

*The*  
**BRISBANE BUSHWALKER**  
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**BRISBANE BUSHWALKERS MONTHLY NEWS**

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**BRISBANE BUSHWALKERS CLUB INC (EST. 1948)**  
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**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 3rd October** 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 November magazine is the Open Meeting on Wednesday 10th October.**

#### 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

Lake Baikal—Siberia  
 Taken by Jenny Zohn

#### 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 \$25, Short sleeve shirts \$20, Fleece Jackets \$35, Fleece Vests \$30, Hats \$13, Caps \$10. These articles have the club logo embroidered on them.
- Car stickers and cloth badges: all \$3.00
- Long, wide bandages to be used in the unlikely event of a snake bite \$10.00
- Maps and Rasters: free loan to leaders
- Free loan to members:- Books, Magazines, DVDs and CDs. Come and browse the selection.

#### 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

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## ABBREVIATIONS & GRADING

<b>DISTANCE</b>	<b>Short</b>	— Under 10 km per day
	<b>Medium</b>	— 10 to 15 km per day
	<b>Long</b>	— 15 to 20 km per day
	<b>EXtra Long</b>	— 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; **KaY**-a**K**; **CY**Cle; **S**afety & **T**raining; **F**ederation **M**ountain **R**escue; **ROG**aine.

**FAMILY** **F**amily — 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

#### September

28-1	W 'N' W	Mi Glorious Base Camp[ QPWS Volunteers only]	John Shields
28-1	MTW-6? D?	Waterfall Ck/Basket Swamp Ck/ Cataract R. Exploration	Lou & Marion Darveniza
29	S83S&T	Kangaroo Point Nursery Cliffs	John Granat
29	MDW5C	Greenes Falls & Love Ck Falls	Jo Thiele
29-1	MD - KYK	Wolf Rock - Double Island Pt Kayak Base Camp	Ken Rubie
29-1	MDW-3B	Bunya Mountain Day Walks	Mervyn Henderson
30	S83S&T	Kangaroo Point Nursery Cliffs	John Granat
30	LDW-7C	England Creek Falls	Kelvin Taylor

#### October

1	MABS-5C	Love Creek Falls Abseil	Anne Kemp, Hilton Kane
4	MDW - 5C	Mount Bell - Transit	Jim Lydon
5-7	MTW-7D	Barney Gorge Through Walk	Lou & Marion Darveniza
6	MDW3B	Mt Cordeaux/Bare Rock	Deniz Clarke
6	MINIMAX 3B	Iron Bark Gully	Dennis Fishlock
6	SDW2A	Brisbane Koala Bushlands - Alperton Rd Burbank	Louise Lewis
6-7	ABSBC-S5B	Watsons Falls Abseil Base Camp	Chrissy Dott & Anne Kemp
7	SURVEY	Mt Joyce Escape Recreation Park Stage 3	Bernie Ryan
7	MDW5C	Northbrook Ck The Source	John Shields
10		Meeting - Photographic Competition	Gary Curtis
12-14	Social	Springbrook Mt.	Burnice Starkey
13	LDW-3B	Illinbah Circuit	Glenis Bradley
14	SDW-4C	Mt Warning (Wollumbin) The Cloud Catcher	Bernie Ryan
14	LDW7D	Mt Barney - North Ridge	Richard Walton
19-21	4B	Mt Barney Lodge	Marion Crowther
20	S83S&T	Kangaroo Point Nursery Cliffs	John Granat
20	5D	Wilsons Peak (via Verandah)	Carleton Nothling
21	S83S&T	Kangaroo Point Nursery Cliffs	John Granat
21	MDW 4C	Manorina Walk	Dennis Fishlock
21	SDW - 5B	Conondale - Highland Gully Falls	Jim Lydon, Glenis Bradley
21	F MINIMAX	Family MiniMax Bellbird Grove	Peter Lock
24		Annual General Meeting	
26-28	BC3/5C	Mt Glorious Base Camp	JOHN SHIELDS ; JO THIELE
26-28	MBC5C	Girraween National Park	Janine Hope & Peter Hunt
27	MINIMAXS4A	Mt Coot-tha for New members	Lou & Marion Darveniza
28	MDW3C	Flaxton/Ubajee Walk	Dennis Fishlock
28	MDW-6C	Cedar & Love Creeks from the bottom	Lou & Marion Darveniza

#### November

3	MINIMAX 3B	Iron Bark Gully	Dennis Fishlock
3	MDW-7C	Coomera Gorge	Lou & Marion Darveniza
4	MDW 3B	Noosa Headland	Bill Gale
9-11	MBC-4B S&T	Navigation and Leader Training Base Camp Mt Glorious Barracks	Peter Lock
11	SDW-5B	Northbrook Creek Descent	L & M Darveniza, Glenis Bradley
14	MEETING	Stationery Energy Plan-Beyond Zero Emissions	Iwona Kemp

### DEPARTURE TIME

Walkers, please be at the meeting point 10-15 mins before the departure time so that car pooling can be organised. Actual departure will be EXACTLY at the stated departure time.



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

### **MT COOT-THA WEEKLY NIGHT WALK**

Short Night Walk Thu 27 Sep  
LEADER: Graham Olive, Ken Rubie32775279  
GRADE: SNW 3B  
LIMIT: 20+  
BRING: page 3 plus torch and water  
MEET: carpark west of Kuta Cafe Mt Coot-tha  
DEPART: 6:30pm  
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 from the 1st carpark you enter on the western side of 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. 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. For further information please contact the walk leaders. By the way, these walks don't count toward full membership.

### **KANGAROO POINT - JOG & CORE TRAINING**

Training Thu 27 Sep  
LEADER: Chris Hall 0498051811  
GRADE: TRNG  
BRING: Jogging gear (normal walking gear isn  
MEET: Cafe on River Terrace (northern end of KP cliffs)  
DEPART: 6pm  
MAP: Brisbane

This session is for those walkers already accomplished at day walking and looking to improve their aerobic and core fitness (it is not a walk but a training session). The first half of the session includes a 6-7km jogging loop from KP, across

Story Bridge, along the river to Botanical Gardens and across the Goodwill Bridge back to KP, followed by various core body and work station exercises on the lawns at KP. We can cater for some varying level of fitness in this session however you should already be trying to achieve or have achieved a 5C walk level of fitness. For those not used to jogging, a combination of walk and jogging is suitable with the leaders doing return loops to the rear group. Free car parking is available in the carpark and streets opposite and give yourself a little extra travel time given that this is around peak hour. We finish the night with stretching.

### **MI GLORIOUS BASE CAMP [ QPWS VOLUNTEERS ONLY ]**

Base Camp Fri 28 Sep -- Mon 1 Oct  
LEADER: John Shields 07-32646565  
GRADE: W 'N' W  
BRING: Working clothes ,gloves tools etc optional day walk pack  
COST: \$13camp fee[2 nights]

THESE DATES ARE APPROVED BY QPWS ----- PLEASE NOTE THAT BEING A LONG WEEKEND QPWS HAVE ALLOWED US TO EXTEND OUR BASE CAMP TO THE MONDAY TO ALLOW US TO GO BUSHWALKING. Our normal maintenance work along Western Walk with the optional day walk on Sunday AND MONDAY if desired . Basic tools supplied by QPWS. Lantana regrowth check.

### **WATERFALL CK/BASKET SWAMP CK/ CATARACT R. EXPLORATION**

Survey Fri 28 Sep -- Mon 1 Oct  
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031  
GRADE: MTW-6? D?  
LIMIT: 8  
BRING: Usual throughwalking gear, nibbles  
COST: Car pooling  
MEET: TBA  
DEPART: 5:30pm  
CAR KMS: 600 km (approx)  
MAP: Boonoo Boonoo 1:25 000

Basket Swamp Ck is familiar - a creek with one waterfall after another, and magnificent swimming holes. Roughly parallel to it and entering Cataract River further downstream is Waterfall Ck with a very large waterfall visible from the Bruxner Highway. The plan is to camp at the Basket Swamp campground on Friday night (28 Sept) Then on Saturday after going down Basket Swamp Ck for roughly an hour, take an old road over to Waterfall Ck. We will investigate Waterfall Ck, hopefully

get down the waterfall and camp somewhere in Cataract River that night. On Sunday we will enjoy the cascades and waterfalls of Cataract River then camp about halfway up Basket Swamp Ck. Monday will involve coming up Basket Swamp Ck to the cars.

### **KANGAROO POINT NURSERY CLIFFS**

Abseil Training For Beginners Sat 29 Sep  
LEADER: John Granat 3274 2777 wk.  
0409620047  
GRADE: S83S&T  
LIMIT: 8  
BRING: Morning tea, usual day walk gear  
COST: \$30  
MEET: 7.30am  
DEPART: 12.30pm  
This activity is full.

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

Daywalk Sat 29 Sep  
LEADER: Jo Thiele 0419523329  
GRADE: MDW5C  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: Day pack as page 3  
COST: \$10  
MEET: Albany Ck Centro shopping centre UBD108F16 Westpac sign  
DEPART: 7am  
CAR KMS: 80 KM return  
MAP: BFP

We drive to Mt Glorious and park at the end of Alex Rd to start the walk and head down the ridge to Annes Ck. Up to and across the plateau then down to the base of Greenes Falls, up to the lookout. Back up another longer ridge to the plateau to drop off down a ridge to Love Ck. Downstream a short way to Love Ck Falls for morning tea. We will spend some time enjoying the view. A side trip down to the bottom of the falls for those who are interested. Back upstream to start the ascent up the rock ledges through the shady palm groves to a sunny 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 stop as usual on the way home.

### **WOLF ROCK - DOUBLE ISLAND POINT KAYAK BASE CAMP**

Kayak Base Camp Sat 29 Sep -- Mon 1 Oct  
LEADER: Ken Rubie  
GRADE: MD - KYK  
LIMIT: 8  
BRING: Kayak and Base Camp Gear  
COST: See Description  
MEET: Rainbow Beach  
DEPART: 9:00am  
CAR KMS: 350 approx

MAP: Inskip Point

Wolf Rock is located approximately 1 km off the tip of Double Island Point near Rainbow Beach. Wolf Rock is a haven for migrating whales as well as dolphins and other marine life. The Wolf Rock kayak is commonly undertaken as a tourist paddle so the degree of difficulty is low. Last year in August/September whales and dolphins were surfacing near kayakers for a closer look at paddlers. Unfortunately I cannot guarantee this will happen on this trip but chances are likely to be good. The plan is to kayak to Wolf Rock on the Saturday and Sunday travelling from Brisbane on the Friday evening or early Saturday morning to meet the leader at Rainbow Beach by 9am. Camping at Rainbow Beach is likely to be at a beach front campsite with participants making their own booking following further advice from the trip leader. 2wd vehicles will be able to access the campsite location. This activity requires the use of 4wd vehicles travelling on the beach to access the launch location, approximately 15km from Rainbow Beach Township. Some seats will be available in 4wd vehicles for participants without a 4wd vehicle who wish to participate as well their will be capacity to transport a number of kayakers down to the launch point from Rainbow Beach. There is also capacity to transport a number of kayakers for participants from Brisbane provided the kayakers are able to be dropped off to a central location. For those requiring kayak transport there will be a transport contribution to and from Rainbow Beach from Brisbane as well as to and from the launch point near Double Island Point from the campsite. Once participant numbers and kayak transport requirements are known car pooling can be organised if required possible. Paddling to Wolf Rock will require a beach launch from the calm waters behind Double Island Point and paddling past the lighthouse and out to Wolf Rock. Wolf Rock is usually not exposed, even at low tide, so once we are on the water we won't be landing until we return to the launch point on the beach. We will raft up when at Wolf Rock. This is a deep water paddle with a beach entry and exit. Participants will need to bring all required kayaking equipment for this activity as well as water and lunch as the low tide is around 1.30pm each day. Should the weather turn sour we will be able to kayak in Tin Can Bay as a plan B. Vehicle Contribution Travelling from and returning to Brisbane - \$70 per person Transporting a kayak from and returning to Brisbane - \$30 per kayak Beach kayak transport -\$20 per kayak

### **BUNYA MOUNTAIN DAY WALKS**

Base camp Sat 29 Sep -- Mon 1 Oct  
LEADER: Mervyn Henderson 0404570945

GRADE: MDW-3B  
LIMIT: 8 (+5 if demand warrents)  
BRING: page 3 stuff  
COST: \$90 for accommodation + car pooling  
MEET: TBA  
DEPART: Friday afternoon  
CAR KMS: 450 km estimated

The Bunya Mountains are a lovely area with interesting walks. Its a 2.5hr drive from Brisbane. Overnight accommodation in a house (Pitta Place -3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms <http://www.bunya-mountains.com/accommodation/pitta-place>) with full facilities. BYO linen, sheets, pillowcases, towels, bathmats & tea towels, or hire linen (Single \$15- Double/Queen \$25). Share dinners for Saturday and Sunday nights. Walk one circuit each day: Barker Creek and Scenic Circuits (12 km); Westcliff and Cherry Plain Lookouts (11.4 km) and Mount Kiangarow and Cherry Plain Circuit (10.7 km). Walk through beautiful sections of rain forest and grassy balds; many lookouts to both east and west. There will be time for relaxation as each hike takes 4 to 5 hr. Also a good area for birdwatching!

#### **KANGAROO POINT NURSERY CLIFFS**

Abseil Training Sun 30 Sep  
LEADER: John Granat 3274 2777 wk.  
0409620047

GRADE: S83S&T  
LIMIT: 8  
BRING: Morning tea, usual day walk gear  
COST: \$30  
MEET: 12.30pm  
DEPART: 7:30am  
This activity is full.

#### **ENGLAND CREEK FALLS**

LEADER: Kelvin Taylor Sun 30 Sep  
0403176972

GRADE: LDW-7C  
LIMIT: 10  
COST: \$10  
MEET: Alderley  
DEPART: 6:30am  
CAR KMS: 80

England creek is to the west of Mt Glorious in D'Aguilar NP. We will cover most of the creek from its lower reaches, almost on the park boundary, up to its source near Lawton Rd. We will enter England creek from the ridge to the east via an unnamed tributary. The tributary and England Creek are typical rugged rainforest creeks full of interesting scrambling opportunities. Be aware that due to the nature of the country it is not feasible to work around England Creek Falls, requiring a more direct approach hence the 7 grading. The early descent from the ridge has some of the

worst lantana I've ever encountered but is relatively short and is justified by the later rewards of the creeks and waterfalls. Please note the L (long) grading. It is only 8 Ks in distance but takes 10 hrs to cover the difficult terrain. You will need to be known to me before nominating Total walk distance " 8 Ks Total elevation gain " 600 m Walk time " 10 hrs

#### **LOVE CREEK FALLS ABSEIL**

Abseil Day Walk Mon 1 Oct  
LEADER: Anne Kemp, Hilton Kane33712707,  
0411327704

GRADE: MABS-5C  
LIMIT: 6  
BRING: Abseil gear, waterproofing and usual day walk gear.  
COST: \$10 rope hire, \$10 equipment hire if required plus petrol.

MEET: Alderley car park

DEPART: 7am

MAP: BFP 1:30,000

This activity is full.

#### **MOUNT BELL - TRANSIT**

Daywalk Thu 4 Oct  
LEADER: Jim Lydon 04 3191 3264

GRADE: MDW - 5C  
LIMIT: 12 + Reserves  
BRING: P3 Kit : 2L Water  
COST: \$25 Car Share Suggested

MEET: Fairfield Gardens

DEPART: 6am

CAR KMS: TBA

MAP: Mount Superbus 9341-12  
Teviot 9441-43

This activity is full.

#### **BARNEY GORGE THROUGH WALK**

Through Walk Fri 5 -- Sun 7 Oct

LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031

GRADE: MTW-7D

LIMIT: 8

BRING: Usual through walk gear, pre dinner nibbles

COST: \$10.60 camp fees + Car pooling costs

MEET: TBA - leave by 5.30 if possible

DEPART: 5:30pm

CAR KMS: 210km

MAP: Mt Lindsay 1:25 000

This activity is full.

#### **MT CORDEAUX/BARE ROCK**

Day Walk Sat 6 Oct

LEADER: Deniz Clarke 0401 725 726

GRADE: MDW3B

LIMIT: 15

BRING: Page 3 Gear



COST: \$20 car contribution plus afternoon tea  
MEET: Fairfield Gardens  
DEPART: 7am  
CAR KMS: Appox 100kms  
This activity is full.

### **IRON BARK GULLY**

Training Day Sat 6 Oct  
LEADER: Dennis Fishlock 0419577360  
GRADE: MINIMAX 3B  
LIMIT: 15  
BRING: Day Pack as per Page 3/3ltr water  
MEET: Iron Bark Gully Picnic Grounds UBD  
MAP 117 F17  
DEPART: 8am Departure time  
CAR KMS: 45km From GPO  
MAP: UBD Map 117 F17  
NOMINATION LIST: 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 Minimax 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 Enviromental 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.

### **BRISBANE KOALA BUSHLANDS - ALPERTON ROAD BURBANK**

SDW Sat 6 Oct  
LEADER: Louise Lewis 0407747121  
GRADE: SDW2A  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: Morning Tea or Lunch  
COST: nil  
MEET: Visitors Centre Alperon Rd Burbank  
DEPART: 8.30 am

CAR KMS: 27 km from Brisbane CBD  
Brisbane Koala Bushlands cover approximately 800 hectares and is located within South East Queensland's strategic Koala Coast Network. It stretches from Belmont to Tingalpa Creek at Burbank. While Brisbane Koala Bushlands consist of mostly scattered eucalypts across rolling hills, there are also small pockets of rainforest and heathland. The Visitor's Centre, picnic area and walking tracks located near Alperon Road, Burbank, provide an ideal opportunity to learn more

about the Brisbane Koala Bushlands. This area is one of Brisbane's greatest bushland assets. This horse trail we are walking is 5.4 km long and is designed for use by both horse riders and walkers. It traverses a variety of habitat types including the riparian areas of Stockyard and Tingalpa Creeks, and the open forests of the adjoining ridgelines. We will walk to the end of the track and then return, making it a 11 km walk in total. It is a well marked horse trail and is not demanding walk at all - quite flat with some undulations - and just a lovely Saturday morning walk. There is a short section where we cross Leacroft Road to continue on the trail in the next area of parkland. Access to the track is available from the Alperon Road Visitor's Centre (1.3 km from the Mt Cotton Road turn-off on Alperon Road) UBD map ref 203 E16 (or -27.570488, 153.163329 in Google Maps). If you are unclear where to meet, please telephone me and I will give further directions. We should watch out for the large population of red neck wallabies that call this area home. Horse riders must give way to walkers at all times. I expect that we will have returned to the Visitor's Centre by lunchtime and can have some late morning tea or lunch there, depending on your preference.

### **WATSONS FALLS ABSEIL BASE CAMP**

Abseil Base Camp Sat 6 -- Sun 7 Oct  
LEADER: Chrissy Dott & Anne Kemp  
0411 312 241  
GRADE: ABSBC-S5B  
LIMIT: 6  
BRING: Abseil equipment, waterproofed pack, thermals and usual day walk gear. Please bring a larger pack to assist in carrying gear.  
COST: \$10 rope hire, \$10 harness and hardware hire (if required) & camp fees \$5/night & petrol \$\$  
MEET: Campground  
DEPART: 8:00am  
This activity is full.

### **MT JOYCE ESCAPE RECREATION PARK STAGE 3 SURVEY**

Survey Sun 7 Oct  
LEADER: Bernie Ryan 0432 907275/ 33255616  
[not on walk day please]  
GRADE: SURVEY  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: 3 litres water, page 3 items, compass and map  
COST: tba  
MEET: Fairfield Gardens Shopping Centre  
DEPART: 6:00am  
MAP: Mt Joyce Escape Recreation Park as



per walk description  
This activity is full.

### **NORTHBROOK CK THE SOURCE**

DAY WALK Sun 7 Oct  
LEADER: John Shields 0732646565  
GRADE: MDW5C  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: DAY PACK AS PAGE 3 WATER 2/3 LITRES  
COST: \$14 Car Contribution  
MEET: ALBANY CK CENTRO SHOPPING CENTRE Westpac Sign  
DEPART: 0700 hrs MEET AT 0645hrs  
CAR KMS: 80km Return  
MAP: Mt D'AGUILAR N P  
MEETING TIME 0645HRS:  
This activity is full.

### **SPRINGBROOK MT.**

Social Fri 12 -- Sun 14 Oct  
LEADER: Burnice Starkey 0422386080  
GRADE: Social  
LIMIT: 15  
BRING: Meal contribution, all other meals, walking gear, bed linen  
COST: \$40 per person  
MEET: At Lodge  
SPRINGBROOK RESCUE: Weed & Seed Wk/nd  
I'd like to do at least 1 more visit to Springbrook again this year to continue our volunteers work with Dr Aila Keto. I need workers and walkers, and some who are both. Hopefully some of our stronger walkers will be able to do the survey walk on the new property. Good navigation skills required as it has not been walked before. Leaders can offer to do other walks in the area as they wish on Sunday. Remember it's easy work just sitting on a soft ground digging out regrowth or cutting seeding tops off plants. 4hrs gardening and the rest of the weekend to walk, bird or just enjoy the lodge facilities. We have self-contained rooms with ensuites and balcony views. We normally have a delicious communal dinner on Sat night around the fireplace. I will need 5 people bringing Starters, 5 for Mains and 5 for Desserts. When nominating please write your dinner contribution in an email to me. Bring all other meals for the weekend. We have a well appointed kitchen with crockery, cutlery, glassware, pans and utensils. ridge, stove, microwave and electric kettle make for an easy base camp and light packing. LODGE: There are 4 rooms with double bed and couch/bed, each has a shower, toilet, fridge and tea making facilities. There is also a larger shared area with 2 double bunks, one single and one double bed also with shower and toilet. Whilst pillows and blankets are provided please bring

linen. Weeding tools are provided but bring your own gardening gloves. Please car pool and/or unload cars and park back up on road, when car park is full.

### **ILLINBAH CIRCUIT**

Sat 13 Oct  
LEADER: Glenis Bradley 0412 618607  
GRADE: LDW-3B  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: Usual day walk gear & swimmers  
COST: \$25  
MEET: Fairfield Gardens Car Park  
DEPART: 6.30am  
MAP: Lamington NP  
This 17km graded track walk starts near the Information Centre at Binna Burra in Lamington NP. We descend into the Coomera Gorge then follow the river upstream with 12 creek crossings. Unless there has been recent rain there should not be any problem with the crossings. Before coming back up the hill there will be a chance to have a swim in the beautiful Gwongoorool Pool and see the resident eel. This walk offers a mixture of vegetation. It is suitable for newer members to the club who have reasonable fitness.

### **MT WARNING (WOLLUMBIN) THE CLOUD CATCHER**

Day Walk Sun 14 Oct  
LEADER: Bernie Ryan 0432 907275/ 33255616 [not on walk day please]  
GRADE: SDW-4C  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: page 3 items, 3 litres water, camera  
COST: \$25 car contribution  
MEET: Fairfield Gardens  
DEPART: 6:30am  
CAR KMS: approx 260 kms  
MAP: Mt Warning  
This activity is full.

### **MT BARNEY LODGE**

Ladies Social Weekend Fri 19 -- Sun 21 Oct  
LEADER: Marion Crowther 0417081002  
GRADE: 4B  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: Linen, p3 gear, food, sense of fun  
COST: \$100-\$130 plus \$20 car contribution  
MEET: Mt Barney Lodge - Moringarah Homestead  
DEPART: Friday evening  
CAR KMS: 250km  
MAP: Mt Barney  
This is a social weekend away from the big-smoke, guys and kids. I have marked it as a Social Event as some of the participants will be non-BBW ladies. At this stage I have a couple of spots

left for anyone who would like to join us on this fun weekend. The plan is to head down after lunch Friday - dinner will be grab it when you can. Carpooling will be encouraged and I will help facilitate this. Saturday, for those who feel the inclination, will be a walk up to Lower Portals for lunch and hopefully a swim. If you like you can stay near the homestead and relax with a good book. Saturday afternoon/evening we'll bring out the nibbles and enjoy a drink before combining our talents for a pot-luck dinner. Full kitchen available. A game of scrabble, charades or some other silliness may follow before crashing for the night. On Sunday participants will be expected to sleep in before dragging themselves out of bed for bacon/eggs/pancakes/coffee. A quick wander up the creek at the Lodge may follow before packing up. A lunch somewhere nice (suggestions?) on the way home before our final cheerios. The final cost will depend on final numbers. I am anticipating approximately \$100-\$130 for accommodation per person for the 2 nights. A \$40 deposit will be required to secure your place. This will be non-refundable unless a replacement is found for your spot. Please contact me to arrange payment. Final payment will be required at Mt Barney - please bring cash. There are a couple of double beds available - first in basis - these will be \$10/night extra if you book one.

### **KANGAROO POINT NURSERY CLIFFS**

Abseil Training For Beginners Sat 20 Oct  
LEADER: John Granat 3274 2777 wk.  
0409620047

GRADE: S83S&T  
LIMIT: 8  
BRING: Morning tea, usual day walk gear  
COST: \$30  
MEET: 7.30am  
DEPART: 12.30pm

Please note! This is a two day course. Nominate for both Saturday and Sunday. This activity is DAY 1 of a consecutive 2 day beginner's abseil course. Members must successfully complete this day before progressing to day 2. The training will be conducted by members of BBW. Please note that you will be required to contribute \$30 (per day per person) towards the cost of the training, which includes issue of instructional handouts and use of club ropes and equipment. The day consists of learning essential rope techniques; knots etc. and use them to perform safe abseils down an 8 metre cliff face. Meet at the top southern end of Kangaroo Point cliffs 50 metres south of the rotunda stairway. Please nominate online, e-mail or phone. No list at meetings.

### **WILSONS PEAK (VIA VERANDAH)**

MDW Sat 20 Oct  
LEADER: Carleton Nothling 0409 516 652  
GRADE: 5D  
LIMIT: 8  
BRING: usual gear  
COST: \$20  
MEET: Fairfield Gardens  
DEPART: 6AM  
CAR KMS: 220 km  
FALSE: false  
FALSE: false  
This activity is full.

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### **MANORINA WALK**

Day Walk Sun 21 Oct  
LEADER: Dennis Fishlock 0419577360  
GRADE: MDW 4C  
LIMIT: 15  
BRING: Day Pack as per Page 3/3ltr water  
COST: Car Cost \$12 Per Person  
MEET: Alderley Shopping Centre Car Park  
UBD Map 139 D11

DEPART: 6:50am  
CAR KMS: 80 kms  
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park  
NOMINATION LIST: Online/Email Leader  
MEETING POINT ARRIVAL: Minium 15 Minutes  
before Departure Time

Manorina is located in the Brisbane Forest Park, in the Mt Nebo area. The walk starts on a formed track out to Mt Nebo Look Out, from here we will

go off track and continue to work our way over the ridges and gully's, we will get some good views across Samford valley in the early stages and will also see a variety of orchids depending on the time of the year when they come out in flower. Some where off the 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 light rain forest amongst the Australian Native vegetation which makes the walk quite interesting. we have 3 fire trails to come out on the aim is either the 2nd or 3rd depending on the groups pace which we will follow back onto Mt Nebo forestry road to the locked gate enter Mt Nebo road and walk back 500 metres to the car park. Once back at the cars change into some fresh cloth's and head off for afternoon tea at the Coffee Club - The Gap. **SUITABLE ALSO TO NEW MEMBERS WITH A GOOD LEVEL OF FITNESS AND WHO WANT TO GET FURTHER OFF TRACK EXPERIENCE.**

### **CONONDALE - HIGHLAND GULLY FALLS**

Day Walk Sun 21 Oct

LEADER: Jim Lydon, Glenis Bradley 04 3191 3264

GRADE: SDW - 5B

LIMIT: 20 + Reserves

BRING: P3 Kit + 2L Water

COST: \$25 Carshare Suggested

MEET: Alderley Shopping Center

DEPART: 7.00 am

CAR KMS: 300 km

MAP: Rodgers Gully 9444-34, 1:25,000  
Topographic

This activity is full.

### **FAMILY MINIMAX BELLBIRD GROVE**

MiniMax Sun 21 Oct

LEADER: Peter Lock 0419496837

GRADE: F MINIMAX

LIMIT: 15

MEET: Bellbird Grove

DEPART: 9am

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. 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. We will meet at the Bellbird Grove picnic ground. Drive across the creek, then continue to

the car park on the right. Bring a picnic or BBQ lunch to leave in the car and morning tea for your back pack. This is a family walk. Members are encouraged to bring their children and grandchildren.

### **MT GLORIOUS BASE CAMP**

Base Camp Fri 26 -- Sun 28 Oct

LEADER: JOHN SHIELDS ;  
JO THIELE 07-32646565

GRADE: BC3/5C

LIMIT: 20

BRING: base camping gear/ day walk gear

COST: \$13camp fee[2 nights]

MAP: Mt D'AGUILAR N P

MOB. PHONE: 0447824988

**PLEASE BRING FIREWOOD IF POSSIBLE** 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 walks vary from 3B to 5C . The level of walks will be decided after group discussion and we try to keep within your comfort zone. The walks are mainly in rainforest and follow footpads and can venture offtrack .. We camp in the D'Aguliar National Park and use the old Forestry Barracks and its facilities which are away from the public situated in a grassy clearing surrounded by rainforest. The emphasis is on camping although there are a few beds in the Barracks for those walkers who so desire or you could bring a camp stretcher and camp in the truck shed. Discuss with leader before the camp as to availability. Tents can be hired from BBW. This is upmarket camping with hot shower, septic toilet, well equipped kitchen [M/W;FRIDGE;STOVE; CUTLERY; CROCKERY etc] and open fire. The fire can be used for cooking but mainly we sit around it at night and socialise. Please bring firewood if you can. This is one of the very few places in QLD National Parks where an open campfire is permitted. Plenty of grassy campsites and camper trailers are welcome. The water supply is tank water so if this is a problem then bring your own drinking water. We arrive Friday afternoon/night and most are there by 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 .A short talk by the leader, introductions all round and we are off walking and planning to get back mid to late afternoon at the latest. Time to have a coffee ,clean up and ready for happy hour around the campfire. Bring nibbles and the beverage of your choice . Consumption of beer, wine etc in moderation is acceptable in keeping with BBW behaviour standards. More socialising after dinner and if required general discussion on BBW and walking in general. Remember this is your weekend so



feel free to ask questions. This is a time to try bushwalking a little more adventurous [ if you so desire ] and meet other BBW members. **HOW TO GET THERE.** Brisbane Forest Park is conveniently close to Brisbane and you head for Mt Glorious via Samford or The Gap. Pass through the village to Maiala Park to a Pine Rivers display board on the left. Travel a further 700metres and past Western Window Lookout is a closed National Park gate on the left with a BBW sign. This gate is to be kept closed at all times except when driving through. Travel 200metres through the rainforest and you arrive at the barracks. No camping is permitted on the helipad. A shorter walk is conducted on SUNDAY morning to bring us back just after lunch with tents dry and ready to pack up and leave mid afternoon. --**ONLINE BOOKINGS OR EMAIL OR PHONE LEADER.**

### **GIRRAWEE NATIONAL PARK**

Base Camp Fri 26 -- Sun 28 Oct  
LEADER: Janine Hope & Peter Hunt  
GRADE: MBC5C  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: As per page 3 in Mag.  
COST: National Park Camp Fees of \$11.00/ weekend apply & fuel cost  
MEET: Pre arranged for Friday  
MAP: Girraween National Park  
This activity is full.

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

Minimaxs Sat 27 Oct  
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza 3378 4031  
GRADE: MINIMAXS4A  
LIMIT: 15  
BRING: Usual day walk gear including the P3 items, 2 L water  
MEET: Toowong Memorial Park (car park) Sylvan rd, Toowong. UBD p159, A16  
DEPART: 7am  
MAP: Brisbane forest Park 1:30 000  
MOBILE ON DAY OF WALK ONLY: 0438 481 186

This trip is designed to introduce new members to bushwalking and to the Brisbane Bushwalkers club. We will meet at the car park of the memorial Park on Sylvan Road, Toowong and then travel 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 and there will be an opportunity to do some scrambling (Terrain 6)- alternatives do exist. Being a Minimaxs, we will be discussing safety, clothing, club protocol, minimal environmental impact, first aid, the clubs grading system etc. We expect to finish early afternoon. Bring morning tea, lunch and the "always take" items on p3 of the maga-

zine.

### **FLAXTON/UBAJEE WALK**

Day Walk Sun 28 Oct  
LEADER: Dennis Fishlock 0419577360  
GRADE: MDW3C  
LIMIT: 15  
BRING: Day Pack as per Page 3/3ltr water  
COST: Car Cost \$15 Per Person  
MEET: Aspley Hypermarket Front Car Park Under Sails  
DEPART: 6.45am  
CAR KMS: 200kms return  
MAP: Gheerulla Creek  
NOMINATION LIST: Online/Email Leader  
MEETING POINT ARRIVAL: Minium 15 Minutes before Departure Time  
This activity is full.

### **CEDAR & LOVE CREEKS FROM THE BOTTOM**

Day Walk Sun 28 Oct  
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza 3378 4031  
GRADE: MDW-6C  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: Usual day walk gear - 2 litres water  
COST: Car pooling - \$8  
MEET: Alderley Shopping centre  
DEPART: 6.30am  
MAP: Brisbane forest Park 1:30 000  
MOBILE ON DAY OF WALK ONLY: 0438 481 186  
Going up Cedar Creek from the bottom and then doing the traditional Cedar/Love circuit makes for a longer day (1.5 to 2 hours longer), but the rewards are excellent swims and a pool near the cars to clean up in at the end. Most of the day will be in shade, but there are significant height gains. This trip requires good rockhopping skills and confidence in getting up and down a number of steep rocky sections. Love Ck Falls are the highest in the Mt Glorious section of D'Aguilar National Park. If you have not walked with us before, could you email a list of walks done recently with BBW

### **IRON BARK GULLY**

Training Day Sat 3 Nov  
LEADER: Dennis Fishlock 0419577360  
GRADE: MINIMAX 3B  
LIMIT: 15  
BRING: Day Pack as per Page 3/3ltr water  
MEET: Iron Bark Gully Picnic Grounds UBD MAP 117 F17  
DEPART: 8am Arrive 15 Minutes Before Departure time  
NOMINATION LIST: 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.



## 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.

## Don't want the magazine posted?

Now that the new website has been launched, members can choose not to have their monthly copy of the club magazine posted. This is easy to do by following these steps:

- Log in to BBW website
- Go to the "My Details" section
- Click "Edit"
- Scroll down to the "Protected" subsection
- Where it says "Magazine", untick the box.
- Click "Save"
- Logout

You will receive a short email every month advising you when the new magazine has become available on the website. The email address used will be the one in the "Contact" subsection.

Colour versions of magazines are available in the "Magazine" section of the website as PDF files for downloading.

## Planning a Trip to NZ

Consider travelling with the Otago Youth Adventure Trust  
Check out their web site for details.

The Otago Youth Adventure Trust/Rotary Club  
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Peter Vollweiler (convenor)  
PO Box 15014, Waihola , 9243  
PH (03) 417 7190. email [peter.vollweiler@xtra.co.nz](mailto:peter.vollweiler@xtra.co.nz)  
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## Trip Report — The Siberian Project

August 2012 Lake Baikal with Ken, Renata, Ros, Richard, Julie, Brian.

When the opportunity to travel in Siberia came up, I was immediately interested, but it was only after a bit of research that the idea took hold and I started to plan my next big adventure. I flew Korean Air via Seoul to Irkutsk, played tourist in 8 towns, completed 2 hikes (13 & 4 day), a hydrofoil trip, and 6 days of train (the Bam) travel to Vladivostok, before flying back to Brisbane via Seoul. The main purpose of the trip was a 13 day hike along the North Eastern shore of Lake Baikal. The other team members had different itineraries, but we all met in Severobaikalsk for this walk.

A Unesco World Heritage site the lake is situated in central Siberia close to the Mongolian border in the Russian Federation. It is 4 thous. years older than the American great lakes and holds 22% of the worlds available fresh water. At 636km long x 27-80km wide with a 2100km coastline its also the 7th largest lake. It is fed by 335 main tributaries with only one draining it to the northern arctic zone. The lake freezes over during the winter when it is used as a road to replace the summer hydrofoil. I caught the hydrofoil from the south west end to the north west end, a journey of approx 12 hrs and 600km. At the start the far shore isn't visible but after about halfway the mountains started to get higher and the lake narrower and the south east mountain tops and clouds showed through the haze of late afternoon. The near shore was spectacular with deep gorges, green, green mountain sides, and incredibly rugged outcrops and spires. Behind them the peaks reach only around 2800mt but are impressive with snow patches in quite close proximity to the lake.

Ken organized the trip via his contact in Severobajkalsk, Rashit Yekhnin who provided a guide, interpreter, catamaran and boatman. This worked out very well and we all formed strong bonds with Rashit, Andrej our guide, Olga his partner, who joined us for the trip, Volodya our boatman, and Elena his stepdaughter and our interpreter. Nothing was too much trouble, and we shared many laughs and not a little confusion over just about everything.

It was planned that we would travel south along the western shore for 11 days approx 120km as the crow flies, and return by catamaran for 2 days. To avoid additional days on the catamaran we would bus (30k) to the start of our walk at Bajkalskoe village and throughwalk for 2 days through the mountains to a small resort/campground, Kotelnikovskij, established at some thermal springs further down the lake. Here we would rendezvous with the catamaran which would then carry our gear/food and we would camp by the shore ea nite after completing day walks of various lengths. We also used the catamaran to ferry us past the mouth of a few rivers, and parts of the shore where the cliffs were impassible and detours impractical.


The walking was delightful, the views spectacular, and camp always comfortable. The area is mostly wilderness, although a small number of fishing/hunting huts were encountered and the occasional summer tourists on boats. There were some tracks, but a lot of the walking was on the rocky shore or animal tracks through the forest.

We picked wild blueberries, a current & raspberry type berry, and heaps of mushrooms. A couple of us didn't fare so well with the mushrooms, they caused me quite a few anxious moments and Renata had a very bad reaction to our first meal of them. We added wild herbs to the cook pot, and the chai and scored a couple of meals of fresh lake fish from other tourist/fishermen we encountered. Our fishing results were less than impressive, Brian hooked 2 finger length piscine specimens. The water, as expected, was cold and no one really wanted to stand around in it for very long trying to catch a feed of tidlers. Of course that didn't stop the more adventuress from swimming, but all the tales of increased life span commensurate with length of immersion was not inducement for me to do more than wade, and on one hot/dirty day to sit on a rock and get just a little bit splashed. It was strange not to carry the litres of water we burden ourselves with here in Qld, and to simply dip a hand into the lake and drink deeply.

Our Russian friends don't carry water at all. Their packs are so large and heavy its probably a good thing. Russian hiking gear is very heavy duty....and large. The typical Russian man on a hiking/hunting adventure carries an enormous pack, 40K was light, if I understood correctly. Their tents are strong, tough material, designed to withstand level 5 weather and clothing is often of a camo type print. Rubber boots are an option, and well needed I might add, though that's a different trip. The cooking pots are black from the fire and large 2-6lt typically a sort of oval shape, guess it fits better in the pak. There is a large hunting knife in a pouch off the belt. The only other utensil is a soup ladle. Somewhere deep in the pack is an axe, either full size or a lethal looking tomahawk, very sharp. A cute trick is to use an old



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winter glove as an oven mit doubling as axe head cover. Pat would be pleased. And last but not least is the rifle pak. Although our group didn't carry weapons, the rightup on our map recommended never leaving home without one, and I saw several kits with a group that traveled on the hydrofoil. 

We had a cook fire every night and morning and sometimes at lunch. Because we could carry gear on the catamaran, we also erected a spit type arrangement over the fire to hang the pots. As well every night a low kitchen table and seating was created from the enormous amounts of driftwood on the shore or the blow up bolsters from the boat. Very comfortable they were too. Finally the blue floral plastic table cloth. Quite homely.

At this stage the "leave only footprints, take only photos" philosophy hasn't quite caught on, But in fairness there is no international tourism, and very little local, so public opinion is simply not established. As one Russian traveler said to me, "Lake Baikal? I'd rather go to the Carribean". And truly it would take less time to get there. The time and distance from western Russia is prohibitive in terms of this end of the lake's tourist potential. Consequently there is a considerable amount of rubbish left around the campsites, less so in the more distant areas. As well there is no embargo on tree cutting as its of no consequence at this level and pollution is a small consideration. It took us all a little while to adjust, but eventually the site of freshly cut stakes to fasten the blue tarp over the table was easily offset by the joy of a dry camp when the weather turned a bit wet towards the end. When in Rome as they say.

As it was summer in Siberia, with temperatures similar to our winter, the days were very pleasant for walking. However they were quite long, sunrise was about 6 in the morning and it didn't get dark till 10'ish. On our first day we didn't get into camp till 7.30pm.....what a shock to the system. 2nd day was not much better. After 2 days of hiking with packs (20 & 24km) ending in a long road walk it was hard to get motivated to prepare from scratch a meal for 7 and not just soak a bag of pre-dried. Mostly we headed off around 9.30 and were in camp by 5. On one of the days when we got in a bit earlier, we hiked up through the forest to a small glacier a few 100m up. This opened out into a beautiful upland meadow full of wildflowers and grasses and surrounded by a 1/2 circle of straight up rock, the stream continued off to the left where it turned into a small waterfall before ascending to the next level. Well of course it didn't ascend being water after all, and we didn't ascend either being a bit tired and looking forward to a bathe and dinner. It was probably 6pm before we headed back down.

On our walks through the forested parts we occasionally encountered bear or wolf sign and on one occasion a very nasty bear trap. Near our camp below the glacier a new home had been constructed, it consisted of a couple of single room huts, built of split posts, a banya (hot tub) some storage huts, boat etc. The men were planning to winter there. On the wall beside the front door was a wolf pelt pegged out to dry. They told us it had killed one of their dogs only the week before so they shot it. They had also had a bit of bad luck in that a bear had killed their horse, they received the equivalent of \$600 for its pelt. They offered us the use of the banya for 200py (roubles) ea approx \$8. Apparently this was considered excessively exploitive so no one partook.

I did try out the free thermal spring at Kotelnikovskij on both occasions we were there. It consisted of a small wooden hut with an open door, a hole in the floor about 1.5mt square over the pool with a bench around the edge. The pool had gravel in the bottom and was just over knee deep, it fed into an outside pool, that was very muddy, and was about 100m from the lake shore, The deal being soak in the hot water, transfer to the mud pool, and race to the lake. Repeat at leisure. Well I could barely get my feet in, the water was so hot, the ensuing sponge bath was very refreshing even so. On our second visit, after it had been snowing on the peaks and down to about 1800m, the water temperature was more bearable and after a few false starts I did a full immersion....did skip the lake bit though.

Prior to the trip I had read a blog discussing the bugs of Siberia and the ineffectiveness of various bug goo. I can now concur Bushmans, "with 20% Deet", is fairly useless in Siberia. The mosquitoes are big, however they are a bit slow so its quite easy to deal with them, but there are a lot. The midges weren't really a problem for me, I wore long pants and sleeves all the time, just in case. On my second walk we were in marshy country and the flies, about 1/4 the size of our house flies, were a major annoyance. I actually walked in a mossie net hat thingy for 2 whole days, don't know how many times I spilt my food down my front trying to feed myself through it!!

I loved every minute of my Siberian Project, I can't enthuse enough over the wonderful hospitality and generosity of the people we spent time with. It wasn't expected which made it even more special. Make use of any opportunity to hike in this part of the world, you won't regret it. But learn some Russian language before you go.....

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Thanks to all the team for the memories, and especially to Ken for organizing.

Jenny Zohn

October 2012

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# PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

*Entries are now invited for the Brisbane Bushwalkers Photographic Competition 2012*

## - CATEGORIES -

- Bushwalk** for photographs which exemplify the basic goal of the Club. Photographs should show people actively engaged in any of the outdoor activities sanctioned by the Club, for example bushwalking, scrambling, abseiling, kayaking, cycling, etc.
- Social** for photographs showing the other goal of the Club, to have fun. The focus of the shot is the person, the smile, the camaraderie. Photographs can be included from ANY Club event; social events, before/after walks, lunch on the track, etc.
- Pictorial** for photographs of any broad natural scene taken in Australia. Photographs in this category can include for example; creeks, seascapes, waterfalls, mountain vistas, rocky outcrops, clouds, etc, and should exclude evidence of man.
- Nature** for photographs depicting flora or fauna taken in Australia, excluding domestic animals. This category should also exclude evidence of man. Examples of nature photographs are birds, animals, native flowers, forest, fungi, reptiles, insects etc.
- Overseas** for photographs taken outside Australia. Photographs entered in this category should be restricted to subject matter from any of the above categories, and will be judged as a single category.
- KidsOnly** for photographs taken by children of the Family Group. Photographs entered in this category should be restricted to subject matter suitable for any of the main categories, and will be judged as a single category.

## - CONDITIONS -

- Photographs must have been taken during the 12 months since the closing date of the previous competition (since 28 Sept 2011). Photographs should have been taken on a Club walk, or on a walk which could have qualified as a Club walk. i.e. private walks are in; rock climbing, dangerous activities, etc, are out.
- Entries must be submitted as JPEG digital images, either on CD/DVD or on a USB memory stick. Entries **MUST** be named in the following format (without spaces):  
**YourName–Category–NN.jpg**  
e.g. JohnWalker–Pictorial-1.jpg      JohnWalker-Social-1.jpg  
BettyBootes-Nature-1.jpg      BettyBootes-Nature-2.jpg
- There is a limit of **10** entries per person.
- Entries attract a fee of \$1 each.
- The Grand Champion will be selected from one of the category winners.

## - CLOSING DATE -

All entries must be submitted to the Photographic Officer (Gary Curtis) on, or preferably **before** the Club meeting of Wed 26th September 2012. The CD/DVDs and USB sticks will be returned if, **and only if**, they are labeled with your name.

## - PRESENTATION NIGHT -

Club Meeting 10th October 2012 - All entries will be displayed on the night.

Please direct all queries to Gary Curtis, via email to <photographic@bbw.org.au>

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### Upcoming Rogaine Events

Bushwalkers who would like to practice or improve their navigation skills might like to try out some of the rogain events offered by the Queensland Rogaine Association for SE Qld.

- Sat 6 Oct **Geogaine** (Kenmore Hills)

#### What's a Geogaine?

The Queensland Rogaine Association invites you to join in the "Kicking 'round Kenmore" Geogaine to be held in Brisbane's western suburbs on Saturday the 6th October 2012.

- Geocache: Looking for a hidden container using a GPS.
- Rogaine: Looking for a series of controls on foot using a map and compass within a set time.

What will I need?

At least one GPS (or GPS capable smartphone) per team.

Key functionality: Check that you can manually input coordinates into the device and navigate to that waypoint. A smartphone (iPhone, Android etc.) does not have this functionality by default, but there are free apps available.

For further information and more event dates visit the QRA web site at [www.qldrogaine.asn.au](http://www.qldrogaine.asn.au)



# Notice To All Members

## NOMINATION FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2012

Nominations are called for all positions on the Management Committee for the 2012/2013 club year. Nominations must comply with Rule 19 of the club's rules, be in writing, have the consent of the member nominated and the signature of a nominator and a seconder, all of whom must be Ordinary or Honorary Life members. Nominations close at 9pm on 10 October 2012 (Open night) and must be received by the Returning Officer, David Thorpe.

In compliance with club bylaw 6, any member may nominate for several positions but can only be elected to one position. No member can be elected to a specific position for more than two consecutive years. All positions fall vacant and they are:-

President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer
Outing Secretary	Safety & Training Officer	Membership Officer	Social Coordinator
Equipment Officer	Photographic Officer	Librarian	

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012

The Annual General Meeting of Brisbane Bushwalkers Club Inc is to be held immediately after the October General Meeting on Wednesday 24th October, 2012 at Newmarket Memorial Hall, corner Enoggera Road and Ashgrove Avenue, Newmarket, where the business of the meeting will be limited to the following:-

- Receiving Annual Reports and Financial Statements;
- Receiving the Auditors Report;
- Election of Members to the Management Committee;
- Appointment of an Auditor; and
- The Setting of Fees.

Please note: Only financial Ordinary or Honorary Life members are eligible to vote at the AGM elections.

Hi All,

My year as President is nearly at an end. I intend to step up for a second term. It has been an intensely challenging year and nothing comes easy. Issues/matters/concerns/complaints are ever present.

This committee has worked really hard and I am in awe of their commitment. They are a great band of committed people who deserve thanks. Some will return for another year in 2013 and others will not.

I look forward to working with the next committee. Let us understand that this, in itself, is an issue. In a club of 700+ people, no one wants to take office. We struggle to form a committee.

I commit because I have a debt to repay. I have been nurtured and fostered by this club. My debt of gratitude is immense and I have had such an amazing experience. It is now my turn to give back in the best way I am able.

Having said all of the above let us celebrate the fact that our club is still out there, still walking strong since 1948. After all these years let us move on to the fact that this has been a year of change, a year of challenge, the new website - fantastic. Could we perhaps view new challenges in a positive light. Could we commit to supporting one another in any way we can find/adopt.

I really look forward to your support and more importantly your ideas/thoughts/criticisms, etc for 2013

Cheryl, President



# Out & About

Nothing on, folks but check out the social camps in the main programme as well as the Family Xmas Camp in December.



## For Sale

For any members who would like to sell their second-hand bushwalking equipment:-

Just email a brief description of the item to the editor's mailbox ([editor@bbw.org.au](mailto:editor@bbw.org.au)) and include a price, phone no. and/or email address. You may wish to include your suburb so that seller and purchaser can decide whether meeting up at some time other than a club meeting is viable.

Chris Hall Mt Gravatt Email: [chrishallat@hotmail.com](mailto:chrishallat@hotmail.com)

- **Boots** (Ladies) - Kathmandu Hounslow, Size Eur-41 UK-7, Tan colour, only worn once (as new condition), Price \$60.

Jenny Zohn Sunnybank Hills Email: [jenny.zohn@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.zohn@gmail.com),

- **Soloist Cookset**—billie & cup/bowl with waterproof cover. Good for thruwalk, gasbottle fits inside. used but still in good condition \$30.
- **Kathmandu Cookset**—frypan,saucepan,teapot with carrycase. Good for Basecamp. Excellent condition. \$30
- **MRS Pocket Rocket**—gas stove (no gas) in original container. In good condition \$30.

Eugene Hedemann 0419 667 850 (Stafford Heights) or will bring it to a club meeting night. email: [eugene.hedemann@gmail.com](mailto:eugene.hedemann@gmail.com)

- **Tent:** MSR Hubba v6 One Person Tent. Colour: green (ie. the new v6 model). Freestanding solo tent weighs only 1.4 kg. Used only once so it's in PERFECT condition. \$270

## NEW MEMBERS

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

Jo Barnes	Ann Barrell	Peter Bell	Antonia Bigault
Anne Bird	Katy Boagey	Jennifer Busuttil	Karen-Kylie Evans
Keith Evans	James Gupta	Glenn Hinchey	Jo Moroney
Sarah Keast	Maree Kramer	Graham Kramer	Jian Wei Lai
Simon Leigh	Davina Lovegrove	Ged Manning	Melissa McFarlan
Ian McFarlan	Tara McGee	Tracey Mulheron	Wayne Mulheron
Tegean Mulheron	Chris Nielsen	Robyn Nielsen	Deb Robinson
Glynis Schultz	Michael Schultz	Helen Stapleton	Mel Ward
Erin Zydervelt			

Congratulations to the following who have been granted Full Membership:

Kim Alexander	Michaela Beaumont	Karen Doolan	Jennifer Flinders
Til Innamorati	John Martin	Keith Shapcott	Roanna Waldron

## Magazine Collating

Magazine collating is at Cath Carkeet's, Albion, phone 3357 5607 Thu 18th Oct at 6:30pm. There is only about 1 1/2 hours work required. If you would like to help and enjoy an easy social night with dinner please phone 3371 2707 to confirm.



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***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 Registrar so that the club records can be kept up to date:  
Gary Curtis - email: [registrar@bbw.org.au](mailto:registrar@bbw.org.au)

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