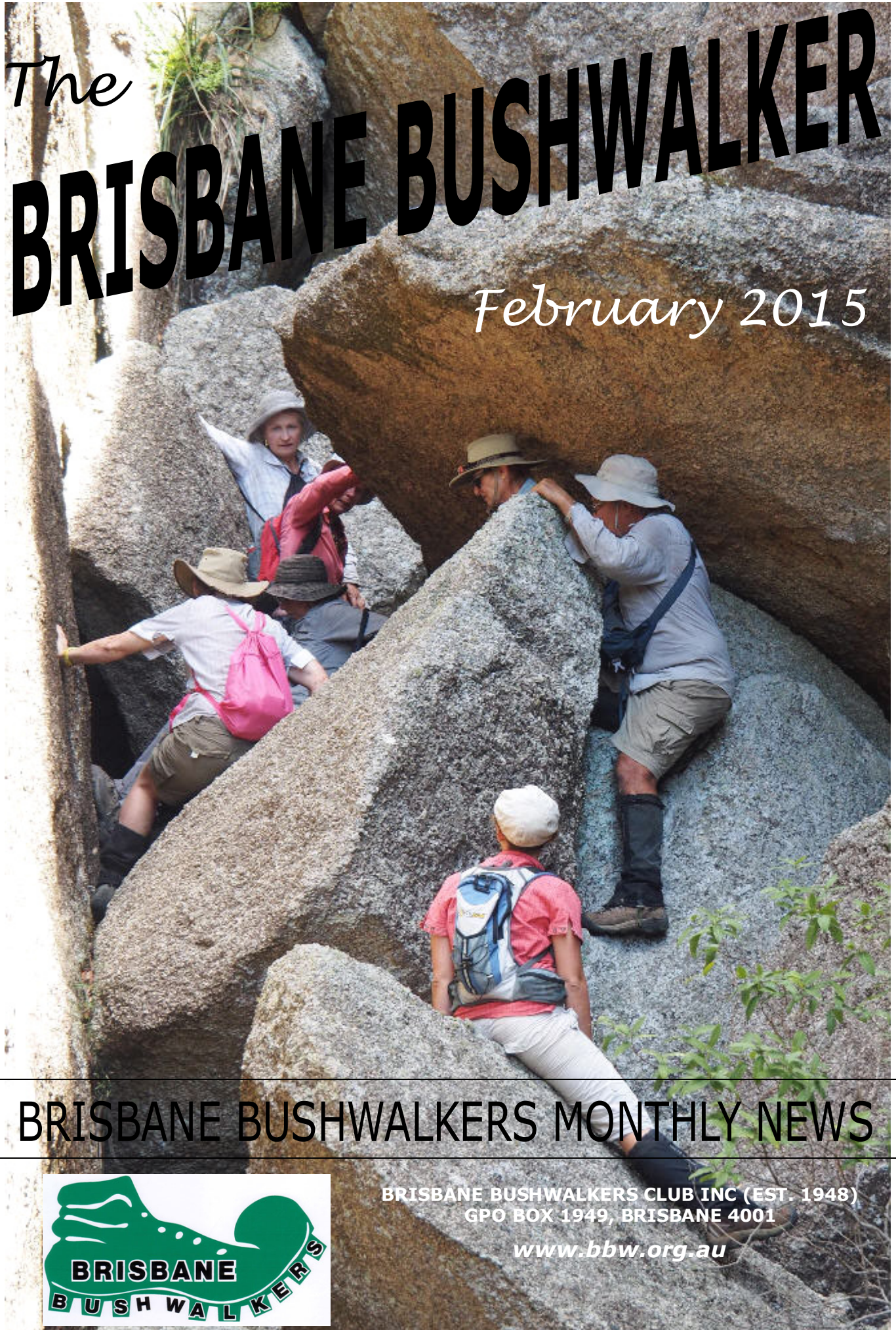


The **BRISBANE BUSHWALKER**

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BRISBANE BUSHWALKERS MONTHLY NEWS



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

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

Deadline for the March magazine is the Open Meeting on Wednesday 11th February.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Fees include magazine subscription.

Full Members: Singles \$40 per annum
Couples \$60 per annum

Annual membership falls due 31st January.

Probationary Members:

Singles \$25 per 6month
Couples \$40 per 6 month

COVER PHOTOGRAPH

Play Time at Girraween NP
(Basecamp Nov 2014)

photo: Richard Lukacz

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



Members can hire up to 4 items at one time for a maximum charge of \$10 per person.

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.

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).

The Club will refund 70% of the cost upon completion.

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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 (fleece jacket minimum, thermals if you have them); raincoat. Don't forget a change of clothing & shoes for after the walk and money for car pooling & coffee.

PROGRAM

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

January

26	SOCIAL	GOMA and Muesum of Brisbane with lunch	Kay Byrne
27	TRNG	Southbank - All the Bridges	Steve Cockburn
28	Meeting	Sierra slide show - Lou and Marion Darveniza	
29	MNW-2A	Chermside Hills Reserve	Richard Duczmal
29	SDW-1A	Manly/Wynnum Hills	Barry Culley
29	TRNG	Thursday Kangaroo Point - Core Training	Pete Watson
29	SNW-3B	Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walk	Sandra Winzar
30	Social	Friday curry night at Mirchi	Karen and Bernie Ryan
31	LDW-3B	Toolona Creek Circuit	Diana Norkaitis
31	Minimax 3A	Chermside Hills Reserve - New Members	Steve Cockburn
31	MDW-3A	Jolly's Lookout	Stephen Perry
31-1	MBC-7C	Booloumba & Summer Creeks	Annette Miller
31-7	7E Survey	New Zealand Nelson Lakes via St Arnaud range, etc	Andrew Wedlake

February

1	MDW-3B	Noosa National Park (Headland section)	Bernie Ryan
1	XLDW 3C	Warrie Circuit, Twin Falls	Errol Thomas
1	LDW-3B	Coomera Circuit - Binna Burra	Dominic Tennison
1	SDW-5B	Northbrook Creek Descent	Belinda Hawkes
1	SDW-5B	Flinders Peak	Andrew Fleming
2	SNW-2A	Toohey Forest Monday night walk	Graham Olive
3	TRNG	Tuesday Kangaroo Point - Pack Training	Chris Hall
3	TRNG	West End Hills	Joan Davey
4	SDW-6C	Muscat & Bailey	Lou & Marion Darveniza
5	MNW-2A	Chermside Hills Reserve	Richard Duczmal
5	SNW-3B	Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walk	Graham Olive
5	TRNG	Thursday Kangaroo Point - Core Training	Pete Watson
6-8	MTW-7D	Barrabool Peak	David Haliczzer
7	MDW-7C	Summer Creek Falls	Luke Manley
7	MDW-3B	Mt Cordeaux & Bare Rock	Stephen Perry
7-27	5C	New Zealand, The Five Passes, etc	Tom McAlister
8	MDW-3B	West Canungra Creek Circuit for Photographers	Martine Jellema
8	XDW-3C	Albert River Circuit, Lamington NP	Dominic Tennison
9-12	MTW 4C	Kepler Track, NZ	Elena Williams
11	Meeting	Guest Speaker - Lynsey Moore	
12	MNW-2A	Chermside Hills Reserve	Stephen Perry
12	SNW-3B	Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walk	Graham Olive
12	TRNG	Thursday Kangaroo Point - Core Training	Pete Watson
14	KYK	Coochiemudlo Island	Greg Long
14	Minimax4A	Mt Coot-tha for New members	Lou & Marion Darveniza
14	SDW-4A	Mt Mathieson and Spicers Gap	Stephen Perry
14-15	S&T	First Aid Training Base Camp - Mt Glorious Barracks	Chris Hall
15	SDW-6C	Enoggera Gorge	Lou & Marion Darveniza
15	LDW-3C	Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk (Springbrook section)	Bernie Ryan
15	LDW-3B	Toolona Creek Circuit	Dominic Tennison
16-18	MTW 4B	Rakiura Track, NZ	Elena Williams
17	TRNG	Tuesday Kangaroo Point - Pack Training	Chris Hall
17	TRNG	West End Hills	Joan Davey
18	SDW-6C	Platypus Pool	Annette Miller
19	MNW-2A	Chermside Hills Reserve	Stephen Perry
19	SNW-3B	Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walk	Graham Olive
20-22	MBC-3B/C?	Border Ranges Base Camp	Karen Ryan
21	XDW-6D	Middle Kobbie Falls-the long way round	Kelvin Taylor

21	XDW-3C	Ships Stern Circuit, Lamington NP	Tim Easton
22	MDW-6D	Around Mt Bangalora	Lou & Marion Darveniza
22	MDW-4B	McAfees Lookout to Enoggera Reservoir.	Mark Houghton
25	Meeting	Bring & Buy	Marge Henry
26	MNW-2A	Chermside Hills Reserve	Richard Duczmal
27	Social	German dinner night at the Black Forest	Karen and Bernie Ryan
27-1	BC	Crows Nest Gorge Base Camp	Neil Parker
28	KYK	Coochin Crk to Caloundra Kayak	Greg Long
28	MDW-5C	Crows Nest Gorge	Neil Parker

March

1	LDW-3C	Sunshine Coast Great Walk Stage 2 - Flaxton to Gheerulla	Bernie Ryan
1	MDW-7C	Crows Nest Gorge	Neil Parker
5	MNW-2A	Chermside Hills Reserve	Richard Duczmal
6-8	BC	Lamington National Park - David Sydes' Birthday	Wade Chang / David Sydes
11	Meeting	Journey to Mt Everest Base Camp - Ian Poynten & Angie Sobrya	
12	MNW-2A	Chermside Hills Reserve	Richard Duczmal
13-15	BC	NEW MEMBERS BASE CAMP - Mt Glorious	David Sydes
13-15	MTW-7D	Black Canyon/Lost World	Tim Easton
14	Minimax S3A	Obi Obi Creek, Great Walk Track	Julie Moore
14-15	MTW-4C	Rat-a-tat, Lamington NP	Elena Williams
15	XDW-3C	Sunshine Coast Hinterland Great Walk Stage 3 - Gheerulla Circuit	Bernie Ryan
18	SDW-6C	Enoggera Gorge	Lou & Marion Darveniza
19	MNW-2A	Chermside Hills Reserve	Richard Duczmal
21	MINIMAXS4A	Mt Coot-tha for New members	Lou & Marion Darveniza
22	SURVEY	Parklands Conservation Park	Karen Ryan
22	MDW-6D	Around Mt Bangalora	Lou & Marion Darveniza
26	MNW-2A	Chermside Hills Reserve	Richard Duczmal
28-29	STW-8D	Logans Ridge, Mt Barney Through Walk	Lou & Marion Darveniza
31-8	MTW-4B	Great Ocean Walk	Sandra Winzar

April

2-6	MTW-7D	Sundown Circuit	Lou & Marion Darveniza
3-5	MTW-7D	Mt Barney - Barrabool Ceek & Peak	Peter Shera
3-6	XBC-3C	Cania Gorge EASTER Base Camp	Karen Ryan
3-6	MTW-5C	Oxley Wild Rivers NP	John Mitchell
8	Meeting	How to Take Better Landscape Photos - Martine Jellema	

\$\$\$ ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES \$\$\$

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.

\$\$\$ PAY ONLINE \$\$\$

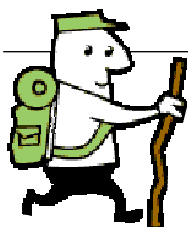
Avoid the long queues at the Club meetings and pay your annual membership fees online.

Bank details are:

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

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

Note: 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.....

SOUTHBANK - ALL THE BRIDGES

Training Walk Tue 27 Jan
LEADER: Steve Cockburn 0421 059 482
GRADE: TRNG
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Usual day walk gear including P3 items, 2L water
COST: Money for Coffee or drink afterwards.
MEET: Ship Inn Southbank
DEPART: 6pm

We will meet at the Ship Inn as per usual and head out and cross all the bridges west of the Inn. The walk will be approx 8km. It will be a flat but brisk walk so a fair degree of fitness is necessary for the aerobic fitness activity. We will be back at the Inn by 7.30 pm.

CHERMSIDE HILLS RESERVE

Training Thu 29 Jan
LEADER: Richard Duczmal 0400 744 896
GRADE: MNW-2A
LIMIT: 12
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 29 Jan
LEADER: Barry Culley 0415 320 029

GRADE: SDW-1A
LIMIT: 15
BRING: usual gear
MEET: Wynnum Swimming Pool near the 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 29 Jan
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 29 Jan
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.

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.

CHERMSIDE HILLS RESERVE - NEW MEMBERS

MINIMAX Sat 31 Jan
LEADER: Steve Cockburn 0421 059 482
GRADE: Minimax 3A
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Usual day walk gear including P3 items, 2L water
MEET: Chermshire Hills Reserve Picnic Shelter Cnr of Hamilton Road and Troutts Road. Entry on Troutts Rd.
DEPART: 7am

This activity is designed to introduce new members to bush walking and to the Brisbane Bushwalkers club. This Minimax is on a Saturday am and is being held locally in Brisbane and is designed for those new to the club or who might not feel too confident at this point to hit the track sys-

tem. All are welcome to attend but as this activity is on local walking tracks and off shoots, this activity would suit those who might be keen but feeling a little under confident and beginning the journey into bush walking. Please note we will still be doing hills, some off track bits, different walking surfaces and environs and will cover a fair amount of territory and topics as we move through the Reserve. We will not go above any walk gradings of Terrain 3-4. Being a Minimax, we will be discussing safety, clothing, club protocol, minimal environmental impact, first aid, the clubs grading system etc. We expect to finish well before lunch so bring your morning tea and the "always take" items on p3 of the Magazine.

JOLLY'S LOOKOUT

Day walk Sat 31 Jan
LEADER: Stephen Perry 0428 188 151
GRADE: MDW-3A
LIMIT: 14
BRING: As per P3 of Mag.
COST: Petrol Contribution \$4.00
MEET: The (new) Gap Park & Ride, Waterworks Rd, The Gap.

DEPART: 8am
CAR KMS: Approx 36km return.
MAP: D'Aguilar NP. South D'Aguilar section. Jolly's Lookout is on Mt Nebo Road, giving access to D'Aguilar National Park, with great views across the Brisbane Valley and to the coastline. We will walk on track through some beautiful sub-tropical rainforest and more open eucalyptus forest, using the Thylogale Track to Boombana and then around the Pitta Circuit. We will then have morning tea and walk back to the Ergenia Circuit and then to the lookout to have our lunch. We should see a variety of animal and birdlife. The distance for the walk is approximately 10.5 klms and suitable for new members. Please be at The Gap Park & Ride Carpark at 7.45 a.m. so that we can organise carpooling before leaving at 8.00 a.m. Nominations online preferred. If phoning please leave a message with your name and phone number.

BOOLOUMBA & SUMMER CREEKS

Base Camp Sat 31 Jan -- Sun 1 Feb
LEADER: Annette Miller 0418 791 841
This activity is full.

NEW ZEALAND NELSON LAKES VIA ST ARNAUD RANGE, BEGLEY CREEK, EAST SABINE, CUPOLA & TRAVERS VALLEYS

Through walk Sat 31 Jan -- Sat 7 Feb
LEADER: Andrew Wedlake 0439 864 418
GRADE: 7E Survey
LIMIT: 5

BRING: 8 day Through walk gear
COST: \$350
MEET: Christchurch, NZ
DEPART: 9am
MAP: BS24 Mt Robert, BS25 Severn

Hi All, Nearly time for my annual mountain fix again, January/February 2015 will see us attempt another new route in the Nelson Lakes National Park traversing the St Arnaud range tops, exploring the East Sabine source, crossing the Franklin range to Lake Constance, visiting Cupola via Gunsight pass and cruising down the Travers valley to finish. The trip is planned around 8 days at 8-10 hr, 1000 – 1500m ascent and/or descent, 10- 20km travel per day, but will be very flexible and will adjust in terms of camping locations and actual route based on the actual progress we make. This trip will be hard as whilst we will be on mostly known routes (tracked/untracked/poled), recent storms have removed a large part of the track/poled routes in the Nelson Lakes area. Accordingly our trip will be about 80% off track in untracked bush, boulder strewn river beds, and high alpine scree ascents and descents. As this is a new route it should be graded a 7E – SURVEY and accordingly you will need to be very fit and experienced in multi day through walking. I have places available for the right people to join the team for what will be a breathtaking, awe inspiring, brilliant adventure. Call me if you are interested. The route can be viewed at <http://www.mapmyhike.com/routes/view/508287276> We will meet in Christchurch early Saturday morning January 31, 2015 to head up to the walk returning to Christchurch Saturday February 7, 2015. As the walk is programmed ex Christchurch, flexibility exists for those wanting to extend their stay in New Zealand.

NOOSA NATIONAL PARK (HEADLAND SECTION)

Day Walk Sun 1 Feb
LEADER: Bernie Ryan 0432 907 275
This activity is full.

WARRIE CIRCUIT, TWIN FALLS

Day walk Sun 1 Feb
LEADER: Errol Thomas 0458 940 621
This activity is full.

COOMERA CIRCUIT - BINNA BURRA

Day Walk Sun 1 Feb
LEADER: Dominic Tennison 0428 730 255
GRADE: LDW-3B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Usual day walk Page 3 gear
COST: \$20
MEET: Fairfield Gardens

DEPART: 6:30am
CAR KMS: 200km (return)

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

NORTHBROOK CREEK DESCENT

Day Walk Sun 1 Feb
LEADER: Belinda Hawkes 0412 226 159
This activity is full.

FLINDERS PEAK

Day Walk Sun 1 Feb
LEADER: Andrew Fleming 0421 194 767
GRADE: SDW-5B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Page 3 items, 2L water
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 7.00am
MAP: Flinders-Goolman Conservation Estate brochure

Flinders Peak (679m) is in the Ipswich area and offers good views of the Scenic Rim peaks, and also to Brisbane city if the weather is clear. Access to the peak is only about an hour's drive from Brisbane off the Boonah road. We start walking from the Flinders Plum Picnic Area at the end of Mt Flinders road. The climb starts with a defined track but becomes steep and rocky, with some short steep ups. We follow a narrow rocky ridge-line and close to the summit there is some scrambling required. We will have lunch at the top and return via the same route. This is a short walk but at the upper end of the B fitness grading. Reasonable fitness is required for the ups - about 550m ascent. It is suitable for those who've done a few track walks and want to venture into something more challenging. There are no local coffee shops for coffee afterwards so we will have afternoon tea back at the picnic ground. I will bring stove and billy; please bring your own cups and tea/coffee.

TOOHEY FOREST MONDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Mon 2 Feb
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 3 Feb
LEADER: Chris Hall 0498 051 811
GRADE: TRNG
BRING: Jogging gear plus weighted backpack (normal walking gear isn't necessary as there are toilets and water fountains throughout)
MEET: Rotunda on River Terrace (southern end of KP cliffs opp the fancy marble church)

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

WEST END HILLS

Training - Night Walk Tue 3 Feb
LEADER: Joan Davey 0415 139 646
GRADE: TRNG
LIMIT: 15
BRING: water, money for coffee some walkers have dinner at the Ship Inn as 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.

MUSCAT & BAILEY

Day Walk Wed 4 Feb
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza 0438 481 186
This activity is full.

CHERMSIDE HILLS RESERVE

Training Thu 5 Feb
LEADER: Richard Duczmal 0400 744 896
See activity description for Thu 29 Jan

MT COOT-THA THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Thu 5 Feb
LEADER: Graham Olive 0455 539 999
See activity description for Thu 29 Jan

THURSDAY KANGAROO POINT - CORE TRAINING

Training Thu 5 Feb
LEADER: Pete Watson 0400 706 493
See activity description for Thu 29 Jan

BARRABOOL PEAK

Through Walk Fri 6 -- Sun 8 Feb
LEADER: David Haliczzer 0432 901 030
GRADE: MTW-7D
LIMIT: 6
BRING: Through Walk gear including capacity for 3 L water
COST: \$25 + \$11.50pp camp fees
MEET: Cleared Ridge
DEPART: 7pm
CAR KMS: 230km return trip
MAP: Mt Lindsay 9441-31
On Friday we can car pool hopefully in 2 vehicles (4WD) to Cleared Ridge. We will hike to Barrabool Ck campsite the first night. On Saturday we will ascend via Barrabool Ck to the campsite on Barrabool Peak. From the campsite we will ascend West Peak as a side trip using the recently discovered chimney on a walk led by Peter Sheara and then return via the main Midget Ridge route. On Sunday we will descend via short Barrabool Ridge and make our way back to Cleared Ridge. A walk for those who like scrambling with a dip in cool water holes if warm.

SUMMER CREEK FALLS

Day Walk Sat 7 Feb
LEADER: Luke Manley 0432 034 172
GRADE: MDW-7C
LIMIT: 10 + 2 leaders
BRING: Usual day walk gear, 3L water, water-proofed packs

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

MT CORDEAUX & BARE ROCK

Day Walk Sat 7 Feb
LEADER: Stephen Perry 0428 188 151
GRADE: MDW-3B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Usual day walk gear with plenty of water

COST: fuel contribution \$20

MEET: Fairfield Gardens

DEPART: 7:00am

CAR KMS: approx 200km

This is a lovely varied 12 km graded track walk from Cunningham's Gap, which would be very suitable for new members. We start the walk with an uphill climb through rain forest until we reach a rocky outcrop just below the top of Mt Cordeaux. Here, where there are wonderful views, we will have morning tea. We then continue gently uphill to Bare Rock where we will have lunch and more views. We return to the cars by the same, now downhill route, and head to Aratula for coffee.

AMENDED NEW ZEALAND PRINCESS MOUNTAINS/HUMP RIDGE, THE FIVE PASSES

Through walk Sat 7 -- Fri 27 Feb
LEADER: Tom McAlister 0417 078 561 or 07 38512978

GRADE: 5C

LIMIT: 4

BRING: Through walk pack

COST: TBA

MEET: Queenstown.NZ

DEPART: 9.15AM Brisbane

PLEASE NOTE THE SECOND WALK HAS BEEN CHANGED TO THE FIVE PASSES (instead of the Takitimu Mountains) AND THE AMENDED

GRADING. These walks have memorable panoramic views of mountains, valleys, rivers, lakes and a glacier. Walk 1 Princess Mountains/Hump Ridge. We start with a boat trip to Hay River mouth near the start of the Dusky Track at the northern tip of Lake Hauroko. Hike the length of the Princess Mountains south from End Peak to Beatrice Peak and descend Rata Burn to Teal Bay Hut at the southern tip of Lake Hauroko. Ascend onto and hike the length of Hump Ridge, past Okaka Hut, along Hump Ridge Track and South Coast Track via Port Craig Hut to Rarakau car park then bus to Te Anau. The tops are straightforward travel with minimal sidling and mainly tussock, deer trails and many tarns. Walk 2. The Five Passes. Bus to Routeburn Track where we walk for 10 minutes then head north to Sugarloaf Pass, Theatre Flat and Park Pass. Here we digress to Lake Nerine and to edge of Park Pass Glacier. We continue past Cow Saddle over Fiery Col to Olivine Ledge Rock Bivy. Then visit Fohn Lake, cross Fohn Saddle to Beans Burn. Travel down Beans Burn past Dart River and Sylvan Lake to Routeburn Road and bus back to Queenstown. Both hikes are nearly completely off-track so experience in offtrack hiking is required. Days are only moderate length. Please contact me for any further information and to nominate for the walks.

WEST CANUNGRA CREEK CIRCUIT FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS

Day walk Sun 8 Feb

LEADER: Martine Jellema 0437 805 414

GRADE: MDW-3B

LIMIT: 12

BRING: Page-3 items, camera, tripod

COST: \$25 fuel contribution

MEET: Fairfield Gardens

DEPART: 6.30am

CAR KMS: 220km

The West Canungra Creek Circuit is a 14-kilometre walk in the Green Mountains (O'Reilly's) section of Lamington National Park. It was recently reopened after a lengthy closure due to storm damage, which is great, as it's one of the most scenic walks in the park. We start with a descent to Yerralahla, the Blue Pool, which isn't all that blue but does make for a lovely swimming hole. Those who feel like a swim are welcome to take a dip here. (Be warned, though - there are eels in the pool and they have been known to bite.) We then follow West Canungra Creek, a beautiful creek which we cross several times, and take a break at two gorgeous waterfalls, Box Log Falls and Elabana Falls. After that we ascend to Picnic Rock and exit via the Border Track. This will be a slow walk, especially geared to photographers.

We'll spend a fair bit of time at the pool and waterfalls to allow serious photographers to set up their tripods, screw on their darkening filters and take long exposures. We'll also stop plenty of times on the track to allow for unrushed creek and rainforest shots. If you're a keen photographer, you'll love this walk! If you like a fast pace, however, you're better off giving this walk a miss. **WHAT TO BRING:** In addition to the regular Page-3 items, bring a camera with a fully charged battery and an empty memory card. If you have a tripod and a darkening filter, bring them - they'll considerably improve your waterfall shots. A macro lens will come in handy if you like close-ups of fungi, bark, berries, flowers, lichen and insects. Last but not least, bring swimming gear and a change of clothes if you think you might be interested in a dip in the pool.

ALBERT RIVER CIRCUIT, LAMINGTON NP

Day Walk Sun 8 Feb
 LEADER: Dominic Tennison 0428 730 255
 GRADE: XDW-3C
 LIMIT: 12
 BRING: Page 3 items
 COST: Petrol money \$20
 MEET: Fairfield Gardens
 DEPART: 6:00am
 CAR KMS: 220km
 MAP: Lamington NP

This is a 20+ km walk in the O'Reillys area of Lamington NP. It is mostly in the rainforest. After walking out along the Border Track we descend to a branch of the Albert River where we see beautiful waterfalls and rock pools. There are some minor creek crossings and depending on rains there may be more water in the creeks than usual so be prepared to get your boots a little wet. We will have lunch at Echo Point with views to Mt Warning and the Tweed Valley then return to the cars back along the Border Track. This walk is suitable for new club members as long as you are fit enough for the distance

KEPLER TRACK, NZ

Through walk Mon 9 -- Thu 12 Feb
 LEADER: Elena Williams 0439 873 311
 GRADE: MTW 4C
 LIMIT: 8
 BRING: Through walk pack
 COST: \$NZ54 per night plus own other accommodation and transport
 MEET: Te Anau
 DEPART: 8am
 MAP: Kepler Track

The Kepler Track is one of NZ's nine Great Walks in Fiordland South Island and is described as an adventure above the clouds. It is a 4 day 60km

circular track beginning and ending in Te Anau. Day 1 starts along the shores of Lake Te Anau then climbs up above the clouds and bushline into the alpine tops of the Kepler Mountains. Luxmore Hut (1085m) is our accommodation. 15.8km Day 2 we will be walking along the Kepler Mountain tops for 12km. The summit of Mt Luxmore (1472m) is a 10 minute side trip providing stunning panoramic views in fine weather. Iris Burn Hut (497m). 14.6km Day 3 we walk through beech forest, a gorge, and along Iris Burn to Lake Manapouri where we walk further along the lake side to our beachside hut accommodation. Moturau Hut. 16.2km Day 4 is a gentle walk through more beech forest, wetlands, and along another river towards Te Anau. 15.5km The Kepler Track is an alpine adventure with stunning panoramas of mountains, lakes, rivers and valleys. Good fitness is required for this walk as there is an approximate 900m elevation gain day 1 and 400m elevation gain day 2.

CHERMSIDE HILLS RESERVE

Training Thu 12 Feb
 LEADER: Stephen Perry 0428 188 151
See activity description for Thu 29 Jan

MT COOT-THA THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Thu 12 Feb
 LEADER: Graham Olive 0455 539 999
See activity description for Thu 29 Jan

THURSDAY KANGAROO POINT - CORE TRAINING

Training Thu 12 Feb
 LEADER: Pete Watson 0400 706 493
See activity description for Thu 29 Jan

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

Kayak Sat 14 Feb
 LEADER: Greg Long 0408 264 763
 This activity is full.

MT COOT-THA FOR NEW MEMBERS

MiniMaxs Sat 14 Feb
 LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
 GRADE: Minimaxs4A
 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'Aguiar National Park, Southern D'Aguiar 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 not long after lunch Bring morning tea, lunch and the "always take" items on p3 of the magazine.

MT MATHIESON AND SPICERS GAP

Day Walk Sat 14 Feb
LEADER: Stephen Perry 0428 188 151
GRADE: SDW-4A
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Page-3 items
COST: \$20
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 07:00
CAR KMS: 200km

We'll leave from Fairfield at 07:00am and make a bathroom and optional coffee stop at Aratula. We'll drive to Mt Mathieson, one of the smaller peaks in the Main Range, and park near the Governor's Chair lookout. The view from here is spectacular - Mt Maroon, Mt Greville, Mt Edwards, Mt Mitchell and Mt Cordeaux all in one panoramic view. The Mt Mathieson Circuit, an eight-kilometre walk that passes through eucalypt forest (with views of Mt Mitchell and Mt Cordeaux), fields of grass trees and a small, pretty patch of rainforest with fig trees and ferns. Always plenty of bird-life on this walk. On our way back to Brisbane, we'll stop at the bakery at Aratula for lunch. While the Mt Mathieson Circuit is short, it does involve a bit of uphill walking and easy rock-scrambling, so you'll need reasonable fitness and agility to come along. DRIVERS BEWARE: The last ten kilometres of the drive are on an unsealed road. While its possible to take conventional vehicles with reasonably high clearance onto this road, its better not to do so unless you have experience of driving on rough roads. I will be driving an SUV with spare seats and would appreciate a few drivers with suitable vehicles. We're going to be walking at an easy pace. Bring your camera. Gloves are useful on the rocky section.

FIRST AID TRAINING BASE CAMP - MT GLORIOUS BARRACKS

Training Sat 14 -- Sun 15 Feb
LEADER: Chris Hall 0498 051 811
GRADE: S&T
LIMIT: 20

BRING: Day walking gear, food.
COST: \$250 with 70% refund by the club upon completion
MEET: We will meet at the Barracks on Friday evening.

CAR KMS: 42 Klm one way

For those experienced leaders and members in the club who want to learn expanded first aid techniques. Training will be held at the Mt Glorious Barracks starting at 8 am on Saturday. This training will provide you with skills to provide first aid in remote situations. You will learn more than basic first aid and be able to improvise in isolated situations using what resources you have. Logistics: Travel via either Mt Nebo or Samford to Mt Glorious Village and on to Maiala Pk. On the left is a Pine Rivers map so keep driving 700metres and just past the Western Windows Lookout on the left is the gate with a BBW sign. The gate is to be kept closed at all times except when driving through it. (Needs a good push to open). Down the road and through the rainforest about 200 metres and out into the clearing. You are there! Facilities include hot shower, septic toilet, electric kitchen with M/W and fridge. Only a small number of beds are available in the barracks so bring your tent.

ENOGERA GORGE

Day Walk Sun 15 Feb
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
This activity is full.

GOLD COAST HINTERLAND GREAT WALK (SPRINGBROOK SECTION)

Day Walk Sun 15 Feb
LEADER: Bernie Ryan 0432 907 275
This activity is full.

TOOLONA CREEK CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 15 Feb
LEADER: Dominic Tennison 0428 730 255
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 ant-

arctic 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.

RAKIURA TRACK, NZ

Through walk Mon 16 -- Wed 18 Feb
LEADER: Elena Williams 0439 873 311
This activity is full.

TUESDAY KANGAROO POINT - PACK TRAINING

Training Tue 17 Feb
LEADER: Chris Hall 0498 051 811
See activity description for Tue 3 Feb

PLATYPUS POOL

Day Walk Wed 18 Feb
LEADER: Annette Miller 0418 791 841
GRADE: SDW-6C
LIMIT: 8
BRING: Usual day walk
COST: \$20 car contribution
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 7am
CAR KMS: 200km
MAP: Hillview, Beechmont

We will start from Kamarun lookout, having done a short car shuffle to leave a car at our exit point where the O'Reillys road enters Lamington National Park (Romeo Lahey Memorial). We follow a dry creek bed steeply down into Canungra Creek, arriving at the creek near the base of Pyramid Rock. We'll then rock hop up the creek to Platypus Pool, where we'll have lunch and a swim. After lunch, we'll continue up the creek, and ascend back up to the road via another dry creek bed up to the Romeo Lahey Memorial. The waterfall near the top is a bit tricky, but we'll have tape to assist if required. You need to be OK with scrambling down and up the dry creek beds, nothing too exposed but you'll certainly be relying on both arms and legs for some bits!! Coffee will be back in Canungra.

CHERMSIDE HILLS RESERVE

Training Thu 19 Feb
LEADER: Stephen Perry 0428 188 151
See activity description for Thu 29 Jan

MT COOT-THA THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Thu 19 Feb
LEADER: Graham Olive 0455 539 999
See activity description for Thu 29 Jan

BORDER RANGES BASE CAMP

Base camp Fri 20 -- Sun 22 Feb
LEADER: Karen Ryan 0419 733 856
This activity is full.

MIDDLE KOBBLE FALLS-THE LONG WAY ROUND

Day walk Sat 21 Feb
LEADER: Kelvin Taylor
GRADE: XDW-6D
LIMIT: 10
COST: \$10
MEET: Alderley
DEPART: 7am

A rather circuitous route to get to Middle Kobble Falls. We start at Tennison Woods and walk the whole length of the Lepodozamia track to near the northern boundary. Head east to the eastern boundary and then down a ridge into North Kobble creek. Over into Middle Kobble, up the falls and back. Mainly a track walk, with some offtrack over a few ridges and up the creek. Notes. eXtra Long Day Walk - 25kms Grade 6 - the falls are approaching a grade 7 and no viable work around. D grading - 1200 metres of up for the day. You will need to be fit, but I get my aged concession card next year, so it will NOT be fast.

SHIPS STERN CIRCUIT, LAMINGTON NP

Day Walk Sat 21 Feb
LEADER: Tim Easton 0421 139 022
GRADE: XDW-3C
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Page 3 day gear
COST: \$20
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 6.00am
CAR KMS: 250km
MAP: Lamington NP, 1:35,000

This is a long day walk with several options to explore depending on time. Starting at Binna Burra we follow a reasonable graded track for most of the day. Many views and waterfalls, one of Lamington NP's treasure walks.

AROUND MT BANGALORA

Day Walk Sun 22 Feb
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
This activity is full.

MCAFEES LOOKOUT TO ENOGGERA RESERVOIR.

Day Walk Sun 22 Feb
LEADER: Mark Houghton 0417 025 182
GRADE: MDW-4B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: As per P3 in Mag.
COST: \$1.50

MEET: D'Aguilar National Park Headquarters.
60 Mt. Nebo Rd., The Gap.
(Walkabout Creek.)

DEPART: 8am

CAR KMS: 15km

MAP: D'Aguilar NP. South D'Aguilar section
McAfees Lookout and Enoggera Reservoir are in the Southern section of D'Aguilar National Park near Brisbane. Starting from McAfees Lookout carpark a trail is followed down to close to Enoggera Creek. This rough, often indistinct trail is followed beside Enoggera Creek to the Mt. Arum Mines trail. The mines trail is followed back to the Araucaria Track and back to the National Park headquarters. There is no rock hopping on this trip. There will be opportunities for swims/paddles in Enoggera Creek on the way. At present Enoggera Creek (11 Jan) has many good pools for swimming/paddling - ideal for a hot or warm day. There are no compulsory "swims" on this trip. A long sleeve shirt and gloves are recommended, but if we manage to be always on exactly the right trail as first surveyed by me they should not be needed. Suitable for new members who are reasonably fit and used to doing much walking & ready for 'off track' walking. Dist: 12km. Estim. elev. gain: 200m. Elev. loss: 400m Please phone/email if unsure of anything. Leave a message if phone rings out as it takes awhile to reach if I'm in the garden. Use mobile only on the walk day.

CHERMSIDE HILLS RESERVE

Training Thu 26 Feb

LEADER: Richard Duczmal 0400 744 896

See activity description for Thu 29 Jan

CROWS NEST GORGE BASE CAMP

Base Camp Fri 27 Feb -- Sun 1 Mar

LEADER: Neil Parker 0430 367 260

LIMIT: 20

BRING: Page 3 & Water Proof Packs

COST: Camp Fee's \$5.75 p/p per night

MEET: TBA

DEPART: TBA

To attend the two walks I have listed this weekend I will hold a Base Camp weekend from Friday to Sunday at the Crows Nest National Park Camp Ground which is located only 6km from town and at the start of our walks. It has several site sizes avail with enough room for up to 8 people on each site. We booked 2 sites on the survey walk and we had loads of room for the 6 of us that camped. There are pit toilets and a donkey boiler shower system avail for us. Camp fee's are \$5.75 p/p per night. I will organise this once we have number together. Dinner on Sat night is at the local pub in town. Their menu is very good and the food was great. Very friendly bunch of people. I am happy to

organise the car pooling or you can arrange it yourselves.

COOCHIN CRK TO CALOUNDRA KAYAK

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Sat 28 Feb

LEADER: Greg Long

0408 264 763

This activity is full.

CROWS NEST GORGE

Day Walk

Sat 28 Feb

LEADER: Neil Parker

0430 367 260

GRADE: MDW-5C

LIMIT: 10

BRING: Page 3 & Water Proof Packs

MEET: Crows Nest Nat Pk Camp Ground

DEPART: 7.30 am

This is such a beautiful place to visit. I have spent several weekends up there working out this combination of walks that I am offering this weekend. Sat will be a level 5C walk with a good level of creek scrambling and rock hopping ability. Both days will offer swim thru's so our packs will need to be waterproofed. Saturday in more Detail We will head off from the National Park Camp Ground to the Cascades where we will cross onto the southern side and walk on a trail for about 10 mins before joining onto a forestry trail. This will lead us to another trail to take us down into Perseverance Ck about 2 km from the junction with Crows Nest Ck & Cressbrook Ck. We will head down stream to a beautiful bend in the creek with a large lagoon, here we will have a dip if desired and morning tea. From here we start rock hopping to make our way to the junction. The Junction is known as The Valley of the Diamonds because of all the granite & quartz rock. From the look out on the tourist track, at the right time of day, is magical. Soon after we join Crows Nest Ck will be the first two swim thru's. Depending on time we may stop for lunch and to water proof our packs. If we are here too early we can have our lunch on top of the Falls after our longest & last swim thru. The walk from here is an easy rock hopping creek walk with many large pools to swim in. The largest pool is known to have Platy pi in residency, but you would have to be there very early in the morning or later in the evening. (its easy to get to from the camp ground via the tourist track. The last section of this walk is to enjoy the Cascades that we pased at the start of the walk before heading back to Camp. My intention is to have those doing the 5C on Sat stay and enjoy the company of the 7C walkers who will come up on Sat afternoon for the Sun walk and visa versa if the Sunday walkers wish to do the same. This is a very relaxing & leisurely walk with lots of opportunity to stop and enjoy our surrounds and cool off if its hot. Car pooling will need to be organised once number are confirmed. For those

doing the Sat walk you could enjoy the surrounds and maybe some platypus spotting on Sunday before heading back to Brisbane. Likewise those doing the Sunday walk are welcome to come up on Friday with us and do the same before our Sun adventure.

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

Day Walk Sun 1 Mar
LEADER: Bernie Ryan 0432 907 275
This activity is full.

CROWS NEST GORGE

Day Walk Sun 1 Mar
LEADER: Neil Parker 0430 367 260
GRADE: MDW-7C
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Page 3 & Water Proof Packs
MEET: Crows Nest Nat Pk Campground
DEPART: 7.30 am

This is such a beautiful place to visit. I have spent several weekends up there working out this combination of walks that I am offering this weekend. Sun will be a 7C walk for the more adventurous folk in the club with some off track walking and steep descents into the gorge. Both days will offer swim thru's so our packs will need to be waterproofed. Sunday in more Detail We will head to the Cascades to start our walk. We will head down the creek to the Falls where we will exit the creek onto the tourist track. We will follow the track to the last lookout, The Valley of the Diamonds. From here we will head off track along the ridge till we reach our descent point thru the steep cliffs down into the creek. At this point we will stop to have morning tea at a nice waterhole. We will then walk down stream for an hour or so or until we find a nice deep pool to go for a swim in. From here we will retrace our footsteps past our entry point and to the junction of the 3 creeks. Soon after we join Crows Nest Ck will be the first two swim thru's. Depending on time we may stop for lunch and to water proof our packs. If we are here too early we can have our lunch on top of the Falls after our longest & last swim thru. The walk from here is an easy rock hopping creek walk with many large pools to swim in. The largest pool is known to have Platypus in residency, but you would have to be there very early in the morning or later in the evening. (its easy to get to from the camp ground via the tourist track. The last section of this walk is to enjoy the Cascades from the start of the walk before heading back to Brisbane. My intention is to have those doing the 5C on Sat stay and enjoy the company of the 7C walkers who will come up on Sat afternoon for the Sun walk and visa versa if the

Sunday walkers wish to do the same. This is a very relaxing & leisurely walk with lots of opportunity to stop and enjoy our surrounds and cool off if its hot. Car pooling will need to be organised once numbers are confirmed. For those doing the Sat walk you could enjoy the surrounds and maybe some platypus spotting on Sunday before heading back to Brisbane. Likewise those doing the Sunday walk are welcome to come up on Friday with us and do the same before our Sun adventure.

LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK - DAVID SYDES' BIRTHDAY

Social - Birthday Celebration Fri 6 -- Sun 8 Mar
LEADER: Wade Chang / David Sydes wad-
age@gmail.com
LIMIT: Size of the Green Mountains camping
area
BRING: Your Own Stuff
MEET: Green Mountains camping area
DEPART:

We are having a birthday party for David at Lamington National Park. If you are a friend of his, or a friend of his friends, or just want an excuse to drink some nice Red wine with him. Come and join us at Green Mountains camping area. PLEASE NOTE: ****YOU NEED TO BOOK YOUR OWN CAMPSITE**** ****Nominate your own walks that is available on the website**** Leaders: Feel free to put a walk on the website.

NEW MEMBERS BASE CAMP - MT GLORIOUS

New Members Base Camp Fri 13 -- Sun 15 Mar
LEADER: David Sydes 0419 871 100
GRADE: SBC-3A / SBC-4B
LIMIT: 25
BRING: Base camp gear, tent, sleeping bag
etc. PLUS 'Must take Page 3'
COST: \$5 per person per night camp fee
MEET: Friday 4pm onwards
CAR KMS: 50km
MAP: D'Aguilar National Park

We will be staying at the Barracks at Mt Glorious - a National Parks facility which the club is able to use one weekend each month. The venue has a large grassed area, covered spaces for outdoor meals etc. plus a fully equipped kitchen (fridge, stove, microwave, crockery, cutlery, glasses etc.), shower and toilet. There will be a choice of walks on both Saturday and Sunday - probably a track walk (3A) and also an introductory off-track walk - Northbrook Gorge or the Piper Comanche wreck (4B). On Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, we will also be covering the MiniMaxS course content for new members - equipment, first aid, bushwalking ethics, safety and training etc. This weekend is a great opportunity for new members to meet each other, as well as a few more experi-

enced members, to learn about bushwalking and the club in a relaxed social setting. You'll need to bring base camping gear (tent, sleeping mat and bag etc), your food for the weekend, plus nibbles to share for one night. Directions on how to find the Barracks will be emailed to you a few days before the weekend.

MT COOT-THA FOR NEW MEMBERS

Minimaxs Sat 21 Mar
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
GRADE: MINIMAXS4A
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Usual day walk gear including the P3 items, 2 L water
MEET: Toowong Memorial Park (car park) Sylvan rd, Toowong. UBD p159, A16
DEPART: 7am
MAP: 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.

DEPARTURE TIME

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



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Lyme Disease Information Resources



Our thanks go to Sharon from the Lyme Disease Association of Australia, for her brilliant talk at the club meeting on 12 Nov'14, on the issues surrounding Lyme Disease.

She has made the following resources available on their website for your further information:

'Lyme disease in Australia' flyer (PDF, 2 pages)

<http://www.lymedisease.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/lymediseaseaa-2013-download.pdf>

'Lyme disease in Australia' PowerPoint presentation (PPTX, 4.96MB)

<http://www.lymedisease.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/GenericLymePresentation2PublicV1.pptx>

'Lyme disease in Australia' PowerPoint presentation in PDF format (PDF, 22 pages, 3.97MB)

<http://www.lymedisease.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/GenericLymePresentation2Public.pdf>

'Lyme disease in Australia for Kids' PowerPoint presentation (PPTX, 7.41MB)

<http://www.lymedisease.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/LDAAKidsPresentationPublic.pptx>

Alternatively, it may be easier to go direct to their Resources webpage at:-

<http://www.lymedisease.org.au/resources/>

Please be aware and safe whilst you are enjoying our great landscapes.

Chris Hall,
Safety & Training Officer



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following New Members who joined during the last 2 months:

Gregory Arnold	Nicholas Atwell	Miriam Barry	Lichaa Bechara
Rita Bechara	Peter Blight	Stephan Bohnen	Peter Bond
Rachel Bond	Janet Brown	Julie Brown	Anne Cahill
Kieran Cahill	Robyn Caldwell	Matt Chernishov	Janet Cleary
Steve Daley	Matthew Dickinson	Josie Duigu	Tracey Ensbey
Martine Feberwee	Lisa Fleming	Patricia Funnell	Madhu Gajjar
Naren Gajjar	Kate Gilchrist	Diana Glover	Michael Gregg
Chris Hancock	Marilyn Hancock	Scott Jonathan	Marianne Kranenburg
Sally Lawton	Inna Lukyanenko	Clement Maria	Nancy McCann
Ben Naude	Sue Naude	Brodie Nesbitt	Julia Ngatuere
Amanda Pringle	Thomas Quee	Suzanne Rebers	Jessica Rebers
Glenys Robinson	Jennifer Robinson	Adrian Robinson	Kirby Scarfe
Jodi Wilkins	Steve Wilkins		

Congratulations to the following who have become Full Members:

Steven Blinkhorn	Leon Carrall	Gabriela Codina	Renee Cooper
Ruth George	Darrin Gittens	Staffan Gunnarsson	Debra Huntley
Christine Jensen	Jonathan Lee	Kalara McGregor	Maureen Moorehead
Roger Parkes	Leala Richardson	Daniel Sheehy	

BBW Christmas Party 2014

On the weekend of 12-14 Dec, BBW hosted its Christmas Party weekend at Baden Powell Park (Scout facilities) at Samford. A variety of walks at nearby D'Aguiar NP were organised for the Saturday and Sunday and the weekend was capped off with a magnificent dinner on the Saturday night.

The catering was done by BBW's David Sydes with help from Burgi, Shannon, Anne, Anna-Lena, Steve and Shirley. The result was a spectacular multi-course meal for 90 people, great Christmas decoration in the large hall, dance music and, of course, Santa's visit. The grounds of the venue had a lovely bush setting and pleasant outside seating for the rest of the weekend.

A special thanks to Kay Byrne for organising the event and to all those who helped prepare the venue on Friday afternoon. Thanks to Liz Izquierdo for sharing her photos.





The 'Hey Bobs' perform their song "Jungle Bells" to introduce Santa.
(Available for weddings, parties, ...anything!)

BBW Christmas song 2014 – *Jungle Bells*

Dashing through the PARKS
WITH A BACK PACK ON OUR BACKS
O'er the fields we go
'HEY BOBS' ALL THE WAY
Bells on bob tails ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to laugh and sing
A WALKING song tonight

Chorus

Oh, jingle bells, BUSHMEN SMELLS
'HEY BOBS' ALL THE WAY
Oh, what fun it is to WALK
WITH GYMPIE WEED IN THE WAY
Ho ! Jingle bells, I REALLY SMELL
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to HIKE
WITH A GROUP OF LOVELY FOLK

Next verse in hushed tones...

A day or two ago
WE HEARD A LITTLE TALE
THAT SANTA WAS A HIKING
TO MEET US ALL TONIGHT
WE'RE NOT SURE IF HE KNOWS
HOW TO GET HERE ON HIS OWN
SO WE SENT SOME LITTLE HELPERS
TO STOP HIM GETTING LOST !!

Santa and his helper elves come in...Chorus

Globe Trekker 20% Discount

Globe Trekker are offering a 20% discount for all BBW members.

Globe trekker advise that all we need to do is mention that we are BBW members at the counter.

This discount applies to RRP prices and excludes sale items discounted by more than 20%, however - if a sale item is 15%, then BBW members will still get an additional 5% off, taking it to 20% off RRP. If the discount is greater than 20% off, then no further discount will be given.

According to Globe Trekker, they stick with leading brands and the RRP's are set by the supplier - so they can't be over inflated to create misleading sale tactics. This way we know their discounts are genuine.

Globe Trekker is located at 292 Montague Rd West End (Globetrekker .com.au)

Post trip report - Illinbah Circuit from the bottom

6th Dec.2014, Leader: Mary Comer

Illinbah circuit is a graded track walk in Lamington National Park (NP) usually accessed from the Binna Burra section and involves 14 creek crossings on the Coomera River. However this version starts from the bottom in the river valley by walking over paddocks on private property before entering the NP, and following a track into the main circuit walk. This adds effectively a total of 6 more creek crossings and approximately 3 to 3.5? km to the walk.

Now Mary knew from experience that even though this version might be perceived as 'easier' than the usual version, a one hour earlier departure time from Fairfield was required. This proved to be significant later in the day.

The group, due to cancellations, ended up being made up of eight hardy walkers - 3 ladies and 5 blokes. We commenced walking, after travelling via Canungra to our starting point, at about 7.50am. Surrounded by (covered in!) flies we made our way across the paddocks and into the NP away from those annoying insects, where they quickly abated.

Once at the river our first few crossings were quite good as the rocks were dry and the river level low. Soon we were hearing an ever increasing roar of approaching rain, and not long after were all pretty much saturated. At this point our leader decided quite diplomatically to gather the group and assess whether to continue or turn back. Not surprisingly with **this group** no-one really wanted to quit with so much time left in the day, being already wet, and optimistic about the weather for the rest of the day. So we continued.

Farther along the track we came across a rather skinny carpet python, no doubt out and about looking for a meal. Soon we had morning tea on the river, but were interrupted again by rain. Despite this inclemency we reached our lunch spot at Gwongoorool Pool - a short side trip off the main circuit - in very pleasant conditions. For those swimmers (3 blokes, Tom, Greg and myself) a very enjoyable dip in this natural swimming pool was had.

Lunch also proved to be a good time for de-leeching which for a couple of the girls was an uncomfortable experience. Leeches are very well known in this area; however it wasn't these little critters that aroused most attention. Now out of the pool, Tom was quick to notice the presence of one of its fishy inhabitants, an eel. This pool is known for its eel residents. I don't know the life cycle of eels in this region so I couldn't say if the eel(s) we saw here are long term or new "residents". Regardless of this, when in the pool none of the swimmers encountered these known to be aggressive creatures. (Maybe that's one reason Mary, usually a very avid swimmer, was reluctant to swim?)

After lunch when leaving with some still bleeding legs it would have been easy to make the joke "you're looking a bit bloody Mary", but I resisted. We then had the sharp climb up the hill before the long long long long (yes very long!) down till eventually reaching the river again and our last crossing in the NP before walking out and back to the cars.

Almost right on 4pm and still in dry conditions we got changed, and de-leeched one last time, (still with lots of flies hanging off us!), before departing for Canungra and our well earned refreshments. And yes as we were driving out it started to rain. Perhaps this was 'luck' or maybe just good timing?!

Back at Canungra all agreed we'd had a very satisfying enjoyable day. It's always good to be part of a group that despite (or because of?!) conditions has a day like this. So thanks to our most capable leader Mary, the company of the other lovely ladies Katia and Lucy, Errol, Andrew and the ever audible Greg as well as his good mate Tom.

Jon Beer

ROUGH-SCALED SNAKE ENCOUNTERS, NORTHBROOK CK

On our last three (recent) BBW trips to Northbrook Creek, we have encountered a single Rough-scaled snake. The locations were mid to upper creek but all in relatively open flat terrain with the snake easy to spot by its movement as we approached. There have been many other such sightings over the years on this popular BBW walk. The area is fairly open and an excellent snake habitat because of water plus frogs - obviously a favourite food.

A digital photo allowed identification via google. I found an identical named picture also from Mt Glorious. There are considerable colour variations for this snake which frequently has more distinct bands rather than the pale scattered spots in the accompanying picture.

A snake of similar appearance (although not a spotty form) is the totally harmless Keelback snake also called the swamp tiger snake. Both species have upper scales with longitudinal raised ridges apparently giving the appearance of keels and hence the common name. I have not been able to identify, or indeed see, these keels even after blowing-up my digital pictures.

The Rough-scaled snake has to be taken seriously. It is classified as aggressive and dangerous. The specimens we saw all looked mean and sinister. The toxin has similarities to Tiger snake venom also containing a powerful neurotoxin and an anticoagulant. There are five major dangerous snake toxin groups with the Tiger snake group being one of the five. It seems that full treatment for an envenomated bite is via Tiger snake antivenom. If left untreated death or serious illness is possible although there is only one record of a human fatality from a Rough-scaled snake.

The message for bushwalkers in this area is simple common sense - gaiters or long trousers are a good idea, normal walking precautions (such as full party personal snake bandages, a party PLB, mobile phone, knowledge for application of first aid procedures) essential.

The risks are perhaps low but sharp watch / care / respectful avoidance required as always.

Lou Darveniza



New Leaders

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

Geoff ANSTEY	Anne CUMPSTON	Belinda HAWKES	Martine JELLEMA
Stephen PERRY	Justin SHERA	Andrew STEPHAN	Adam STEPHENSON
Rachel STEPHENSON	Tom VAUGHAN		

Guest Speakers

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.

Wednesday 11 Mar **Journey to Mt Everest Base Camp**

Ian Poynten and Angie Sobrya

Ian and Angie have just returned from a walk to Everest Base Camp. This journey has been more than just a walk. It has been the culmination of a long personal objective for Ian and the beginning of a new one for both. Ian and Angie will share their pictures and thoughts on this journey.

Wednesday 8 Apr **How To Take Better Landscape Photos**

Martine Jellema (BBW Photographic Officer)

Do you ever feel that your bushwalking photos do not do justice to the wonderful scenery you have explored? Then this presentation may be for you. BBW Photographic Officer Martine Jellema will provide tips and tricks on how to improve your landscape shots. This presentation will consist of three parts. The first part will focus on composition. This part will be useful to all photographers, regardless of what type of camera they use. The next part will focus on how to use an SLR camera to good effect. If you've ever struggled to get good photos out of a good camera, this section is for you! Last but not least, the third part will deal with mobile phone photography and the wonderful apps and gadgets available to today's landscape photographers. Bring pen and paper to take notes.

"Bring and Buy" Table - Wednesday 25 Feb

Many of us have become gear junkies, buying the newest or lightest or most gadgety items when it comes to bushwalking. Now is the time to get rid of some of those impulse purchases, or items that you may just no longer need. And a chance to possibly pick up something that you never knew you needed till you saw it! Therefore bring any items you wish to sell to the meeting - clearly labelled with your name and a desired price.

This is not an auction - you will be responsible for your own bargaining & sales.

Marge Henry



A Friendly Reminder - Overdue Books

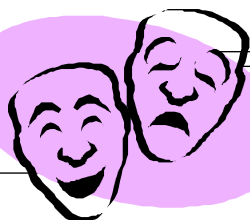
A significant number of books are missing from the BBW library. As many of them have been on loan for quite some time you might have forgotten that they are still in your possession.

Remember that other members share your interest and would like to peruse those books as well.

Books can be returned:-

- at the meeting
- by mail: *BBW Library GPO BOX 1949 Brisbane 4001*

Burgi Wagner
BBW librarian



Out & About

GERMAN DINNER NIGHT AT THE BLACK FOREST

Social Fri 27 Feb
LEADER: Karen & Bernie Ryan 0419 733856
LIMIT: 10
COST: around \$30 each
MEET: 196 Gladstone Road Highgate Hill
TIME: 6.30pm
ORDERING WILL BE : no later than 6.45pm
Restaurant phone number is : 32172180

Driving along Gladstone Road on the way to Fairfield Gardens for walks and walking past on Tuesday night West End Hills training walks we say every time we need to check out the Black Forest so here we are.

From their website: Established in October of 2004, the Black Forest Restaurant has been going a decade strong, and strives to bring a little piece of Germany right to your doorstep. Our mission is simple: authentic German food, served the German way. No alterations to traditional recipes for ease or convenience; no compromises on quality. Even our sausages are made on premises by Richard, our head chef, who personally minces, fills and spins them with love. There are no artificial thickeners, colours, flavours or preservatives hidden anywhere in our delicious snags - not even in the casings. It's hard work, but cooking from scratch ensures our dear customers receive no less than they deserve - only the best.

Upcoming Rogaine Events

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

- 7-8 March 8hr "Upside Down" Night/Day Rogaine, Daisy Hill, Brisbane
- Sat 28 March Training Day (8am - 1pm) Bunyaville State Forest, Brisbane
- Sun 29 March Mini Rogaine (3 hours) Bunyaville State Forest, Brisbane

Training Day

This is aimed at both novice and semi-experienced rogainers. The day will be adapted to the number of participants, and their level of navigation experience. The day will consist of both theory and hands on exercises. Topics to be covered include Navigation, Course Planning, Nutrition and lots more.

The training day will run from 8am until about 1pm. Then you can come the next day (Sunday 29th March) to test your skills in the Bunyaville 3hr Mini-Rogaine!

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

Magazine Collating

Magazine collating is at Peter Hunt's at Ferny Hills on Thursday 19th February at 6:30pm. There is only about 1½ hours work required. If you would like to help while enjoying an easy social night with dinner please phone 0431 652 083 to confirm.



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ALWAYS TELL SOMEONE...
WALK WITH A CLUB.



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