days on

the water, so the pace will be relaxed with plenty of time for morning tea and side trips.

SUMMER CREEK

Day Walk Sun 8 Jan
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
This activity is full.

AROUND MT BANGALORA

Day Walk Sat 14 Jan
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
MOBILE: 0438 481 186 on day of walk only
EMAIL: louandmarion@gmail.com
GRADE: LDW-6D
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Daywalk gear waterproofed.
DEPART: 5:30am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS: 230
MAP: Mt Superbus 1:25000, Teviot 1:25000
This is a longish day and the early start is to try to beat the heat for the climb up a saddle between Mt Bell & Mt Bangalora with great views of the Main Range. Then we drop down a valley and into Reynolds Gorge. Reynolds Gorge is the highlight of the trip. Going through the gorge 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 in addition to a shirt (ie have 2 layers). A second gorge will be checked out from above and then we return to the cars by continuing around the mountain.

MT BARNEY WATERFALL

Day Walk Wed 18 Jan
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
MOBILE: 0438 481 186 on day of walk only
EMAIL: louandmarion@gmail.com
GRADE: MDW-5/6C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Usual day walk gear, 3L water
DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS: 210
MAP: Mt Lindsay 1:25 000
From Lower Portals car park we will walk into Lower Portals and have a good swim. Then it is up the track towards the gorge for some distance before striking out on a flattish ridge. The ridge is followed down to Mt Barney Ck for another swim near the waterfall. Climbing to the top of the waterfall is optional. This part is graded 6C. After lunch, siesta in the shady spot and/or another swim or play on the waterslide, we will rock hop down the creek to Lower Portals. If conditions are suitable, there will be an option to "jump" through the Portals, otherwise it is a short climb out to the track back to Lower Portals with yet another swim. The walk out to the cars will be in the cooler part of the afternoon. Jumping through the portals will

require that one's pack is waterproofed. It does also involve clambering over and down some huge boulders. Whether the water levels make this a safe option will be assessed in the morning. Waterproofing of packs can be done after lunch. This trip is a great way to spend a hot day

MT COOT-THA FOR NEW MEMBERS

Training Day Sat 21 Jan
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 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. 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). 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.

LOWER BELLBIRD AND CAVES CIRCUITS

Day Walk Sun 22 Jan
LEADER: Elaine Beller 0450 614300
EMAIL: embeller@gmail.com
GRADE: MDW-2B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: usual day walk p3 gear
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens
This is a combination of two easy track walks in the Binna Burra area, which makes about 13 - 14km for the day. We pass through rainforest, drier eucalypt forest, a lovely lookout, and caves. This is suitable for a first-time walk with the club.

BYRON GORGE & STEVENS CK

Day Walk Sun 22 Jan
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
This activity is full.

DAVES CREEK CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 22 Jan
LEADER: Burney 0422386080

MT GLORIOUS BASE CAMP

Base Camp Fri 3 - Sun 5 Feb
LEADER: John Shields , Geof [BUSHY] Hinds
07-32646565
MOBILE: 0447824988 Walkday only
EMAIL: johnshields@bigpond.com
GRADE: BC3/5C
LIMIT: 20
BRING: base camping gear/ day walk gear
COST: \$13camp fee[2 nights]

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. The level of walks will be decided after group discussion and we try to keep within your comfort zone. 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 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 and open fire. Plenty of grassy campsites and camper trailers are welcome. The water supply is tank water so if this is a problem then bring your own drinking water. We arrive Friday afternoon/night and most are there by 9pm. and usually hit the sack early to be up and ready to walk by 8a.m. with smoko and lunch in their day pack. Planning to get back mid to late afternoon at the latest. Happy hour around the campfire - 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. 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.

NORTHBROOK GORGE

Day Walk Sat 4 Feb
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
MOBILE: 0438 481 186 on day of walk only
EMAIL: louandmarion@gmail.com
GRADE: SDW-5B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: P3 stuff, 2L water

COST: Car pooling & lunch at Mt Glorious
DEPART: 7:30am Alderley
MAP: Brisbane Forest park 1:30000
NOMINATE: Email leaders
Northbrook Gorge's pools have filled with gravel, but it is still a beautiful place - well worth taking a camera. Because now one does not have to swim through the gorge (sad but true), this "easy, downhill almost all the way" trip can be done at any time of the year. The pools are just big enough to get into and cool off. (not too many people at a time). As usual we will start walking from Wivenhoe Overlook, drop down a rainforest gully to Northbrook Creek. The gully descent keeps the grading at Terrain 5 (often wet). The initial part of the descent is steep and loose. We then follow the Northbrook creek downstream. Travel now is much simpler and faster along the creek due to the gravel. Going through the through major gorge and the minor gorge will involve some wading and a bit of clambering over and down rocks. Boots will almost certainly get wet. There is a 70 metre climb up a track back to where some cars will have been placed before starting.

FAMILY STAIRWAY FALLS WALK & CAMP

Day Walk + Opt. Base Camp Fri 10 - Sun 12 Feb
LEADER: Marion Crowther 33517832
MOBILE: 0417081002
EMAIL: marion2008@mjcskk.id.au
GRADE: FMDW5C/BC
LIMIT: 20
BRING: p3, swimmers & suitable non-slip shoes for wet rocks, base camp gear
COST: Camp fees + car pooling
DEPART: 8am Cnr Duck Creek Rd & main O'Reilly's Rd
CAR KMS: 220km
MAP: Lamington NP
MINIMUM AGE: 6yrs - or discuss with leader
For the Saturday walk (11th Feb), we will park at the top of Bull Ant Spur which is not far from where Duck Creek Road meets the main road. We will proceed downhill for about 1 hour to blue pool. The more resilient can get an early swim here. From Blue Pool we will follow the creek downstream to Stairway Falls following the remnants of an old but now somewhat overgrown track to Stairway Falls. There will be plenty of obstacles for the kids to climb under and over along the way. It will take a little over an hour from Blue Pool to reach Stairway Falls. The location is ideal for swimming, diving and generally having fun. We will spend a fair bit of time here and have lunch. Between 1pm and 2pm we will start to head back to the cars the way we came in, stopping at Blue Pool along the way. The walk is suited to children 6 and up as Bull Ant Spur has about 500 vertical

metres in it. The pace will be kept low so the kids have maximum fun. If it really is too wet to do this walk, we will find a suitable alternative around O'Reilly's - you never know what February might bring.

I would recommend camping at O'Reilly's the night before and after this walk. Please book directly with the camp ground yourself (Green Mountains Campground - google search). O'Reilly's has great facilities. The plan would be to have an easy morning Sunday, followed by a short walk before heading home. This gives the drivers a chance to recover after the big walk Saturday before getting behind the wheel again.

BYRON GORGE & STEVENS CK

Day Walk Sat 11 Feb
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
MOBILE: 0438 481 186 on day of walk only
EMAIL: louandmarion@gmail.com
GRADE: MDW-6C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: "Always take" page 3, 2L water
DEPART: 7am Alderley
CAR KMS: 120 km
MAP: Mt Byron 1:25000

This is the trip with everything - rock slabs, waterfalls, rock hopping, rock scrambling, huge overhanging cliffs, caves, swimming, interesting vegetation changes, some scunge and isolation. It is a loop walk, doubling up for a mere half hour. We start from the Mt Mee Gantry Picnic area on the Somerset trail, but soon leave it. If you have not walked with us previously, please email what BBW trips you have done in the last few months (grading and leader)

TAMBORINE MT FOR NEW MEMBERS

MinimaxS Sun 12 Feb
LEADER: Eddie Chappel 33127032
MOBILE: 0432733847 Day of walk only
EMAIL: chappel.e@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: MINIMAX 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 Mountains 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 Bushwalkers Club in particular. 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 Shopping Centre car park, Fairfield Rd Fairfield 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.

MT COOT-THA FOR NEW MEMBERS

Training Day Sat 18 Feb
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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

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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.

The following article has been taken from a BCC bulletin made available to Bushcare volunteers.
Thanks to Peter Hunt for submitting it.

TICK WARNING



Ticks are parasites and they can inject a poison which can potentially cause muscle weakness, blurred vision, drowsiness, paralysis and even death.

TICKS CAN BE AS TINY AS A PINHEAD OR AS LARGE AS A FINGERNAIL!

PREVENTION:

- Wear long pants (preferably tucked into socks or boots)
- Wear a long sleeved shirt and a hat
- Use an insect repellent that contains DEET (eg Rid or Aerogard) - hat & clothing; body areas at clothing perimeters, e.g. wrists, neck, waist, ankles.

CHECK:

- For ticks at the end of each day paying particular attention to scalp, groin, armpits and the back of knees. If you have any unusual lumps it may be a tick as they can bury themselves in your skin!

REMOVE:

- DO NOT try to kill the tick by using a hot match, metho, kero or any other chemicals. This may cause the tick to inject more toxins !!
- Use tweezers with a fine point and press the points firmly onto the skin on either side of the ticks head (not the body)
- Gently pull the tick straight out with steady pressure - DO NOT twist or jerk the tick
- Check you have removed the entire tick (the head sometimes gets stuck)
- Apply an antiseptic cream

MONITOR:

- Keep an eye on the area you have removed the tick from to ensure there is no allergic reaction or unusual symptoms.

Seek medical attention immediately if you have not removed the tick or its head or you experience any unusual symptoms.

Post Trip Report

SAVE SPRINGBROOK RAINFOREST WORKING BEES

Springbrook Plateau is World Heritage, but it's recognised as a hotspot of threatened biodiversity, an environmental sister to the Wet Tropics preserving ancient living lineages as no other.

Springbrook Rescue, initiated by Dr. Aila Keto, is a grand and ambitious vision to protect and restore the World Heritage rainforests of the Springbrook area. The National Park is too small and has too many slivered boundaries, creeping urbanisation, commercial enterprises drain critical aquifers for bottled water and feral animals and weeds are on the march.

But nature can heal itself when given the chance and a little help.

In 2006 \$20 million had been allocated for property buy back, providing a more sustainable connection between the various fragmented sectors of forest and the National Park. Already there has been significant regrowth of rainforest which supports a diverse range of fauna including Logrunners which are an ancient lineage bird, as is the Albert's Lyrebird, now on the increase as witnessed by several BBW members these past weekends. Loveridge's Frog - a rare frog - has been recently reported on what was free-hold property, some now owned by the Qld Gov. And Potoroos have been filmed with movement cameras secreted on bought back properties.

So get involved with a major internationally significant ecological restoration project. Typical tasks include mowing, brush cutting and weeding on properties purchased by the Qld Gov that are in need of repair. Equipment is provided and the weekend accommodation is well arranged.

Our first weekend with a team of 15 working just 4 hrs on Saturday July 9th removed a record 262kg of Blue Star (aristeria). This exotic plant is a local garden escapee that is threatening the surrounding rainforest. Furthermore, 20 seedlings of (Lomatica arborescens) a native rainforest tree on this restoration property were found within our grid. Natural regeneration with a little facilitation is the primary rainforest regeneration principle applied by the Springbrook Rescue project.

The following team which consisted of only 6, spent Saturday 21 Oct removing regrowth from "our BBW patch". It was a surprise to see that there was over 60 kg of regrowth, many of which had flowered and threatened to send their seedlings scattering. Peter Hunt who felt we could do more, encouraged us to return after lunch. With the help of Aila and Keith we "topped" the neighbouring grid in just 1.5hrs, which entailed removing the flowering stalk and any green seedpod stems. As each pod contains 60 seeds and there are several pods to each flowering stem, Aila calculated that we removed over 7,000 flowering seed heads thus preventing 7 million potential seeds from germinating. Now I find that very satisfying!

Our weekend accommodation was built as a luxury Backpackers, reminiscent of a sky lodge. This large timber-lined building perches 965m above sea level and has balcony views to Surfers Paradise and Palm Beach. The double bedrooms have ensuites, one dormitory room has double bunks and we enjoy a sunken lounge with fireplace and a fully equipped communal kitchen and dining room. Only volunteers have access to these lodgings for which Aila charges only \$20 pppn.

On a professional and personal level, Dr Aila Keto is truly a living legend within the conservation movement of Australia. 20 years ago, Dr Keto took up a career as a research scientist to devote her life to conservation and, since then, has been principally responsible for the protection of more than 1.5 million hectares of forest in Queensland - the State that is the major core of biological diversity in Australia.

A recognised authority on World Heritage matters, Dr Keto has been largely responsible for the preparation of three successful world heritage nominations - the Wet Tropics, Fraser Island and the Central Eastern Rainforest Reserves of Australia. She has also been instrumental in bringing an end to rainforest logging on Crown land in the State. It's an honor to work with her but a delight to develop a friendship with such a passionate and kind heart soul.

Burney Starkey

Volunteers put in a morning's work removing weed from the BBW Patch



Morning Tea break for the workers.
Sunken lounge at the accommodation.



Team leaders



BBW volunteers take in the Warrie Circuit on the Sunday

Notices

MINIMAXS LEADERS

The Club needs more MiniMaxS Leaders to show new members how the Brisbane Bushwalkers Club operates. We are expecting the usual annual influx of new members in the early part of 2012 and we have only a few leaders currently leading these (Minimum Impact Maximum Safety) walks.

If any current leaders would like to take this on can they contact Dennis Fishlock (Membership), Hilton Kane (Safety & Training) or Eddie Chappel (Outings).

We will put you on an upcoming MiniMaxS so you can learn the procedure.

Eddie Chappel (Outings)

XMAS PARTY - BINNA BURRA BUNKHOUSE

Base Camp Fri 25 - Sun 27 Nov

LEADER: Deniz Clarke 0401725726
EMAIL: denizclarke@gmail.com
GRADE: SOCIAL
LIMIT: 43
BRING: Usual Base Camp Gear
COST: \$30 for two nights
DEPART: Meet at Binna Burra

Welcome to the BBW Xmas Party at Binna Burra Mountain Lodge (www.binnaburrallodge.com.au).

This event will be held in the Grooms Cottage and Bunkhouse which is a rustic timber cottage featuring a full kitchen and adjacent four-room bunkhouse with a total of 36 beds (9 beds in each).

Our theme for this year is still up for debate...and more details will be provided soon!!!

Cost is \$30 for two nights accommodation. More details regarding costs will be updated once details of catering are released!

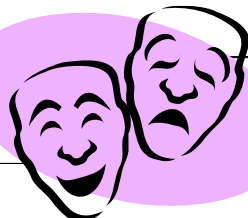
Santa usually makes an appearance around this time... so remember to be good for the rest of the year!

Deniz Clarke

Guest Speakers

Wednesday 23 Nov Central Aust Canoe Expedition - Ken Rubie

A photo essay of a BBW canoe expedition to Central Australia featuring 8 intrepid members risking life and limb, exhaustion and dehydration, flood and flies to paddle the iconic creeks and rivers of this great land. The vistas of the Balonne and Wilson Rivers, Cooper Creek, the Birdsville Track and many other locations are outstanding. It was a once in a life time opportunity to dip a toe and paddle into Lake Eyre and to see the heart of Australia from land and air.



Out & About

WEST END GARDENS

Dinner Night Tue 13 Dec
 LEADER: Bernie Ryan 33255616
 MOBILE: 0432 907275
 EMAIL: cino1410@optusnet.com.au
 LIMIT: 15
 MEET: 6:30pm, West End Garden, 190 Melbourne Street, South Brisbane

West End Gardens are licensed & BYO (Wine Only) and most mains between \$14-\$18. The Vietnamese and Chinese menus are equally tempting. A meat focus is evident with dozens of different styles of beef, chicken, lamb and seafood. Why not try something new, such as the pepper chicken, flaming pork ribs, Vietnamese-style barbecue duck or sugar cane prawns. Also familiar Chinese and Vietnamese favourites are also available, with pho soup and Chinese-style lemon chicken. There are also banquets for 3 or more people. Dessert is also a high priority with deep-fried ice-cream the list-topper, followed by the house specialty of coconut pudding, and lychees or mango with ice-cream.

Bernie

ULTIMATE SPORTS / BBQ / FUN DAY - NEW FARM PARK

Sun 4 Dec

LEADER: Mike Eden
 MOBILE: 0457687811
 EMAIL: mike.eden@hotmail.com
 LIMIT: 30
 BRING: BYO Everything you wish to eat, drink and wear. Be sun smart. Sneakers and shorts recommended.
 MEET: 12pm

I am proud to announce the opportunity for you to attend possibly the most fun day of your 2011! If you like FOOD, if you like being SOCIAL, if you like lighthearted BACKYARD SPORTS, and if you like having FUN then, (as Uncle Sam would say), THIS EVENT WANTS YOU!!! There will be a variety of fun games on offer and the chance to just stroll around the Powerhouse precinct or relax and chat about the weather, the price of cheese or even the latest advances in shock therapy. Bring some BBQ food, (meat, salads etc), and whatever beverages you wish, (please bring plenty of water too), and some clothes that will allow you to run around a little bit and most of all bring some fun attitude. I encourage you to use public transport for the low carbon footprint factor and a trip on the wonderful Brisbane River is the best way to get there, disembarking at the New Farm Park pontoon.

Mike

NEW MEMBERS

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

Donna Brown	Lyn Campbell	Simon Cleary	Pedro Diez Gomez
Alison Fong	Christina Gangl	Gabrielle Gill	Beverley Green
Bryan Jones	Lakmal Kamalgoda	Andrew Kinge	Lynne Kurelek
Tom Martin	Loretta Masters	Alison Murphy	Bob Reilly
Sandra Robinson	John Robinson	Simon Rohde	Sean Russell
Rob Sheraton	Luana Storni	Sara- Sum	Sarah Thomas
Oliver Thomas	Carolyn Thomas	Diana Wallis	Scott Wilson

Congratulations to the following who have been granted Full Membership:

Natalie Bufi	Greg Hyslop	Andrew Jaensch	Brian Porter
Megan Sandaver			

Magazine Collating

Magazine collating is at Catherine Lowry's at Morooka on Thursday 19th January. There is only about 1 1/2 hours work required. If you would like to come along for an easy social night and dinner please phone 0430 450 569 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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