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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 March**, 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 April magazine is the Open Meeting on Wednesday 12th March.

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

Ready To Catch - Wellington Rock,
Cataract River, Oct 2013
Photo: Anne Kemp

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 **ABS**eil; **Base Camp**; **Day Walk**; **Through Walk**; **Easy Through Walk**; **Night Walk**; **SOC**ial Activity; **KaYaK**; **CYCl**e; **Safety & Training**; **Federation Mountain Rescue**; **ROG**aine.

FAMILY Family — Family Group conditions; contact Leader

Note for Leaders when grading a walk: *The brief descriptions below are to help members match their ability to an activity. 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, fallen debris, or creek crossings.
- 4 Rough, unformed track or open terrain, with obstacles such as rock or root intrusions, fallen debris, or creek crossings.
- 5 Rough or rocky terrain that may require use of hands, and/or creek rock hopping that requires small to moderate steps. Fallen debris possible.
- 6 Steep, rough or rocky terrain requiring use of hands, and/or creek rock hopping requiring moderate to large steps or jumps. Fallen debris possible.
- 7 Climb or descend steep rock, using hand or foot holds. May be some exposure. Good upper body strength required.
- 8 Climb or descend near vertical rock with exposure, using widely spaced or small hand or foot holds. Climbing skills may be required. Good upper body strength required.
- 9 Sustained climbing or descent of vertical or near vertical rock with exposure, using widely spaced or small hand or foot holds. Advanced climbing skills may be required. Good upper body strength required.



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

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

INFORMATION FOR WALKERS

The Members Handbook has a complete list of Club Guidelines (also available from the library or 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 \$5.60 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.

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

PROGRAM

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

February

24	SNW-2A	Toohey Forest Monday night walk	Graham Olive
25	TRNG	River Walk	Steve Cockburn
25	TRNG	Tuesday Kangaroo Point - Pack Training	Chris Hall
26	Meeting	MEETING	
27	SNW-3B	Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walk	Graham Olive
27	TRNG	Thursday Kangaroo Point - Core Training	Pete Watson
27	SDW-1A	Manly/Wynnum Hills	Barry Culley
28-1	LDW-5D	Lamington Falls Source	Chris Hall

March

1	MINIMAX4B	Mt Cootha New Members	Barry Culley
1	XDW- 3C	Binna Burra to O`Reillys & Vice Versa	Mary Comer
1	Survey	Enoggera Creek, MT Nebo	Lindsay Waddel
1	MDW - 5C	Mt Barney waterfall	Cath Carkeet
1	SDW - 6B	Mountford Ck - Bellthorpe National Park	Glenis Bradley
1	SDW-6C	Love and Cedar Creek	Kurt Wagner
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
2	SNW-5B	Mount Greville "The Slabs" by Night - Photographic	Shaun Johnston
2	MDW-3C	Mt Mitchell @ Cunningham's Gap	Barry Culley
3	SNW-2A	Toohey Forest Monday night walk	Graham Olive
4	TRNG	Tuesday Kangaroo Point - Pack Training	Chris Hall
4	TRNG	West End Hills	Joan Davey
6	LDW-3B	Toolona Creek Circuit	Mary Comer
6	SNW-3B	Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walk	Graham Olive
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
8	CYC - Moderate	Everton Park to Shorncliffe	Alan Cooper
8	LDW-2B	Daves Creek Circuit and Upper Ballunju Falls	Diana Norkaitis
9	LDW-3B	Ewen Maddock Dam	Bernie Ryan
9	MDW-7C	Summer Creek Falls	Lou & Marion Darveniza
9	SDW-5B	South Pine River, Mt Glorious	Lindsay Waddel
9	SDW-4B	Mt. Arum Mines/Mt. Arum	Mark Houghton
10	SNW-2A	Toohey Forest Monday night walk	Graham Olive
11	TRNG	Tuesday Kangaroo Point - Pack Training	Chris Hall
12	Meeting	MEETING- Wil Buch - Senior Ranger, Lamington and Binna Burra NP	
13	SNW-3B	Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walk	Graham Olive
14-16	MBC4A S&T	Navigation and Leader Training Base Camp Mt Glorious Barracks	Marge Henry
15-16	STW-8D	Mt Barney - Logan's Ridge by Moonlight	Richard Walton
15	LDW-3B	Coomera Circuit - Binna Burra	Anna-Lena Moore
15	MDW-5C	Bushrangers Cave- Wagwan / Lamington National Park	Burgi & Kurt Wagner
15	SDW-5B	Northbrook Creek Descent	Glenis Bradley
15	LDW-3B	Toolona Creek Circuit	Diana Norkaitis
15	KYK	Coochiemudlo Island	Greg Long
16	MDW-7D	Slow Barney-SE Ridge	Kelvin Taylor
17	SNW-2A	Toohey Forest Monday night walk	Graham Olive
18	TRNG	Tuesday Kangaroo Point - Pack Training	Chris Hall
19	MDW-6C	Byron Gorge & Stevens Ck	Lou & Marion Darveniza
20	SNW-3B	Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walk	Graham Olive
21-23	BC-KYK	Maroon Dam	Kendall Rubie
21-23	MTW-6C	Basket Swamp Ck/Cataract River	Lou & Marion Darveniza

21-23 BC-3B	Binna Burra Base Camp / Rainforest Safari Tents Jeannette Kendall & Allan Swanepoel -	
22 MDW-5B	Obi Obi Gorge	Kim Alexander
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
23 MDW-8D	Slow Barney-Logan's Rigde	Kelvin Taylor
23 MDW-5C	Mt D'Aguilar GPS Walk	Richard Kolarski
24 SNW-2A	Toohey Forest Monday night walk	Graham Olive
25 TRNG	Tuesday Kangaroo Point - Pack Training	Chris Hall
27 SNW-3B	Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walk	Graham Olive
28-30 MTW-4C	Double Island Point, Cooloola and Rainbow Beach	Greg Kuss
29 ABS-8B	Kangaroo Point Nursery Cliffs	John Granat
29 MDW-3B	Mt Coot-tha from The Gap	Christine & Tony Everett
29-30 MTW-3B	Echo Point	Mary Comer
30 SDW-5B	Mount Warning (Wollumbin) The Cloud Catcher	Karen Ryan
30 ABS-8B	Kangaroo Point Nursery Cliffs	John Granat
30 MDW-6D	Around Mt Bangalora	Lou & Marion Darveniza
30 MDW-7C	Slow Barney-Isolated Peak	Kelvin Taylor
31 SNW-2A	Toohey Forest Monday night walk	Graham Olive

April



1 TRNG	Tuesday Kangaroo Point - Pack Training	Chris Hall
5 MINIMAXS4A	Mt Coot-tha for New members	Lou & Marion Darveniza
5 MABS-6C	Back Creek Abseil	Anne Kemp
6 XDW-3C	Sunshine Coast Hinterland Great Walk Stage 3 - Gheerulla Circuit	Bernie Ryan
6 MDW-7D	Mt Maroon - South Ridge	Lou & Marion Darveniza
6 LDW-3B	Toolona Creek Circuit	Greg Long
8 S&T	First Aid Course - Recertification	Marge Henry
11-13 TBA	Mt Glorious Barracks	Steve Cockburn and Ray Glancy
11-18 LTW -5C	Carnarvon Great Walk.	Chris Hall
12 ABS	Abseil Experience Day - Kangaroo Pt Cliffs	Chrissy Dott
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
18-21 MTW-7D	Sundown Circuit	Lou & Marion Darveniza
18-21 MTW-5C	Oxley Wild Rivers NP	Jenny Zohn
18-21 MTW-5C	Girraween National Park	Cath Carkeet & Alan Pryor
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
26 MDW-8D	Logans Ridge Mt Barney	Annette Miller

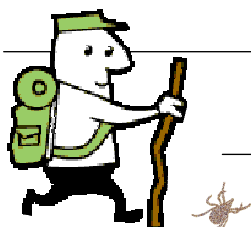
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- Log in to BBW website
- Go to the "My Details" section
- Click "Edit"
- Scroll down to the "Protected" subsection
- Where it says "Magazine", untick the box.
- Click "Save"
- Logout

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



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

TOOHEY FOREST MONDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Mon 24 Feb
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, just turn up. 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.

RIVER WALK

Training Walk Tue 25 Feb
LEADER: Steve Cockburn 0421 059 482-when walking
This activity is full.

TUESDAY KANGAROO POINT - PACK TRAINING

Training Tue 25 Feb
LEADER: Chris Hall 0498 051 811
GRADE: TRNG
BRING: Jogging gear plus weighted backpack (normal walking gear isn't necessary as there are toilets and water fountains throughout)
MEET: Rotunda on River Terrace (southern end of KP cliffs opp the fancy marble church)

DEPART: 6pm
This session is for those walkers looking to improve their pack carrying fitness - not a free replacement for gym training. Whilst we do walk along the beautiful Brisbane River, the primary aim is a fitness session for walking. The session includes a weighted back pack (between 5-15 kilos), stairs, bridging, lunges, stretching etc.. Car parking is available in the streets opposite and

give yourself a little extra travel time given that this starts around peak hour.

MT COOT-THA THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Thu 27 Feb
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 27 Feb
LEADER: Pete Watson 0400 706 493
GRADE: TRNG
BRING: joggers, towel
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.

MANLY/WYNNUM HILLS

Training Thu 27 Feb
LEADER: Barry Culley 0415 320 029
GRADE: SDW-1A
LIMIT: 15
BRING: usual gear
MEET: Wynnum Swimming Pool near the jetty
DEPART: 6:30pm

This is a mid week training walk along the Manly/Wynnum 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.

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.

BINNA BURRA TO O'REILLYS & VICE VERSA

Car Swap Sat 1 Mar
LEADER: Mary Comer 0427 446 000
GRADE: XDW- 3C
LIMIT: 30
BRING: Usual day walk gear
COST: \$25
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 6am
CAR KMS: 250km approx
MAP: Lamington NP

Marge Henry is leading this 21km walk with me. It is all in the rainforest on the graded tracks at Lamington NP. One group will start the walk at Binna Burra on the eastern side and so have views into the Numinbah Valley and across to Springbrook passing various junctions before going on a side track to Mt Merino for lunch, meeting the other group and returning car keys. The other group start at O'Reillys following the Border Track to the escarpment with views into the Tweed Valley and Mt Warning. Apart from its length this is an easy walk through wonderful rainforest with its many ancient Antarctic Beech Trees. We will do a car swap at Canungra so please be aware that someone else will drive your car to the start of the walk. And please bring a spare car key just in case we do not meet up on the walk. Please do not nominate who you will walk with or which way you will go. It is random with one car group swapping with another.

ENOGERA CREEK, MT NEBO

Survey Sat 1 Mar
LEADER: Lindsay Waddel 0433 881 899
This activity is full.

MT BARNEY WATERFALL

Day walk Sat 1 Mar
LEADER: Cath Carkeet 3357 5607
This activity is full.

MOUNTFORD CK - BELLTHORPE NATIONAL PARK

Daywalk Sat 1 Mar
LEADER: Glenis Bradley 0412 618 607
This activity is full.

LOVE AND CEDAR CREEK

Day Walk Sat 1 Mar
LEADER: Kurt Wagner 0413 272 085
GRADE: SDW-6C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: day walk gear
MEET: Albany Creek Shopping Centre
DEPART: 7.30 am
CAR KMS: 85km
MAP: D'Aguilar NP 1:30000

A beautiful off track walk in the Brisbane Forest Park. Starting at Alex Road, we walk down in the lush rainforest and follow the creeks down to the junction of Love and Cedar and then up and back out to the cars. This is a classic walk and has a bit of everything for everybody, rock hopping, scrambling, steep up and down hill and best of all it is the most beautiful rainforest walk in the Brisbane Forest Park.

NORTHBROOK CREEK FROM GORGE TO SOURCE

Day walk Sun 2 Mar
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
This activity is full.

KIPPER CREEK

Day walk Sun 2 Mar
LEADER: Kelvin Taylor 0403 176 972
GRADE: LDW-6D
LIMIT: 10
COST: \$15
MEET: Alderley
DEPART: 7am

Kipper Creek is to the west of Northbrook Mountain at Mt Glorious. We will park at White Cedar and follow a creek up to the top of the Northbrook Range and down the other side into Kipper Creek. Follow the creek all the way up to the top. Return to the cars via an old 4WD track. The two main ups are very physical and walk will require good fitness. Distance 20 k's Total elevation gain 900 metres

WESTRAY'S GRAVE

Day Walk Sun 2 Mar
LEADER: Kay Byrne 0429 924 726
This activity is full.

MOUNT GREVILLE "THE SLABS" BY NIGHT - PHOTOGRAPHIC

Photographic Night Walk Sun 2 Mar
LEADER: Shaun Johnston 0478 124 075
GRADE: SNW-5B
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Page 3 Gear, Headlamp, Spare Batteries, Camera, See Notes
COST: \$20

MEET: BP Aratula (<https://goo.gl/maps/SL1W0>)

DEPART: 11:30 PM

CAR KMS: 210km

MAP: Sunmaps Mount Alford 9441-44

This walk is for photography enthusiasts interested in nighttime, landscape or dawn photography. Mount Greville is part of Moogerah Peaks National Park, and provides commanding views over the surrounding countryside including parts of the Main Range and Lake Moogerah. We will aim to get in some star trail, star field and dawn photography, so this will be a night walk. We will meet at Aratula at 12am and have a short restroom / coffee stop, with a view to arrive at the walk starting point near Mount Greville Road by approximately 12:30am. We will then proceed at a leisurely pace up Mount Greville's South-East Ridge, negotiating some scree, small scrambles, many a grass tree and some large spiderwebs, cutting across and around to the slabs by around 2:30am. At the slabs we will spread out and find some nice positions for our tripods, and get in some star trail and star field photography. This would also be a good time to break out the thermos or gas cooker for beverages. Those not interested in the evening photography component of the outing may opt to have a kip before dawn. Dawn will arrive at approximately 5:40am and should provide for some spectacular vistas over Lake Moogerah. After dawn we will make our way back down to the cars with an aim to be breakfasting at Aratula by 8am.

MT MITCHELL @ CUNNINGHAM'S GAP

Day Walk Sun 2 Mar
LEADER: Barry Culley 0415 320 029
GRADE: MDW-3C
LIMIT: 18
BRING: see page 3 mag, 3 litres water
COST: \$15
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 8am

Mt Mitchell is on one side of the Cunningham Highway at Cunningham's Gap. The Mt Mitchell track ends at the summit which is a knife-edge ridge above a sheer cliff. There are spectacular views over the northern section of the national park from Mt Mitchell. The walk is on track but the distance is about 10 km. It is suitable for new members.

TOOHEY FOREST MONDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Mon 3 Mar
LEADER: Graham Olive 0455 539 999
See activity description for Mon 24 Feb

TUESDAY KANGAROO POINT - PACK TRAIN-

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Training Tue 4 Mar
 LEADER: Chris Hall 0498 051 811
See activity description for Tue 25 Feb

WEST END HILLS

Training - Night Walk Tue 4 Mar
 LEADER: Joan Davey 0415 139 646
 This activity is full.

TOOLONA CREEK CIRCUIT

Day walk Thu 6 Mar
 LEADER: Mary Comer 3844 6231
 GRADE: LDW-3B
 LIMIT: 15
 BRING: Usual Day Walk Gear
 COST: \$20
 MEET: 7am Fairfield Gardens
 MAP: Lamington N.P.

This walk is 17.4km in the O'Reillys area of Lamington NP. We leave the Border Track for Picnic Falls where we will have morning tea. The morning is then spent walking upstream along the very beautiful Toolona Ck with its many waterfalls and "tree gardens". There are some creek crossings but if we are smart shouldn't get wet feet. Lunch will be taken at Wanungara Lookout overlooking the Tweed Valley. The walk along the escarpment features many ancient Antarctic Beech Trees. We will complete the circuit by returning along the Border Track. The entire walk is in the rainforest.

MT COOT-THA THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Thu 6 Mar
 LEADER: Graham Olive 0455 539 999
See activity description for Thu 27 Feb

MINIMAX - MT GRAVATT FOR NEW MEMBERS

Minimaxs Sat 8 Mar
 LEADER: Chris Hall 0498 051 811
 GRADE: MINIMAXS3B
 LIMIT: 15
 BRING: Usual day walk gear including the P3 items, 2 L water
 MEET: To be advised
 DEPART: 7am
 CAR KMS: 11 Klm from GPO

This walk is to introduce new members to bushwalking and to the club. We follow established dirt tracks around the mountain, over to Toohey Forest and back to the lookout at Mt Gravatt. The walk is only around 10 klms, with a few ups and downs and a little off track just to give you some idea of other terrain gradings.

ARAUCARIA LOOKOUT, LAMINGTON NP

Day Walk Sat 8 Mar
 LEADER: Elaine Beller 0450 614 300

This activity is full.

WATSON'S FALLS ABSEIL

Abseil Sat 8 Mar
 LEADER: Chrissy Dott 0411 312 241
 This activity is full.

EVERTON PARK TO SHORNCLIFFE

CYCLE Sat 8 Mar
 LEADER: Alan Cooper 0448 937 945
 GRADE: CYC - Moderate
 LIMIT: 10
 BRING: bike , spare tube & fun
 MEET: Brookside Shopping Centre
 DEPART: 7.30
 MAP: UBD 138 N4

Meet at Brookside shopping centre, Burwood rd end. follow paved bike track through various interesting suburbs & wetlands to regroup at Nudgee beach, if all are well then continue to Shorncliffe for coffee, return the same way.

DAVES CREEK CIRCUIT AND UPPER BALLUNJUI FALLS

Day Walk Sat 8 Mar
 LEADER: Diana Norkaitis 0408 700 520
 GRADE: LDW-2B
 LIMIT: 12
 BRING: Page 3 gear, 2+ litres water
 COST: Vehicle contribution \$20
 MEET: Fairfield Gardens
 DEPART: 7:00am
 CAR KMS: 220 kms
 MAP: Beechmont

This is a beautiful graded track walk in the Binna Burra section of Lamington NP. It combines rainforest, eucalypt forest and heathland, with good views to the southern end of the Numinbah Valley, Springbrook and the coast beyond. We will have the opportunity to do a side trip to climb Surprise Rock for some great views. Another side trip along a graded track to the head of Ballunju Falls also provides access to the Ballunju Cascades, Booboora Falls and the view from Gurai-gumai Rock to the north. Together these will provide a graded track walk of ~18 km which is suitable for new members who are happy with the distance.

EWEN MADDOCK DAM

Day Walk Sun 9 Mar
 LEADER: Bernie Ryan 0432 907275
 This activity is full.

SUMMER CREEK FALLS

Day Walk Sun 9 Mar
 LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
 This activity is full.

SOUTH PINE RIVER, MT GLORIOUS

Day Walk Sun 9 Mar
LEADER: Lindsay Waddel 0433 881 899
This activity is full.

MT. ARUM MINES/MT. ARUM

Day Walk Sun 9 Mar
LEADER: Mark Houghton 0417 025 182
GRADE: SDW-4B
LIMIT: 14
BRING: As per P.3. of Magazine.
MEET: D'Aguilar National Park Headquarters.
[Walkabout Creek] 60 Mt. Nebo Rd,
The Gap.

DEPART: 8:30am
MAP: BFP. 1:25000

The mines and Mt. Arum are in the south-east corner of D'Aguilar National Park, previously called Brisbane Forest Park. After meeting at the Park Headquarters at The Gap we head off on the Araucaria Track [graded track] around the Enoggera Reservoir. Near the end of the trail we go off track and follow some rough forestry roads over low ridges to Enoggera Creek. Morning tea will be somewhere here. From here we follow the creek on the eastern side finally traveling through a few hundred metres of lantana to reach the mines. We will not be entering the mines. The mines were dug by miners in search of gold in the 1930's depression years. After a look at the mines we head off, slowly climbing a ridge to a high point called Mt. Arum. This high point is only about 168m so does not require a large amount of effort. Unfortunately there is no good view from the top due to a large number of trees. On the way we should encounter an old horse trough as well as more lantana and bracken. It is this part around Mt. Arum that gives this walk a 4 rating. When we reach the top of Mt. Arum there is an optional lunch break before heading back to the park headquarters via some bracken/lantana, forestry roads and part of the Araucaria track. This is not a long or hard walk. A good walk for new walkers who are reasonably fit and are ready for some off track walking. If you have done 3A/B /C walks before this would be a good first off track walk for you. Coffee/drinks and food at the end of the walk at the park headquarters or The Gap. I recommend you bring gloves and arm covering to protect yourself against the lantana. Nomination online is preferred. If you phone [landline] please leave a message. I will endeavour to get back to you A.S.A.P. When the phone rings and I'm outside it goes to messagebank before I get inside to answer it.

TOOHEY FOREST MONDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Mon 10 Mar
LEADER: Graham Olive 0455 539 999
See activity description for Mon 24 Feb

TUESDAY KANGAROO POINT - PACK TRAINING

Training Tue 11 Mar
LEADER: Chris Hall 0498 051 811
See activity description for Tue 25 Feb

MT COOT-THA THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Thu 13 Mar
LEADER: Graham Olive 0455 539 999
See activity description for Thu 27 Feb

NAVIGATION AND LEADER TRAINING BASE CAMP MT GLORIOUS BARRACKS

Navigation & Leader Training Fri 14 -- Sun 16 Mar
LEADER: Marge Henry 0413 337 530
GRADE: MBC4A S&T
LIMIT: 20
BRING: Day walking gear, food, water if you don't like tank water, compass.
COST: \$5.00pp/pn
MEET: We will meet at the Barracks on Friday evening.
MAP: Maps will be supplied, please bring your compass

This weekend is a combination of Navigation and Leader training with sharing information in a relaxing atmosphere of a base camp weekend. Navigation training on the Saturday / Leader Training on the Sunday. You will learn a number of bushcraft skills as well as some very helpful hints for a range of different situations that may be encountered, as well as the essentials of leading a BBW walk. Basic navigation training will be covered. There will be a number of hands-on activities to develop practical skills in map reading, compass use, and route selection. A number of BBW leaders will give presentations on leader skills and BBW club policies. We will be doing some walking to enhance our activities with plenty of time to relax and socialize during the evenings of what promises to be an informative and enjoyable weekend.

Logistics: Travel via either Mt Nebo or Samford to Mt Glorious Village and on to Maiala Pk. On the left is a Pine Rivers map so keep driving 700 metres and just past the Western Windows Lookout on the left is the gate with a BBW sign. The gate is to be kept closed at all times except when driving through it. Down the road and through the rainforest about 200 metres and out into the clearing. You are there! Facilities include hot shower, septic toilet, electric kitchen with M/W and fridge. A small number of beds are available in the barracks (beds will not be booked) so bring your tent.

MT BARNEY - LOGAN'S RIDGE BY MOON-LIGHT

Through Walk Sat 15 Mar -- Sun 16 Feb
LEADER: Richard Walton 0421228466
GRADE: STW-8D
LIMIT: 6
BRING: as little as possible - see below
COST: \$4.85 camping + 200km car
MEET: Yellow Pinch
DEPART: 5:30pm
CAR KMS: 200
MAP: Mt Lindsay
TRANSPORT: prearranged - will need to leave
Brisbane by 1530hrs (3:30 PM!!!)
IMPORTANT: Note the depart time is 1730 hrs
(5:30 PM!!!)

This is a celebration of all that is Barney. Walking by moonlight is spectacular. We will start from Yellow Pinch at 1730hrs (5:30 pm) climb via the (almost) full moon to avoid the heat and have a light dinner of sandwiches about halfway. We should reach East Pk between 2100 and 2200 hrs. After taking in the view we will descend to bivvy at Rum Jungle. On Sunday will descend via Peasant's for a swim and lunch back near the cars. You need to pack light, very very light. Only day packs are allowed....if it does not fit in a day pack it is not needed. Suggest groundsheet, sleeping bag, mat, clean clothes/fleece/raincoat, simple dinner (sandwiches) + breakfast, stove, 1.5L water, first aid, headlamp with min 8hrs batteries (NO Tents). We pick up water at Rum Jungle. We will share things where possible to reduce weight/space (e.g. stove, groundsheet). Bring togs and lunch to leave in cars for Sunday swim/lunch at Yellow Pinch. Now the warning. This is a serious undertaking. As Chrissy Amphlett used to say, "There's a fine line between pleasure and pain". In the moonlight, the line just gets finer. You must be a very experienced Barney rock scrambler. The walk is for people who are only truly happy on steep Barney rock with the wind in their hair, nothing but quartz crystals to hold onto and void below. Prior ascents of Logan's, Eagle's (to North Pk) and/or Short Leaning are prerequisites. It is not a come and try weekend. Also, it is not a party trip. While we have plenty of time and do not need to race, we will need to keep a steady pace with minimal breaks. So a high level of fitness is essential. We do not want to grind our way up the ridge (like a normal through walk) so our pack weights need to be similar to that of a day walk pack. Think of it as it as a day walk with a little sleep in the middle; that should give you an idea of the pace/type of walk/climb it will be. Please nominate to me directly; ensure you provide the usual details. If we have not walked together before I will ask for a bit of a walking histo-

ry. This promises to be a spectacular walk so please come along and enjoy.

COOMERA CIRCUIT - BINNA BURRA

Day walk Sat 15 Mar
LEADER: Anna-Lena Moore 0423 779 266
This activity is full.

BUSHRANGERS CAVE- WAGWAN / LAM-INGTON NATIONAL PARK

Day Walk Sat 15 Mar
LEADER: Burgi & Kurt Wagner 0438 386 597
GRADE: MDW-5C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: see page 3
COST: \$20.00
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 6:30am
CAR KMS: approx 200km

This walk starts at the Border Gate at Springbrook and follows the Border Fence up to Bushrangers Cave which is a large overhang. We walk past the cave to scramble up a steep slope to a cliff break for Morning Tea. We continue to the left up the spur up Mt Wagwan. As there are no views at the top of Mt Wagwan we walk for about 30 min on a graded track to Garrangoolba Lookout for lunch. This spot offers spectacular views of Springbrook, the Tweed Valley and Mt Warning. We will return the same way. Bushrangers Cave to Mt Wagwan is an off track walk with prolonged steep ups (and downs on the way back) requiring the use of hands to hang on to tree roots, scrambling up over rocks and fallen trees. This walk is suitable for members who have done some easier off track walking and would like to try something more challenging. Please bring along gardening gloves (and gaiters) to protect yourself when freeing yourself from lawyer vine, hanging on to trees and scrambling over rocks.

NORTHBROOK CREEK DESCENT

Day Walk Sat 15 Mar
LEADER: Glenis Bradley 0412 618 607
GRADE: SDW-5B
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Usual day walk gear, 2 L water
COST: \$10
MEET: Alderley
DEPART: 7am
MAP: Kipper Ck 1:25 000
0412618607, 33968352

We will follow old forestry tracks for about an hour and a half (steep in parts), then drop down to Northbrook Ck not far from several good pools. Hopefully there will be enough water in them for a swim. Then we will be rock hopping downstream to Northbrook Gorge, a truly beautiful place.

Packs will need to be dry bagged as you will be swimming through a small pool. Finally a short 70m climb up a track to where some of the cars will have been placed earlier. Suitable for FIT new members who wish to try off track.

TOOLONA CREEK CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sat 15 Mar
LEADER: Diana Norkaitis 0408 700 520
GRADE: LDW-3B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Page 3 requirements
COST: \$20 fuel contribution
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 7:00am
CAR KMS: 220km

Toolona Creek Circuit is a picturesque graded track walk out of Green Mountain (O'Reilly's) in Lamington National Park. The walk is about 17 km & a great introduction to sub-tropical rainforest. Suitable for walkers new to the club. Initially we drop down to Box Forest circuit passed Elabana Falls. The track then picks up the Toolona Creek branch, passing numerous waterfalls & via several creek crossings, we will gradually ascend through changing vegetation, including king ferns & ancient Antarctic beech. We will finally emerge on the rim of the Mt Warning caldera near Wanungara Lookout with spectacular views into the Tweed valley & across to Mt Warning itself a great spot for lunch. The return is via the Border track past more amazing Antarctic beech along the rim to Bithongabel & then the side of the ridge back to the carpark.

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

Kayak Sat 15 Mar
LEADER: Greg Long 0408264763
GRADE: KYK
LIMIT: 10
BRING: usual kayak gear, morning tea, lunch
MEET: Esplanade boat ramp (between Moores Road and Auster St) Redland Bay
DEPART: 10am

Join us for an easy-paced approximately 20 km kayak around Coochiemudlo Island. We will launch at Weinan Creek paddling clockwise around the island stopping for lunch on the northern side of the island. We'll take our time, as it will be best to wait for the tide to finish its major exit from Moreton Bay before making the return crossing following an ice cream stop. Plenty of time for swimming or practising your kayak rescue. A kayak with a rudder (estuary or sea) is recommended unless you are a very experienced paddler. Please contact me before nominating if you've not paddled with the BBW kayak group

before.

SLOW BARNEY-SE RIDGE

Day walk Sun 16 Mar
LEADER: Kelvin Taylor 0403 176 972
GRADE: MDW-7D
LIMIT: 10
COST: \$20
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 6am

A traditional up Se Ridge, down South Ridge tour of Barney. With a slow 5 hours for the up part. Suitable for fit, regular 6C walkers.

TOOHEY FOREST MONDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Mon 17 Mar
LEADER: Graham Olive 0455 539 999
See activity description for Mon 24 Feb

TUESDAY KANGAROO POINT - PACK TRAINING

Training Tue 18 Mar
LEADER: Chris Hall 0498 051 811
See activity description for Tue 25 Feb

BYRON GORGE & STEVENS CK

Day walk Wed 19 Mar
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
This activity is full.

MT COOT-THA THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Thu 20 Mar
LEADER: Graham Olive 0455 539 999
See activity description for Thu 27 Feb

MAROON DAM

Base Camp - Kayak Fri 21 Mar -- Sun 23 Feb
LEADER: Kendall Rubie 0448448598
GRADE: BC-KYK
LIMIT: 8
BRING: Kayak and Camping Gear
COST: Camping Fees
MEET: Camp Lakefire Maroon Dam

This is a weekend kayak base camp enabling the paddling of Maroon Dam as well as catching Red Claw and other forms of freshwater fishing. Participants can arrive Friday or early Saturday morning. You will need to make your campsite booking once you have been accepted for this activity. This trip is suitable for all levels of paddlers and can be undertaken as a day paddle or weekend base camp.

BASKET SWAMP CK/CATARACT RIVER

TW Fri 21 -- Sun 23 Mar
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
This activity is full.

BINNA BURRA BASE CAMP / RAINFOREST SAFARI TENTS

Base Camp Fri 21 -- Sun 23 Mar
LEADER: Jeannette Kendall & Allan Swanepoel
- 0477939470/0422879425

GRADE: BC-3B

LIMIT: 12

BRING: Eating utensils, camping chairs, warm clothes, Bedding & Earplugs! Bonus: Hot showers & early morning Yoga Saturday night dinner at Restaurant (optional) There is a Camp Kitchen, bring all own food.

COST: Petrol \$20/\$25pp(if sharing car) - Accommodation @ \$35 pp(for 2 nites) Accommodation: x2 Safari Tents (sleeping 6 per tent)

MEET: Binna Burra Top car park (Friday arvo/evening)

CAR KMS: 90 mins from Brisbane

Saturday morning will start with easy Yoga, followed by: Day walk - Coomera Circuit - approx.6-7 hrs approx., 17.5 kms This walk requires a moderate level of fitness. Bring insect repellent & or salt to discourage leeches. Take food, drinking water and a raincoat. There will be several river crossings along this walk, involving some rock-hopping. This scenic circuit passes through subtropical and warm temperate rainforest and giant brush box forest of Lamington National Park. The gorge is 160 metres deep. Views from the lookout platform provide dramatic evidence of the power of erosion, which has cut through a thick resistant rhyolite lava flow. Sunday Morning will start with easy Yoga, followed by: Day walk - Daves Creek Circuit - Approximately 4-5 hours, 12 kms This circuit walk offers a fascinating variety of forest and heath. After following the border track we descend through the head of Nixon Creek Valley out into Daves Creek country. The track passes through several distinctive vegetation types: warm and cool subtropical rainforest along the Border Track; warm temperate rainforest containing many examples of ancient angiosperms such as coachwood (*Ceratopetalum apetalum*) in Nixon Creek's headwaters; and wet sclerophyll forest with giant New England ash (*Eucalyptus campanulata*).

OBI OBI GORGE

Day Walk Sat 22 Mar -- Thu 1 Jan

LEADER: Kim Alexander 0466 691 880

GRADE: MDW-5B

LIMIT: 12

BRING: Page 3 items, drybags and shoes for swimming/walking in the creek

COST: \$20

MEET: Alderley

DEPART: 7am

MAP: Sunshine Coast Great Walk

This is a creek swim/walk in the Montville area. After a car shuffle, we walk to the creek below Baroon Pocket Dam and follow that to Skene Ck where a track takes us to Kondalilla Falls. The swimming starts from below Baroon Pocket Dam and continue down the creek with its natural flow for ease of travel. There will be places where we will have to rock hop due to low water levels, however we will swim as much as possible.

MINIMAX - MT GRAVATT FOR NEW MEMBERS

Minimaxs Sat 22 Mar

LEADER: Chris Hall 0498 051 811

GRADE: MINIMAXS3B

LIMIT: 15

BRING: Usual day walk gear including the P3 items, 2 L water

MEET: To be advised

DEPART: 7am

CAR KMS: 11 Klm from GPO

This walk is to introduce new members to bush-walking and to the club. We follow established dirt tracks around the mountain, over to Toohey Forest and back to the lookout at Mt Gravatt. The walk is only around 10 kms, with a few ups and downs and a little off track just to give you some idea of other terrain gradings.

SUNSHINE COAST HINTERLAND GREAT WALK STAGE 2 - FLAXTON TO GHEERULLA CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 23 Mar

LEADER: Bernie Ryan 0432 907 275

This activity is full.

SLOW BARNEY-LOGAN'S RIDGE

Day Walk Sun 23 Mar

LEADER: Kelvin Taylor 0403 176 972

GRADE: MDW-8D

LIMIT: 10

COST: \$20

MEET: Fairfield Gardens

DEPART: 6am

Logan's Ridge is a little more challenging Than SE ridge but nothing that would concern most walkers. We will be taking a slightly different route up to stay off private property. Returning via SE Ridge, Fit, 6C walkers only.

MT D'AGUILAR GPS WALK

Day Walk Sun 23 Mar

LEADER: Richard Kolarski 0422429717

GRADE: MDW-5C

LIMIT: 9

BRING: GPS, Compass

MEET: Maiala Picnic Area

Mount Greville 'The Slabs' Night Survey

11 January, 2014 Leader: Shaun Johnston

This was a preparation walk for an overnight photographic excursion to be held a little later this year. Our destination this night was The Slabs, a plateaued area of granite slabs (at 530m) nestled below the north-east side of Mount Greville's summit with views out across Lake Moogerah, and the promise of a brilliant starry sky. We followed the SE ridge track to the 'broken marker' then headed right to follow a short cut (marked with some cairns and a tag here and there) to the top of Waterfall Gorge, then the usual route around to The Slabs.

The first 300m or so along the SE ridge gave the lungs a good workout but the going soon settled to a steady 'foot scramble' over the rocky, stony incline with only the occasional need to use hands where large granite slabs took over. A waxing moon shone persistently through passing clouds, lighting our way and offering those secret pleasures of moonlight walking - quietness, freshness and a peaceful sense of isolation. There was a bit of scree and clumps of spiky vegetation to watch out for (a long, spiky blade stung my eye, despite wearing glasses) but otherwise the only incident of the evening was the clatter of Robbie's walking pole as it 'lost its holding'. As we reached the bare SE slopes a welcome breeze greeted us and accompanied us onwards toward The Slabs.

During the daytime the chatter of life from the surrounding area can be heard (recreational boating on Lake Moogerah in particular) but at night all is calm and the natural world dominates. Signs of life were revealed in the shimmer of spider webs which formed natural fly-screens across the track and momentarily barred our path; the glitter of diamond underfoot revealing the Wolf spider's lair; the occasional cane toad hopping into the gleam of torchlight, and the chirrup of invisible insects. The moon was a constant friend, even when obscured by the passing clouds, its presence was tangible and comforting.

We arrived at The Slabs at 9.15pm well within the two hour timeframe that Shaun had planned, giving us a pleasurable hour to rest, enjoy supper (thanks for the muffins Robbie; save the Anzac's for our next one, Shaun!) and to contemplate the beauty of nature from our vantage point. Venus shone brightly of course and although the sky wasn't clear, the moonlight and cloud formations painted a heavenly picture creating an artistic backdrop for Shaun's photography.

Our return via the same route was without incident punctuated only by the occasional clatter of scree underfoot as loose stones and rocks shifted and tumbled, the gentle tip-tap of Robbie and Susanne's walking poles and an ever brightening night sky as clouds cleared, the moon rose higher and brighter and familiar constellations revealed themselves.



Richard and Susan were overnighing at Lake Moogerah (good idea), but it was an early morning (2am) finish back in Brisbane for our small group. A memorable walk. A perfect introduction for me to Mount Greville. Well organised and highly recommended.

Julie Dale

Photo: Shaun Johnston

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DEPART: 8.00am
MAP: will be provided

This will be a training day for members who have a GPS but have not quite mastered it yet. You will need to bring your own GPS and a compass. A map will be provided or bring your own of D'Aguilar NP. After a talk on GPSs at Maijala for about an hour, we will then use the GPS to find the way to Mt D'Aguilar. If time permits we will explore some creeks in the area. When nominating email me to let me know what GPS you have eg Garmin eTrex 20, GPSMap 60CSX etc Bring along lunch plus all the usual for a day walk. Wear protective clothing plus bring gloves as there will be sections of rough off track walking to get off any marked tracks.

TOOHEY FOREST MONDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Mon 24 Mar
LEADER: Graham Olive 0455 539 999
See activity description for Mon 24 Feb

TUESDAY KANGAROO POINT - PACK TRAINING

Training Tue 25 Mar
LEADER: Chris Hall 0498 051 811
See activity description for Tue 25 Feb

MT COOT-THA THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Thu 27 Mar
LEADER: Graham Olive 0455 539 999
See activity description for Thu 27 Feb

DOUBLE ISLAND POINT, COOLOOLA AND RAINBOW BEACH

Through Walk Fri 28 -- Sun 30 Mar
LEADER: Greg Kuss 0408 806 310
This activity is full.

KANGAROO POINT NURSERY CLIFFS

Abseil Training Sat 29 Mar
LEADER: John Granat 0409 620 047
This activity is full.

MT COOT-THA FROM THE GAP

Day Walk Sat 29 Mar
LEADER: Christine & Tony Everett 3300 2947

and 0416066508 walk day only

GRADE: MDW-3B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: "always take" Page 3
MEET: Bernarra Street, The Gap
DEPART: 6.30am

We will meet on the council block of land on Bernarra Street (located between Kirri and Bellerose Sts). This walk does involve some longer uphill and downhill sections so if you are a new member with a reasonable level of fitness, or you have done a few walks and would like to assess yourself on a different terrain, then this walk could be just the one for you. The track has small rolling rocks underfoot, some exposed roots, rocks and steps. Leaving The Gap we will follow various walking tracks up Mt Coot-tha, eventually joining the Powerfull Owl Trail. We'll take a turn off onto another track down to Simpson Falls picnic area for morning tea before heading back up Mt Coot-tha to The Gap. It should take about 4 1/2 to 5 hours so you will be home in time for lunch. When you nominate online please remember to enter your email address and phone number.

ECHO POINT

Through Walk Sat 29 -- Sun 30 Mar
LEADER: Mary Comer 0427 446 000
This activity is full.

MOUNT WARNING (WOLLUMBIN) THE CLOUD CATCHER

Day Walk Sun 30 Mar
LEADER: Karen Ryan 0419 733 856
This activity is full.

KANGAROO POINT NURSERY CLIFFS

Abseil Training Day 2 Sun 30 Mar
LEADER: John Granat 0409 620 047
This activity is full.

AROUND MT BANGALORA

Day Walk Sun 30 Mar
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
This activity is full.

SLOW BARNEY-ISOLATED PEAK

Day Walk Sun 30 Mar
LEADER: Kelvin Taylor 0403 176 972
This activity is full.



SIMPSON 2013

Part 2 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.

Wednesday 31 July 2013 – Finke (Apatula)

Expectations were high as we finally drove into Finke. A sign on a run-down building announces *Mary Bain Hospital* the state of which suggested that you wouldn't want to get sick in Finke.

Finke is a small, outback, Aboriginal community (Apatula is the local word for Finke) about 230km south of Alice Springs. For me it's my first visit to such a place. My first impression was one of abandonment - there's a stillness I sensed. Dogs roamed freely and dust scattered around their paws, but little else moved. A few locals sat quietly on verandahs, an air of permanence about them - there's nothing to rush away to. The whole vision was unkempt and dishevelled but I knew that this scene told only one small moment of Aboriginal history. I'm reminded of a photo-documentary I saw some years back about Aboriginal life. I don't remember the detail but I do remember the poignant impressions it left with me, that of the comparison of the Aborigine in his natural environment compared to his adopted European environment. On the land, seen in loincloth or hair-belt, living and connecting in traditional ways, the Aborigine emanated strength, confidence, empowerment and contentment. But dressed in ill-fitting t-shirt and shorts against a backdrop of tin shed, fences and battered vehicles, I saw disempowerment, disconnection and sadness. And here, to me, was that vision again.

We circled the block in search of the fuel depot. There was no sight of it so we did as the locals do and stopped at the Apatula Store for information and an ice-cream. I hung around outside by our 4WD and watched as things unfolded. "He just coming now," a plump woman pointed behind her as she spoke. An old, white gentleman, bent over his walking stick, shuffled towards her looking strangely out of place in his neat grey trousers, white shirt and fawn cardigan. The fuel man I wondered? An old maroon Falcon pulled up sharply into the scene and a 30's something (it's hard to say) pleasant-looking chap jumped out, his battered car belying the fact that he appeared to be a mechanic, or, as it turned out, someone who could help to fix John's bull bar. John needed bolts to replace the load straps and bungee ropes holding his bullbar in place. They exchanged words, then bolts.

My gaze turned to two young boys aged about 7 or 8, it's hard to say. One is black-skinned, the other dark brown. Both have a mop of curly hair. They are bouncing and jumping from an old white car onto a trampoline, I guess, as I can't see the reason for their apparent ability to bounce like cats on and off the car. They are quite nimble, twisting and turning, leaping and falling - bonnet, roof, trampoline to roof, one leg, splits, bombs. An older boy on a motor-bike rides by and diverts their attention. We watched as the boy - he's 13 maybe 14, it's hard to say - rode like a jockey standing in his saddle. He took the opportunity to fill up while the bowser was operating filling our own tanks.

Teenagers exit the Apatula Store carrying bottles of coke and escorted by dogs of various breeds and size. So many dogs, I wonder why? A shapely chihuahua-looking dog eyes Tom's meat pie in polite request. Dogs across the street would not miss the trick if Tom were to proffer a piece. "No chance, buddy" said Tom. Mark appeared unwrapping his own meat pie. "Washing down the ice-cream Mark?" I quip. He excused passed me to get to the fridge in Ken's Nissan. It's a good place to keep chocolate cool. "Jeez, they're not cheap" he said. "\$10 for 3 mars bars!"

Single storey kit-houses line wide red-sand streets. Fences merely mark the boundaries of the house blocks and perhaps this feature is the Authority's interpretation for the community, they're certainly not for keeping dogs, gardens or residents contained as each intermingle with the other. Well, all except gardens as there aren't any - just the red sand and clumps of Spinifex. Tall gum trees line some of the streets, their colour and presence softening and refreshing the dusty vista.

Later, I learned that the old white man has been in Apatula for 30 years. He ran the Store but is retired now. "It's his life here", said Ken. "He won't leave Finke."

Sunday 4th August 2013

It has been one week now in The Simpson. We've camped on flat, red, clay pans, around a near-boiling hot spring at Purni Bore, beneath a 340 million year old sandstone pillar, and in the backyard of an Outback Pub sitting on the edge of a vast and barren gibber plain. We've been to the geographical centre of Australia, swam in a 37° hot-water lake, slept to the sound of dingoes and crackled across salt lakes.

The desert plains stretch away to the horizon where splashes of green and gold acacias and swathes of wildflowers are a constant surprise. The charred looking, lifeless shrubs are a more expected sight yet they have their own attraction - I see a pirouetting ballerina in the lobed spinifex, and the Gidgee and Mulga are desert sculptures, their black shapes and shadows contrasting starkly against the red sand. Look down, and intermingled with their twisted limbs are bright yellow daisies - desert wildflowers are winter wonders.

Julie Dale



Mt Sonder

Simpson

Iron red sand, ice blue sky
Salt lake, clay pan, Hot!
Spinifex, Gidgee, Mulga
Green this desert land.

Between high dunes, woodlands thrive
Poached egg daisies smile
Dingoes, Lizards, Camels, Moles
Roam this desert land.

Springs spurt water boiling hot
Dalhousie, Purni Bore
Summer rain, Winter Frost
Refresh this desert land.

Ancient ranges, meteorites
Sun, wind, rain and time
Poeppel, Sturt, Burk & Wills
Shaped this desert land.

Ice blue fades to tangerine
Black becomes the palette
Thorny devils act this scene,
Scorpio hides above it.

And later the bowl of night
Domes a silent stage,
Diamonds above, a gem below -
Jewels, this desert land.



Big Red - Sand Dune

Vale Julie Henry

Julia (Julie) Henry (1917-2013) passed away in Sydney last October.

After moving from Melbourne in mid 1948, she became a foundation member of the recently formed Brisbane Bushwalkers Club in September of that year. Already a member of a southern bushwalking club, she became a significant club personality and energetic organiser, in part due to her natural leadership qualities and fine sense of proper and fair conduct.

Within the club she was known as 'The Big Wheel' and proved to be a dedicated conservationist.

Julie served as club Secretary and later President and had an ongoing interest in creating a vibrant walks program and was especially keen on discovering new places to bushwalk. She maintained lasting friendships with BBW.

Julie became BBW's first honorary life member in 1957. She attended the BBW 40th Anniversary and also attended the club's 50th Anniversary celebrations.

Attention owners of MSR Hubba 1-person tents!

After 8 years of faithful service, the floor of my tent has finally given out. However, the pole set and fly were replaced more recently, and haven't been used very often since, so are in very good condition. If you'd like spares for your tent, I'm happy to give them to you.

They would also suit someone who wants a shelter-style tent, as the pole set and fly can be erected (free-standing) without the inner mesh/floor part. Total weight around 900g.

Contact Elaine Beller on 0450 614300. I live at the Gold Coast, but could arrange to give them to someone to bring to a BBW meeting.

Guest Speakers

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.

Upcoming Rogaine Events

Bushwalkers who would like to practice or improve their navigation skills might like to try out some of the rogaïne 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.

- 29-March Training Day (3 hrs) SEQ - Grande Park, Springfield
- 29-March 3/6hr Rogaine SEQ - Grande Park, Springfield
- 24-May 8hr Rogaine SEQ - TBA

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

The annual Training Day is on again. The day will consist of both theory and hands on exercises. Topics to be covered include Navigation, Course Planning, Nutrition and lots more. The training will run from 10am until about 1pm. Then you can stay and try out your navigation skills in the "Shelbyville 3/6hr Rogaine" which starts at the same location at 3pm (map handout at 2pm).

HUMMING BIRDS

A recent TV program (David Attenborough, Humming Birds) caused me to revisit memories of these splendid creatures while walking in the Sierra Nevada, California.

It took many trips before we met humming birds. The first time was while camping and photographing scarlet trumpet flowers (about 30mm long) walking Kings Canyon to Sequoia NPs. The insect sized blob hovering around could only be a humming bird despite the fleeting view.

Our next encounter was a major event. We had an early camp at about 8000 ft southern side day before the 11400 ft crossing of Elizabeth Pass. This had been an unusual year with heavy late winter snow falls also resulting in amazing flower displays which we had never seen before. Our camp was surrounded on two sides by flowering scrubby bushes hosting feeding humming birds. With increasing delight and wonder we watched them hovering to feed, stopping dead still in mid-flight to suddenly change direction and flying backwards. We were hooked. Later consulting books, we think they were Rufous Humming Birds with typical long bills for nectar feeding and spectacular color patches neck and upper body.

A few bits of information from the superb TV program and also other sources are as follow.

There are more than 300 species of Humming Birds which occur only across the Americas. The name arises from the humming sound resulting from the incredible wing action which defies normal eyesight (12 to 80 b/s). The wings power in both directions thus allowing all their bird aerobatics unlike other birds. The smallest specie of all birds is the Bee Humming Bird, common in Cuba, which weighs 1.6 to 2 grams and is about the size of a bee. All these birds live on the very edge of existence. At maximum high activity, heart beat is up to 1000 beats per minute, often 400 b/m and refueling has to be every 15 minutes although significant time is spent perching. The necessary protein for their diet comes from insects & spiders. At night time the birds can reduce their metabolic activity by entering a state of torpor with heart rate about 40 b/m. I now understand why those we watched were feeding into the encroaching darkness. The incredible color patches can be turned iridescent on/off and are used to ferociously defend flower feeding patches. There is one bird which has an exceptionally long beak for a specific flower and with nil competitors has nil color patches. All have a tongue the same length as the bill. They have astonishing memories of the flowers they feed at and can also instantly recognize the suitability of the nectar. Bird speeds can exceed 50 km per hour. The birds are evolutionary messengers for flower pollination.

It seems to me that these birds are much loved by the local populations with feeders spoken about to help birds after the winter period. Many of the species migrate and in southern Texas at one location a massive public annual event is feeding hordes of birds which have to double their body weights in a few days for an 800km migratory flight across the Gulf of Mexico. All a bit different to our "do not feed the wildlife".

We also saw a number of isolated birds. With a sharp eye, I saw one feeding in an flower garden bed outside the restaurant Mammoth Lakes. The most astonishing meeting was sitting on a narrow rock ledge at about 10500ft, above Lake Catherine, near our tent, a place devoid of significant vegetation but numerous large snow patches, lunch laid out then to be visited by a Humming Bird having a quick look at our colorful provisions. Was this a passing migrant?

Magic memories and one of the reasons we go 'bushwalking'.

Lou

Magazine Collating

Magazine collating is at Mary Comer's at Highgate Hill on Thursday 20th March 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 3844 6231 to confirm.



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