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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 5th February**, is at Tom Cowlshaw's at 47 Samford Road, Alderley. Ph: 3856 4050. All members are welcome to attend.

MAGAZINE: Pre-trip descriptions are submitted via the leaders page on the web site. Any articles from members, especially post-trip reports, are welcome. The editor reserves the right to edit articles to fit available space. The preferred method for article submission is email; for other methods please discuss with editor.

Deadline for the March magazine is the Open Meeting on Wednesday 12th February.

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

COVER PHOTOGRAPH

"Beach Campsite", Cataract River (Cataract River/Basket Swamp Creek Throughwalk)
Photo: Cath Carkeet

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.

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.

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ABBREVIATIONS & GRADING

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

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

FAMILY Family — Family Group conditions; contact Leader

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 \$5.45 per person per night. (The leader will provide details.) Many NSW National Parks also charge \$7 per vehicle per day.

ALWAYS TAKE: 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

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

January

20	SNW-2A	Toohey Forest Monday night walk	Graham Olive
21	TRNG	West End Hills	Joan Davey
22	Meeting	Ken Rubie - The Central Australian Expedition of 2013	
23	SDW-1A	Manly/Wynnum Hills	Barry Culley
23	SNW-3B	Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walk	Graham Olive
23	TRNG	Thursday Kangaroo Point - Core Training	Chris Hall
24-27	MTW-6C	Cataract River/Basket Swamp Ck	David Sydes
24-27	MTW- 6C	Boonoo Boonoo River	Lou & Marion Darveniza
25	LDW-3B	Toolona Creek Circuit	Marge Henry
25	SDW - 6B	Mountford Ck - Bellthorpe National Park	Glenis Bradley
25-2	LTW-7E	Nelson Lakes New Zealand	Andrew Wedlake
26	MINIMAX4A	Bunyaville Conservation Park	Lindsay Waddel / Diana Norkaitis
27	SNW-2A	Toohey Forest Monday night walk	Graham Olive
27	MDW-7C	Summer Creek Falls	Jarrah Gard
28	TRNG	River Walk - Steve's Walk	Bernie Ryan
30	SDW-1A	Manly Hills	Barry Culley
30	SNW-3B	Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walk	Graham Olive

February

1	MINIMAX3A	Toohey Forest for New members	Nick Brooking
1	SDW-8C	Kel's Creek	Kelvin Taylor
1	LDW-3B	Toolona Creek Circuit, Lamington NP	Elaine Beller
1	SDW-4B	Bunyaville Park Day walk	Lindsay Waddel
2	MINIMAX4A	Mt Cootha New Members	Wendy Spiry
2	MDW-3B	Noosa National Park (Headland section)	Bernie Ryan
2	MDW-6D	Around Mt Bangalora	Lou & Marion Darveniza
2	MDW-7C	Moore's Creek:D'Aguiar National Park	Bob Reilly
2	SDW-4B	Mt. Arum Mines/mt. Arum	Mark Houghton
3	SNW-2A	Toohey Forest Monday night walk	Graham Olive
6	SNW-3B	Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walk	Graham Olive
8	MDW-3A	The Caves & Gwongoorool Pool Tracks	Peter Hunt
8	MINIMAX4A	Toohey Forest Park	Errol Thomas and Graham Olive
9	SDW-4B	Piper Comanche GPS Walk	Richard Kolarski
9	SDW-6C	Platypus Pool	David Sydes
9	SOCIAL	Cai Guo Qiang- Falling Back to Earth at GOMA and LUNCH	Kay Byrne
10	SNW-2A	Toohey Forest Monday night walk	Graham Olive
12	Meeting	Short story and short film making on throughwalks - Greg Kuss	
13	SNW-3B	Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walk	Graham Olive
14-16	TBA	Mt Glorious Base Camp	Kurt Wagner
15	LDW-3B	Coomera Circuit - Binna Burra	Elaine Beller
15	SDW-5B	South Kobble Ck, the source	Kelvin Taylor
16	XDW-3C	Mount Merino	Karen Ryan
16	LDW-6D	Middle and South Kobbles	Kelvin Taylor
17	SNW-2A	Toohey Forest Monday night walk	Graham Olive
19	MDW-5C	Mt Barney Waterfall	Lou & Marion Darveniza
20	SNW-3B	Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walk	Graham Olive
22	MiniMaxS-3B	Mt Cootha New Members	Elaine Beller
22-23	LTW-7D	Black Canyon via The Lost World	Paul Sharwood
22-23	MTW-6C	Pyramid Rock-Lamington NP	Glenis Bradley, Rod Smith
23	LDW-4B	Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk - Springbrook Section	Bernie Ryan
23	MDW-7C	"Cedar Tree" Creek and Love Ck Circuit	Lou & Marion Darveniza
24	SNW-2A	Toohey Forest Monday night walk	Graham Olive
26	Meeting	-	

27	SNW-3B	Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walk	Graham Olive
28-1	LDW-5D	Lamington Falls Source	Chris Hall
March			
1	MINIMAX4B	Mt Cootha New Members	Barry Culley
2	SDW-7C	Northbrook Creek from Gorge to Source	Lou & Marion Darveniza
2	LDW-6D	Kipper Creek	Kelvin Taylor
2	SDW-4B	Westray's Grave	Kay Byrne
8	MINIMAXS3B	Minimax - Mt Gravatt for New members	Chris Hall
8	LDW-3B	Araucaria Lookout, Lamington NP	Elaine Beller
8	SABS-5B	Watson's Falls Abseil	Chrissy Dott
9	LDW-3B	Ewen Maddock Dam	Bernie Ryan
9	MDW-7C	Summer Creek Falls	Lou & Marion Darveniza
12	Meeting	Wil Buch - Senior Ranger, Lamington and Binna Burra NP	
14-16	MBC4A S&T	Navigation and Leader Training Base Camp Mt Glorious Barracks	Marge Henry
15	LDW-3B	Coomera Circuit - Binna Burra	Anna-Lena Moore
19	MDW-6C	Byron Gorge & Stevens Ck	Lou & Marion Darveniza
21-23	MTW-6C	Basket Swamp Ck/Cataract River	Lou & Marion Darveniza
22	MINIMAXS3B	Minimax - Mt Gravatt for New members	Chris Hall
23	LDW-3C	Sunshine Coast Hinterland Great Walk Stage 2 - Flaxton to Gheerulla Circuit	Bernie Ryan
28-30	MTW-4C	Double Island Point, Cooloola and Rainbow Beach	Greg Kuss

April

5	MINIMAXS4A	Mt Coot-tha for New members	Lou & Marion Darveniza
6	XDW-3C	Sunshine Coast Hinterland Great Walk Stage 3 - Gheerulla Circuit	Bernie Ryan
12-26	MTW-7D	Blue Mountains/Gardens of Stone NP	Annette Miller
13	SURVEY	Mount Goolman SURVEY	Bernie Ryan
17-22	XLTW-5C	Overland Track Tasmania	Barry Culley
18-21	MTW-4C	Conondale Great Walk	Burgi Wagner
24-27	MTW-6D	Teviot Gap to Spicers Gap	David Sydes
24-27	MTW-6D	Spicers Gap to Teviot Gap	Jarrah Gard
25-28	MTW-4C	Moreton Island Southern Tip	Greg Kuss



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES



A reminder to all **Full Members** that annual membership fees are due by **31st January 2014**.

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



PAY ONLINE

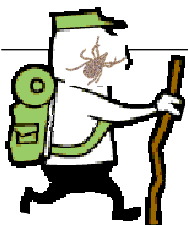


Avoid the long queues at the Club meetings and pay your annual membership fees online.
Bank details are:

Account Name:	Brisbane Bushwalkers Club Inc
BSB:	124 021
Account:	1041 4419
Reference:	your name

And email: treasurer@bbw.org.au to advise payment has been made.

Note: As of the 2013 AGM, club membership cards are no longer issued. A plain card (no member name or date) will be available for those who want it to get discounts etc.



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

TOOHEY FOREST MONDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Mon 20 Jan
LEADER: Graham Olive 0455539999
GRADE: SNW-2A
LIMIT: 10+
BRING: Page 3 items Torch, water.
MEET: Car park behind McDONALDS Salisbury. Cnr Toohey Rd, Orange Grove Rd & Evans Rd

DEPART: 6:30pm
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 a Twany Frogmouth. No need to book for these walks so members wanting to attend need to arrive at the start point in sufficient time to register their name for the walk commencing at 6.30 PM sharp. These activities don't count toward full membership.

WEST END HILLS

Training - Night Walk Tue 21 Jan
LEADER: Joan Davey 0415 139 646
GRADE: TRNG
LIMIT: 10
BRING: water, money for coffee. Some walkers have dinner at the Ship Inn after they give us 20% discount.
MEET: Ship Inn Southbank
DEPART: 6pm

We will walk around West End/Highgate Hill up & down some of the hills for about 1-1/2 hours for a some fitness training. Anyone training for that big walk very welcome. We will have a coffee/drink after at The Ship Inn after the walk. You do need to have reasonable fitness for this walk as we do walk at a fairly brisk pace and we do find as many hills as we can. This is not a social walk it is a training walk, there is no stopping for the 1-1/2 hours you do need to be able to push yourself that little extra. We leave at 6pm sharp so please give yourself plenty of time for traffic & parking.

MANLY HILLS

Training Thu 23 Jan
LEADER: Barry Culley 0415 320 029
GRADE: SDW-1A

LIMIT: 15
BRING: usual gear
MEET: Manly Swimming Pool entrance
DEPART: 5:30pm

This is a mid week training walk along the Manly hills for those members who live in the bayside area. We will zig zag the hills along the esplanade for about an hour or so and have coffee afterward.

MT COOT-THA THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Thu 23 Jan
LEADER: Graham Olive 0455539999
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 angle parking car park just after the roundabout 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.

THURSDAY KANGAROO POINT - CORE TRAINING

Training Thu 23 Jan
LEADER: Chris Hall 0498 051 811
GRADE: TRNG
BRING: Exercise gear, joggers
MEET: Adjacent to 'Cliffs' Cafe, S end of

clifftops
DEPART: 6pm
This is an interval training session with a variety of exercises for those wishing to improve their general fitness. Core and strength fitness is essential for us to be comfortable in carrying packs and negotiating some of our tougher walks enjoyably.

CATARACT RIVER/BASKET SWAMP CK

Through Walk Fri 24 -- Mon 27 Jan
LEADER: David Sydes 0419 871 100
This activity is full.

BOONOO BOONOO RIVER

Through Walk -survey Fri 24 -- Mon 27 Jan
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
This activity is full.

TOOLONA CREEK CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sat 25 Jan
LEADER: Marge Henry 0413 337 530
This activity is full.

MOUNTFORD CK - BELLTHORPE NP

Daywalk Sat 25 Jan
LEADER: Glenis Bradley 0412 618 607
This activity is full.

BUNYAVILLE CONSERVATION PARK

Minimaxs Sun 26 Jan
LEADER: Lindsay Waddel / Diana Norkaitis0433 881 899
GRADE: MINIMAX4A
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Page 3 Items
MEET: Alderley
DEPART: 7.30 am

This walk is designed to introduce new members to bush walking and to the Brisbane Bushwalkers Club. The walk is about 7 kms with some ups and downs and a moderate off track section of 750m this is what gives the walk a 4A grade. We will be discussing safety, clothing, club protocol, minimal impact, first aid and the grading system. Bring morning tea and we can have lunch at the picnic area if you would like. We will be finished around lunch time.

TOOHEY FOREST MONDAY NIGHT WALK


Night Walk Mon 27 Jan
See walk description for Mon 20 Jan.

SUMMER CREEK FALLS

Day Walk Mon 27 Jan
LEADER: Jarrah Gard 0422 371 188
GRADE: MDW-7C
LIMIT: 8
BRING: Usual day walk gear, 3L water, water-

proofed packs
COST: \$25 petrol
MEET: Alderley
DEPART: 6am
CAR KMS: 250km
MAP: Mt Langley, Borumba Dam 1:25 000
*** Australia Day Public Holiday *** Summer Creek is in the Conondales and offers beautiful pools for swimming, moderate rockhopping up the creek, a spectacular gorge to swim through & a two part waterfall to climb. We drop down a grassy slope into the creek, then it is fairly easy rock hopping until lunch time and some superb pools for swimming. Packs have to be water-proofed for the next section which involves swimming through a canyon, clambering over some large boulders and another swim to the base of the waterfall. The climb up the two sections of the waterfall requires competence climbing up steep rock, care, plus the ability to cope with exposure. Once up the waterfall, we start back on part of the Great walk, before picking up a faint track back to the road and the cars.

RIVER WALK - STEVE'S WALK

Training Walk Tue 28 Jan
LEADER: Bernie Ryan 0432 907 275
GRADE: TRNG 
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Water Money for Coffee . Backpack if wanting weight to carry. Some walkers also have dinner at the ship inn and they give us a 20% discount
MEET: Ship Inn Southbank
DEPART: 6pm

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 a few bridges and head along the river walk ways doing mostly flat but reasonable paced walking. We might do a few stairs at Kangaroo Point but this is optional. We will walk for approx 1.30 hrs. We will keep together and whilst there are often lots of people using the areas, 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, this one might help, especially if you carry a weighted pack. I'm not super fit at the moment so we will pace it so we keep together as I will not want to spread out the group. If you have any questions feel free to call or email. We will have a coffee or drink afterwards at the Ship Inn. There is usually plenty of parking on the streets but factor in heavy traffic and peak hour times.

MANLY HILLS

Training Thu 30 Jan
See walk description for Thu 23 Jan.

MT COOT-THA THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Thu 30 Jan
See walk description for Thu 23 Jan.

TOOHEY FOREST FOR NEW MEMBERS

Minimaxs Sat 1 Feb
LEADER: Nick Brooking 04 1972 4296
GRADE: MINIMAX3B
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Usual day walk gear including the P3 items,
COST: \$2 petrol contribution
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 7:30am

This trip is designed to introduce new members to bushwalking and to the club. We will meet at Fairfield Gardens as we do for many of our walks - details are on the website. There might be other walks on the day, so don't wander off with another group. We'll arrange the car pooling as usual. The walk starts and finishes at the Toohey picnic area on Toohey Road. We follow established bitumen and dirt tracks to Griffith University, down through the southern part of the park, over Toohey Road and up to Pegg's Lookout where we'll have lunch. Then back along the track system to the cars and back to Fairfield. It's a little over 10km hence the Medium length rating and there are a few hills, but you don't get much easier than this. There a little bit of off track to give you a taste and I will show you some (optional) higher grade examples. Being a Minimax, we will be discussing safety, clothing, club protocol, minimal environmental impact, first aid, the club's grading system etc. We expect to be back at Fairfield early afternoon. Bring your morning tea, lunch and the "always take" items on p3 of the magazine. Should it rain, we'll still do the walk.

KEL'S CREEK

Day walk Sat 1 Feb
LEADER: Kelvin Taylor 0403 176 972
GRADE: SDW-8C
LIMIT: 8
COST: \$15 petrol
MEET: Alderley
DEPART: 7am

Kel's Creek is one of the many tributaries leading into the lower section of England Creek Right Branch at Mt Glorious. We will walk down a forestry road to the bottom of England creek then follow the creek up for a while. A nice open meandering creek at this lower level. Take a few turn offs til we get to Kel's Creek. The main point of interest here is the steepness. Gaining a few hundred metres in a short distance via a series of cascades and waterfalls. Note the 8 grading. This will bring us out almost back at the cars. A short day of around

5 hours. You will need a suitable BBW history.

TOOLONA CREEK CIRCUIT, LAMINGTON NP

Day Walk Sat 1 Feb
LEADER: Elaine Beller 0450 614 300
This activity is full.

BUNYAVILLE PARK DAY WALK

Day Walk Sat 1 Feb
LEADER: Lindsay Waddel 0433 881 899
GRADE: SDW-4B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Page 3 Items, Gaiters and Gloves
MEET: Alderley
DEPART: 7.30 am
CAR KMS: 12 Km's return

Walk Distance Approx 8 km Walk Time Approx 4 hours Total Elevation Gain for the walk Approx 500m This walk is a good off track walk. We start at the main parking area and walk off track all the way to the other end off the park about 4km's. It is all up and down no flat sections. On the way back we will have morning tea at an intersection of 4 tracks then walk up a steep track and go off track down to a natural Dam have a swim then off track back to the cars If you have not done any off track please email me or phone to talk about it.

MT COOTHA NEW MEMBERS

Minimaxs Sun 2 Feb
LEADER: Wendy Spiry 0409 055 000
GRADE: MINIMAX4A
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Morning Tea and "always take" on P3
MEET: Slaughter Falls Car Park - Picnic Shelter
DEPART: 7.00am

When you enter Slaughter Falls Car Park drive in as far as you can and you'll see the picnic shelter. This walk is designed to introduce new members to bushwalking and to the Brisbane Bushwalking Club in particular. Mt Cootha has plenty of tracks, both formed and unformed, as well as beautiful creeks. We'll do a variety of terrain from Terrain 2 to Terrain 4. We'll be discussing safety, clothing, club protocol, minimal impact, first aid, and the grading system. I'd expect to finish just before midday. Please nominate online, otherwise you can email me or call me.

NOOSA NATIONAL PARK (HEADLAND SECTION)

Day Walk Sun 2 Feb
LEADER: Bernie Ryan 0432 907 275
This activity is full.

AROUND MT BANGALORA

Day Walk Sun 2 Feb

LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
This activity is full.

MOORE'S CREEK:D'AGUILAR NATIONAL PARK

Day Walk Sun 2 Feb
LEADER: Bob Reilly 0408 985 852
This activity is full.

TOOHEY FOREST MONDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Mon 3 Feb
See walk description for Mon 20 Jan.

MT COOT-THA THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Thu 6 Feb
See walk description for Thu 23 Jan.

THE CAVES & GWONGOOROOL POOL TRACKS

MDW-3A Sat 8 Feb
LEADER: Peter Hunt 0431 652 083
GRADE: MDW-3A
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Usual day walk gear (p3 of mag) & swimmers
COST: \$20 car contribution
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 7.30am

MAP: Lamington National Park
DEPART TIME IS 7.30AM. These walks are in the Binna Burra section of the Lamington National Park and are suitable for newer members who are ok with some up and down. We will walk up to the Caves first which winds through open forest and rainforest and provides excellent views of the Coomera Valley. We will return on the same track to avoid having to walk back via the road. Then we follow the Gwongoorool Track off the Illinbah Circuit through open forest and rainforest to Gwongoorool Pool on the Coomera River which will be a nice spot for lunch & possibly a swim. The river is an important habitat for the hylid tree frog, freshwater crays and eastern water dragon. The return is via the same track up to the cars. It is a short drive to the cafe at Binna Burra for coffee.

TOOHEY FOREST PARK

Minimaxs Sat 8 Feb
LEADER: Errol Thomas and Graham Olive 0458 940 621
GRADE: MINIMAX4A
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Page 3 Items
MEET: Carpark beside McDonalds Sailsbury.
DEPART: 7.30 am

This walk is designed to introduce new members to bush walking and to the Brisbane Bush Walkers

Club. The walk is about 7 kms, with some ups and downs and a moderate off track section in a dry creek bed. This is what gives the walk a 4A grade. We will be discussing safety, clothing, club protocol, minimal impact, first aid and the grading system. Bring morning tea and lunch can be at a picnic area if you would like, or a sugar and fat hit, at McDonalds. We should be finished around lunch time.

PIPER COMANCHE GPS WALK

Day Walk Sun 9 Feb
LEADER: Richard Kolarski 0422429717
This activity is full.

PLATYPUS POOL

Day Walk Sun 9 Feb
LEADER: David Sydes 0419 871 100
This activity is full.

TOOHEY FOREST MONDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Mon 10 Feb
See walk description for Mon 20 Jan.

MT COOT-THA THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Thu 13 Feb
See walk description for Thu 23 Jan.

MT GLORIOUS BASE CAMP

Base camp Fri 14 -- Sun 16 Feb
LEADER: Kurt Wagner 0413 272 085
This activity is full.

COOMERA CIRCUIT - BINNA BURRA

Day Walk Sat 15 Feb
LEADER: Elaine Beller 0450 614 300
This activity is full.

SOUTH KOBBLE CK, THE SOURCE

Day walk Sat 15 Feb
LEADER: Kelvin Taylor 0403 176 972
GRADE: SDW-5B
LIMIT: 12
COST: \$10 petrol
MEET: Alderley
DEPART: 7am

Kobble Creek is in the Mt Glorious region just west of Brisbane. It is a typical rainforest creek. Worn deep into the surrounding country. Rising around 600 metres in total. It is the source of numerous walks ranging from easy to quite demanding. This walk is probably the easiest. We will walk down a steep grassy ridge to access the creek, then proceed up via a series of rocky cascades to the top. We are only doing the top third of the creek so average fitness will be ok. It's a grade 5 so you will need to be a little physical about it. Pulling yourself up various rocky sec-

tions, but no exposure or serious scrambling. I don't consider off track walks to be suitable for a first walk, but newbies with at least one other BBW day walk are welcome.

MOUNT MERINO

Extra long day walk Sun 16 Feb
LEADER: Karen Ryan 0419 733856
This activity is full.

MIDDLE AND SOUTH KOBBLER

Day walk Sun 16 Feb
LEADER: Kelvin Taylor 0403 176 972
GRADE: LDW-6D
LIMIT: 10
COST: \$10 petrol
MEET: Alderley
DEPART: 7am

The ridges around Middle Kobbler have some of the best walking in this area. Open and grassy with views of the surrounding ridges. We will walk down a ridge on the northern side of Middle Kobbler to the bottom. Cross the creek and up the other side. A long ridge up of some 300+ metres elevation gain. No hurry on this bit. Another nice grassy ridge down into South Kobbler and up the creek back to the cars. A demanding walk requiring good fitness. Distance 17 k's Up 900 metres

TOOHEY FOREST MONDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Mon 17 Feb
See walk description for Mon 20 Jan.

MT BARNEY WATERFALL

Day walk Wed 19 Feb
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza 0438 481 186
This activity is full.

MT COOT-THA THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Thu 20 Feb
See walk description for Thu 23 Jan.

MT COOTHA NEW MEMBERS

MiniMaxS Sat 22 Feb
LEADER: Elaine Beller 0450 614 300
GRADE: MiniMaxS-3B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: pg 3 usual DW gear, morning tea, lunch, and a cup
MEET: Gap Creek Reserve picnic area, UBD map 157 H15
DEPART: 7am

This will be a MiniMaxS (minimum impact, maximum safety) walk for new club members. It will be a fairly short walk, mostly at grades 2 and 3, with discussions along the way on safety, clothing, first aid and walk etiquette. We will show you some of the off-track grading types of terrain (grades 4 and

5), and you can try them out if you like (easier options available). Coffee afterwards will be back at the reserve. We will bring stove, tea, coffee, sugar, milk and some sweet treats. Please bring a cup.

BLACK CANYON VIA THE LOST WORLD

Circuit overnight walk Sat 22 -- Sun 23 Feb
LEADER: Paul Sharwood 0422 944 903
GRADE: LTW-7D
LIMIT: 8
BRING: Lightweight Overnight Gear
COST: \$5.60 + Shared Transport
MEET: Green Mt
DEPART: 6am - Lamington NP, Green Mt
CAR KMS: 220km
MAP: Tyalgum Hillview Lamington
EARLY START: Note: early start from Green Mt

This is a walk for people who enjoy walking hard. We will camp at Green Mt Friday night for an early 6am start (to avoid the heat); although you can drive out that morning if you really must. We will head out along the Morans Falls track to Castle Crag for our first views, back track 100m and descend off the northern side traversing an exposed steep grassy slope to gain access to the ridge. Down the ridge, across the Albert River valley and a torturous ascent to the Lost World razorback (Harder than it sounds). We will then climb the razorback and set up camp on the Lost World Plateau on the edge of the escarpment at the top of a waterfall. The following day will find us walking the length of the Lost World plateau and down the eastern razorback to the saddle between Mt Worendo. From here we will drop down into the north branch of the Albert river. Black Canyon will be accessed by rock hopping upstream through red rock cutting and leaving our packs at the base of shooting Creek. Black Canyon is a box canyon which has arguably the prettiest and remotest waterfall system in the Lamington NP. Thunder falls and Lightning Falls plunge into an icy cold pool which we will swim and view the "Rock of Hidden Faces". We will return to our packs and gain access to the Lamington plateau by ascending shooting creek past Silver falls and a steep climb to join the Albert River circuit and an 8km graded trail back to the cars. This walk is quite long and strenuous. We will be walking at speed both up and down steep untracked dry sclerophyll forest as well as through untracked sub-tropical rainforest. There will also be 3km of rock hopping up and back on the Albert River. Water can be retrieved from the Albert river and at camp. There are some short sections of scrambling on loose gravelly rock involved (descending Castle Crag, ascending Lost world and Shooting Creek) with very limited handholds. We will get to

camp reasonable early on the first day which will allow for some exploration of the lost world. If you find yourself getting excited as you read this....then don't delay, sign up now. This hike is a combination of two previous hikes I have completed and can be viewed at <http://en.wikiloc.com/wikiloc/view.do?id=5266933> <http://en.wikiloc.com/wikiloc/view.do?id=3791408>

PYRAMID ROCK-LAMINGTON NP

Thru Walk Sat 22 -- Sun 23 Feb
LEADER: Glenis Bradley, Rod Smith 0412 618 607
GRADE: MTW-6C
LIMIT: 6
BRING: Page 3 & Camping Gear
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 630am
MAP: Beechmont 9541-42

This two day through walk in the Lamington National Park begins near the Binna Burra lower car park, at the Illinbah trail head. After descending via graded track towards Gwongoorool Pool, we cross the Coomera river and follow the disused Fountain Falls graded track towards Wangerriburra Lookout for a while, before going off track and ascending steeply to the crest of Darlington Range, arriving at the top near to where it joins Pyramid Range. From here, we make our way out along the top of Pyramid Range to Pyramid Rock, its very fine views, waterfall and Lunch. After lunch we return back along the range, and-after a very long day-camp beside the head waters of Pyramid Creek, whose source nestles in between the junction of Darlington and Pyramid Ranges. Next day, we follow the old graded track south along the side of Darlington Range, descending gradually to the East Canungra and Fountain Falls for a well earned swim. We return over Darlington Range to the Coomera and Gwongoorool, and finally ascend to Binna Burra car park completing a total elevation gain of 550 metres for the day. Concluding two longish days where enjoyment has been hard earned.

GOLD COAST HINTERLAND GREAT WALK - SPRINGBROOK SECTION

Day Walk Sun 23 Feb
LEADER: Bernie Ryan 0432 907275
This activity is full.

"CEDAR TREE" CREEK AND LOVE CK CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 23 Feb
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
This activity is full.

TOOHEY FOREST MONDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Mon 24 Feb
LEADER: Graham Olive 0455539999
See walk description for Mon 20 Jan.

MT COOT-THA THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Thu 27 Feb
See walk description for Thu 23 Jan.

LAMINGTON FALLS SOURCE

Survey Fri 28 Feb -- Sat 1 Mar
LEADER: Chris Hall 0498 051 811
GRADE: LDW-5D
LIMIT: 6
BRING: P3, scunge gloves, gaiters/long trousers, min 3 litres water
COST: Car pool between selves \$20/\$25@
MEET: Camp the Fri night at Stinson Memorial Park
DEPART: 5:30AM
CAR KMS: 220 kms
MAP: Lamington

This walk was attempted last year by a larger group, so preference will be given to those members. The aim is to reach the top of Lamington Falls, an outstanding feature of Waterfall Creek and a major tributary of Christmas Creek. The high Waterfall Creek catchment above the falls is among the most secluded in Lamington. The walk will commence at the top of Gap Creek Road, above Stinson Memorial Park, and follows the old Stretcher Track about half way to Point Lookout, before descending to the Falls. There is promise of many tree falls, scunge and possible dead ends. This is for fit experienced members, very comfortable with this rating - climate and environment conditions tend to make this higher.

MT COOTHA NEW MEMBERS

Minimaxs Sat 1 Mar
LEADER: Barry Culley 0415 320 029
GRADE: MINIMAX4B
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Morning Tea and "always take" on P3
MEET: Slaughter Falls Car Park - Picnic Shelter
DEPART: 7.00am

When you enter Slaughter Falls Car Park drive in as far as you can and you'll see the picnic shelter. This walk is designed to introduce new members to bushwalking and to the Brisbane Bushwalking Club in particular. Mt Cootha has plenty of tracks, both formed and unformed, as well as beautiful creeks. We'll do a variety of terrain from Terrain 2 to Terrain 4. We'll be discussing safety, clothing, club protocol, minimal impact, first aid, and the grading system. I'd expect to finish just before midday. Please nominate online, otherwise you can email me or call me.



SIMPSON 2013

Part 1 of Julie Dale's notes about last year's BBW trip

29 July - 11 August 2013, Simpson Desert

11 members of Brisbane Bushwalkers Club headed south out of Alice Springs in 4 packed-up vehicles on this, the first day of our two week trek across the Simpson Desert. This was Part 3 of Ken Rubie's 2013 Central Australia experience, and for me my first desert adventure. 'Big Red' and Birdsville were the full-stop at the end of our drive through the desert. From there we travelled on through the barren Channel Country, visited three boundary corners of Queensland, isolated outback pubs, and watched Tom eat a 1kg Dinosaurus T-bone steak.

Monday 29th July - Alice Springs to Chambers Pillar

"Ladies to the left, Gents to the right" said Ken, at our roadside morning tea stop on the Old Ghan Railway Road. Marie returns with a strange photo to share - it's a toilet seat perched on a makeshift frame. Later, further along our desert route, civilization showed itself in the form of discarded beer cans and a gawdy, plastic XXXX banner. I squinted, eyebrows furrowed, at an object reminiscent of a discarded R2D2, which turned out to be a battered microwave atop an old payphone. Are they the Finke Rally's version of pit stops perhaps?

The Old Ghan Railway Road, a badly corrugated, red sand track runs parallel to the narrow, undulating Finke Rally Track, which each June becomes the highway for the Finke Desert Race. This annual multi-terrain two-day race for bikes, cars, buggies and quads is not for the faint-hearted, the event "... has the reputation of being one of the most difficult off-road courses in one of the most remote places in the world." according to its official website. "People die on it," said Tom. We tried it ourselves for a while in an attempt to relieve the judder of the Old Ghan, but it was like surfing on incessant ocean swells, and the going was even slower than the Ghan.



The 2-way crackles into life "Wild Camels" said Rose who's following our lead car. "Where?" "Ahead, 10 o'clock." A small herd observed our approach for a while then nonchalantly turned inland.

As we neared our destination, Graham and John gathered dead wood for a camp fire, and we're in good time to set-up camp and prepare for sunset viewing of the Pillar.

340 million years ago the sandstone pillar known now as Chambers Pillar formed the edge of a vast inland sea. Today it stands like a huge nipple 50 metres above the surrounding landscape alongside Castle Rock - the only two remaining formations of that time. "The pillar's hard cap developed during a period of deep weathering between 80 and 20 million years ago. Most of Central Australia was a vast flat plain at the time but the land surface was higher than it is today. Also, the climate was different, with pronounced wet and dry seasons." (Chambers Pillar information board)

As the sun sets around the scene the pillar's iron oxide top glows like a red-head as the horizon beyond fades through pink and blue to orange, and night. But the show's not over yet; back at camp the fire's forked flames dance warmth through the cool air and, above, the milky-way begins its nightly show. The familiar outline of the Southern Cross and its false sister are comforting presences. Orion's belt is easy to find and seeing it reminds me to ask again how I can find north with this constellation.



Chambers Pillar



Meals this evening ranged from marinated steak with mixed salad served on dinner plates, and accompanied with red wine (in silver goblets) to a dehydrated lamb and vegies meal eaten out of the packet with a plastic fork. Ah! The joys of camping.



Tuesday 30th July - Destination Dalhousie Springs via Old Ghan Railway Road to Finke, Lambert Centre of Australia and Mt Dare

Our original plan for today had ambitiously aimed to reach Dalhousie Springs but several hours later we were still negotiating the badly corrugated Old Ghan Railway Road and the ride towards Finke was rough and slow. Consequently, the decision was made to camp en-route before nightfall, and the Finke Rally's 'Mt Squire's check point' provided a flat and secure campsite.

"Your bull-bar's hanging low John. Looks like it's loosened," said Ken. And, for the next several hours John tinkered with the cumbersome steel bar to secure it as best he could. Weary-eyed he joined us later around the blazing fire where damper was cooking in the hot coals. "How'd you go John?" "Yeh, I think she'll hold."

Part 2 next month...

Bush Damper (c/o Ken Rubie)

3 cups self-raising flour

3 tspns baking powder

(sultanas, herbs, dates, cheese etc can be added as wished)

Water or milk to mix to a sticky dough

Mix to a sticky dough, knead briefly on a lightly floured surface

Stretch out to a flat circle, approx. 2cm deep (give or take)

Double-wrap in foil

Place in coals

Wait patiently

Enjoy! With butter and golden syrup



Beryl builds a fire for the night

Why is the Australian outback Red?

The landscape is a rich, rusty red from millennia of hematite (iron oxide) formed by sustained weathering. Much of the red colour originated prior to the last 3 millennia (when the climate was wetter). The red sand dunes are younger, less than 1 millennia. The red colour commonly extends to depths of more than 50m. However, the sand dunes are composed of white quartz grains with a thin coating of hematitic clay. The pattern of dune fields (desert) mirrors the anti-clockwise pattern of the dominant winds in Australia.

Shaping a Nation, A Geology of Australia (GeoScience Australia).

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. If the duration looks daunting, don't fret - you don't have to participate for the full event. Just do as much as you want and get some navigation practice at a comfortable pace.

- 15-February 8hr Upside Down Rogaine SEQ - Plunkett
- 1-March Mini Rogue Adventuregain SEQ - Mt Crosby
- 29-March Training Day SEQ - Springfield
- 29-March 3/6hr Rogaine SEQ - Springfield

For further information and more event dates visit the QRA web site at www.qldrogaine.asn.au

Pat's Bushwalking Tips



This month I would like to offer some tips on Bushwalkers Fashion. Every time I see a group of bushwalkers on national TV after being rescued I cringe with fashion-sense embarrassment. A sea of khaki. Khaki shirts and pants don't give bushwalking that modern, fun look that the colourful Lycra outfits of other activities can project - especially when being rescued.

Let's start with a re-cap of two tips from October 2009:-

- If you don't want your backside to be the subject of discussion and comment on a walk, wear dark-coloured shorts which hide the mud. This is especially applicable when negotiating muddy, slippery slopes (such as feature on Lizard Point or the Stinson Wreck).
- The converse of the above tip is that if you DO want your backside to be the subject of discussion and comment on a walk, wear white or light-coloured shorts.

My observations are that white-coloured shorts have completely disappeared from the BBW wardrobe, suggesting that BBW walkers are sensible - if not a bit on the modest side.

Hats: Be honest with yourselves - there's nothing more daggy than the Terry Towelling hat. What was once the height of fashion at the 1950s Youth Group Camp just doesn't cut it in these days of instant Facebook stardom.

For the ladies: how about a Visor hat as worn by female tennis players. Certainly no good for keeping the ticks out of your hair but very stylish and available in a range of great fashion colours.

For the blokes: nothing says "rugged bushwalking fashion" more than a tan-coloured, wide-brimmed, leather Aussie drover's hat. The stiff brim also makes the hat useable as a Frisbee so one can be amused knocking small birds out of trees during those lunch-breaks that drag on too long.

Safety helmets: An essential item on every abseiling event. Just don't wear your 1970s Devo or Village People T-shirts at the same time. Other people just won't believe it was coincidental.

Shirts & tops: Forget khaki. Every year at the BBW Photographic Competition, a judge tells us that red clothing on people is what makes for a good photo. And after the 2013 BBW Christmas Dinner, I am informed that THE colour for 2014 is not just Red, but Slut-Red.

After the walk: In general, the Après-Walk attire changed into for that oh-so-important Coffee Shop appearance is quite acceptable. One thing that lets you down, however, is the blood running down your legs from those fresh leech bites. Perhaps your outfits could include thick, non-white Over The Knee socks.

D'Aguilar Drama - Team Effort Saves The Day

This story is both a caution and an inspiration. When we head out into the bush things can go wrong. In adversity people rise to the occasion. In October I signed up for a relatively short and easy 4B walk up Mt D'Aguilar. It was led by Kelvin, an experienced BBW leader, in the south section of D'Aguilar National Park.

It was a bright day. We headed off from Alderley. There were ten of us. Most had been in the club for less than a year, four were probationers. Kelvin led us along an established track from Tenison Woods. This was a sociable group, we were chatting away as we headed into the forest.

After about 2 km, the track ended and we rested at a large log. Kelvin took us along a faint track. The going was tougher. Wait-a-while grabbed at us. Vines impeded our path. We were in rain forest, the ground damp, mossy and slippery. A couple of us stumbled and fell. We got up with encouragement and humour.

Then about 1 km in Mary stumbled, fell and cried out. She had hurt her left ankle. We gathered round to give First Aid. Mary was calm and apologetic. It hurt when she put weight on it, but not when we touched her ankle. We thought it was a sprain, but it could be worse. We tossed around a few ideas. Should we split up to allow some of us to complete the walk? No, we're in this together; one out, all out. Should we call Emergency? No, it doesn't seem that serious, we couldn't get a helicopter in this dense forest. We decided to leave Mary's boot on and carry her out.

One of the men had learned a carrying technique. Two carriers crossed arms and holding opposite hands, formed a cradle. In rough terrain, on a narrow, barely formed track, this proved ungainly and exhausting. But it worked. Everyone rallied round. The carriers were frequently changed. Another person supported Mary as she got up into the cradle, it looked like a cuddle. Another stood behind to steady her, they looked like a pushy commuter boarding a train. The others became runners. Like hyperactive elves they prepared the track; holding back vines, removing fallen branches, assisting the carriers over tree falls. As the party passed, the runners would dart ahead through dense scrub to repeat the performance.

Mary was a most considerate patient. She was upset she had disrupted our day. She was worried about the rest of us becoming exhausted. She was concerned that the injury would jeopardise a trip in November to visit her son in the Middle East, but she kept smiling and giving encouragement.

When we reached the large log and wider track we took a rest. We had some new ideas. We pushed over a sapling and sawed it in half using a convenient tool on a Leatherman. Kelvin had some rope which we used to create a stretcher. We tested it on Alison and it worked well. Four of us could carry Mary at once. Although it was rather painful on the shoulders, progress was steady.

The five runners moved swiftly to clear the track. I have one recurrent memory, I was at the front of the stretcher. The path just appeared, the runners ahead seemed to bow, beckoning us on with encouragement. It may have been exhaustion, but it took on a magical quality.

We reached the cars about 1pm. Alison took Mary to hospital. Mary's husband had been alerted and was waiting for her. The rest of us went for a coffee and remarked what an adventure the day had turned out to be.

Mary had broken both lower leg bones, the tibia and fibula, close to the ankle. She had pins inserted later the same day. She made it to Dubai to see her son, albeit in a moon boot. She comes along to BBW meetings and will be on a walk soon.



Not the actual Leatherman, but a close relative

We were largely a group of strangers gathered for a club activity. When disaster struck we rose to the occasion, we brought experience, skills and ideas. This was impressive teamwork. We did a good job. Kelvin, Mary, Alison, Andrew, Angela, Robert, Stephen, Scott and Lisa, I look forward to walking with you again.

Nick Brooking

BBW Christmas Party

On the weekend of 13-15 Dec, BBW hosted its Christmas Party weekend at Baden Powell Park (Scout facilities) at Samford. A variety of walks at nearby D'Aguiar NP were organised for the Saturday and the weekend was capped off with a magnificent dinner on the Saturday night. This year the catering was done by none other than BBW President, David Sydes. Admittedly he had commercial-class kitchen facilities and some dedicated helpers who slaved all the day in preparation. The result was a spectacular multi-course meal for 70 people, great Christmas decoration in the large hall, dance music and, of course, Santa's visit. The grounds of the venue had a lovely bush setting and pleasant outside seating for the rest of the weekend.

There has been a continuous stream of Thank-You's and Bouquets circulating the email list of those who attended, so I won't add more here. A special thanks to Burgi Wagner for organising the event. Thanks to Tony, Richard and Clarisse for sharing their photos. A few of the very many have been included below.



Bush setting with outside seating.

←The hall decorated for dinner.



Santa and two helper-elves trying to make mischief. ↓





← Lynsey serving one of the many plates of yummy entrées.

Dessert, Part 1:
Slut-Red Raspberries
in Chardonnay Jelly
with Cream ↓



(Above, right & below:) Catering for 70 people requires lots of helpers - cooking, serving and washing up.



This couple had actually come for the Mi-Sex concert but enjoyed themselves anyway.

Transformations: The Simpson Desert from Drought to Flood to Fire

Royal Geographical Society of Queensland Lecture Meeting

Date: 7:30pm, Tuesday 4 February

Speaker: Andrew Harper

Subject: Transformations: the Simpson Desert from Drought to Flood to Fire

Andrew has spent much time in Australian Deserts with his Outback Camel Company. For more about Andrew. Google "Andrew Harper, Camels".

Venue: RGSQ offices 237 Milton Road, Milton. This is next door to the XXXX Brewery near the Barooka Road corner. Walk up the concrete driveway on the RHS of the building.

Contact me if you need more information. Mary Comer 38446231 0427446000



House Sitter available to care for your home

Feb - Mar 2014

I am a BBW member seeking a house-sitting opportunity for February and March 2014 - preferably Bayside or Southside suburbs.

I am a home-owner myself so I understand the significance of allowing another to move into your space. I'm re-settling back into Brisbane after some time away and house-sitting is perfect for me right now. You will find that I am quiet, caring, security conscious, respectful, neat and tidy and happy to care for your garden. (Pets too... I am often home).

References available.

To discuss, please contact: Julie Dale

Email: jed.julie@gmail.com

Mobile: 0418 351 704

Guest Speakers

Wednesday 22 Jan THE CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITION OF 2013 - Ken Rubie

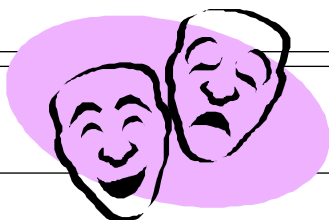
"The Central Australian Expedition of 2013 had the goals of walking the iconic landmarks of this country, immersing ourselves into the country, crossing the largest desert in Australia and visiting the 3 corners of Queensland. Along the way we walked around Uluru steeping ourselves in the culture of the people who have been before, walked over and through Kata Juta witnessing sunsets that are unrivalled, scaled Kings Canyon dipping our toes in the Garden of Eden and waltzed along sections of the Larapinta Trail. Then we crossed the Simpson Desert visiting places only a few people have the privilege of seeing and touching.

Wednesday 12 Feb SHORT STORY AND SHORT FILM MAKING ON THROUGHWALKS - GREG KUSS.

Greg Kuss is an experienced leader who leads some very unique through walks. For those who have done one of Greg's walks or heard some of his post trip reports, you will appreciate the effort and planning he invests into these experiences. As a post walk memento, he usually presents to participants, a keepsake CD with a pictorial video and pics. As anyone who has ever tried to do this, you'll know compiling such a pictorial can also be a challenge. Greg will run us through, in a 30 Minute mini workshop, the "how to" and demonstrate what you can achieve.

Wednesday 12 Mar WIL BUCH - SENIOR RANGER, LAMINGTON AND BINNA BURRA NP

Wil is the Senior Ranger at Lamington and Binna Burra NP's. He has a very busy and demanding schedule and has agreed to attend our meeting to update us on Lamington and Binna Burra NP, past damage, repairs and future plans. Please come along to show support to what Wil and his team undertake and enter into a Q&A session on issues relevant to our Walking experience current, and future.



Out & About

CAI GUO QIANG - FALLING BACK TO EARTH AT GOMA AND LUNCH

SOCIAL Sun 9 Feb
 LEADER: Kay Byrne 0429 924 726
 LIMIT: unlimited
 BRING: Money for Ticket and Optional Lunch
 COST: Ticket \$16.50 /Lunch from \$12
 MEET: GOMA Ticket Office
 DEPART: Meet at 1030hrs

Cai Guo-Qiang-"Falling Back to Earth" is a special exhibit until May at the Qld.Gallery of Modern Art. It should have special appeal to bushwalkers with 3 installations that have been inspired by the Artist visiting Moreton Bay Islands and the Lamington National Park. I'm interested to go and see just how good this is, utilizing the free guided tour at 11am.

After our tour we will take in more of the gallery exhibits and then have lunch at the GOMA Cafe Bistro.

For Sale

MSR Whisperlite International multi fuel stove
 Condition: used but otherwise excellent
 Price: \$50, or make an offer
 Contact: Kate Palmer
 katepalmer13@gmail.com
 0448 167 614

NEW MEMBERS

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

Heather Adam	Angela J Allen	Trish Anderson	Lucy Bransom
Belle Cajepe	Paul Cassano	Renee Cooper	Brenda Dunn
Tony Dunn	Merilyn Edgar	Deb Gittins	Luke Glassington
Sharn Glassington	Elisabet Grant	Minqi Gu	Lucy Guzman
David Hurnall	Mariko Itoh	Christine Ledger	Alison Mackenzie
Paula Micallef	Fiona Murphy	Ben O'Keefe	Mandy O'Neill
Roger John Parkes	Shirley Perry	Stephen Perry	Clyde Quince
Liz Quince	Robyn Reid	Sandra Reynolds	Hugh Robinson
Fatemeh Saeidi	Margaret Siddons	Sam Siddons	Marty Silk
Kellie Simpson	Nadina Smith	Lesley Sweeper	Matt Taylor
Iain McGregor Venz	Joanne Waldock	Michael Williamson	

Congratulations to the following who have been granted Full Membership:

Scott Armstrong	Ken Armstrong	Di Carroll	Deborah Dwyer
Annette Foy	Hugh Fyson	Tony Gariano	David Muncaster
Ursula Muncaster	Rebecca Neill	Jeremy Potriquet	Clarisse Pruvot
Rashida Riaz	Jason Voight	Margaret Voight	

Magazine Collating

Magazine collating is at Peter Hunt's at Ferny Hills on Thursday 20th February at 6:30pm. There is only about 1½ hours work required. If you would like to help while enjoying an easy social night with dinner please phone 0431 652 083 to confirm.



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



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