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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 3rd December**, is at David Sydes' at 2/12 Maidstone St, Kelvin Grove. Ph: 0419 871 100. All members are welcome to attend.

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

Deadline for the February magazine is the Open Meeting on Wednesday 14th January.

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

BBW 2014 Photographic Competition
Landscapes & Natural Scenes: Runner Up
"Mangrove Sunrise" Martine Jellema

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



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 \$5.75 per person per night. (The leader will provide details.) Many NSW National Parks also charge \$7 per vehicle per day.

ALWAYS TAKE: Lunch, snacks, spare food; water (at least 2 or 3 litres); first aid kit; hat & sunscreen; torch; whistle; pencil & paper; warm clothing (fleecy jacket minimum, thermals if you have them); raincoat. Don't forget a change of clothing & shoes for after the walk and money for car pooling & coffee.

PROGRAM

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

November

25	TRNG	Tuesday Kangaroo Point - Pack Training	Chris Hall
26	Meeting		
27	MNW-2A	Chermside Hills Reserve	Richard Duczmal
27	SDW-1A	Manly/Wynnum Hills	Barry Culley
27	TRNG	Thursday Kangaroo Point - Core Training	Pete Watson
27	SNW-3B	Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walk	Sandra Winzar
28	Social	Little Thai Cafe & Restaurant Friday Night Dinner	Karen and Bernie Ryan
28-30	MTW-6D	Mt Ballow circuit	Peter Shera
29	MINIMAXS4A	Mt Coot-tha for New members	Lou & Marion Darveniza
29	ABSDW-5C	Kinnanes Falls Abseil	Chrissy Dott, Mike Eden
29-30	MTW 4C	Rat-a-Tat, Lamington NP	Elena Williams
30	MDW-3B	Mt Mitchell	Richard Duczmal
30	XDW-3C	Mount Merino	Karen Ryan
30	MDW-7C	Summer Creek Falls	Lou & Marion Darveniza
30	LDW-2A	Chelmer/Indooroopilly	Michele Cottrell

December

2	Social	West End Hills/River Walk Xmas Dinner	Joan Davey
5-7	MTW-6D	Bookookoorara Creek	Annette Miller
6	LDW-3B	Illinbah Circuit from the bottom	Mary Comer
6	MDW-7C	Coomera Gorge	Jarrah Gard
6-7	MTW-6C	Mt Barney Creek-Lower to Upper Portals	Lou & Marion Darveniza
7	LDW-3B	Caves/Lower Bellbird Circuit	Bernie Ryan
8-21	MTW-7D	Arthur Ranges Traverse	David Haliczzer
9	TRNG	Tuesday Kangaroo Point - Pack Training	Chris Hall
10	Meeting	Super Ultra Lightweight Gear for Thru Walkers.	John and Julie Shera
11	TRNG	Tues/Thurs Training Christmas Break Up	Pete Watson
11	MNW-2A	Chermside Hills Reserve	Richard Duczmal
12-14	BC Various/SOCIAL	BBW Christmas Party Weekend	Kay Byrne
13-13	SDW-6C	Love and Cedar Creek - Christmas Party	Kurt Wagner
13	LDW-3B	Camp Mountain/Bellbird Grove & Jolly's Lookout - Christmas Party	Bernie Ryan
13	MDW-6C	Cedar & Love Creeks from the bottom - Christmas Party	Lou & Marion Darveniza
13	MDW-4B	Northbrook Mountain and Eagles Nest - Christmas Party.	Mark Houghton
13	SDW - 7C	Northbrook Creek from Gorge to Source - Christmas Party	Arthur Walton
13	MABS-6C	Love Creek Falls Abseil-Christmas Party	Lynley Murtagh
13	SDW-5B	Northbrook Gorge from Wivenhoe Lookout -Xmas Party	Lynsey Moore
13	SABS-5B	Watson's Falls Abseil	Chrissy Dott, Mike Eden
14	SDW-5B	Northbrook Creek Descent - Christmas Party	Lou & Marion Darveniza
14	SDW-3A	Mt. Nebo from Manorina - Christmas Party.	Mark Houghton
14	MCYC4C	Samford Forest Park CYC Christmas Party	Greg Long
14	LDW-3B	Araucaria Track	Richard Duczmal
17	MDW-6C	Byron Gorge & Stevens Ck	Lou & Marion Darveniza
18	MNW-2A	Chermside Hills Reserve	Richard Duczmal
20	LDW-3B	Toolona Creek Circuit	Diana Norkaitis
21	SDW-7C	Northbrook Creek from Gorge to Source	Lou & Marion Darveniza
21	SNW-5C	Maroon by Starlight	Shaun Johnston
21	MDW-3A	Somerset Trail, Mt Mee	Richard Duczmal
25	MNW-2A	Chermside Hills Reserve	Richard Duczmal
27	SABS-5B	Watson Creek Falls Abseil	Anne Kemp, Greg Long
28	LDW-2B	Daves Creek Circuit and Upper Ballunju Falls	Diana Norkaitis

January

1	MNW-2A	Chermside Hills Reserve	Richard Duczmal
3	LDW-3B	Coomera Circuit - Binna Burra	Diana Norkaitis
4	MDW-5C	Mt Barney Waterfall	Lou & Marion Darveniza
7	SDW-5B	Northbrook Creek Descent	Lou & Marion Darveniza
8	MNW-2A	Chermside Hills Reserve	Richard Duczmal
10	KYK	Tingalpa Creek	Greg Long
11	SDW-6C	"Scott's" Creek	Lou & Marion Darveniza
14	Meeting		
15	MNW-2A	Chermside Hills Reserve	Richard Duczmal
17	Minimaxes4A	Mt Coot-tha for New members	Lou & Marion Darveniza
17	LDW 3C	Warrie Circuit	Diana Norkaitis
18	XLDW-3C	Warrie Circuit/Twin Falls and the Pinnacle	Bernie Ryan
18	MDW-6C	Byron Gorge & Stevens Ck	Lou & Marion Darveniza
22	MNW-2A	Chermside Hills Reserve	Richard Duczmal
24	LDW-2B	Daves Creek Circuit and Upper Ballunju Falls	Diana Norkaitis
24	SDW-7D	Full South Kobble	David Haliczar
25	LDW-3B	Araucaria Track	Diana Norkaitis
28	Meeting	Sierra slide show	Lou and Marion Darveniza
29	MNW-2A	Chermside Hills Reserve	Richard Duczmal
31	LDW-3B	Toolona Creek Circuit	Diana Norkaitis
31-1	MBC-7C	Booloumba & Summer Creeks	Annette Miller
31-7	7E Survey	New Zealand Nelson Lakes via St Arnaud range, Begley creek, East Sabine, Cupola & Travers valleys	Andrew Wedlake

February

1	MDW-3B	Noosa National Park (Headland section)	Bernie Ryan
7-27	5C	New Zealand Princess Mountains/Hump Ridge, The Five Passes	Tom McAlister
9-12	MTW 4C	Kepler Track, NZ	Elena Williams
14	KYK	Coochiemudlo Island	Greg Long
14	Minimaxes4A	Mt Coot-tha for New members	Lou & Marion Darveniza
16-18	MTW 4B	Rakiura Track, NZ	Elena Williams
28	KYK	Coochin Crk to Caloundra Kayak	Greg Long

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

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A reminder to all **Full Members** that annual membership fees are due by **31st January 2015**.

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

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PAY ONLINE

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Avoid the long queues at the Club meetings and pay your annual membership fees online.

Bank details are:

Account Name: Brisbane Bushwalkers Club Inc

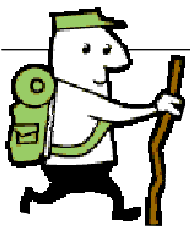
BSB: 124 021

Account: 1041 4419

Reference: your name

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

Note: Club membership cards are no longer issued. A plain card (no member name or date) will be available for those who want it to get discounts etc.



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

TUESDAY KANGAROO POINT - PACK TRAINING

Training Tue 25 Nov
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.

CHERMSIDE HILLS RESERVE

Training Thu 27 Nov
LEADER: Richard Duczmal 0400 744 896
GRADE: MNW-2A
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Bring page 3 items and torch, water is available at start (end) and Bushland Centre
MEET: Opposite 421 Trouts Road, Chermshire West
DEPART: 6.30 pm.

Start on Giwadha track, to Spider Hill, Stringybark track, finish Giwadha track, on road to Pomax track and Milne Hill reserve across animal thoroughfare bridge over Hamilton Road to Raven Street Reserve. Onto Banksia track to Downfall Creek Bushland Centre (water and seats available but toilets are closed), Xanthorrhoea track to Raven Street Reserve and back to start via Pomax track. On the 11 km walk we will be in reserves that have Grass trees, banksias, casuarinas, weeping myrtles, blueberry ash, small matrush, comb ferns, bloodwoods, rough barked apples, stringybarks and sheoaks. Because of the circular nature of the walk it is possible for anybody to discontinue at about 5 km and 8 km. Depending on the group it is also possible to increase the distance by walking figure eights throughout the intertwined tracks in the reserves. There are seats

and tables at the start (also end) for a picnic but you need to bring all food and drinks etc. This walk does not count towards full membership

MANLY/WYNNUM HILLS

Training Thu 27 Nov
LEADER: Barry Culley 0415 320 029
GRADE: SDW-1A
LIMIT: 15
BRING: usual gear
MEET: Wynnum Swimming Pool near jetty
DEPART: 5:30pm

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.

THURSDAY KANGAROO POINT - CORE TRAINING

Training Thu 27 Nov
LEADER: Pete Watson 0400 706 493
GRADE: TRNG
BRING: joggers,towel,skipping rope
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 27 Nov
LEADER: Sandra Winzar 0419 679 667
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. Walking poles are useful. 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.

MT BALLOW CIRCUIT

Through Walk Fri 28 -- Sun 30 Nov
 LEADER: Peter Shera 0435 866 933
 GRADE: MTW-6D
 LIMIT: 6
 BRING: Through walk gear
 COST: carpool \$25/passenger, camping fee \$11.50
 MEET: To be arranged
 DEPART: 7pm ex. Bris.
 CAR KMS: 210 km return
 Fri 9pm: From Cleared Ridge hike about 90 minutes down (200m alt. loss) to Yamahra Ck and up (400m alt. gain) to camp at Montserrat Lookout (alt. 1,013m). Sat: Hike over Montserrat Peak, past Focal Peak (site of the Focal Peak Volcano eruption 24mill. yrs ago), across Cedar Pass and up to Durramlee Peak. Leave through-packs at D.Pk and take a little side trip to Mowburra Peak and back. Pick up packs and continue on over Double Peak then to camp Sat. night on Mt Ballow (a.k.a. Junction Peak). Sun: Hike to Big Lonely Peak, with another possible side trip without packs to Mt Nothofagus, then down to Ballow Ck, Barney Ck, side trip to Upper Portals, then back up along Yamahra Ck and back up to Cleared Ridge.

MT COOT-THA FOR NEW MEMBERS

Minimaxs Sat 29 Nov
 LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
 GRADE: MINIMAXS4A
 LIMIT: 18
 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: D'Aguiar National 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.

KINNANES FALLS ABSEIL

Abseil Day Walk Sat 29 Nov
 LEADER: Chrissy Dott, Mike Eden 0411 312 241
 GRADE: ABSDW-5C
 LIMIT: 5
 BRING: Abseil & day walk gear, warm clothing
 MEET: Fairfield Gardens
 DEPART: 7am
 Kinnanes Falls is located on Wilsons Creek in Main Range National Park south of Boonah. The access route involves a short but steep climb before we traverse "The Verandah" a narrow ledge along a cliff face. There will be three abseils. Initially a short approx 10m drop into a deep pool at the top of the falls followed by two long abseils, 40 and 60 metres down the falls. The views as we descend are breathtaking. There is little space on the ledges between drops so numbers must be limited. Waterproofing is essential as two drops are into deep water. A short walk down the creek returns us to the cars. This day is only suitable for those who have recently completed BBW abseil training at Kangaroo Point. Come along for a very exciting day. Please phone me if you have any queries or need to hire club equipment and don't forget warm clothing (wetsuit, thermals) as we will be wet for several hours.

RAT-A-TAT, LAMINGTON NP

Through walk Sat 29 -- Sun 30 Nov
 LEADER: Elena Williams 0439 873 311
 This activity is full.

MT MITCHELL

Day Walk Sun 30 Nov
 LEADER: Richard Duczmal 0400 744 896
 This activity is full.

MOUNT MERINO

Extra long day walk Sun 30 Nov
 LEADER: Karen Ryan 0419 733 856
 This activity is full.

SUMMER CREEK FALLS

Day Walk Sun 30 Nov
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza33784031
This activity is full.

CHELMER / INDOOROOPILLY

Day Walk Sun 30 Nov
LEADER: Michele Cottrell 0427 579 069
GRADE: LDW-2A
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Page 3 items
MEET: Parker Street, Chelmer
DEPART: 6am

Interested in a walk within Brisbane? Looking at my local area, I thought about designing a walk within the suburbs with a bush feel about it. We will start at the back of the Milpera State High School, in Parker Street, Chelmer (near Adrift (corner of Oxley Road and Harte Street). We will have tea/coffee there afterwards. Please be considerate and park away from Adrift, leaving parking spaces for their customers. Please meet near the Milpera carpark gate. We will do a circuit through Chelmer and Indooroopilly using mainly footpaths walking beside the Brisbane River with some pleasant breezes. We will cross the river over the Jack Pesch Bridge near the Walter Taylor bridge. We will continue in the backs streets to Sir John Chandler Park at the end of Meiers Road. We will break there for breakfast/morning tea (whatever you'd like to call it) with views over the river. We will return over the Jack Pesch Bridge and along Oxley Road to the cars for coffee before 11am. This is about an 18 km walk with a few little up and down bits. About half of the walk will be on concrete footpaths. The rest is mainly footpaths with some hazards like tree roots, cracked concrete, rocks. Some of the walk will be beside the road, especially towards the end of Meiers Road. The walk itself will take about 4 hours and is suitable for novices who are OK with the distance. Please remember sun protection and 2 litres of water.

WEST END HILLS/RIVER WALK XMAS DINNER

Social Tue 2 Dec
LEADER: Joan Davey 0415 139 646
LIMIT: No limit
BRING: See notes
MEET: 6pm
DEPART: 6.00pm

We will meet at Paradise Road Park at the bottom of Sankey St (same place were the pizza oven is) for a BBQ, Steve & I will bring our BBQ's. Bring your own meat to BBQ & drinks plus either nibbles, salad or dessert to share. You need to have

done at least one of my West End Hills or Steve's River walk. Start time is 6pm come earlier if you like as I will be there earlier to secure a spot.

BOOKOOKOORARA CREEK

Throughwalk/Through Swim Fri 5 -- Sun 7 Dec
LEADER: Annette Miller 0418 791 841
This activity is full.

ILLINBAH CIRCUIT FROM THE BOTTOM

Day Walk Sat 6 Dec
LEADER: Mary Comer 0427 446 000
GRADE: LDW-3B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Day walk gear
COST: \$20
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 6:00am

Instead of starting this circuit in the Binna Burra section of Lamington NP at the highest point of the walk at the NP Information Centre we will start at the lowest point. We drive a few kilometres from Canungra turning off into the Upper Coomera Road. As we have to walk about 1.5kms along the Old Cedar Track to join the graded track it makes the total distance about 19.5kms. We will do the circuit anti-clockwise which means that after crossing paddocks we will be in the rainforest with 14 crossings of the Coomera River as well as 3 each way to get onto the track and return. You must expect to get your feet wet. We will take a side track to look at Gwongoorool Pool where you may like to have a swim. From the pool we have a fairly significant uphill on the graded track before a long gentle downhill through much semi open eucalypt to the point where we first started on the track system. Should there be significant rainfall just prior to this walk we will go on another lovely walk at Binna Burra.

MT BARNEY CREEK-LOWER TO UPPER PORTALS

Through Walk Sat 6 -- Sun 7 Dec
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
This activity is full.

CAVES/LOWER BELLBIRD CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 7 Dec
LEADER: Bernie Ryan 0432 907 275
This activity is full.

ARTHUR RANGES TRAVERSE

Through Walk Mon 8 -- Sun 21 Dec
LEADER: David Haliczzer 0432 901 030
GRADE: MTW-7D
LIMIT: 6
BRING: Wet and cold weather equipment, all through walking equipment

COST: Flights & road transport
The Arthur Ranges in South West Tasmania include the Western Arthur's and the Eastern Arthur's including Federation Peak. Beginning at Scott's Peak Dam and ending at Farmhouse Ck this is a walk definitely for very fit experienced hikers with tents and warm equipment to handle snow, driving rain and strong winds (in 11 days in the Arthur's there usually is some of this along the way). We will have a window of about 3 days to climb Federation Peak. This walk involves daily scrambling and sensational views. PLEASE NOMINATE EARLY SO WE CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CHEAP ADVANCE PURCHASE AIR FARES! Email me at dhaliczzer@gmail.com if interested.

TUESDAY KANGAROO POINT - PACK TRAINING

Training Tue 9 Dec
LEADER: Chris Hall 0498 051 811
See description for Tue 25 Nov

TUES/THURS TRAINING CHRISTMAS BREAK UP

Training 4 Christmas Day Thu 11 Dec
LEADER: Pete Watson 0400 706 493
GRADE: TRNG
MEET: Adjacent to 'Cliffs' Cafe, S end of cliff tops
DEPART: 6pm
Eat drink and be merry :)

CHERMSIDE HILLS RESERVE

Training Thu 11 Dec
LEADER: Richard Duczmal 0400 744 896
See description for Thu 27 Nov

BBW CHRISTMAS PARTY WEEKEND

SOCIAL Fri 12 -- Sun 14 Dec
LEADER: Kay Byrne 0429 924 726
See description on page 23.

LOVE AND CEDAR CREEK - CHRISTMAS PARY

Day Walk Sat 13 Dec -- Mon 13 Oct
LEADER: Kurt Wagner 0413 272 085
GRADE: SDW-6C
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Usual day walk gear - 2 litres water
COST: car pooling - \$5.00
MEET: Baden Powell Park, Samford
DEPART: 7.30am

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, scram-

bling, steep up and down hill and best of all it is the most beautiful rainforest walk in the Brisbane Forest Park.

CAMP MOUNTAIN/BELLBIRD GROVE & JOLLYS LOOKOUT - CHRISTMAS PARTY

Day walk Sat 13 Dec
LEADER: Bernie Ryan 0432 907 275
GRADE: LDW-3B
LIMIT: 10
BRING: As per P3 of Mag.
MEET: Baden Powell Park. 68 Cash Ave Samford
DEPART: 7:00am

These walks are part of the Christmas Party program and preference will be given to those either staying for the weekend, or just coming for the dinner & fun on Saturday evening. Camp Mountain is approximately 20 km north-west of the Brisbane CBD and is accessible from Mount Nebo Road in the D'Aguilar National Park. It has a recreation area with a couple of good lookouts. Camp Mountain is also accessible from a walking trail from Bellbird Grove at the bottom of the mountain. We will start the walk from Bellbird Grove enjoying the emerging views as ascend the mountain. At the top we will enjoy the views looking north to the Glasshouse Mountains and to the east including Brisbane CBD. We then go back via a loop rejoining the trail back to Bellbird Grove. Please note; the trail up to and the trail down from Camp Mountain is STEEP in parts therefore reasonable fitness is required. Back at Bellbird Grove, we then complete the Turrbal and Golden Boulder trails. On these two trails we see a couple of aboriginal bark huts and several old gold mines. Storyboards along the way tell the history of the gold mines in the area. The Camp Mountain/Bellbird Grove section will be about 10 kms. After lunch we drive to Jollys Lookout where we will be doing a one way walk to Boombana Picnic area. From Jolly's Lookout there are great views across the Brisbane Valley and to the coastline. We start out by doing the Ergenia Circuit, then onto the Thylogale Track to Boombana. We will then head around the Pitta Circuit then back to Boombana. This part of the walk is approximately 6.5 km.

CEDAR & LOVE CREEKS FROM THE BOTTOM - CHRISTMAS PARTY

Day Walk Sat 13 Dec
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
This activity is full.

NORTHBROOK MOUNTAIN AND EAGLES NEST - CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Day Walk Sat 13 Dec

LEADER: Mark Houghton 0417 025 182
GRADE: MDW-4B
LIMIT: 14
BRING: As per P3 in Mag.
COST: \$5.00
MEET: Baden Powel Park - Samford.
DEPART: 7am

This walk is part of the Christmas Party weekend so prefer will be given to those attending the party. Carpooling will be done as much as possible as there is very limited parking at the start of Lawton Road where the walk commences. At first a forestry road is followed before heading off track and up a ridge. From here a rough trail is followed until we reach the top (trig point) of Northbrook Mountain. We will probably stop for morning tea at a peak before this which has better views than Northbrook Mountain itself. A trail continues down to a forestry road where we soon turn off and ascend a ridge to Eagles Nest and lunch. Return trip is back to the forestry road and then to Lawton Rd carpark. Total walk distance is about 11km. Elevation gain approx.; 400m.

NORTHBROOK CREEK FROM GORGE TO SOURCE - CHRISTMAS PARTY

Day Walk Sat 13 Dec
LEADER: Arthur Walton 0418 730 541
GRADE: SDW - 7C
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Mag. Page 3 and Dry Sack
MEET: Baden Powell Park Christmas base camp 68 Cash Avenue Samford
DEPART: 7:00am

We will park on a hair pin bend approx. 2.5 Km past Wivenhoe Outlook. On the way we will leave at least one car near the gravel pit for the car shuffle on completion of the walk. We set off across the road and down to the creek where we will start our walk up stream. Here we commence passing through Northbrook Gorge and will have to swim through various deep sections of the creek. It is a necessity to have the contents of your pack waterproofed in a dry sack. As we leave the gorge behind we head up the stony creek bed which is fringed by rain forest on both banks. It is hard to believe that you are relatively close to a major city as we progress up along this pristine water course with the sounds of the rainforest pigeons in the canopy above. The stream bed rises only very gradually until we encounter a couple of swimming holes which we will aim to arrive at for morning tea. It is hard to pass up a swim in this idyllic location. From this point on the numerous cataracts and small waterfalls obstructing our path will present the opportunity to be climbed. A moderate level of fitness as well as competent scrambling and climbing ability will be

required to nominate for this walk.

LOVE CREEK FALLS ABSEIL-CHRISTMAS PARTY

Abseil Day Walk Sat 13 Dec
LEADER: Lynley Murtagh 0414 631 115
GRADE: MABS-6C
LIMIT: 9
BRING: Abseil gear, waterproofing and usual day walk gear.
MEET: BP Park Samford
DEPART: 7am
MAP: BFP 1:30,000

Preference is given to people attending the Christmas Party. This activity is an excellent day of rockhopping and scrambling in Brisbane Forest Park following the usual Love and Cedar circuit ie down Love Creek and up Cedar Creek. At Love Creek Falls we abseil three pitches down to and over the falls finishing in (or beside) the water hole below. Our packs will need to be waterproofed and as we'll have additional equipment for the abseil (ropes, harness and helmets) a larger pack if you have one will be useful. This abseil is for members who have completed the BBW abseil training at Kangaroo Point. Please contact me if you need more information or wish to hire club abseil gear.

NORTHBROOK GORGE FROM WIVENHOE LOOKOUT - XMAS PARTY

Day walk Sat 13 Dec
LEADER: Lynsey Moore 0409 725 843
GRADE: SDW-5B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Usual daywalk gear, 2L water, waterproofed daypack
DEPART: 7.30 am

CAR KMS: 60 km approx
THIS WALK IS PART OF THE XMAS PARTY ACTIVITIES. This is a pleasant walk in D'Aguilar NP, starting at Wivenhoe Lookout, after we've done a car shuffle to leave cars at the hair-pin bend on Northbrook Parkway, close to our exit point. Our descent is via a steep rainforest gully, loose underfoot to start with, then with some waterfalls to descend and some to bypass. The creek joins Northbrook Creek which we follow downstream - this involves rock-hopping, scrambling and wading. There are several compulsory (short) swim-throughs through the gorge, for which packs must be water-proofed. We exit up a rough track to the pre-positioned cars. This is a fairly short day. It's an ideal summer walk - expect to get wet - incl boots! Change of clothes is essential for the trip back to Baden Powell Park in plenty of time for the evening festivities.

WATSON'S FALLS ABSEIL

Abseil Sat 13 Dec
LEADER: Chrissy Dott, Mike Eden 0411 312 241
GRADE: SABS-5B
LIMIT: 4
BRING: Abseil equipment, waterproofed pack, thermals and usual day walk gear. Please bring a larger pack to assist in carrying gear.

MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 6:00am

Watsons Creek Falls is situated between the White Swamp (Boonah) border gate and Mount Clunie. It is a three stage abseil, down into a narrow spectacular waterfall canyon. The first abseil is about 35 metres down to a large rock pool & ledge area and then a short distance to another 60 metres (split into 2 sections by a rock pool) into a small pool at the base of the canyon area. Depending on rain levels preceding this trip, expect to get wet and possibly cold. Packs will need to be waterproofed, depending on water levels. This day is only suitable for those who have completed the BBW abseil training at Kangaroo Point. Come along for an exciting day in a beautiful photogenic canyon area. E-mail me if you have any queries or need to hire club equipment and don't forget warm clothing as we will be wet for several hours. Thermals or 3mm wetsuit highly recommended.

NORTHBROOK CREEK DESCENT - CHRISTMAS PARTY

Day Walk Sun 14 Dec
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
GRADE: SDW-5B
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Usual day walk gear, 2 L water, waterproofed packs

COST: \$5
MEET: Baden Powell Park, Samford
DEPART: 9am

MAP: Kipper Ck 1:25 000
MOBILE TO RING ON DAY OF WALK ONLY:
0438481186

This walk is part of the Christmas Party Weekend. Some places will be held for those involved on Saturday in the massive preparation for the dinner. We will follow old forestry tracks for about an hour and a half, then drop down to Northbrook Ck not far from several good pools. These pools are beautiful - deep, clean, clear water. Then this rocky creek is followed downstream for a couple of hours to Northbrook Gorge, a truly beautiful place. There are several deep pools to swim across (only a short distance) and for this reason packs must be waterproofed. Finally a short 70m climb up a track to where some of the cars will have been placed earlier. It is not a long walk, but

rocky creek travel can be slow.

MT. NEBO FROM MANORINA - CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Day Walk Sun 14 Dec
LEADER: Mark Houghton 3289 1251. MOB: 0417 025 182 only on walk day.

GRADE: SDW-3A
LIMIT: 14
BRING: 2L water plus P3 of Mag.
COST: \$3.00
MEET: Baden Powell Park - Samford.
DEPART: 9am
CAR KMS: 30km

This walk is put on with the Christmas Party attendees in mind so preference will be given to them. This is any easy, on track approx 6km return walk near the Mt. Nebo township. Starting from Manorina carpark we will walk gradually up hill on a graded track. There are good views across Samford to Moreton Bay from here. The return walk is either the same way or via a forestry road depending on the groups preference.

SAMFORD FOREST PARK CYC CHRISTMAS-PARTY

Cycle MTB Sun 14 Dec
LEADER: Greg Long 0408 264 763
GRADE: MCYC4C
LIMIT: 6
BRING: Water
MEET: Baden Powell Park Samford
DEPART: 7am

Xmas party ride. Approximately a 2 hour ride through Samford Forest Park with 300m of Elevation gain. A well maintained mountain bike is required. Previous experience desirable. This ride will sweat the red wine out!

ARAUCARIA TRACK

Day Walk Sun 14 Dec
LEADER: Richard Duczmal 0400 744 896
GRADE: LDW-3B
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Usual Day Walk Gear
COST: \$20
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 7am
MAP: Lamington NP

This is an 17.8km walk in the Binna Burra area of Lamington National Park. We will be on a graded track with no creeks to cross. The track is partly through rainforest. Other sections are more open with eucalyptus and views into the Numinbah Valley and Mt. Warning. Orchids can often be seen at the Orchid Bower Lookout but this year it has been too dry. This a suitable walk for new members in a beautiful area. Also, even on a hot

day it is about 5-10 degrees cooler in the rain forest.

BYRON GORGE & STEVENS CK

Day walk Wed 17 Dec
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
This activity is full.

CHERMSIDE HILLS RESERVE

Training Thu 18 Dec
LEADER: Richard Duczmal 0400 744 896
See description for Thu 27 Nov

TOOLONA CREEK CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sat 20 Dec
LEADER: Diana Norkaitis 0408 700 520
GRADE: LDW-3B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Page 3 requirements
COST: \$25 fuel contribution
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 6:30am
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 and a great introduction to sub-tropical rainforest. Suitable for walkers new to the club. Initially we drop down to Box Forest circuit past 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 (~7km) past more amazing antarctic beech along the rim to Bithongabel & then the side of the ridge back to the carpark.

NORTHBROOK CREEK FROM GORGE TO SOURCE

Day walk Sun 21 Dec
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
This activity is full.

MAROON BY STARLIGHT

Night Walk Sun 21 Dec
LEADER: Shaun Johnston 0478 124 075
GRADE: SNW-5C
LIMIT: 14
BRING: Page 3, snacks, beverages, camera, extra headlamp batteries
COST: \$25 cp
MEET: Arrange Carpool Prior, Meet at Trail-

head

DEPART: 12:30am

CAR KMS: 215

MAP: Maroon 1:25000

Most will be familiar with Mount Maroon, a majestic 966 metre, two-humped mountain jutting out of the MacPherson range in Mount Barney National Park. The summit of Mount Maroon, festooned with a cairn of remarkable size, commands spectacular 360 degree views over the surrounding area including Mount Barney, Mount May, Lake Maroon and the Scenic Rim. This walk is an ascent of Mount Maroon via the Cotswald (Tourist) Track in the wee hours of Sunday 21st of December - the Summer Solstice for 2014. We will take our time in the cool evening air and aim to be at the summit by around 2:30-3am, which will give us plenty of time to relax and chat over some snacks and beverages before dawn breaks. Pending weather, this will be a magnificent opportunity for some scenic landscape and starscape photography for those so oriented, and dawn will bring its own charms. After dawn, we will make our way back down the Cotswald and depart for a well-deserved breakfast in Boonah before the trip back to Brisbane.

SOMERSET TRAIL, MT MEE

Day Walk Sun 21 Dec
LEADER: Richard Duczmal 0400 744 896
GRADE: MDW-3A
LIMIT: 15
BRING: as per "always take" page 3
COST: \$12
MEET: Aspley Hypermarket, Gayford Street entrance. UBD 119 J4
DEPART: 7.00am
CAR KMS: 126km

We will travel through Dayboro to Mt Mee and park in the Somerset Trail parking area (just past The Gantry Day Use parking.) As we head towards morning tea at the Somerset Lookout we'll be walking past Sydney blue gums, pine plantations, rain and eucalypt forest, banksias, grass trees and spindly blackouts. The track has a bit of up and down hill work but nothing too daunting. The spectacular views over the Great Dividing Range, Somerset Dam and the headwaters of Lake Wivenhoe while we have morning tea will make it all worthwhile. After finishing the 13km circuit we will be back to the day use area so we will have lunch there. Bring a picnic or a little gas stove to BBQ (in case all in the picnic area are being used.) There is also the option of a stroll along the 1km Piccabeen walk through a lush stand of rainforest, dominated by piccabeens before heading home.

WATSON CREEK FALLS ABSEIL

Abseil Day Walk Sat 27 Dec
LEADER: Anne Kemp, Greg Long 0411 327 704
This activity is full.

DAVES CREEK CIRCUIT AND UPPER BALLUNJUI FALLS

Day Walk Sun 28 Dec
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: 6:30am
CAR KMS: 220 kms
MAP: Beechmont

This is a beautiful graded track walk in the Binna Burra section of Lamington NP. It combines rain-forest, 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 Ballunjui Falls also provides access to the Ballunjui 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.

CHERMSIDE HILLS RESERVE

Training Thu 1 Jan
LEADER: Richard Duczmal 0400 744 896
See description for Thu 27 Nov

COOMERA CIRCUIT - BINNA BURRA

Day Walk Sat 3 Jan
LEADER: Diana Norkaitis 0408 700 520
GRADE: LDW-3B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Usual day walk gear
COST: \$20
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 6:30am
CAR KMS: 200km approx
NOMINATIONS: web nominations preferred

The Coomera Circuit is a very scenic walk beginning from the Binna Burra carpark. It begins on the Border Track before branching off on the Coomera circuit. We pass through rainforest and giant brush box and we get brilliant views of the Coomera falls. The gorge itself has a depth of 160m. The circuit crosses the river several times before rejoining the Border Track. The walk is a

total of 17.5km and is suitable for beginners with reasonable fitness and for everybody else who would like a lovely walk in beautiful country.

MT BARNEY WATERFALL

Day walk Sun 4 Jan
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
This activity is full.

NORTHBROOK CREEK DESCENT

Day Walk Wed 7 Jan
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
GRADE: SDW-5B
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Usual day walk gear, 2 L water, waterproofed packs
COST: \$10 car pooling
MEET: Alderley BiLo
DEPART: 7am
MAP: Kipper Ck 1:25 000

MOBILE TO RING ON DAY OF WALK ONLY:
0438481186

This route follows old forestry tracks for about an hour and a half, then drops down to Northbrook Ck not far from several good pools. These pools are beautiful - deep, clean, clear water. Then this rocky creek is followed downstream for a couple of hours to Northbrook Gorge, a truly beautiful place. There are several deep pools to swim across (only a short distance) and for this reason packs must be waterproofed. Finally a short 70m climb up a track to where some of the cars will have been placed earlier. It is not a long walk, but rocky creek travel can be slow.

TINGALPA CREEK

KYK Sat 10 Jan
LEADER: Greg Long 0408 264 763
GRADE: KYK
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Page 3, Kayak, PDF, morning tea and lunch.
MEET: Rickerrt Road bridge Thornside - Northside
DEPART: 7:30am for 8am departure

This is an easy-paced approximately 20 km kayak in Tingalpa Creek. We will launch at Rickerrt Road paddling to Leslie Harrison Dam. We'll take our time, paddling with the tide both up and back. This paddle is suitable for beginners with a reasonable level of fitness. Estuary and sea kayaks are suitable and can be hired from Rosco Canoes, Goodtime, Acacia Canoes and others that are on the internet. Racks and tie downs can usually be hired with the kayak. Be sure to get a PFD and paddle with the kayak.

"SCOTT'S" CREEK

Day Walk Sun 11 Jan
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
This activity is full.

MT COOT-THA FOR NEW MEMBERS

MiniMaxx Sat 17 Jan
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
GRADE: Minimaxx4A
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Usual day walk gear including the P.3 items, 1.5 L water
MEET: Toowong Memorial Park, Sylvan Rd, (car park)
DEPART: 7am
MAP: D'Aguilar National Park, Southern D'Aguilar Section 1:30000

MOBILE ON DAY OF WALK ONLY:0438 481 186
This trip is designed to introduce new members to bushwalking and to the Brisbane Bushwalkers club. We will meet at the car park of the memorial Park on Sylvan Road, Toowong and then travel to Mt Coot-tha. Mt Coot-tha has plenty of tracks, formed and unformed plus several creeks which will enable new walkers to experience a variety of terrains. The creek bits will be Terrain 5 and there will be an opportunity to do some scrambling (Terrain 6)- alternatives do exist. Being a Mini-maxs, 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.

WARRIE CIRCUIT

Day walk Sat 17 Jan
LEADER: Diana Norkaitis 0408 700 520
GRADE: LDW 3C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Day walk gear & swimmers
COST: \$25
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 6am
MAP: Springbrook NP

This wonderful mainly rainforest walk has re-opened after being closed for ages due to storm damage. We drive to Springbrook to start the walk at Tallabana picnic area. From here we descend, crossing and going under waterfalls to the base of cliffs. The rock formations are spectacular. It is a 17km circuit but we will extend it by about 2.5kms by going on a side trail towards The Pinnacle. Here we will have morning tea then those who choose can walk a little further through heathland to The Pinnacle where some of, if not all, the group will like to scramble up The Pinnacle. From here we return to the main track and walk to the

Meeting of the Waters. We will have lunch and a swim either here or a little further upstream. Then there is a long, gently uphill section to the top of the cliffs at Canyon Lookout. We then continue on the track to our starting place. This walk is suitable for new members with reasonable fitness and are able to manage the distance.

WARRIE CIRCUIT/TWIN FALLS AND THE PINNACLE

Day Walk Sun 18 Jan
LEADER: Bernie Ryan 0432 907 275
This activity is full.

BYRON GORGE & STEVENS CK

Day walk Sun 18 Jan
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
This activity is full.

DAVES CREEK CIRCUIT AND UPPER BALLUNJUI FALLS

Day Walk Sat 24 Jan
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: 6:30am
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.

FULL SOUTH KOBBLE

Day Walk Sat 24 Jan
LEADER: David Haliczzer 0432 901 030
GRADE: SDW-7D
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Mag. Page 3 and Dry Sack
MEET: BiLo Alderley
DEPART: 7:00am
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park

We will park on the start of the Lepidozamia Track
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“CLIFFS AND GORGES IN THE EAST”

An adventurous 4-day Survey Walk/Scramble in Sundown NP

I had to cancel this walk (officially only) due to the Club's safety regulations - after a few others interested were unable to come, we were only two walkers left.

Our circuit route commenced at the north-eastern entrance of the park. It often was made up on the go, depending on how tempting a creek/rock slab/gorge etc. was looking, either on the map or in nature and covered nearly forty km over at times steep and difficult terrain. Despite the fact that it was a long weekend, over the next 3½ days we just saw one single other person.

There is no other camp spot that could beat the view we had from our first night's one, directly from our sleeping bag. We chose to stay on the lookout above Red Rock Gorge. As it is fenced, we slept less than an arm length from a 90m drop.



Red Rock Gorge lookout

drinking water was still available in the large remaining waterholes. All creeks had been dry for a while and the day time temperatures were higher than usual for this time of the year. Here we camped for the second night.



Dubious water quality

Next morning (hard to part with that view) we located an overgrown track to an old mining area and from this we walked over the western side of Mt. Lofty, dropped into a rocky creek and reached a cliff with views over a large part of the Severn River Valley. We continued along the ridge and over a saddle and reached a gorge dense with vegetation. Without packs we scrambled down a steep cascade and reached another dry waterfall plunging down from the top of the cliff.

We then contoured further along the ridge, over another hill and descended a spur into the Severn River Valley where the only reasonably good

drinking water was still available in the large remaining waterholes. All creeks had been dry for a while and the day time temperatures were higher than usual for this time of the year. Here we camped for the second night.



Woman who sleeps without tent

On the third day we explored two small side gorges without packs - one of which surprised us with many picturesque rock slabs and cascades - then eventually continued along Red Rock Creek where we spent the third night. Scrunched up in my hammock my sleep deficit became more noticeable, while Jo, again, had a good sleep on a flat, warm, rock without tent. (Those who think this is dangerous because of snakes, spiders, ticks etc, should remember that crossing a road in Brisbane is far more dangerous).

On the way up to the southern ridge we ended up in a narrow gorge, where it eventually became too difficult and dangerous to proceed any further. So we had to turn around and try the previous valley. When we reached the top we were both down to less

than ½ litre of water. Now we were glad not to have walked with a larger group, because even some of the well prepared (I don't dare to think about the not so well prepared ones who sometimes are on a walk) may have run out of water by now.

Fortunately we soon located the creek bed that led us to an old dam in a former mining claim which I had come across on a solo walk two years ago. Our joy was short-lived because it had dried up to a small, muddy puddle surrounded by an amazing diversity of animal tracks. With a good laugh we pointed out the green slime and floaties to each other as we reluctantly filled up our water bottles. We doubled the amount of purification tablets and discussed whether we should boil it as well. We joked about how we would wash our hands now, because the water was so dirty. Nevertheless we were glad to have found this precious liquid in time. We thought about those many people, even among bushwalkers, who are reluctant to drink even clean, flowing creek water.

An hour later we stood at the rim of Red Rock Gorge, again sampling the view, this time from a different perspective. On the way back to the car we even found a somewhat less spoilt small waterhole. It just goes to show how well the body conserves its precious water, because in spite of drinking huge amounts of water later, normal urine production wasn't back to normal until the afternoon of the next day. It may come as a surprise to many, but our stomachs coped quite well with our unusual variety of water.

However, it was not always tough, our days had their leisurely side as well. With both of us allergic to alarm clocks we never rose before the sun hit the tree tops around us, and while I enjoyed my long big breakfast with plenty of tea or coffee, Jo was able to read her book, none of us getting rushed by those people who always think they have to pretend to be in a hurry at all times.

Michael Mueller & Joanne Luke

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This is part exploratory as I haven't done this route for at least 5 years and I want to combine the best of a few walks. We will begin by walking over Mt D'Aguiar and into Hanging Valley. From here I will try to locate 2 very large red cedar trees where we will have morning tea. Next we will descend a creek system to join Muscat and Bailey and descend to the Sth Kobble Junction. South Kobble Ck will be ascended to meet the Lepidozamia Track close to the source of the creek. This is a fairly long day requiring waterproofing for some of the creek sections. A moderate level of fitness as well as competent scrambling and climbing ability will be required to nominate for this walk.

ARAUCARIA TRACK

Day Walk Sun 25 Jan
LEADER: Diana Norkaitis 0408 700 520
GRADE: LDW-3B
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Usual Day Walk Gear
COST: \$20
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 6:30am
MAP: Lamington NP

This is an 17.8km walk in the Binna Burra area of Lamington National Park. This is a graded track with no creeks to cross. The track is partly through rainforest. Other sections are more open with eucalyptus and views into the Numinbah Valley and Mt. Warning. This a suitable walk for

new members in a beautiful area. Also, even on a hot day it is about 6 degrees cooler in the rain forest.

TOOLONA CREEK CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sat 31 Jan
LEADER: Diana Norkaitis 0408 700 520
GRADE: LDW-3B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Page 3 requirements
COST: \$25 fuel contribution
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 6:30am
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 past 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 (~7km) past more amazing antarctic beech along the rim to Bithongabel & then the side of the ridge back to the carpark.

TRAVELLING AND WALKING IN BHUTAN, TIBET, CHINA

Following our photo presentation several people have asked for more information on walking in these countries. Overall we only did one trek of 5 days in Bhutan and otherwise short walks in China. This information may be of interest if you are planning a holiday in these areas.

BHUTAN

Being surrounded by the Himalayas, there are many opportunities to trek in Bhutan. The **Druk Path** we chose is one of the easiest. Five days trekking takes you over several passes and many “ups and downs”! Maximum elevation 4210m. Moderate fitness required.

There are many challenging walks which involve going over frequent high passes. There is a map called the Great Himalayan Trail, part of this trail is a well known **Snowman Trek**, apparently very difficult. The map information states the most popular trek is the **Chomolari Trek**. Anyone seriously interested is welcome to borrow the map.

Bhutan government wishes to control tourism, Western Influence, and prevent Backpacker tourism. To do this tourists pay \$200/day (peak season \$250/day) as a minimum towards accommodation, travel and guiding services. \$50 of this goes to the government. All tourists must be accompanied by a guide.

Don't be put off by any of the above as Bhutan is a magnificent country to walk and travel in, very different to any other country we have visited. The Bhutanese are warm and welcoming.

TIBET

We did not walk in Tibet, but having previously considered treks to Everest Base Camp and cycling tours I noted a couple of groups we saw as we “drove” there. The trekking group were walking down a rocky river valley and although it was spectacular scenery I thought I wouldn't want to walk days with no change of scenery, it didn't look inviting as a walk. We then saw a camp of a small cycle group outside Rinboche Monastery; actually didn't see them as they were huddled in their tents as snow started falling!

There is a trek to **Mt Kailish** in the west, which is a religious pilgrimage many Buddhists and Hindus aspire to do, and many walkers. You need at least a week to travel there and circumnavigate the mountain. Interestingly our guide relayed a story about obtaining visas for Mt Kailash, they only issue a certain number and if a tourist company applies for eg.10, they may grant 6 to that group and give the other visas to half another group, creating big headaches for trekking companies. I didn't come across evidence of other long treks, although I am sure they exist, albeit under government control.

CHINA

Although our Chinese holiday was based on National Parks I learnt walking in Chinese National Parks is very different. All walks were short and on occasions among hundreds, if not thousands, of other tourists, sometimes walking on concrete steps four abreast and row behind row. Having said that, there were wonderful experiences and stunning scenery. Most of the parks are declared UNESCO World Heritage areas.

The city of **Hangzhou** is a short train ride SW of Shanghai. From here we visited tea plantations at Longjing walking an hour up the hill and terraces, returning for a tea drying demonstration. The feature of Hangzhou is **West Lake**, Chinese tourists flock here to see and enjoy the beautiful lake. I could have spent many more days walking and enjoying its peaceful beauty.

A short journey from Hanzhou is **Mt Huangshen (Yellow Mountain)** known as “the loveliest mountain of China”. Perhaps the scenic highlight of our trip and certainly the best walking we did, albeit a series of short walks. The major walk was climbing up the mountain on hundreds of concrete steps, taking about 2 hours. Many Chinese tourists go for a day trip, travelling up and down by cable car. You should stay at least 3 or 4 nights to enjoy the different walks and views, allowing for possible bad weather on one or more days. There are 6 hotels on the mountain. Google Mt Huangshen to see the views.

We flew north of Chengdu to our next destination **Juizhaighou** (pronounced jo-jai-go) meaning 9 village valley, a mixture of crystal clear lakes and lush mountain forests. There are 9 Tibetan villages along its valley. We were scheduled to do an overnight hike and camp in the park but as there were

insufficient tourists in the off season this activity was cancelled. This park is visited by 5 million tourists a year and at the height a fleet of 300 buses transport people around the park. There are hundreds of hotels, an amazing sight in a small country town. There were many walks of a few kilometres along the lake edges with beautiful views but often shoulder to shoulder with other tourists - and this was "off peak". If I was to visit there again I would go later in the year to see the autumn colours and when there was more water in the pools - but probably also more tourists! A few hours drive across the Xuebaoding Pass (4100m) the Jade Pools at **Huanglong (Yellow Dragon)** are the main feature and pictured on all postcards etc but were all dry except for one small series. The walk to the top and return was approximately 2 hours. I am glad we visited here but it was many hours travel and plane flights.

Flying back to Chengdu, a bus took us to Ya'an for our visit to **Bifengxia Panda Base** or CCRPGP, China Conservation and Research Centre for Giant Pandas! A very enjoyable experience followed by a short walk in the beautiful Bifengia Gorge. Delightful day but a tourist experience, no major walking here.

Our last destination and reason I wanted to visit southern China was Guilin. Situated on the Li River and famous for its karst topography, it was as I remembered from Expo 88! We first visited **Longshen (Dragon's Backbone)** famous for endless rice terraces, a spectacular view. We expected a lengthy walk to the top but were there in 20-30 minutes. We did walk around the villages and terraces for 2 hours that afternoon. Returning to Guilin and the **Li River**, we had a short boat ride across the river and walked for 3-4 hours along the bank, passing an occasional village, and crossing the river by boat twice more. The views of karst formation with the Li river backdrop were stunning and memorable. I would enjoy endless spectacular views in the next 2 days. Our destination was **Yangshou**, a touristy city on the river with karst formations in all directions. We walked up Moon Hill (30 minutes) and the next day walked for some hours along the river visiting a typical family home.

A wonderful holiday but a tourist holiday with one trek and many short walks. If anyone would like more information on any of these areas we are always happy to share our stories and photos.

Julie Moore

Post trip report - 2014 Bushwalking Pilgrimage

Camp Laurence, Moogerah Dam. Organised by Bushwalkers of Southern Queensland (BOSQ) and Gold Coast bushwalkers.

For the uninitiated, The Pilgrimage is an annual event that has been organised now for over 40 years. It comes under the umbrella of Bushwalking Queensland (formerly known as the Federation).

I attended with a small group of BBW members organised by our then current Social coordinator, Kay Byrne. I was curious to see what walks were on the program as I'm always looking for new or different walks. I was particularly interested in Mt Alford as it is rarely visited and, as far as I know, never by BBW. However after looking at the write-up for it and talking later to the leader I decided being a bit 'underdone' (unfit!) currently that I should try another walk The Gold Coast grading (being the club who were mainly leading the walks) was "S T6 F6", roughly equivalent to our SDW 6C. Still I did Mt Greville which I hadn't done in several years and despite some very heavy breathing and many stops on the way up I made it! Now Greville was a little different to usual as from the summit you don't regularly get views, but it had been burnt quite recently so the top looked very different and the views were extraordinary.

Having survived the day I was looking forward to the evening - Stone the Crows (a bush band) playing and calling the bushdances. They and the dancing partners I had were very good. I hadn't done any of these dances in many years but despite my rustiness had a lot of fun.

Overall this was an excellent weekend with great company of people from many clubs. I'd recommend it to members in future as it is the one time of the year when we can meet new people from other clubs - people who have, like us, got the bushwalking bug and enjoy the social interaction.

Jon Beer

Post Trip Report - 2014 Bushwalking Qld Annual Pilgrimage

The 44th Annual Bushwalking Pilgrimage was held on the weekend of 5-7 September at Camp Laurence, Lake Moogerah. 10 participants from BBW attended (myself, Alan, Jon, Ros, Leith, Gabriela, Ian, Shirley, Chrissy and Anne) along with approximately 110 members from other bushwalking clubs in SE Queensland. This year it was hosted by both the Gold Coast Bushwalkers and Bushwalkers of Southern Qld Clubs.

This was my first pilgrimage and it was an opportunity to meet members from other clubs, and to catch up with friends for an enjoyable social weekend. We arrived on Friday afternoon to find a place to sleep either, in the bunk house or in the mushrooming tent city on the shores of the lake. Rain loomed, but it held off all weekend, the conditions were quite pleasant for both walking and kayaking. Other activities included abseiling and relaxing with plenty of talking.

On Friday evening we met with others in the amenities building for a supper of soup and then signed up for our Saturday walks. There was approximately 10 walks on the programme to accommodate a range of grades and fitness levels. Alan and I chose to do a walk we were not familiar with - "Wilsons Creek Cascades" It started at a very civilised time of 8:15am.

After a good sleep, walkers gathered at the meeting place to organise car pooling and hear the trip instructions. Alan and I car pooled with old BBW members Steve and Maisie Astley, now members of BOSQ.

Our leader, Neil from BOSQ, did a great job leading our group of 20 and had a good knowledge of the terrain and mountain peaks in the area. He previously had organised the private land holders permission as the initial part of this walk traversed private property. Most of the day we walked in the Main Range National Park, north east of Wilson's Peak. Neil explained that although this walk had a lot going for it, in recent times it had become lost from our bush walking repertoire. Invasion of introduced species such as lantana and raspberry vine had made walking here very difficult. National Parks and traditional land owners were now implementing a land management plan which included controlled burn-offs to reduce the undergrowth and thereby making it much easier to traverse.

Timber logging in earlier days was evidenced by large tree stumps and a logging track. Different soil types supported a wide range of vegetation from large gum and hoop pine to grass trees, and smaller orchids, lilies and epiphytes. King orchids on the cliff faces of Kinnanes Falls where flowering and Spear Lillies will soon be in splendid red bloom.

After morning tea at the top of Kinnanes Falls, we followed Wilson's Creek up to a series of rock pools, waterfalls and natural water slides. Although not a lot of water was flowing down the creek, there was plenty of good sources for drinking.

We had lunch on the side of a "rock bald" with views of Wilson's Peak, Mt. Bell and Bangalora. The clouds threatened to spoil our lovely lunch stop, but they disappeared soon after we headed down a different ridge to cross our earlier track and then made our way down via the back of the "Verandah" to our cars on the Head Road. We arrived back at Camp Laurence around 4.00pm in time to freshen up for happy hour and get ready for the social evening ahead.

After preparing and eating our dinner, we were roused into action by the sounds of the "Stone the Crows Bush Band". The hall was full of enthusiastic old time dancers, doing the old favourites. Our memory for the dance steps soon returned with instructions from the band. The dance floor was crowded until supper was called and we adjourned for sandwiches, party pies and home baked treats just like the old country style dance. The music continued and lasted longer than I did. In our cosy tent I drifted off to sleep to the sounds of the band beating time to "Strip the Willow". The next thing I heard was the raucous early morning call of Kookaburras.

Sunday was a leisurely breakfast, an early morning kayak on a mirrored lake, abseiling, a self guided walk or just morning tea on the veranda with old and new found friends. It was a perfect way to end a well planned and organised event. Next year, the tradition continues with the Pilgrimage being hosted by the Qld Bushwalkers Club.

Kay Byrne

BBW Members Survey - October 2014

On 2nd October, a short survey (10 questions) was emailed to all current members of Brisbane Bushwalkers Club. By 20th October, 78 responses had been received - a response rate of 11%, which is within normal ranges for external surveys (10-15%). The results of the survey were presented to members present at the AGM on 22nd October, and these are also summarised below.

Q1: How often on average have you participated in a BBW walk or activity in the past 12 months?

About 26% were active 3 or more times per month, 32% were active once or twice, and 42% were less active.

Q2: What was your primary reason for joining a bushwalking club?

55% joined to walk in the bush and learn new walks, 14% joined to meet people, with the rest joining to lose weight/get fit, or to train for a significant walk such as the Overland track.

Q3: Why did you choose Brisbane Bushwalkers Club?

The responses were fairly evenly split between: BBW was recommended (35%), most appealing website (30%) and variety of walks (28%)

Q4: Are you happy with the range of activities offered by BBW? Any suggestions for improvement?

83% stated that they were happy - and no-one said that they were unhappy. The vast majority of suggestions called for more walks to be offered, from easy to more difficult walks. Other suggestions included encouraging younger members, to mentor prospective leaders, and to re-introduce new member base camps.

Q5: Are you able to contribute / volunteer to help the running of the club?

65% responded that they could help with leading walks, 30% would be happy to help with new members training, 28% were able to help with suppers at club meetings, and 28% were willing to help by serving on the committee or on a sub-committee.

Q6: What attracts you to meetings, or what suggestions do you have to encourage attendance at meetings?

43% responded that they were attracted by interesting guest speakers, 20% came to meetings to catch up with people, and the rest did not attend meetings. Suggestions raised included reducing the number of meetings to one per month, and to provide technical training at meetings.

Q7: What is your age?

40% of respondents are in their 50s, 28% in their 60s, 17% in their 40s, 8% in their 30s, with the remaining 7% split evenly between less than 30 or over 69.

Q8: What is your gender?

Responses were fairly evenly matched - 53% female, 47% male.

Q9: How long have you been a member of BBW?

29% of respondents have been members less than 12 months, 28% 1 - 3 years, 17% 6 - 10 years, 9% 10 - 15 years, 5% 15 - 20 years, and 5% more than 20 years.

Q10: Do you have any suggestions/comments for the committee?

Most of the comments were very positive. Other comments included making recent walk postings easier to see on the website, that the magazine should be emailed and monthly meetings.

In relation to Q5 - if you are able to help with new members training, could you please let Bernie know - membership@bbw.org.au. If you are happy to help with suppers (and have not already told us), please email Burgi - social@bbw.org.au. If you are willing to serve on the committee or on a sub-committee, please email Marge - president@bbw.org.au

The committee will consider all the suggestions made - thanks to all those who responded, your input is extremely valuable in guiding the club's future direction.

David Sydes

BBW's New President

I'm Marge Henry. For those who don't know me, I'll tell you a bit about myself. I joined the Club in March 2009. I was one of the ones who responded in the recent survey that I joined to train for a specific walk (and, of course lose weight). That walk was the Overland Track in Tasmania which I did two years later in 2011. But by then I was hooked, and so I've stayed.

I've done a year on the Committee as Treasurer and also, this last year as the Safety & Training officer as well as spending some time as Registrar. I am married, have two daughters and one grandchild and work full time as a management accountant for an IT company. But, enough about me.



Firstly I want to thank David Thorpe who once again took on the role of Returning Officer. Thanks David.

Then I have a big thank you to David Sydes who has shown outstandingly effective and democratic leadership during these last two years - stepping in when there was turmoil and guiding us to where we are today. He leaves very big shoes to fill. I am very grateful that he is staying on the Committee as ex president. Brilliant job David - thanks from us all.

This is a wonderful bushwalking club, the largest in Queensland. I was very honoured to be asked to be President and am very proud to have been elected. I have a few key items that I would like to focus on during the coming year.

- Maintaining and enhancing the "stable state" that David Sydes has worked so hard to achieve.
- Hopefully working with Steve Cockburn, our Vice President, to increase the number of presentations so that every Club meeting gives you a reason to attend.
- Supporting our Membership Officer as this role has become more time consuming over the years

Another goal I have for this year is to have a large group of members attending the annual Pilgrimage - a weekend where all SE Qld bushwalking clubs get together to do walks, socialise, have a barn dance and generally have a good weekend out. This year it will be held at the Showgrounds at Kalbar, near Boonah, and once we know the date (traditionally end August/early September) I'll put it on the website, so please consider keeping that weekend free from other walks and let's all attend.

I am very lucky that you have also elected a very good bunch of people onto the Committee - a mix of old and new. Welcome back to existing and ex members: Burgi, Steve, Tom and Arthur and it's great to see many new faces - Anne, Martine, Tania, Bernie, Kurt and Chris.

Marge Henry

NEW MEMBERS

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

Wendy Auton	Joanna Barnes	Darian Bloom	Leigh Brown
Ros Christopher	Sarah Cumpston	Geoff Flint	Joan Gottardo
Ioan Gough	Rosemary Harris	Barbara Irvine	Isabella Kanowski
Siew Lau	Debbie Lacey	Amelia Laoratana	Christina Lelliott
Eloise O'Shea	Dustin Meijer	Jon Peake	Robert Reid
Ronald Roe	Nola Sheldrick	Nisha Varsani	Brendon Wright
Di Zhou			

Congratulations to the following who have become Full Members:

Kerryn Bridgman	Kerrin Butler	Anne Clair	Bridgette Copcutt
Valerie Fjellstrom	Karen Gray	Yuki Nishiyama	Konstantin Seiler
Christopher Stewart	Nicholas Van Soest	Roslyn Vidler	

Guest Speakers

Wednesday 10 Dec Super Ultra Lightweight Gear for Thru Walkers

Julie and John Shera

John and Julie Shera are new members to BBW but are highly accomplished walkers who have a passion for exploring many parts of Australia and are often spotted on the Main Range exploring. "We can talk about and demonstrate some of the ultra light gear available at the moment allowing walkers to reduce the weight of their through-packs by as much as 30 percent. Most comes from cottage industries in the United States and is freely available online." So if you are interested in this area of specialty, come along for the talk and stay for a chat afterwards. Julie and John have agreed to come all the way from Jimboomba to share with us their experience and knowledge.

Wednesday 28 Jan Sierra Nevada Slide Show

Lou & Marion Darveniza

This presentation will feature a 9 day walk across one section of the SHR (Sierra High Route, California) by Lou & Marion Darveniza (with Annette Miller & Ben Darveniza). This is largely an off-track route traversing high altitude terrain above the timberline and created by Steve Roper. Stunning photography from all members together with discussion of this magic place will be included.

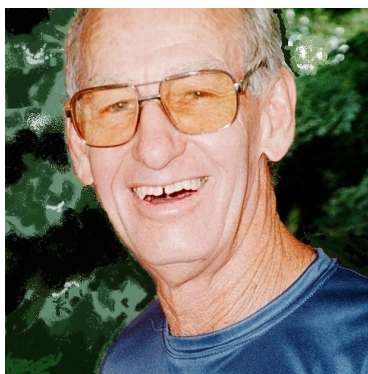
VALE RALPH CHETHAM

14 April 1932 - 12 October 2014

Time to pause and pay tribute to Ralph Chetham. He was a very enthusiastic member of BBW, joining in 1997 after retiring from an active working life in the building industry.

He took to bushwalking - a competent walker, scrambler, leader, route finder - as a complete natural. His forte was day walks, never missing mid week walks & across the full range of difficulty categories.

Some of us will vividly recall the hard walks. A memorable event was Ralph leading the Caves Route, Tibrogargan, with great aplomb in the later part of his walking career (mid week party of about 10 oldies, average age 63 with Ralph the elder at 73). This walk has not been repeated by the club since then in this form. He led Logans Ridge, Mt Barney, to celebrate his 75th and was also an invaluable member of the first BBW Coomera Gorge descent party in recent times.



His formidable agility was amazing and a pleasure to observe. He often chose tricky alternative rock routes for obvious pleasure and challenge. He was always superbly fit. We thought of him as indestructible.

But it is the man we will miss. He was utterly helpful to all, undemonstrative, humble, supremely confident, full of amusing life-journey anecdotes, superb company. One felt that it would be wonderful to walk with Ralph forever. What great bushwalking times we had. Underneath he was a reserved & very private person.

Penny says his fitness helped his final battle with mesothelioma diagnosed 2 years ago. The Club's heartfelt best wishes go out to Penny and family.

Lou Darveniza



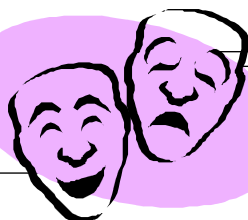
Mt Warning Melbourne Cup 2010

From the Archives...

Bill Healy penned a poem to celebrate Ralph's 70th birthday, as well as for his 75th. Both tell us a lot about this wonderful bushwalker:-

70th poem: June 2002 magazine
(& re-published April 2007)

75th poem: May 2007 magazine



Out & About

LITTLE THAI CAFE & RESTAURANT FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

Social Fri 28 Nov
LEADER: Karen & Bernie Ryan 0419 733856
LIMIT: 10
COST: \$12 - \$25
MEET: 12 Trouts Rd, Everton Park
TIME: 6.30pm
ORDERING WILL BE: no later than 6.45pm
LATE ARRIVALS: can either pre order or order upon arrival

Located at Everton Park on Trouts Road, Little Thai Cafe & Restaurant has all the usual Thai dishes such as money bags, soups, curries and noodle dishes. Main Meals are priced \$15 - \$25 and include specialty dishes such as Chu Chee Curry Fish and Little Thai Mustsaman Curry Sauce curries, just to name a few.

BBW CHRISTMAS PARTY WEEKEND

SOCIAL Fri 12 -- Sun 14 Dec
LEADER: Kay Byrne 0429 924 726
GRADE: BC Various/SOCIAL
LIMIT: 90
BRING: sheets and pillow case, day walking gear, drinks and all meals except for Saturday night, Secret Santa Gift to value of \$15
COST: \$50
MEET: 68 Cash Avenue, Samford
TIME: After 4pm on Friday 12th December



The Charles Snow Centre Scout camp accommodates up to 90 people in bunk huts. The hall and kitchen can cater for large groups and has fridges, dishwasher and microwave with crockery and cutlery.

Please bring your own sheets and blankets and all your food except for Saturday night. Our Christmas Party feast on Saturday night will be catered for by David Sydes and his master chef team. Santa will drop by and hand out gifts, so please bring a gift along to the value of \$15. There will be entertainment and dancing in the hall after dinner.

The area offers a variety of great walks for the Saturday activity program and will cater for all levels. (Please see the Walk Program for details)

The cost of this entire weekend is \$50 (No discounts for camping or if you only attend the meal on Saturday night - the price will be \$50pp). Your nomination will appear on the website after your payment is received.

BSB 124-021 Account Number 1041-4419 Please put your Surname + XMAS in the Payee Reference. You may also pay the Treasurer at the club meetings.

Magazine Collating

Magazine collating will be at Ian Marlow & Shirley Peardon's at Annerley on Thursday 22nd January 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 3892 4641 to confirm.



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ALWAYS TELL SOMEONE...
WALK WITH A CLUB.



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