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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 4th June**, 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 July magazine is the Open Meeting on Wednesday 11th June.

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

Valley Of The Winds, Girraween NP
Photo: Ryan Langley



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

May

26	SNW-2A	Toohey Forest Monday night walk	Graham Olive
27	TRNG	Tuesday Kangaroo Point - Pack Training	Chris Hall
27	TRNG	West End Hills	Joan Davey
28	Meeting	Meeting	
29	TRNG	Thursday Kangaroo Point - Core Training	Pete Watson
29	SNW-3B	Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walk	Graham Olive
30-1	METW-3B	Conondales NP	Elaine Beller
30-1	LBC-7D	Mt Ernest via organ pipes	Glenis Bradley, Ryan Langley
31	S&T	First Aid Course - recertification	Marge Henry
31	MABS-6C	Back Creek Abseil	Anne Kemp, Chrissy Dott
31	SDW-4A	Mt Matheson Trail, Spicers Gap	Joan Davey
31-1	MTW-6D	Stretcher Track/Stinson Wreck	Ray Glancy

June

1	LDW-4C	Jubilee Park and Redwood Park from the bottom	Bernie Ryan
1	LDW-3B	Toolona Creek Circuit	Mary Comer
1	MINIMAX4A	Bunyaville Consv. Park - New Members	Lindsay Waddel, Diana Norkataitis
1-21	XLTW-6C	Larapinta Trail - Central Australia	Marge Henry
3	TRNG	Tuesday Kangaroo Point - Pack Training	Chris Hall
5	TRNG	Thursday Kangaroo Point - Core Training	Pete Watson
5-9	STW-7E	Maroon and Barney Five Peak Circuit	John Hinz
6-9	MTW-6D	Teviot to Spicers	Lynley Murtagh
6-9	MTW-6D	Spicers to Teviot	Richard Walton
6-10	MTW-4C	Fraser Island via Hervey Bay	Greg Kuss
7	MDW-6C	Mt Maroon via the Caves Route	Lynsey Moore
7	SDW-5C	Mt Maroon	Marion Archbald
7	MDW-4C	Mt Zahel	Joan Davey
7-8	MTW-3B	Echo Point	Mary Comer
8	MDW-7C	Moore's Creek:D'Aguilar National Park	Bob Reilly
8-9	MTW-3B	Echo Point Through Walk	Ray Glancy
9	MDW-8D	Shortened Eagles Ridge Mt Barney	David Haliczzer
10	TRNG	Tuesday Kangaroo Point - Pack Training	Chris Hall
10	TRNG	West End Hills	Joan Davey
11	Meeting	Chris Hall - Canarvon Great Walk	
12	TRNG	Thursday Kangaroo Point - Core Training	Pete Watson
13-15	S&T	Leader Training Base Camp - Mt Glorious Barracks	Marion Darveniza
14	MDW-8D	Logans Ridge Mt Barney	Chris Hall
14	MDW-7D	Lost World Traverse	Ray Glancy
14	Moderate	North Stradbroke Island	Alan Cooper
14	ABS	Abseil Experience Day - Kangaroo Pt Cliffs	Chrissy Dott
14	SDW-5C	Mt Greville	Marion Archbald
14-15	MTW-5C	Lizard Point	Ryan Langley
15	MABS-6C	Back Creek Abseil	Anne Kemp, Lynley Murtagh
17	TRNG	Tuesday Kangaroo Point - Pack Training	Chris Hall
18	MDW-6C	Mt Bangalora via South rocky Ridge	Lou & Marion Darveniza
19	TRNG	Thursday Kangaroo Point - Core Training	Pete Watson
20-22	MBC-5C	Goomburra - Mt Castle	David Sydes
21	MINIMAXS4A	White Rock for New Members	Lou & Marion Darveniza
21-22	MTW-3C	Rat-a-Tat Campsite	Ray Glancy
22	MDW-7D	Mt Barney via South East Ridge	Arthur Walton
22	MDW-7D	Mt Maroon - Southern Waterfall route	Lou & Marion Darveniza
22	LDW-3B	Araucaria Track	Mary Comer
24	TRNG	Tuesday Kangaroo Point - Pack Training	Chris Hall



24	Social	West End Hills Anniversary Dinner	Joan Davey
25	Meeting	Meeting	
26	TRNG	Thursday Kangaroo Point - Core Training	Pete Watson
27-29	MTW-6C	Point Pure	Ryan Langley
28-29	MTW-7D	Three Peaks of Mt Barney TW	Lou & Marion Darveniza
28-29	LTW-6D	Middle Ridge Traverse	Ray Glancy
28-29	MTW-4C	South Bald Rock	Graham Olive
29	MDW-4C	Mount Zahel	Bernie Ryan
29	MDW-3B	Mt Mitchell	Mary Comer
29	MDW-6C	Upper Cabbage Tree Creek (Long version), D'Aguilar NP)	Bob Reilly

July

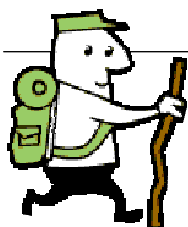
5	LDW-3C	Shipstern Circuit	Mary Comer
5-6	METW-4C	Rat-a-tat, Lamington NP	Elaine Beller
6	LDW-4C	Mount Joyce	Bernie Ryan
6	MDW-7D	Wednesday Ck, Mt Maroon	Lou & Marion Darveniza
9	Meeting	A/ Professor Con Aroney - Bushwalking and conditions of the heart	
11-13	MBC-3B	Byron Bay Base Camp	Bernie Ryan
11-13	MTW-5C	The Steamers	David Thorpe
12	SABS-4A	Ngungun Moonlight Abseil	Chrissy Dott, Anne Kemp
12	MINIMAXS4A	Mt Coot-tha for New members	Lou & Marion Darveniza
13	MDW-6C	Mt Maroon - Three Waterfalls Route	Lou & Marion Darveniza
16	SDW-6C	The Cougals via Boyds Butte	Lou & Marion Darveniza
19-20	MTW-6D	Point Pure	Lou & Marion Darveniza
19	MDW-8D	Logans Ridge - Mt Barney	Lynley Murtagh
19	MDW-5B	White Rock Woogaroo Ck	Peter Hunt
20	SDW-3A	Fort Bribie	Kay Byrne
23	Meeting	Meeting	
25-27	MBC-4A S&T	Base Camp Lake Maroon Holiday Park	Lynley Murtagh
25-27	MTW-5C	The Steamers	David Thorpe
27	SURVEY	Eumundi Conservation Park Survey	Karen Ryan
30	SDW-5C	Mt Greville	Lou & Marion Darveniza
31-3	STW-6D	Girraween National Park	Annette Miller

August

1-3	SBC-4B	Woonoongoora	Peter Hunt
2	MDW-8D	Shortened Eagles Ridge Mt Barney	David Haliczzer
3	LDW-5C	Teviot Range - Northern Section	Bernie Ryan
5-11	Expedition-4C	Cape Melville Expedition	Kendall Rubie
9-10	STW-5C	Black Snake Ridge, Lamington NP	Elaine Beller
13	SDW-5B	Mount Warning (Wollumbin) The Cloud Catcher	Karen Ryan
13	Meeting	Talk on geology of SE Qld in the main areas where we walk	
15-17	MTW-6C?	Lamington Plateau	Chris Hall
17	MDW-4B	Gold Creek Reservoir	Bernie Ryan
23	ABS	Abseil Experience Day - Kangaroo Pt Cliffs	Chrissy Dott
29-31	MBC-5C	Rimfall Base Camp	Ray Glancy
30	MDW-5C	Shirley Strachan Memorial Walk	Chris Hall

September

6-11	MTW-4C	Solitary Island Coastal Walk	Greg Kuss
12-14	MBC-3B	Bunya Mountains Base Camp	Bernie Ryan
12-14	MTW-5D	Little Flaggy Creek Falls source - Main Range	Chris Hall
19-21	MTW-5C	The Steamers, Main Range NP	Elaine Beller
20-29	MTW-7D	Gardens of Stone NP (NE of Sydney)	Annette Miller
21	MDW-3B	Mt Cordeaux & Bare Rock or / Mt Mitchell	Arthur Walton
26-28	MBC-5C	Rimfall Base Camp	Ray Glancy



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

TOOHEY FOREST MONDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Mon 26 May
LEADER: Graham Olive 0455 539 999
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. No need to book for these walks, just turn up. Members wanting to walk should be at the start point ready to go at 6.30 PM sharp. This activity does not count toward full membership.

TUESDAY KANGAROO POINT - PACK TRAINING

Training Tue 27 May
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.

WEST END HILLS

Training - Night Walk Tue 27 May
LEADER: Joan Davey 0415 139 646
GRADE: TRNG
LIMIT: 15

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.

THURSDAY KANGAROO POINT - CORE TRAINING

Training Thu 29 May
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.

MT COOT-THA THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Thu 29 May
LEADER: Graham Olive 0455 539 999
GRADE: SNW-3B
LIMIT: 20+
BRING: page 3 plus torch and water
MEET: angle 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 on the approach to 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.

CONONDALES NP

Easy through walk Fri 30 May -- Sun 1 Jun
LEADER: Elaine Beller 0450 614 300
This activity is full.

MT ERNEST VIA ORGAN PIPES

Basecamp Fri 30 May -- Sun 1 Jun
LEADER: Glenis Bradley, Ryan Langley 0412 618 607
This activity is full.

FIRST AID COURSE - RECERTIFICATION

First Aid Sat 31 May
LEADER: Marge Henry 0413 337 530
GRADE: S&T
LIMIT: 6
BRING: Water bottle, morning tea, lunch
COST: \$150 (Ordinary members \$75)
MEET: St John's Headquarters, Fortitude Valley

This course is designed for a person who holds a current or recently expired First Aid certificate. The recertification course assesses your current knowledge & skills and recertifies and validates your first aid skills; it does not teach you all the content again. This course is not suitable for a person who has never previously attended a first aid training course. The Club will subsidise all Full members by 50%. Probationary members pay the full rate. Acceptance to the course will only be given on receipt of payment.

BACK CREEK ABSEIL

Abseil Day Walk Sat 31 May
LEADER: Anne Kemp, Chrissy Dott 0411 327 704
GRADE: MABS-6C
LIMIT: 6
BRING: Abseil equipment Waterproofing and usual day walk gear
COST: Petrol \$20
MEET: Fairfield Gardens

DEPART: 7:00am
MAP: Canungra 1:25000
Back Creek is located at Beechmont south of Canungra. This walk will involve three abseils (the first three of the usual five). As we drop into water on the second abseil packs must be water-proofed. We'll be rock hopping and scrambling downstream between abseils. The return route has steep up sections along a rough track. This really is an excellent day in a beautiful environment to practice your abseil skills (overhangs/water). This activity is primarily for people doing the 2014 BBW abseil training at Kangaroo Point and initially I will be reserving places for them. As we will be carrying ropes and additional gear please bring a larger pack if possible. Contact me please if you need any more information or wish to hire club equipment.

STRETCHER TRACK/STINSON WRECK

Through Walk Sat 31 May -- Sun 1 Jun
LEADER: Ray Glancy 0419 719 480
GRADE: MTW-6D
LIMIT: 8
BRING: Throughwalk gear (email me if you are unsure what you need
COST: \$11 camping fee plus vehicle cont
MEET: Stinson Memorial Park
DEPART: Sat. 6.30 am
CAR KMS: 220 kms
MAP: Lamington (supplied)

This walk is an opportunity to discover how hard the track cutting must have been for the rescuers aiming to carry out the two survivors of the Stinson Plane wreck. There is a slog up to the Neglected Mt. Saddle and then a steeper grunt up to the Plateau. Trackfinding will be difficult and fallen trees will be something of an obstacle as will be the usual rainforest scratchies but it is an historic walk and we will camp at Pt. Lookout on Sat. night and visit the wreck site on Sun. morn on our descent to Christmas Ck

JUBILEE PARK AND REDWOOD PARK FROM THE BOTTOM

Day Walk Sun 1 Jun
LEADER: Bernie Ryan 0432 907275
This activity is full.

TOOLONA CREEK CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 1 Jun
LEADER: Mary Comer 0427 446 000
GRADE: LDW-3B
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Usual Day Walk Gear
COST: \$25
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 7am

MAP: Lamington N.P.
This walk is 17.4km in the O`Reillys area of Lamington NP. We leave the Border Track for Picnic Rock and then Elabana Falls where we will have morning tea. The rest of the morning is then spent walking upstream along the very beautiful Toolona Ck with it's many waterfalls and "tree gardens". There are creek crossings. Lunch will be taken at Wanungara Lookout overlooking the Tweed Valley and Mt Warning. 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.

BUNYAVILLE CONSERVATION PARK-NEW MEMBERS

Minimaxs Sun 1 Jun
LEADER: Lindsay Waddel, Diana Norkataitis
0433 881 899

GRADE: MINIMAX4A
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Page 3 Items
MEET: Bilo, Alderley
DEPART: 7.30 am
MAP: See notes

This walk is designed to introduce new members to bush walking and to the Brisbane Bush Walkers Club. The walk is about 7 km;s 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 saftey, 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

LARAPINTA TRAIL - CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

Through Walk Sun 1 -- Sat 21 Jun
LEADER: Marge Henry 0413 337 530
This activity is full.

TUESDAY KANGAROO POINT - PACK TRAINING

Training Tue 3 Jun
LEADER: Chris Hall 0498 051 811
See activity description for Tue 27 May.

THURSDAY KANGAROO POINT - CORE TRAINING

Training Thu 5 Jun
LEADER: Pete Watson 0400 706 493
See activity description for Thu 29 May.

MAROON AND BARNEY FIVE PEAK CIRCUIT

Through Walk Thu 5 -- Mon 9 Jun
LEADER: John Hinz 3846 1432
GRADE: STW-7E

LIMIT: 6 including leader
BRING: Light through walk gear
COST: \$22.40 pp camping fees + car expenses
MEET: Highgate Hill on Thursday
DEPART: 5.30pm
CAR KMS: 210 km
MAP: Maroon and Mount Lindesay 1:25000
MOBILE TO RING ON DAY OF WALK ONLY::
0417 005 094

Starting in 2003, every year I have led a four day walk for BBW during the June long weekend. No two walks have been the same, mainly through prior planning but also because of the need to change the route during the walk due to various circumstances. Quite a few didn't end up being four days either! Apart from last year at Sundown, each walk has been in Mt Barney National Park, a testament to the large variety of interesting routes available there. This year we return to Mt Barney, again with a new circuit that that covers a wide range of terrain, with great views for a lot of the time. After leaving Brisbane late on Thursday afternoon, we will have dinner in Beaudesert. Several kilometres of easy walking along a track will see us reach our first night's camp at Paddy's Plain, at the base of Mt Maroon. On Friday, we will climb Mt Maroon via Wednesday Creek, a small creek on the south-western slopes, with day packs. There is some excellent rock as we near the summit. Classic views of Mt. Barney await us, provided we have a clear day. In the afternoon we will descend back to Paddy's Plain via Maroon Creek, for a second night's camp. On Saturday we will need to do some cross country walking to reach the base of the North Ridge of Mt Barney. Relatively speaking, North Ridge is one of the easiest routes up Barney, but do not underestimate its difficulty when carrying a through pack. There are some excellent views on the ascent. Camp will be at the old hut site in the East Peak " West Peak saddle. Sunday will see us climb West Peak, then descend the mountain via Midget Ridge and Midget Peak to our camp site on Barney Creek. On our final day we will rock hop down the delightful Barney Creek and eventually return to our car. Come along if you're looking for a challenge in some truly spectacular country. There is quite a lot of difficult scrambling involved, with long days. Therefore it is only suitable for experienced and fit through walkers. All candidates must be approved by me. Also please note that Friday is not a public holiday so you will need to be able to take this day off work.

TEVIOT TO SPICERS

Through Walk Fri 6 -- Mon 9 Jun
LEADER: Lynley Murtagh 0414 631 115

This activity is full.

SPICERS TO TEVIOT

Through Walk Fri 6 -- Mon 9 Jun
LEADER: Richard Walton 0421228466
GRADE: MTW-6D
LIMIT: 8 inc leader
BRING: stuff
COST: camp fees + fuel
MEET: Aratula
DEPART: TBA - Friday night
CAR KMS: 300 approx
MAP: Cunninghams Gap, Mt Superbus
1:25,000

This is arguably THE premier 3-day walk in SE Qld. It offers a rich variety of landscapes, geologies, ecosystems, views, and walking terrain. We will do a car swap with Lynley's North Going Zax, probably at Aratula, on Friday night. We will camp beside the cars Friday night. We should get out mid-afternoon on the Monday to get back home at a reasonable hour. Now for the warning. The walk is deceptively strenuous with a large variation in route conditions. At best there is a rough walking pad in some places; in most places there is no pad at all. You are either walking up or down a long steep slope, and if you are not, you are about to. Some slopes are particularly steep and long. There are short sections of rock scrambling (both up and down) on poor, loose, vegetated rock in a number of places. While not technically difficult nor exposed nor too steep, they do require a confidence on rock as a fall would be a very negative experience. The walk will get considerably more difficult in wet weather. You will need a high level of fitness with experience in off-track walking on steep, rough, difficult terrain; with a 3 day pack. You will need to be confident at rock scrambling; with a 3 day pack. You will need previous experience in through walking. This is NOT a good first-time through walk. We will need to keep up a steady pace on the first day; no dilly dallying or multiple morning teas. The first day is long and we will need to start early. In summary, if you have a high level of fitness with experience in off-track walking on steep, difficult terrain with some scrambling experience (with a pack) and you are up for a challenge, excitement and considerable fun; this walk is for you. 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 history. This is always a spectacular walk so please come along and enjoy.

FRASER ISLAND VIA HERVEY BAY

through walk Fri 6 -- Tue 10 Jun
LEADER: Greg Kuss 0408 806 310

This activity is full.

MT MAROON VIA THE CAVES ROUTE

Day Walk Sat 7 Jun
LEADER: Lynsey Moore 0409 725843
This activity is full.

MT MAROON

Day Walk Sat 7 Jun
LEADER: Marion Archbald 0435 858 123
This activity is full.

MT ZAHEL

Day Walk Sat 7 Jun
LEADER: Joan Davey 0415 139 646
GRADE: MDW-4C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Usual day walk gear
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 7am
MAP: Thornton 1:25000 topo

Mt Zahel is located in the Mistake Mountains region and accessed from the Laidley Valley, southwest of Brisbane. The walk starts from Laidley Gap by walking up an unsealed roadway through private property then follows a long steep grassy ridge to the first peak. We continue to the other main peak and return via the same route. This walk is in fairly open country with some nice views of surrounding mountains. If very windy it may be cold so please take warm clothing. This will be a slower paced walk

ECHO POINT

Through Walk Sat 7 -- Sun 8 Jun
LEADER: Mary Comer 0427 446 000
This activity is full.

MOORE'S CREEK:D'AGUILAR NATIONAL PARK

Day Walk Sun 8 Jun
LEADER: Bob Reilly 0408 985 852
GRADE: MDW-7C
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Usual day walk gear
COST: \$10 petrol
MEET: Illowra Park & Ride (cnr Illowra St & Water works Rd) Enter from Illowra St
DEPART: 7am

This walk is near Mt Glorious, in Brisbane Forest Park. We will park the cars at Lawton Rd, and walk for a couple of kms along it towards Northbrook Mountain. (Overall, it's a lovely walk through eucalyptus forest to start with, once in the creek there's a dense rainforest canopy, with lots of palms). After leaving Lawton Rd, we'll follow a ridge, south east down to the top of England

Creek Falls, where we'll have morning tea. Then we will follow England Creek up to its source, negotiating a number of waterfalls. You will need to be confident at rock hopping and scrambling, as there are a couple of tricky (low Grade 7) waterfalls to scramble up--although I will have tape, if needed. However, they are reasonably straight forward to scramble up, making this a good introduction to Grade 7 creek walks. This walk is a variant of the Grade 6 England Creek (Left Branch) walk. The particular creek we will "exit on" has some Grade 7 features on it, hence the different classification/name. If I have not walked with you before, could you please send me an email describing your recent experience (i.e. within the last year), before you nominate. If you prefer, you can meet us the car park, immediately adjacent to the Mt Glorious Rd, at Maiala at 7.30am. Please let me know if you will be taking this option. Thanks Bob

ECHO POINT THROUGH WALK

Through Walk Sun 8 -- Mon 9 Jun
LEADER: Ray Glancy 0419 719 480
This activity is full.

SHORTENED EAGLES RIDGE MT BARNEY

Day Walk Mon 9 Jun
LEADER: David Haliczzer 0432 901 030
GRADE: MDW-8D
LIMIT: 8
BRING: Page 3
COST: \$25
MEET: Lower Portals
DEPART: 6:30am
CAR KMS: 250
MAP: Mt Lindesay
ELEVATION GAIN: Min. 1,000 metres
Shortened Eagles Ridge provides an opportunities to experience much of the higher parts of Eagles Ridge without the long climb from Lower Portals. We ascend via a direct ridge to Tom's Tum and descend via North Ridge. It has much open rock providing great views of the surrounding country, and also has several areas of exposed rock to negotiate. Good scrambling skills and confidence with moderate exposure are required. In addition the route up is steep so a high level of fitness is required. We will be moving at a reasonable pace with a few short brakes during the day including lunch. Please email me if you have not walked with me before, advising what walks of this grade you have done recently and with which leaders.

TUESDAY KANGAROO POINT - PACK TRAINING

Training Tue 10 Jun

LEADER: Chris Hall 0498 051 811
See activity description for Tue 27 May.

WEST END HILLS

Training - Night Walk Tue 10 Jun
LEADER: Joan Davey 0415 139 646
See activity description for Tue 27 May.

THURSDAY KANGAROO POINT - CORE TRAINING

Training Thu 12 Jun
LEADER: Pete Watson 0400 706 493
See activity description for Thu 29 May.

LEADER TRAINING BASE CAMP - MT GLORIOUS BARRACKS

Leader Training Fri 13 -- Sun 15 Jun
LEADER: Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
GRADE: S&T
LIMIT: 12 plus leaders for Saturday
BRING: See NOTES
COST: \$5.00pp/pn
MOBILE (NOT ALWAYS ON): 0438 481 186
For those interested in becoming leaders for the club, a training day will be held at the Mt Glorious Barracks starting at 8 am on Saturday. Various topics will be covered by a number of leaders with ample opportunity for discussion and questions. There will be a lot of listening and talking in the comfort of "the Barn" at the Barracks, but also some of the topics will be covered while out on a walk. Members have the option of camping at the Barracks Friday & Saturday nights or coming for the day. This is an opportunity to socialise and there will be a campfire on Saturday night. Sunday is for bushwalking & a couple of easy to medium level walks will be offered for those who wish to stay on. Details are still to be worked out. If there is room on the walks on Sunday, the walks will be open to other club members who are also welcome to camp & socialise on the Saturday night.

LOGANS RIDGE MT BARNEY

Day Walk Sat 14 Jun
LEADER: Chris Hall 0498 051 811
This activity is full.

LOST WORLD TRAVERSE

Day Walk Sat 14 Jun
LEADER: Ray Glancy 0419 719 480
This activity is full.

NORTH STRADBROKE ISLAND

CYCLE Sat 14 Jun
LEADER: Alan Cooper 0448 937 945
GRADE: Moderate
LIMIT: 12

BRING: Water, spare tyre, tools & p3
COST: \$10 Person & Bike return
MEET: Tondah Harbour
DEPART: 6.30 for 7am ferry
CAR KMS: 50kms on Island
MAP: Ubd 186 d17

Meet at Toondah Harbour (Emmett Drive) Cleveland, 6.30 am for 7.00 Ferry. Tickets can be purchased either on line (BigRedCat.com.au) or at the office on the day, 40 min trip to Straddie & then 25kms Moderate ride to Point Lookout for food, gelati or beach scrambles, same way back to catch the 4 pm ferry back to Cleveland.

ABSEIL EXPERIENCE DAY - KANGAROO PT CLIFFS

Abseil Training Sat 14 Jun
LEADER: Chrissy Dott 0411 312 241
This activity is full.

MT GREVILLE

Daywalk Sat 14 Jun
LEADER: Marion Archbald 0435 858 123
GRADE: SDW-5C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Usual daywalk gear
COST: \$15
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 7 am

Mt Greville is an isolated peak near Aratula approximately 770m high. It has open eucalypt forest, heath, cliffs, great views and a couple of gorges with palms to keep us cool. We'll go up Palm Gorge, which is quite steep, but interesting. We have morning tea at the Western Lookout. We continue up the south-east ridge to the summit. Then we descend by the south-east ridge. We will stop on a rocky outcrop with a view of Waterfall Gorge for lunch. Off to Aratula for coffee. It will not be a long day. This is a good introduction to off track walking for new members, but you must have reasonable fitness to get up (and down) a 770m mountain.

LIZARD POINT

Through Walk Sat 14 -- Sun 15 Jun
LEADER: Ryan Langley
This activity is full.

BACK CREEK ABSEIL

Abseil Day Walk Sun 15 Jun
LEADER: Anne Kemp, Lynley Murtagh 0411 327 704
GRADE: MABS-6C
LIMIT: 6
BRING: Abseil equipment Waterproofing and usual day walk gear
COST: Petrol \$20

MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 7:00am
MAP: Canungra 1:25000

Back Creek is located at Beechmont south of Canungra. This walk will involve three abseils (the first three of the usual five). As we drop into water on the second abseil packs must be waterproofed. We'll be rock hopping and scrambling downstream between abseils. The return route has steep up sections along a rough track. This really is an excellent day in a beautiful environment to practice your abseil skills (overhangs/water). This activity is primarily for people doing the 2014 BBW abseil training at Kangaroo Point and initially I will be reserving places for them. As we will be carrying ropes and additional gear please bring a larger pack if possible. Contact me please if you need any more information or wish to hire club equipment.

TUESDAY KANGAROO POINT - PACK TRAINING

Training Tue 17 Jun
LEADER: Chris Hall 0498 051 811
See activity description for Tue 27 May.

MT BANGALORA VIA SOUTH ROCKY RIDGE

Survey Wed 18 Jun
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
GRADE: MDW-6C
LIMIT: 8
BRING: Usual Day Walk Gear, 2-3 L water
COST: \$25 car pooling
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 6am
CAR KMS: 230km
MAP: Teviot 1:25000,

This route is a fairly direct route to the summit of Mt Bangalora (827m) involving some fairly serious scrambling. There are excellent views from near the summit, the actual top being in rainforest. From the summit we will head north to a very open area with excellent views. The plan is to drop into another tributary of Nine Mile creek to check whether it is as nice as the tributary known in BBW as Little Slabby. This will then be followed downstream to the northern base of the mountain. From here it will be a bit over an hour back along the eastern side of the mountain back to the cars mostly on old cattle pads except for the final descent to the cars.

THURSDAY KANGAROO POINT - CORE TRAINING

Training Thu 19 Jun
LEADER: Pete Watson 0400 706 493
See activity description for Thu 29 May.

GOOMBURRA - MT CASTLE

Base Camp Fri 20 -- Sun 22 Jun
LEADER: David Sydes 0419 871 100
This activity is full.

WHITE ROCK FOR NEW MEMBERS

Minimaxs Sat 21 Jun
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
GRADE: MINIMAXS4A
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Usual day walk gear,2L water
COST: \$8 car pooling
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 7am
CAR KMS: 65km
MAP: Bundamba 1:25000
MOBILE ON DAY OF WALK ONLY:0438 481 186
White Rock Conservation Park is very close to Redbank Plains - see UBD p255. White Rock and the surrounding cliffs are of sandstone, riddled with small caves. Being a MINIMAXS, we will be discussing, safety, clothing, club protocol, minimal environmental impact, first aid, gradings etc. This is a fairly short walk with very little elevation gain - we will probably deviate off the track to explore some cliffs, but mostly we will be on a track of some sort. Bring morning tea, lunch and the "always take" items on page 3 of the magazine. Hopefully we will have lunch in the picnic shelter by the cars and finish early afternoon. We will be bringing a gas stove to boil up in the picnic shelter for tea or coffee, so bring a cup - we will provide the tea, coffee, milk & sugar.

RAT-A-TAT CAMPSITE

Throughwalk Sat 21 -- Sun 22 Jun
LEADER: Ray Glancy 0419 719 480
GRADE: MTW-3C
LIMIT: 6
BRING: Page 3 gear and Throughwalk gear
COST: \$5.60 Camp fees and vehicle cont.
MEET: 24 Morialta St. Mansfield
DEPART: 6.30 am
CAR KMS: 220kms
This is a small step-up from the easier track throughwalks and takes us along the Albert River Track till we turn off at the Echo Pt. Campsite and head south along a footpad past Mt Worendo and then turn off down to our campsite at Rat-a-Tat which is the very source of the Albert River North Branch. While there are limited views on this walk the glowworms at night should be an enjoyable sight. This walk is suitable for members who want to experience the Rainforest at it's best and who are reasonably fit as Sat. is a longish day. If you need info. re equipment etc please email me Ray

MT BARNEY VIA SOUTH EAST RIDGE

Day Walk Sun 22 Jun
LEADER: Arthur Walton 0418 730 541
This activity is full.

MT MAROON - SOUTHERN WATERFALL ROUTE

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

ARAUCARIA TRACK

Day Walk Sun 22 Jun
LEADER: Mary Comer 0427 446 000
This activity is full.

TUESDAY KANGAROO POINT - PACK TRAINING

Training Tue 24 Jun
LEADER: Chris Hall 0498 051 811
See activity description for Tue 27 May.

THURSDAY KANGAROO POINT - CORE TRAINING

Training Thu 26 Jun
LEADER: Pete Watson 0400 706 493
See activity description for Thu 29 May.

POINT PURE

Throughwalk Fri 27 -- Sun 29 Jun
LEADER: Ryan Langley
GRADE: MTW-6C
LIMIT: 8
BRING: normal TW gear
MEET: pre-arranged
DEPART: Friday night
MAP: Glen Rock 1:25000
We will pre-arrange transport for the Friday night departure to the Glen Rock camping ground. Note the national parks website says at the moment it is best accessed by 4WD due to the road condition, so I may need to give preference to 4WD/AWD owners. It will be cold at the Glen Rock campground on the Friday night. On Saturday, we walk down an old road, before proceeding up a steep 400 metre ridge. At the top of this ridge we collect water for the rest of the walk, which we will need to carry for about 2km's to camp. From the water pickup the views get better and better. We will camp at Point Pure. On Sunday, we come back by an open ridge with excellent views. There is a small amount of exposure on day two for a 100 metre stretch, but nothing too serious. Please contact me by email if you have any questions.

THREE PEAKS OF MT BARNEY TW

Through Walk Sat 28 -- Sun 29 Jun
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031

This activity is full.

MIDDLE RIDGE TRAVERSE

Through Walk Sat 28 -- Sun 29 Jun
LEADER: Ray Glancy 0419 719 480
This activity is full.

SOUTH BALD ROCK

Through Walk Sat 28 -- Sun 29 Jun
LEADER: Graham Olive 0455 539 999
GRADE: MTW-4C
LIMIT: 8
BRING: Through walk gear
COST: See Text
MEET: TBA
DEPART: 7:00 am
CAR KMS: 590km approx
MAP: HEMA Girraween 1:37,000
South Bald Rock is located in Girraween National Park. The Park has massive granite outcrops, large and small balancing boulders and clear running streams. Saturday we drive from Brisbane over the border to the Bald Rock Picnic and Camping Area about 3.5 hours. We will climb Bald Rock, a 190m climb. We then return to the cars for lunch, don our big packs and start the 10km trek to the bush camp site which is beside a stream at the base of South Bald Rock. Once camp is set, we will, if there is enough light, climb and explore South Bald Rock (optional). Sunday, after breakfast and a little more exploring, we start back to the cars via the border trail. Along the way we pass Little Bald Rock (another easy climb) we have lunch at the cars then drive home. This is a good 'first through walk'. The walking trails are mostly flat with some short hills. The climbing is easy, just walking on a steep rough surface really. The days in Girraween can be warm in winter but the nights can be very cold at any time of the year, 5 degrees or less, so bring the warm gear. Water from the stream at the camp site, needs to be treated. Camping fees in Queensland are \$5.60 per person per night. Vehicle entry fee to the NSW Bald Rock National Park is about \$7 to \$10 per vehicle per day. Car distance about 590km return. Fuel cost \$60. Transport from Brisbane prearranged. Map HEMA Girraween & Bald Rock 1:37,000

MOUNT ZAHEL

Day Walk Sun 29 Jun
LEADER: Bernie Ryan 0432 907 275
GRADE: MDW-4C
This activity is full.

MT MITCHELL

Day Walk Sun 29 Jun

LEADER: Mary Comer 0427 446 000
GRADE: MDW-3B
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Day walk gear
COST: \$20
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 7am

This is a 10.4km walk which starts at Cunninghams Gap on the Warwick road. It is a beautiful little walk with rain forest, open areas and wonderful views. We will have an easy day with coffee at Aratula on the way and also stop there on return. Most suitable for anyone who is new to bush walking.

UPPER CABBAGE TREE CREEK (LONG VERSION): D'AGUILAR NATIONAL PARK

Day Walk Sun 29 Jun
LEADER: Bob Reilly 0408 985 852
GRADE: MDW-6C
LIMIT: 10
BRING: as per p.3 of Mag, plus 3 litres of water
COST: Petrol contribution: \$4
MEET: Illowra Park & Ride (Cnr Illowra St and Water works Rd, The Gap) Enter from Illowra St.
DEPART: 7:00am
CAR KMS: 40 km (return)
MAP: D'Aguilar National Park (South D'Aguilar section) 1:30,000

This is an interesting, "slabby", creek walk in the upper reaches of Cabbage Tree Creek, near Jollys Lookout. It has a number of Grade 5 and 6 cascades/waterfalls on it, giving it a "high" 6 grading overall. (There are some Grade 7 waterfalls as well, but we will be bypassing these on the day--but there will be time for individuals to scramble up these features, if they wish, (and conditions permit). Please note that this is not the Cababge Tree Creek walk, which has been on the club's walk list for some years. I can email you some images of the walk if you are interested. As the walk will take 6 to 8 hours to complete, we will need to keep moving, on the day. If you prefer, you can meet us at Jolly's Lookout at 7.30 am--please let me know, when nominating, if you will be meeting us there. Please contact me (email is fine), before nominating, if you have not walked with me before.

MT COOT-THA FOR NEW MEMBERS

Minimaxs Sat 12 Jul
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
GRADE: MINIMAXS4A
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Usual day walk gear including the P3

items, 2 L water
MEET: Toowong Memorial Park (car park)
Sylvan rd, Toowong. UBD p159, A16
DEPART: 7am
MAP: Brisbane forest Park 1:30 000
MOBILE TO RING ON DAY OF WALK ONLY.:
0438 481 186

This trip is designed to introduce new members to bushwalking and to the Brisbane Bushwalkers club. We will meet at the car park of the memorial Park on Sylvan Road, Toowong and then travel to Mt Coot-tha. Mt Coot-tha has plenty of tracks, formed and unformed plus several creeks which will enable new walkers to experience a variety of terrains. The creek bits will be Terrain 5 and there will be an opportunity to do some scrambling (Terrain 6)- alternatives do exist. Being a Minimaxs, we will be discussing safety, clothing, club protocol, minimal environmental impact, first aid, the clubs grading system etc. We expect to finish early afternoon. Bring morning tea, lunch and the "always take" items on p3 of the magazine.

FORT BRIBIE

Short Day Walk/ Social Sun 20 Jul
LEADER: Kay Byrne 0429 924 726
See description on Page 23

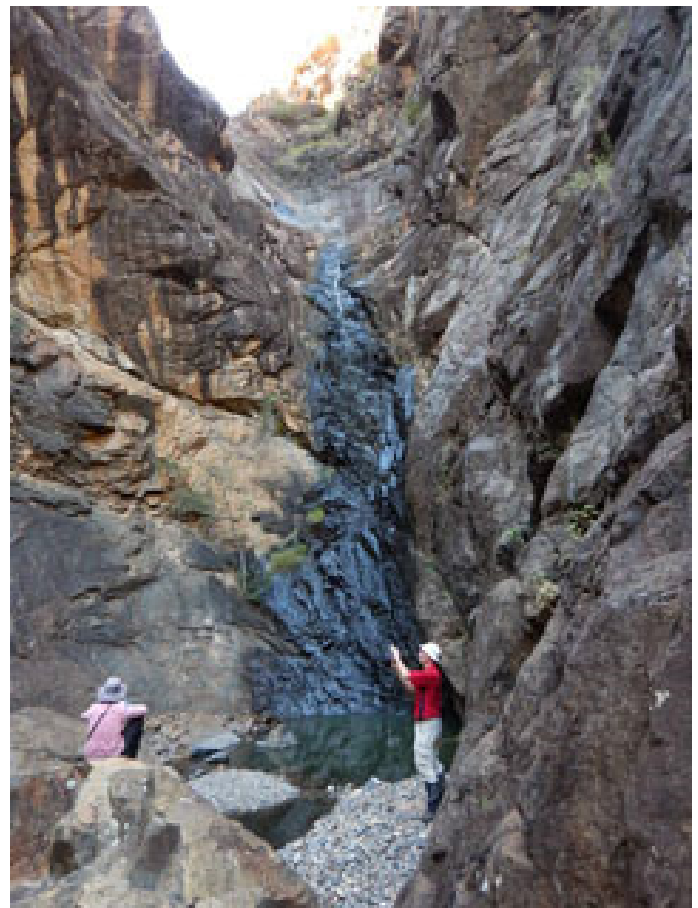
BASE CAMP LAKE MAROON HOLIDAY PARK

Navigation Training Fri 25 Jul -- Sun 27 Apr
LEADER: Lynley Murtagh 0414 631 115
GRADE: MBC-4A S&T
LIMIT: 24 + Leaders/Helpers
BRING: Day walking gear, food, water, compass.
COST: \$12.00 pp per night camping fees
MEET: We will meet at Lake Maroon Holiday Park
MAP: Maps will be supplied, please bring your compass

This weekend is to learn how to read a map and then put it into practice by finding some markers. The plan would be to arrive on Friday night and settle in and meet everyone. You can just come on Saturday morning if you need, but we will start at 7.30 am. The training will be held over two days with the instruction being held on Saturday followed by an introduction to putting your newly acquired skills into practice. On Sunday we will improve your navigation skills and have some fun finding more controls. We will be off track and will split into small teams, each with a mixture of expert and beginner navigators. Each team will take some controls and set them at marked points in the bush, then go on to visit controls that have been set by other teams. After lunch we venture

out once more to collect the controls. The focus for each team will be to learn and improve upon navigation skills, rather than competing and getting the most controls. Dress for bashing through scrub. Maps of the walk area will be provided. Bring your compass if you have one. We should have the club's compasses available for those who do not own one yet. We will be off-track most of the day. Don't forget the gear from page 3 of the mag plus your base camping equipment. We will have nibbles on Saturday afternoon and time to recap the day.

The cost of camping is \$24 for two nights so when you nominate please deposit funds into my bank account and put your name in the reference. The BSB is 638-010 and the account number is 11124822 the account name is Lynley Murtagh. Once the funds are there I will accept the nomination. Please bring along a chair to use as we will be sitting at tables for the navigation training. If you have a camp table can you please let me know and bring it along with you. The weekend will be held at the Lake Maroon Holiday Park. Please look at the website for directions and park rules. <http://www.lakemaroon.com.au/>



EASTER AT SUNDOWN NP

The Circuit, Sundown NP, is perhaps our best BBW 4 day through-walk. This circuit takes in a part of the major Severn River, Mt Donaldson plus the varied spectacular gorges of the minor inflowing creeks McAllister, Donaldson, Blue Gorge, Ooline. It is located in rugged drier country southwest of Stanthorpe near the NSW border. One may never tire of this trip as it is invariably full of unexpected adventures & surprises. Last Easter was no exception.

From the 2014 Easter camp at Broadwater, we walked across the absolutely dry boulder strewn Severn River watercourse. Concerns were immediate as camping water is essential in the high creek camps. In 2013 (as at previous times) not only was wading across necessary this occurred probably more than 10 times when following the Severn. No drinking water problems eventuated as very recent rains had left beautiful pools of clear water up high in all the creeks at the superb campsites complete with campfires.

The weather was perfect. Last year rain on day 1 caused a high level extensive deviation from rocky McAllister Ck. Also on night 2, heavy rain set-in forcing abandonment of the trip with an awful return to the cars down the sodden Severn. Thinking by many of the party was 'never again'.

The prior prolonged dry spell created other advantages. Some of the party climbed an interesting waterfall in Blue Gorge for the first time while mildly off route. Similarly, a new dry weather quick route was added at the Black Wall in Blue Gorge. Amazing, but the whole trip was completed with dry boots with nil wading - although one member did chose to wade barefooted a short distance in Ooline Creek to avoid a tricky rock-climb with weekend pack.

We actually met other bushwalkers on Mt Donaldson, a first. On one occasion loose rocks were dislodged threatening three walkers from the NPAQ which included an absent member of our club, Ruth P. The main loose rock danger area was at the massive Donaldson Waterfall descent. Loose rock lessons were reinforced and relearned.

The party size was seven (Vaughan, David H, Glenis, Sonia, Peter H, Minqi, Lou, Marion) with only two having done this trip before. Minqi was a first time through walker. All remain on a big 'high' anxious to return. Interestingly, all had climbed Logan's Ridge, Mt Barney so our rock climbing comparisons were on the same wavelength. Including the few deliberate variations, it was thought we had done more severe exposed climbing with our WE packs than for the Logan route. The pleasure and excitement of all was palpable.

Lou Darveniza



CONONDALE RANGE GREAT WALK (MTW-4C)

Easter 2014, Leader: Burgi Wagner

Easter weekend 56km circuit walk in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland. Walk leader Burgi was accompanied by Marge Henry, Mary Comer, Glenis Bradley, Anna Bransden, Anne Keenan and Julie Dale.

Day One: Booloumba Creek Day Use Area to Wongai Walkers camp - 11km

There's one thing you should know about this walk - there's not a lot of 'flat'. Something we didn't know when we smiled for a cheery group photo taken by a kindly stranger at the Booloumba Creek Day Use Area. From here the track immediately began its ascent, and soon the un-seasonally warm April day drew the steady yet incessant ascent - which twined around valleys, creeks and waterfalls, through wet sclerophyll forest and into open dry forest - into a hot, unpleasant slog. I soon felt uncomfortable in the 28° heat, the weight of my 15kg pack bearing down on my unwilling thighs. Yet the gently swaying piccabeen palms were calming and the snow white barks of the tall flooded gums (*Eucalyptus Grandis*), magnificent. It was good to be out in the bush again with the promise of a dry and peaceful camp at day's end.



Strangler Cairn

Despite some recent rain the track was dry and easy going albeit constantly ascending through changing forest featuring brush box to grey ironbark. On this section of the walk, closer to Artists Cascades, you can see two rock types - phyllite and greenstone - their colours formed from oxides deposited during their time in the deep ocean. It's far from the ocean these days, but you can still get your feet wet, or, like the two young couples who tailed us on the Great Walk, swim in the cool rock pools.

Speaking of rock types, the controversial Strangler Cairn is an interesting one. It's a giant egg shaped structure composed of hand-cut granite and so-called because a strangler fig root has been planted in its top with the idea that eventually the roots will strangle the cairn and it will 'crumble into its environment'. It's controversial because it reportedly cost taxpayers \$700,000 for UK artist Andy Goldsworthy to create it!

After lunch, we crossed the creek to the steady climb out of the gorge. Burgi set a keen pace throughout the day but the 11km distance seemed to be a long time coming to its end. I enjoyed a welcome rest later at Booloumba Falls where I cat-napped while my hearty companions explored the cascades. At camp finally (550m) tents set and the billies on, talk turned to pack-packing techniques, compromises on weight and the all important question "who's got the nibbles for tonight?" Over blue castello and crackers we learn that Marge's compromise on weight is fresh milk, mine is to make sure I'll be warm (do I sense a bit of a theme here?) and Glenis came armed with a 225g can of Bushman's insecticide - the strongest available. Teasing quips about 225g alternatives turned to begging grins however as tiger leeches made themselves known, no doubt hoping for their own sundown nibbles.

Day Two: Wongai Walkers camp to Tallowood Walkers Camp - 17km

"Tallowood Walkers Camp is set within Eucalypt woodland. Tallowoods provide food for Koalas that are vulnerable to extinction. Habitat loss is their greatest threat."

The morning sunrise shone through the forest surrounding our campsite like the light of a looming bushfire. There's no fear in this red flame though just the promise of another dry, warm and sunny day. Ah! 6am, sunrise, stillness - it's a most pleasant time of the day to relax with a cuppa before the through-walk 'pack-up'. All was calm and quiet, just the tinkle of spoon against cup and the hiss of gas as morning cuppas were prepared.

We departed camp at a respectable 8am with plenty of time to reach the next campsite by mid afternoon. This is the longest section of the Great Walk and ascends to an elevation of 868m. Leeches remain a feature of the walk, both the 'anorexic' ones (as Anne described the 'strand of wool' thin leeches) and tiger leeches. Not a situation that lends itself to languid rest stops, but thank goodness

for the 225g can of Bushman's!

The track extends through a jungle of forest debris, fallen bark, fern fronds, branches and vines. The track circuits old logging roads and the Mount Gerald Fire Management Trail so that the occasional interference of a vehicle or motorbike engine, after walking steadily for several hours, is confusing. The walking is incessantly uphill, some downhill and the occasional flat bit where I breathed a blissful sigh of relaxation, stood tall in my stride and became suddenly aware of nature's green presence around me - Christmas orchids preparing to bloom, dappled sunlight draping the forest, iridescent purple berries of native ginger, the quintessential call of bell bird, a carpet python absorbing warmth from the morning sun, and the pleasing flash of red Quandong leaves scattered on the forest floor.

This section of the walk features bunya pines, strangler figs and yellow carrabeens, old logging tracks and loading ramps, and moves through rainforest into open forest, climbs along forested ridges and into wet sclerophyll forest.

Bed time comes early in the bush. Dark by 6pm, supper over, we politely wait till 7pm - the earliest appointed time to retire to bed. Meanwhile conversation covers favourite trees and flowers, star-signs, and eligible single chaps!

Day Three: Tallowood Walkers Camp to Summer Falls Walkers Camp - 15km



Peter's Creek

"The creek that plummets down Summer Falls sustains wildlife including fawn footed melongs, mountain brushtail possums and red-tailed black cockatoos. Eastern stony creek frogs and a wide diversity of aquatic wildlife depend on the creek habitat."

The topographic map showed some reprieve from an uphill start to the day and the promise of Peter's Falls, two creek crossings and Summer Falls to take the heat from our feet.

500m past Tallowood Camp an old logging arch, reminiscent of a giant mouse-trap standing two-men high and wide, captures our attention. At Peter's Falls our young companions were shivering out of a deep shaded pool - cool, yet refreshed.

This section of the Range took us through brush box rainforest and open forest dominated with majestic grass trees as the track descended to the day's destination - Summer Falls. On arrival, Burgi and Glenis headed straight to the creek for a welcome dip but for me, I just welcomed the time to stop and boil the billy. What better way though to end a hot, tiring day than with a cool dip in fresh mountain water? We nestled by the creek falls for our evening nibbles, lulled by

the rushing water and the fading light; the large boulders warmed me like a wool-wrap around my shoulders.

The evening was still and quiet with only the gentle whistle of insect breaking the stillness, and the rush of water to lull us to sleep. The night sky was speckled with bright shining stars and later, an illuminating moon.

Day Four: Summer Falls Walkers Camp to Booloumba Creek Day Use Area - 12km

The final section of the great walk circuit ascends through a colourful, bright dry open forest with wide leaf-littered tracks then transitions starkly into a rainforest descent on narrow, mossy tracks.

Approaching Booloumba Creek Day Use Area, there is a side track to Mt Allan fire tower. The fire tower provides '...extensive views over the Conondale Range and beyond ... and provides a unique opportunity to visually retrace the Great Walk route ...' Unfortunately, the fire tower was closed for repair so we didn't have the benefit of this wider perspective.

Soon after midday we were back at our cars at the Day Use Area with the choice of creek or facilities to freshen-up before lunch, and the



Open forest en route from Summer Falls

return journey, via Maleny for coffee, to Brisbane.

Julie Dale

Notes:

Cooler temperatures and a lightweight pack will offset the uphill terrain of this walk.

Leeches could be more bothersome in wet weather.

Mt Allen Tower was closed on our visit, but would be worth a visit for the 'magnificent views from high in the mountains'.

Booloumba Creek Day Use Area is the main entrance point to the Conondale Great Walk.

4WD vehicle is recommended to access this area as there are a few pebbled-bed creek crossings, albeit shallow in dry weather.

There are a variety of short walks too (Artists Cascades, Mt Allan Fire Tower for example). Booloumba Creek Day Use Area to Summer Falls would make a vigorous day walk - uphill there and downhill back - allowing time for a leisurely lunch, and a splash, at Summer Falls.

Camp sites are described as 'low-key' but all have toilet facilities, tank water and seating/picnic platforms.

Well organised weekend, easy company, and good campsites (although the Department's quota of 4 tents per site is unrealistic - 2 or 3 tents per site is more reasonable).



INFINITY UNDER THE MILKY WAY

"Moreton Island Southern Tip" Throughwalk (MTW-4C) - Easter 2014

Prawns off the trawler! Fish out the bay! Beers on ice! Moreton Island Southern tip! We had it all! We had The Gutter Bar, we had Tangalooma Resort, we had the Micat ferry. We had it all! Long open beaches, fallen trees in the water, endless sand dunes, and mangroves. We had it all! The route we took on the 65k, 4 day throughwalk on Moreton Island with 8 people was quite difficult and resembled the infinity symbol over the southern half of the island.

On the unexplored Southern tip of the island we couldn't traverse the beach in a few places, it was too rugged, and had to use the 4 wheel drive tracks, which was difficult walking on the chopped up loose sand. The lady publican of the Gutter Bar said "That is something I would never want to do." Fortunately it rained for the last day Middle Road crossing and the sand was hard.

There were no facilities on this trip. Four days without a shower. One outfit. Bathing in salt water, bush toileting and collecting water from bores and creeks.

Beautiful weather. Hot. Almost too hot for late April. We had plenty of swimming opportunity. Alwin and Jennifer were our barefoot beach babies, and loved walking in bare feet along the beach and went swimming whenever they could. Some females were being girly and wore skimpy tops. Midge, mosquito's, and sand flies abounded, and they ended up covered in large welts.

At Rous Battery camp site, we had a beautiful view of the ocean, the soothing sound of the waves, and the caressing warm breeze on our skin. We lay on the earth under the Milky Way and talked about Galileo and Black Holes. The dawn chorus of the birds welcomed the orange sun over the ocean horizon as the quarter moon and morning star faded. Near the mangroves at our Western Sandhill's campsite it was dead silent apart from the occasional roar of a big plane taking off. On our last night we had big sea storms all night long. Some people pitched their tents in a hollow and got swamped with an inch of water through their tents. But I didn't. The storms were my saviour and I had my best night's sleep.

Mary Comer got bitten on the leg by a hornet, and on the head by a centipede in her tent in the middle of the night. At the Gutter Bar, Mary Comer said "Tom bought you a present Julie. It's a vibrator." Julie's face lit up, but her smile disappeared when she realised it was the buzzer from the restaurant.

Thy staff, thy rod, shalt comfort me. Tom and his blessed fishing rod. After Tom and I drank 6 beers each at the Gutter Bar we walked off. Eventually he realised he left his rod behind and had to walk 3k's back through loose chopped up sand to collect it. The following day whilst crossing the Little Sandhills we saw Tom and Mary on the steepest farthest away sand dune. Tom was waving his rod madly in the air as if it was a divining rod saying "This way to the ocean Mary!"

For those of you who remember the Moreton 2013 trip where Paul Herrod and I drank too much on the ferry on the way back, well on this trip he was a good boy and was well behaved the whole time.

I wore my undies inside out swimming for two days before realising.

We saw some large dead sea turtles and a dead dolphin. They were most likely killed by recreational boating or ingesting plastics. We also saw a lot of plastic and Styrofoam litter. Flotilla. Plastic litter makes me angry.

Apart from some blisters, sore feet and rocked confidence we had no major ailments. It was a hard trip but a good trip. We all agreed. I got wrecked on Moreton Island. Moreton Island Southern tip. Another adventure.

Greg Kuss

TEVIOT GAP TO SPICER'S GAP

Throughwalk - Anzac Day long weekend

This three-day walk was to be led by David Sydes who unfortunately had to withdraw due to aggravation of his ankle injury after a gruelling walk on the previous weekend.

Lynsey Moore agreed to take over leading the walk, with Cath Carkeet leader-for-a-day, the first day of the walk. The other participants comprised Anna-Lena (provider of luscious cake for morning tea), Glenis (Main Range virgin, will her first time be her last?!), Marion and Lou (generous providers of the tape and assistance with using it), Lesley (quietly confident, blind faith in the leaders!).

The group met for dinner at the BP Aratula on Thursday night, to exchange cars and keys with Jarrah's group going the other way, Spicer's to Teviot. Walkers had to ensure they took their walking gear with them and left their change of clothes in the other car to be waiting at the end of their walk. The trip to Teviot Gap now takes a lot longer - with the closure of the Head Rd due to 2013 storm damage, it is necessary to go via NSW.

On arrival at Teviot Gap and while setting up tents, one of the group realised they had left their boots in the other car - now at Spicer's Gap. Since walking in crocs would not be particularly suitable for the conditions, the only option was to drive to Spicer's to disturb the other group and retrieve the boots. They returned to Teviot at midnight.

Starting the walk on Friday, the crew met a couple of daywalkers heading to Lizard Pt via Mt Bell. Those who had done that before felt a quiet sympathy for them at their choice of scunge-filled route. Cath leader-for-a-day had already offered to navigate up a different ridge - which she had previously done on descent - NOT the rabbit fence (steep and slippery) and NOT via Mt Bell (thick and scungy).

Cath navigated the group successfully up the new ridge (it was largely taped) and was pleased with her efforts. Hearing one of the others call it a "doddle", she felt insufficient credit was given to her superb navigational skills. After experiencing the amazing swooping of four Wedge-Tailed eagles from the summit of Mt Roberts, it was lunch at Lizard Point enjoying the panoramic views. Half an hour after our arrival at Lizard (having carried our big packs), the daywalkers who'd gone via Mt Bell arrived - the choice of the new route clearly vindicated.

Friday night's camp was at Steamer Saddle which offered great views of the sunset and sunrise.



Steamer Saddle campsite



Morning view

We crossed paths with Jarrah's crew on Panorama Point on Saturday and swapped keys back. We planned to camp at Huntley saddle to shorten the final day's walk. At the turn-off to the water point, Tree Fern Gully, we found the supply of water the other group had kindly collected for us, which shortened considerably our task to pick up water for the evening and all the following day. With an extra 6 or 7 litres of water, everyone struggled to the Huntley cliff break which was a lot more difficult with heavy laden packs to unsteady us. Marion and Lou set up a tape for the traverse and helped everyone through. Those who'd done both agreed that this is MUCH harder than ascending the cliff break. We struggled down the interminably steep slope to camp at Huntley saddle. We found a nice flat spot,

surprising since the area we would have chosen was already taken by a group without a camping permit. Our enjoyment of the evening was no doubt enhanced by the bladder of wine that two kind souls had left us on a previous walk, concealed in a hollow log. It helped us forget the day's pain.

The following morning Mt Huntley loomed imposing and majestic above us - we were glad we were heading in the opposite direction. The early part of the day passed remarkably easily with few navigational challenges (such that the leader-for-a-day took the reins of navigation).

The day concluded though with a rather difficult descent of Spicer's Peak which began with an exposed bit at the start of the climb below the cliffs. The rest of the descent was either rocky chutes, smooth and covered in loose dirt with no handholds, or a dirt path which was smooth and loose with no vegetation and no handholds. There was a lot of sliding down on our backsides. It probably didn't help that it was beginning to rain at this point...

We were covered in dirt and grime when we finally made it to the cars at Governor's Chair.

The Main Range traverse is always a worthwhile achievement. Walking along the escarpment for most of the time, the views are spectacular and it is easy to see where you have been each day. Some of the crew acknowledged they found the walk quite technically difficult in parts. As usual, the company of the rest of the group helped everyone through.

Hopefully everyone looked back on the weekend and decided the pain was worth it!

Pat

Photos: Lou Darveniza



The Main Range extends before us



Morning view



Spicer's Peak - The final hurdle

New Leaders

The following members were approved as new leaders at the last Committee meeting:

Natalie Bufi	Richard Duczmal
Tim Easton	Ross Ernst
David Haliczzer	

NEW MEMBERS

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

June Anstee	Mariana Bertoncini	Jane Bester	Sonja Boden
Jeffrey Bond	Kerryn Bridgman	Susan Carroll	Anjali Chauhan
Wan-Ju Cheng	David Clifford	Holly Crockford	Julie Dalling
Brian Faldt	Simon Garnes	Morag Gilbert	Drew Jones
Albert Khamu	Roza Khamu	Zara Kurdzinski	Kim-Anh Le Cao
Adam Leslie	Leandro Livramento	Corrie Macdonald	Theresa Matheson
Sara McGaughey	Judy McIntosh	Pete McIntosh	Parimal Raj
Suzette Robertson	Greg Sheard	Berty Andrea Slater	Christopher Slater
Luke Anthony Sutcliffe	James Van Der Meer	Debbie Wickstein	

Congratulations to the following who have become Full Members:

Cae Ashton	Ken Brook	Mary Brook	Michele Cottrell
Leanne Godbee	Josh Gordon	Minqi Gu	David Haliczzer
Alan Hodgson	Chelsea Leatham	Denise Libien	Margaret Morgan
Clyde Quince	Liz Quince	Lawrence Schumacher	Des Swain
Sandra Van Den Berg	Meg Venning		

Guest Speakers

Wednesday 11 June Chris Hall

Topic: Carnarvon Great Walk

In April Chris and several other BBW members did the fantastic 6-day Carnarvon Great Walk. It is situated in the Carnarvon Ranges National Park and is part of the Sandstone Belt parks in Central Queensland approximately 750km from Brisbane via Roma. A highly recommended walk that is worth considering putting on your bucket list. Come along to hear about this walk and view some great pictures and video of this experience.

Wednesday 9 July A/Professor Con Aroney

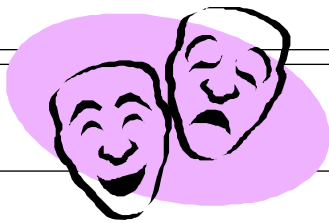
Topic: Bushwalking and Conditions Of The Heart

Heart Conditions relevant to Bushwalkers and what to do or not to do if things go wrong on a walk. Con is a BBW member and also a very busy and highly respected coronary expert. He will discuss issues relevant to walking and the heart.

Wednesday 13 Aug Warwick Willmott (author of "Rocks and Landscapes of SE Qld")

Topic: The Geology of SE Qld in the main areas where we walk

Warwick Willmott and Gary Basford (a geologist friend of Warwick's) will give a presentation on the geology of many of the areas in which we walk.



Out & About

WEST END HILLS ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Social Tue 24 Jun
LEADER: Joan Davey 0415 139 646
LIMIT: No limit
BRING: See notes
MEET: 6pm

28th July will mark 5 years since I have been doing the West End Hills walk so, to celebrate, we are having a Pizza night. We will meet in the Lyons Park on Paradise St at the bottom of Sankey St Highgate Hill for Pizza and a few drinks. There is a pizza oven there. Preference given to any one who has been on any of my West End Hills walks over the last 4 years (partners welcome). Please nominate on the web and email me and let me know what you are bringing. We need nibbles, Pizza, salad and desert. Start time is 6pm come earlier if you like as I will be there from about 5 getting the fire ready.

FORT BRIBIE

Short Day Walk/ Social Sun 20 Jul
LEADER: Kay Byrne 0429 924 726
GRADE: SDW-3A
LIMIT: 30
BRING: Usual day walk ,Always take pg.3
COST: \$25 Boat (to be paid at Nomination)+
\$20 fuel contribution
MEET: Aspley Hypermarket
DEPART: 7:00am
CAR KMS: 200km return
MAP: Bribie 1:50,000

Fort Bribie was one of the four Primary defence fortifications for Brisbane during World War 2.

This walk is a unique opportunity to learn of war-time Bribie while taking a leisurely and scenic walk on the northern tip of Bribie Island. We board our "Caloundra Cruises" charter at the Pelican Waters jetty and cross the Pumicestone Channel to northern Bribie Island. We disembark heading south along the east coast approx 3 km to our first point of interest, the "Northern Search light". We continue walking down the beach another 2 km inspecting various Fort Bribie relics until we arrive at the "Lighthouse Reach" day use area, our lunch destination. We retrace our steps back to our pick up point to be collected at approx. 3.30 pm. This walk is an easy day walk. As there is no jetty at the drop off point, you may get wet feet wading from the boat to shore.

For information on the Fort Bribie History and explanation of Anti-Submarine Detection Indicator Loops go to: <http://indicatorloops.com/fortbribie.htm>.

Upcoming Rogaine Events

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

- Sat 12 July 24 hr Rogaine - Thanes Creek, west of Warwick
- Sat 16 Aug Cyclegaine, 3hr or 6hr - Glasshouse Mountains area

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

Magazine Collating

Magazine collating will be at Jusie & Brian Moore's at Everton Hills on **Thursday 19th June** 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 3353 5641 to confirm.



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