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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 7.00pm on **Wednesday 2nd December**, is at David Sydes' at 2/12 Maidstone St, Kelvin Grove. Ph: 3856 4050. All members are welcome to attend.

MAGAZINE: Pre-trip descriptions are submitted via the Walks page on the web site. Articles from members, especially post-trip reports, are welcome. Lengthy articles may be edited 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 Meeting on Wednesday 13th 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 2015 Photographic Competition,
Highly Commended: "Cataract River"
Photo: Wade Chang

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 emailing 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

Free loan to members:-

Books, Magazines, DVDs, CDs

Free loan to leaders:-

Maps and Rasters

Duration of loan:- 2 weeks for Maps, 4 weeks for all other items. If unable to return items on time please put them in the mail.

For Sale:-

Snake bandages: \$10.00
Car stickers and badges: 3.00
Club T shirts, jackets, vests

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; **B**ase **C**amp; **D**ay **W**alk; **T**hrough **W**alk; **E**asy **T**hrough **W**alk; **N**ight **W**alk; **S**O**C**ial **A**ctivity; **K**a**Y**a**K**;
CY**C**le; **S**afety & **T**raining; **F**ederation **M**ountain **R**escue; **R**O**G**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 \$5.95 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

24	TRNG	Mt Gravatt - Pack Training	Chris Hall
25	Meeting	Great Ocean Walk - Sandra Winzar	
26	MNW-3A	Bunyaville Conservation Park	Richard Duczmal
26	TRNG	Thursday Mt Gravatt - Core Training	Pete Watson
26	SNW-3B	Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walk	Graham Olive
26	SNW-2A	Chermside Hills Walkers @ Bunyaville	Jenny Zohn
27-29	FBC-2B	Mt Glorious Barracks	Ray Glancy
27-29	MTW- 5D	Point Lookout via the Stretcher Track	Jon Beer
28	MDW-6D	Around & over Mt Bangalora	David Haliczzer
28	SABS-5B	Watson Creek Falls Abseil	Anne Kemp
28	MDW-3A	Morelia walking track: from Manorina Carpark, Mt Nebo	Michele Cottrell
28	MINIMAXS3B	Minimax - Mt Gravatt for New members	Chris Hall
28-29	SBC - 5B	Mount Cooroora, Tuchekeoi National Park, Sunshine Coast	Sandra Winzar

December

1	TRNG	Mt Gravatt - Pack Training	Chris Hall
3	SNW-3B	Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walk	Graham Olive
3	TRNG	Tues/Thurs Training Christmas Break Up	Pete Watson
4	SOCIAL	Greek dinner night at Lefkas Taverna	Karen & Bernie Ryan
5	MDW-3A	Greene's Falls + Westside Track	Michele Cottrell
5	MDW-7C	Coomera Gorge	Jarrah Gard
5	MDW-6C	Stinson Wreck Circuit (Survey)	Andrew Stephan
5	MDW-3A	Artists Cascades	Marge Henry
6	LDW-3C	Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk - Springbrook Section	Bernie Ryan
6	MDW-7C	"Cedar Tree" Creek and Love Ck Loop	Lou & Marion Darveniza
6	SDW-7C	Muscat & Baileys Creeks	Neil Parker
9	Meeting	Kilimanjaro Climb - Jarrah Gard and Tamara Messinbird	
10	MNW-3A	Bunyaville Conservation Park	Richard Duczmal
10	SNW-3B	Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walk	Graham Olive
11-13	MTW-6D	Bookookoorara Creek	Annette Miller
12	SDW-6C	Platypus Pool	Tim Easton
13	XDW-3C	Mount Merino	Karen Ryan
13	MDW-3B	Stairway Falls	Mary Comer
17	MNW-3A	Bunyaville Conservation Park	Richard Duczmal
17	SNW-3B	Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walk	Graham Olive
19	SDW-7C	Northbrook Creek from Gorge to Source	Lou & Marion Darveniza
20	MDW-7C	Summer Creek Falls	Neil Parker
20	MDW-7C	"Cedar Tree" Creek and Love Ck Circuit	Annette Miller
23		No Meeting tonight	
24	MNW-3A	Bunyaville Conservation Park	Richard Duczmal

January

6	MDW-5C	Mt Barney Waterfall	Lou & Marion Darveniza
7	SNW-3B	Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walk	Graham Olive
8-10	MBC-7C	Booloumba & Summer Creeks	Annette Miller
8-10	MBC-7C	Summer & Booloumba Creeks Under 40s (ish)	Wade Chang
10	LDW-3B	Caves/Lower Bellbird Circuit	Bernie Ryan
10-16	F KYK	Chandler River 5 day paddle	Peter Lock
13	Meeting		
14	SNW-3B	Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walk	Graham Olive
16	Minimaxs4A	Mt Coot-tha for New members	Lou & Marion Darveniza
16	MDW-7C	Summer Creek Falls	Jarrah Gard
16-24	LTW-7D	New Zealand Leatham Conservation area	Andrew Wedlake



17	MDW-6C	Byron Gorge & Stevens Ck	Lou & Marion Darveniza
17	MDW-3A	Artists Cascades	Peter Hunt
21	SNW-3B	Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walk	Graham Olive
22-26	MTW-6C	Basket Swamp Ck/Cataract River .	Lou & Marion Darveniza
23	MDW-6D	Around Mt Bangalora	Jarrah Gard
25-3	MTW-3C	New Zealand - Tongariro Northern Circuit (walk) and Whanganui Journey (Kayak)	Anne Cumpston
27	Meeting		
28	SNW-3B	Mt Coot-tha Thursday night walk	Graham Olive
30	SDW-6C	Enoggera Gorge	Lou & Marion Darveniza
31	LDW-3C	Warrie Circuit [including Twin Falls]	Bernie Ryan
February			
7	MDW-3B	Noosa National Park [Headland section]	Bernie Ryan
8-11	MTW - 3C	Tongariro Northern Circuit - New Zealand	Anthony Logan
10	Meeting		
15-21	LTW - 5D	Travers & Sabine - New Zealand	Anthony Logan
21	MDW-6D	Around Mt Bangalora	Lou & Marion Darveniza
24	Meeting	MEETING - 7.30 - Bring & Buy	Marge Henry
27-28	S&T	First Aid Training Base Camp - Mt Glorious Barracks	Chris Hall
March			
19	MINIMAXS-5B	Brisbane Forest Park	Tim Easton
25-28	XBC-3C	Cania Gorge EASTER Base Camp	Karen Ryan

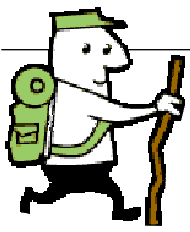
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- Log in to BBW website
- Go to the "My Details" section
- Click "Edit"
- Scroll down to the "Protected" subsection
- Where it says "Magazine", untick the box.
- Click "Save"
- Logout

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



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

MT GRAVATT - PACK TRAINING

Training Tue 24 Nov
LEADER: Chris Hall 0498 051 811
GRADE: TRNG
BRING: Head torches, exercise gear, pack, joggers/boots
MEET: Mt Gravatt Lookout (yes at the top) via Mt Gravatt Outlook Drive - off Logan Rd
DEPART: 5:30pm
MAP: Google Maps - type Mt Gravatt Lookout
SPECIAL NOTE:: There are now toilets at the lookout

This session is for fit walkers looking to improve their pack carrying fitness. Primary aim is a fitness session for walking. The session includes your weighted back pack (start at 5 kilos), track walking, bridging, lunges, stretching etc.. BRING HEAD TORCHES.

BUNYAVILLE CONSERVATION PARK

Training Thu 26 Nov
LEADER: Richard Duczmal 0400 744 896
GRADE: MNW-3A
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Page 3 items and torch, water is available in park.
MEET: At entrance car park on West side of Old Northern Road and 350 m North of Collins Road in Albany Creek.

DEPART: 6:30pm
Bunyaville Conservation Park is lightly wooded with multiple intertwined dirt roads, fire trails and tracks. Birds, koalas and possums including many of the glider possum species are known to frequent the area. Wallabies and even occasional kangaroos may also be seen along with a variety of snakes and lizards. Among the many tree species present are spotted gum, grey ironbark, narrow-leaved ironbark, white mahogany, tallowwood, forest red gum, grey gum and brush box. The 10 km long walk will last for two hours. Water and toilets are available near one of the car parks inside the park.

THURSDAY MT GRAVATT - CORE TRAINING

Training Thu 26 Nov
LEADER: Pete Watson 0400 706 493
GRADE: TRNG
BRING: joggers,towel,skipping rope,head torch
MEET: Mt Gravatt Lookout (yes at the top)

via Mt Gravatt Outlook Drive - off Logan Rd

DEPART: 5:30pm
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 26 Nov
LEADER: Graham Olive 0455 539 999
GRADE: SNW-3B
LIMIT: 20+
BRING: Torch, water, raincoat, fleece jacket, First-aid kit.
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 appropriate hiking footwear, Torch, water, raincoat, fleece jacket, First-aid kit. 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 GLORIOUS BARRACKS

Family Base Camp for Grandparents and Guardians Fri 27 -- Sun 29 Nov
LEADER: Ray Glancy 0419 719 480
GRADE: FBC-2B
LIMIT: 25 incl children

BRING: all camping, bedding, food and warm clothes
COST: \$5 per night per adult and a small contribution for children
MEET: Mt Glorious Barracks
DEPART: Friday night early Saturday morning
CAR KMS: 50 kms from CBD

As a significant number of my friends in BBW are also now Grandparents Dawn and I thought it might be a good idea to introduce these littlies to the pleasures of the bush in a safe secure environment like the Barracks which has a lockable gate and a fencible driveway to keep them from any roads. I would imagine an age range of 2ish to 6/7 years and hopefully there will be some bonding. On both Sat/Sun it would be good to organise!!! some ball/bat games or the like Please come back to me with your suggestions I will contact the Elm Haus Coffee Shop to see if it is possible to take the Horde for Morning Tea. There are 3 bedrooms with 2 beds in each which I would like to keep for nighttime meltdowns if possible. The Barracks have hot showers, one flushing toilet, a full kitchen inc crockery/cutlery and some tables/chairs I will bring extra tables to cater for numbers. Children will have to be registered as children members of the club which may require a \$2 per child insurance fee. Dawn and I hope this tickles your fancy Ray

POINT LOOKOUT VIA THE STRETCHER TRACK

Through Walk Fri 27 -- Sun 29 Nov
LEADER: Jon Beer 07 38651808
GRADE: MTW- 5D
LIMIT: 8 including leader
COST: Camping and transport
MEET: transport -pre-arranged
DEPART: Friday 27.11 6pm
CAR KMS: 200km?
MAP: Lamington 1:25000 topographic
Point Lookout is a remote campsite in Lamington NP. We'll be accessing this from the Stretcher Track. It will be a one way walk finishing at the end of Christmas Creek road. This is the reverse of an often done walk, where we will be doing the Stretcher Track on Saturday then descending down to Christmas Creek and Westrays Grave on the Sunday. We'll be exiting by the track alongside the creek and will leave vehicles at the end to save a 5 km road walk out. Visiting the Stinson wreck on the Sunday is optional, and swims in Christmas Creek are also possible (or desirable even?!). It is suitable for people who have done some easier off-track TW's. We'll drive to Stinson Park on Christmas Creek road on Friday night to camp. So if you want to do a moderate walk in beautiful rainforest and with swimming possibili-

ties on Sunday please nominate.

AROUND & OVER MT BANGALORA

Day Walk Sat 28 Nov
LEADER: David Haliczzer 0432 901 030
This activity is full.

WATSON CREEK FALLS ABSEIL

Abseil Day Walk Sat 28 Nov
LEADER: Anne Kemp 0411 327 704
This activity is full.

MORELIA WALKING TRACK: FROM MANORINA CARPARK, MT NEBO

Day Walk Sat 28 Nov
LEADER: Michele Cottrell 0427 579 069
GRADE: MDW-3A
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Page 3 items
COST: \$5
MEET: The (new, NOT Illowra St) Gap
Park'n'Ride near Enoggera Reservoir
DEPART: 8am
CAR KMS: 40km
MAP: D'Aguilar National Park, South
D'Aguilar Section

Starting from the Manorina Carpark we will first walk the 750m Atrax Loop (some rocks, roots & steps) close to the start and then walk on to Mount Nebo lookout. After a break we will walk a further few km on forestry roads, bringing the walk length to just over 10km. A pleasant, short walk, close to Brisbane! Wet eucalypt forest containing groves of cabbage tree palms. Spectacular views over Samford Valley and Moreton Bay. Mostly a gently-sloping, well-defined track. Return along the same track. The pace will be around 4km per hour, with time to stop for items of interest, including photographs. Please arrive about 10 minutes before 8am to organise cars to Manorina Carpark. Planning to have coffee/tea etc afterwards somewhere in Mt Nebo (nice to support the locals!). This walk is suitable for new members.

MINIMAX - MT GRAVATT FOR NEW MEMBERS

Minimaxs Sat 28 Nov
LEADER: Chris Hall 0498 051 811
GRADE: MINIMAXS3B
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Usual day walk gear including the P3 items, 2 L water min
MEET: Mt Gravatt Lookout (yes at the top) via Mt Gravatt Outlook Drive - off Logan Rd
DEPART: 7am
CAR KMS: 11 Klm from GPO
MAP: In Google Maps type Mt Gravatt Lookout

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

MOUNT COOROORA, TUCHEKOI NATIONAL PARK, SUNSHINE COAST

Base Camp Sat 28 -- Sun 29 Nov

LEADER: Sandra Winzar 0419 679 667

GRADE: SBC - 5B

LIMIT: 10

BRING: P 3 gear, sheets, pillow, towels, gloves, gaiters, swimmers,

COST: Fuel \$28 & Accomodation \$40

MEET: Aspley Hypermarket

DEPART: 7:00am

CAR KMS: 280km return

Mount Cooroora is an intrusive volcanic plug which towers over Pomona at the northern end of the Sunshine Coast. Pomona is 140 kilometres north of Brisbane, and approximately 30 minutes driving time from Noosa Heads. At the Mt Cooroora summit (439 m) we will enjoy spectacular views and morning tea. There are steep, rocky sections, multiple stairs and chain rope climb sections. The last 30 m to the top of the summit is a rough scramble without chains. Bring gloves. Afterwards we will visit Tewantin for lunch at the Paperboy Cafe and then spend the afternoon walking around Noosa National Park. Bring swimmers for a dip. We will stay the night at Noosa Caravan Park at Tewantin in a villa. On Sunday we can visit the Noosa Farmers Markets and then head south to Mount Coolum and Mount Ninderry near Yandina for more climbs and views. Good fitness levels are needed to climb Mount Cooroora.

MT COOT-THA THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Thu 3 Dec

LEADER: Graham Olive 0455 539 999

See walk description for Thu 26 Nov

TUES/THURS TRAINING CHRISTMAS BREAK UP

Training 4 Christmas Day Thu 3 Dec

LEADER: Pete Watson 0400 706 493

GRADE: TRNG

MEET: Rotunda on River Terrace (southern end of KP cliffs opp the fancy marble church

DEPART: 5:45pm

Eat drink and be merry :)

GREEK DINNER NIGHT AT LEFKAS TAVERNA

social

Fri 4 Dec

LEADER: Karen & Bernie Ryan 0432 907275

This activity is full.

GREENE'S FALLS + WESTSIDE TRACK

Day Walk Sat 5 Dec

LEADER: Michele Cottrell 0427 579 069

GRADE: MDW-3A

LIMIT: 15

BRING: Pg 3 Gear

COST: \$7

MEET: BiLo - Alderley Shopping Centre

DEPART: 8am

CAR KMS: 66km return

MAP: D'Aguilar National Park, South D'Aguilar Section

BACK AT BILO: around 3.30pm

I will put 4 or 5 people on "RESERVE" just in case... We will combine two adjacent walks. The Greenes Falls track passes over rainforest pools and ends at a lookout adjacent to Greenes Falls. Be prepared for an uphill walk (stairs) on the return trip. We will have a break at the vehicles left at the Maiala picnic area and then walk to the Westside Track. The Westside Track branches off the Western Window track, starting from near the Maiala day-use area. There is a short steep slope towards the western end. We will have a longer break here and then return to the vehicles. Total walking distance is about 11.6km. This combined walk is a high '3A' as the rise and fall over the walk is over 300m. Good walking shoes are needed for Westside track - many tree roots and loose rocks. This walk is suitable for new members who are generally fit.

COOMERA GORGE

Day Walk Sat 5 Dec

LEADER: Jarrah Gard 0422 371 188

GRADE: MDW-7C

LIMIT: 12

BRING: Day Walking gear, 3L water

COST: \$25

MEET: Fairfield Gardens

DEPART: 6am

CAR KMS: 210km

MAP: Beechmont 1:25 000

Starting from Binna Burra we follow the Coomera Circuit track for about an hour before heading off track and steeply down for about half an hour to the Amphitheater where we will stop for morning tea before we descend for about another hour to the Coomera River via a meandering route using a number of cliff breaks. Confidence and skill in down-climbing using rocks, roots, grass or trees is essential as the route is exposed in places, crossing under and over waterfalls, so people have to be very comfortable with exposure. Once in the

Coomera River we will rock-hop upstream, passing beneath some (hopefully) more spectacular waterfalls to the base of the stunning Coomera Falls and it's marvelous pool for a swim – please note it WILL be cold! We return via the same way.

STINSON WRECK CIRCUIT (SURVEY)

Day Walk Sat 5 Dec
LEADER: Andrew Stephan 0447 808 552
GRADE: MDW-6C
LIMIT: 5 Inc. leader
BRING: Page 3
MEET: Beaudesert Macdonalds Carpark
DEPART: 6:30am
CAR KMS: 200km
MAP: Lamington

We begin the walk as usual and enter the creek after reaching Westrays Grave. From here we rock hop and scramble up the creek for approx 1km until we reach a junction where 2 steep tributaries enter the creek from the south. We will head up the second tributary for about 100m where I would like to check out a very steep feature as it appears on the map. I wonder if this is where Westray may have first come to grief. After bypassing this feature, we can choose to continue up the creek or the ridge depending on what the going is like. With some precise navigation we should stumble upon the wreck site from below. If the sky is clear we may choose to enjoy lunch at Point Lookout before heading for home down the usual ridge before back tracking to the car.

ARTISTS CASCADES

Day Walk Sat 5 Dec
LEADER: Marge Henry 0413 337 530
GRADE: MDW-3A
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Page 3 & togs
COST: \$20 fuel contribution
MEET: Alderley, Bi-Lo Shopping Centre
DEPART: 6:30am
MAP: Conondale Great Walk

The track that this walk follows is almost as good as a graded track & is part of the Conondale Great Walk track. The pace will be slow and the distance is around 12km, therefore, it is suitable for your first walk. It is located in the Conondale Range National Park between Maleny & Kenilworth. This track goes gently uphill through some wonderful rainforest with a great variety of interesting species of plants. It also follows the scenic Booloumba Ck with its clear waters winding their way over a bed of interestingly shaped rocks. Artists Cascades is an area of rock slabs with a small waterfall and a pool that is large enough for a good swim for which we will have plenty of time.

The return trip will be along the same track.

GOLD COAST HINTERLAND GREAT WALK - SPRINGBROOK SECTION

Day Walk Sun 6 Dec
LEADER: Bernie Ryan 0432 907 275
This activity is full.

"CEDAR TREE" CREEK AND LOVE CK LOOP

Day Walk Sun 6 Dec
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza33784031
This activity is full.

MUSCAT & BAILEYS CREEKS

Day Walk Sun 6 Dec
LEADER: Neil Parker 0430367260
GRADE: SDW-7C
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Page 3
MEET: Alderly
DEPART: 6.30 am

This South D'Aguilar Range walk commences at the locked gate of Tenison Woods Mountain. We will head East along the old logging trail to the log across the track and plan on picking up Heart Break Ridge which we will use to descend into Kobble Creek. We will follow the creek around and ascend Muscat and Baileys Creeks and then exit onto a spur which leads up to the main track. This walk requires a moderate level of fitness as well as competent scrambling and climbing ability.

BUNYAVILLE CONSERVATION PARK

Training Thu 10 Dec
LEADER: Richard Duczmal 0400 744 896
See walk description for Thu 26 Nov

MT COOT-THA THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Thu 10 Dec
LEADER: Graham Olive 0455 539 999
See walk description for Thu 26 Nov

BOOKOOKOORARA CREEK

Throughwalk/Through Swim Fri 11 -- Sun 13 Dec
LEADER: Annette Miller 0418 791 841
This activity is full.

PLATYPUS POOL

Day Walk Sat 12 Dec
LEADER: Tim Easton 0421 139 022
GRADE: SDW-6C
LIMIT: 8
BRING: Usual day walk
COST: \$20 car contribution
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 6.30am
CAR KMS: 200km
MAP: Hema; Lamington NP; 1:35,000

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; 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.

MOUNT MERINO

Extra long day walk Sun 13 Dec
LEADER: Karen Ryan 0419 733 856
This activity is full.

STAIRWAY FALLS

Survey Sun 13 Dec
LEADER: Mary Comer 0427 446 000
GRADE: MDW-3B
LIMIT: 8
BRING: DW gear + swimmers
COST: \$25
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 6.30am
MAP: Lamington NP

This walk is in Lamington NP. After a few metres we leave the Border Track for the West Canungra Track. At Yarralahla (Blue Pool) we go down stream on an old and infrequently used track which may be difficult to see at times. There are creek crossings before we reach Stairway Falls - a beautiful place with a lovely pool where we will have lunch and a swim. Be prepared to get your feet wet. We will retrace our steps on the return.

BUNYAVILLE CONSERVATION PARK

Training Thu 17 Dec
LEADER: Richard Duczmal 0400 744 896
See walk description for Thu 26 Nov

MT COOT-THA THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Thu 17 Dec
LEADER: Graham Olive 0455 539 999
See walk description for Thu 26 Nov

NORTHBROOK CREEK FROM GORGE TO SOURCE

Day Walk Sat 19 Dec
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
This activity is full.

SUMMER CREEK FALLS

Day Walk Sun 20 Dec
LEADER: Neil Parker 0430367260
GRADE: MDW-7C
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Usual day walk gear, 3L water, waterproofed packs
COST: Carpooling -\$25
MEET: Alderley
DEPART: 6am
CAR KMS: 250km
MAP: Mt Langley, Borumba Dam 1:25 000
Summer Creek is in the Cononadales 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.

"CEDAR TREE" CREEK AND LOVE CK CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 20 Dec
LEADER: Annette Miller 0418 791 841
GRADE: MDW-7C
LIMIT: 8
BRING: Usual day walk gear, waterproofed packs
COST: \$10
MEET: Alderley 6.45am
DEPART: 7AM
MAP: D'Aguilar NP 1:30000 or Samsonvale 1:25000

MOBILE ON DAY OF WALK ONLY: 0418 791 841
From Tenison Woods the track is followed to the big log and then on to the big cairn. We head south on a bit of a plateau and eventually drop steeply into the upper reaches of a creek, for this purpose unofficially called 'Cedar Tree Ck'. This creek is steep with many waterfalls, some to be down-climbed, others bypassed and further down has the biggest Cedar Tree in the park not long before joining Love Creek. We then climb up beside Love Ck Falls and follow Love Ck upstream, leaving the creek just before Tenison Woods. The upper part of Love Creek has some pools to be waded or swum through, and a couple of tricky waterfalls to climb, sometimes with marginal holds, so good scrambling skills are needed

BUNYAVILLE CONSERVATION PARK

Training Thu 24 Dec
LEADER: Richard Duczmal 0400 744 896
See walk description for Thu 26 Nov

MT BARNEY WATERFALL

Day walk Wed 6 Jan
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza 0438 481 186
This activity is full.

MT COOT-THA THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Thu 7 Jan
LEADER: Graham Olive 0455 539 999
See walk description for Thu 26 Nov

BOOLOUMBA & SUMMER CREEKS

Base Camp Fri 8 -- Sun 10 Jan
LEADER: Annette Miller 0418 791 841
This activity is full.

SUMMER & BOOLOUMBA CREEKS UNDER 40S (ISH)

Base Camp Fri 8 -- Sun 10 Jan
LEADER: Wade Chang 0420 506 482
This activity is full.

CAVES/LOWER BELLBIRD CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 10 Jan
LEADER: Bernie Ryan 0432 907 275
This activity is full.

CHANDLER RIVER 5 DAY PADDLE

River Through Paddle Sun 10 -- Sat 16 Jan
LEADER: Peter Lock 0419 496 837
GRADE: F KYK
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Boat, PFD, Helmet
CAR KMS: 1200km
Our paddle begins at Halls Peak on the Chandler River, and finishes 60km downstream in the Macleay River at Georges Junction. This stretch of river boasts spectacular scenery, glorious campsites, crystal clear water and easy paddling. We will see rock wallabies hopping up the cliffs above us, and brumbies crossing the river ahead, which add to the adventure feel of the trip. The river has numerous small rapids. These are not monster white water extreme sports, but they do add some excitement to the trip and will require basic river paddling skills. We'll have 5 days on the water, so the pace will be relaxed with plenty of time for morning tea and side trips.

MT COOT-THA THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Thu 14 Jan
LEADER: Graham Olive 0455 539 999
See walk description for Thu 26 Nov

MT COOT-THA FOR NEW MEMBERS

MiniMaxs Sat 16 Jan
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
GRADE: Minimaxs4A
LIMIT: 20
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.

SUMMER CREEK FALLS

Day Walk Sat 16 Jan
LEADER: Jarrah Gard 0422 371 188
GRADE: MDW-7C
LIMIT: 8
BRING: Usual day walk gear, 3L water, water-proofed packs
COST: \$25
MEET: Alderley
DEPART: 6am
CAR KMS: 250km
MAP: Mt Langley, Borumba Dam 1:25 000
Summer Creek is in the Cononadales and offers beautiful pools for swimming, moderate rockhopping up the creek, a spectacular gorge to swim through & a two part waterfall to climb. We drop down a grassy slope into the creek, then it is fairly easy rock hopping until lunch time and some superb pools for swimming. Packs have to be 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.

NEW ZEALAND LEATHAM CONSERVATION AREA

Long Through Walk Sat 16 -- Sun 24 Jan
LEADER: Andrew Wedlake 0439 864 418
GRADE: LTW-7D
BRING: 8 Day through walk gear
COST: \$350
MEET: Christchurch, New Zealand
DEPART: 8am
MAP: BS25 Severn
RAGLAN RANGE, MANGERTON RIDGE, ST ARNAUD RANGE:

Hi all, Time for my mountain fix again, This year will see us explore the rugged Leatham Conservation reserve taking in Hell fire stream, Raglan range, Lost Stream, The Branch river, Mangerton Ridge, St Ronans stream & the St Arnaud Range. This trip promises to be an absolute corker with the Leatham Conservation area boasting similar topography to the Nelson lakes area, without the tourist crowding. Our trip is planned around 8 days, 85km & 6500m up + 6500m down with a combination of high altitude tarn & alpine meadow stream side camps. We will have views to the coastline 150km away and will sleep above the clouds. Those who have been on my walks will tell you they are hard work but incredibly rewarding being led by a local passionate about the mountains. Photo blogs from others who have been in the area can be viewed: <https://pi-casaweb.google.com/100895717774510695568/JudgesCkLeesCk> <https://pi-casaweb.google.com/107078581539541907616/April72015?authkey=h8A1Q3UWrHY#6134725214383323122> <http://beyondtheridgeline.blogspot.com.au/2013/03/st-arnaud-range-traverse.html> I will run trainings for this trip & I request everyone who nominates attend a training session so I can gauge fitness for the trip. Check out the photo blogs above, It is an incredibly stunning, rugged & remote area and will be absolutely fantastic Nominations by contacting me direct please

BYRON GORGE & STEVENS CK

Day Walk Sun 17 Jan
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
This activity is full.

ARTISTS CASCADES

Day Walk Sun 17 Jan
LEADER: Peter Hunt 0431 652 083
GRADE: MDW-3A

LIMIT: 12
BRING: Page 3 & swimmers
COST: \$20 fuel contribution
MEET: Alderley, Bi-Lo Shopping Centre
DEPART: 7:00am
MAP: Conondale Great Walk

The track that this walk follows is almost as good as a graded track & is part of the Conondale Great Walk track. The pace will be slow and the distance is around 12km, therefore, IT IS SUITABLE FOR YOUR FIRST WALK. This also provides time for photography. It is located in the Conondale Range National Park between Maleny & Kenilworth. This track goes gently uphill through some wonderful rainforest with a great variety of interesting species of plants. It also follows the scenic Booloumba Ck with its clear waters winding their way over a bed of interestingly shaped rocks. The old gold mine is a part of the history of the area with the shaft still visible. Artists Cascades is an area of rock slabs with a small waterfall and a pool that is large enough for a good swim for which we will have plenty of time. The return trip will be along the same track.

MT COOT-THA THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Thu 21 Jan
LEADER: Graham Olive 0455 539 999
See walk description for Thu 26 Nov

BASKET SWAMP CK/CATARACT RIVER .

Through walk Fri 22 Jan -- Mon 26 Jan
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza3378 4031
This activity is full.

AROUND MT BANGALORA

Day Walk Sat 23 Jan
LEADER: Jarrah Gard 0422 371 188
GRADE: MDW-6D
LIMIT: 8
BRING: Daywalk gear waterproofed
COST: \$25
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 6am
CAR KMS: 230
MAP: Mt Superbus 1:25000, Teviot 1:25000
This is a longish day and the early start is to try to beat the heat for the climb up a saddle between Mt Bell & Mt Bangalora with great views of the Main Range. Then we drop down a valley and into Reynolds Gorge. Reynolds Gorge is the highlight of the trip. Going through the gorge involves sliding, climbing down and jumping into the pools with the certainty of being wet for nearly 1.5 hours, so wearing at least one thermal top is recommended in addition to a shirt (ie have a 2 layers). A second gorge will be checked out from

above and then we return to the cars by continuing around the mountain.

NEW ZEALAND - TONGARIRO NORTHERN CIRCUIT (WALK) AND WHANGANUI JOURNEY (KAYAK)

MTW and KYK Mon 25 Jan -- Wed 3 Feb
LEADER: Anne Cumpston 0403 150 379
GRADE: MTW-3C
LIMIT: 6
COST: Approx \$350 for transport, \$170 kayak and gear, hire plus accommodation/hut fees
MEET: Wellington airport
DEPART: Arrive in Wellington any time on 25 Jan 16

The Tongariro Northern Circuit (walk) and Whanganui Journey (Kayak) are both in the center of the North Island and are two of the nine New Zealand 'Great Walks'. I've been slowly ticking them off with my family but this year I would like to invite more people to come along and enjoy the spectacular NZ scenery. To read more about each walk please see the DOC website: <http://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/things-to-do/walking-and-tramping/great-walks/> The NZ Great Walks are all set in breathtakingly beautiful locations and are very well supported with well-maintained tracks and pre-booked huts each night. Huts have mattresses, fires, running water and gas burners so you don't need to carry tents, mats or stoves, and you're guaranteed to relax and dry out each night. Distances between the huts are moderate. The longest walk day is 14.3km and the longest kayak is 37.5km (the river is flowing and the kayak difficulty is comparable to the walk). Walking will be at a nice comfortable pace with plenty of breaks to enjoy the journey. The intent is for everyone to enjoy themselves. The idea is that everyone arrives in Wellington on Mon 25 Jan 16. I will hire a car and collect people as they arrive. We will shop and pack in Wellington and stay the night. On Tue 26 Jan we will drive to the start of the Tongariro Northern Circuit and begin our Great Walk. Four days later we will finish the 43km loop and drive to Taumarunui for a rest day. On Sun 31 Jan 16 we will drive to Whakahoro, hire and pack kayaks and begin our three day, 87km kayak journey. After finishing we will travel back to Wellington. On Wed 03 Jan 16 I will do airport runs as people leave. I will hire the car for the group but you will need to book your own accommodation and kayak (I'll give you the details you'll need for this). Kayaks will probably be \$170 per person (depends on numbers), huts are \$32 per night and other accommodation is up to you. New Zealand is an excellent place for

through hiking as you need a lot less gear than in Australia and your pack is a lot lighter. If you've only been a day walker in the past this may be a chance to try something new. If you are interested in this trip but not sure about your suitability please contact me to discuss.

MT COOT-THA THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Thu 28 Jan
LEADER: Graham Olive 0455 539 999
See walk description for Thu 26 Nov

ENOGERA GORGE

Day Walk Sat 30 Jan
LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza33784031
GRADE: SDW-6C
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Usual day walk gear, waterproofed packs, 2L water
COST: \$3
MEET: Park & Ride, Waterworks Rd, The Gap - up near the dam
DEPART: 6:30am
MAP: Enoggera 1:25000
MOBILE TO CONTACT ON DAY OF WALK ONLY: 0438481186

Enoggera Creek starts to the south of Jolleys Lookout in Aguilar National Park. Some way down from the top it enters a great little gorge and if there has been plenty of rain, going through the gorge will provide much wet fun. We will start at Jolly's lookout and reach the creek after some graded track and old forestry road travel. The creek is left when reaching Scrub Road which takes us back up the hill to the Mt Nebo Road. Although initially the creek is fairly easy rock hopping, good scrambling skills are needed to get through Enoggera Gorge and packs must be waterproofed. It is a very nice creek, so close to Brisbane.

WARRIE CIRCUIT [INCLUDING TWIN FALLS]

Day Walk Sun 31 Jan
LEADER: Bernie Ryan 0432 907 275
GRADE: LDW-3C
LIMIT: 10
BRING: page 3 items, 3 litres water, camera
COST: suggested \$25 car contribution
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 6:00am
MAP: Springbrook

This is a wonderful rainforest walk in the Gold Coast Hinterland at Springbrook. We start the walk at Tallanbana 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

with a small detour to and under the picturesque Twin Falls making the walk around 18kms all up. We will stop at the 'Meeting of the Waters' for lunch and a possible swim in the rock pools either here or a little further upstream. Then there is a long, gently uphill section to the top of the cliffs at Canyon Lookout. Then we continue on the track to our starting place. This walk is suitable for members with a reasonable to good level of fitness.

NOOSA NATIONAL PARK [HEADLAND SECTION]

Day Walk Sun 7 Feb
 LEADER: Bernie Ryan 0432 907 275
 GRADE: MDW-3B
 LIMIT: 10
 BRING: See Page 3 mag. 3 litres water, Sunscreen, togs towel, hat and camera.
 COST: suggested \$25 car contribution
 MEET: Alderley BILO
 DEPART: 6:00am
 MAP: Noosa National Park

This is a pleasant walk in the Noosa National Park which should take no more than six hours including breaks. We will start at Parkedge Rd on the southern side of the park & walk through to Noosa Hill. From there we will go to the park's visitor centre for morning tea. We then take the coastal track, stop at the Boiling Pot to take in the views, then onto Tea Tree Bay for a swim. From there we pass Dolphin Point then the walk takes us through Granite Bay to Hell's Gates. After admiring the awesome views, we continue to the northern end of Alexandria Bay for lunch. We will then cross Alexandria Bay & go to see Devil's Kitchen where there are nice views both up and down the coast from this vantage point. We will then go down to the northern end of Sunshine Beach. From there we ascend a small hill and complete the circuit back to the cars. The circuit passes through rainforest with Hoop Pines & Piccabeen Palms, Banksia trees, open woodland, picturesque coves & areas with excellent sea views. Bring sunscreen, wide brimmed hat, camera, togs & beach towel. It is suitable for people new to the club.

TONGARIRO NORTHERN CIRCUIT - NEW ZEALAND

Through Walk Mon 8 -- Thu 11 Feb
 LEADER: Anthony Logan 0427 729 805
 GRADE: MTW - 3C
 LIMIT: DOC Hut Booking
 COST: TBA
 MEET: National Park Village
 DEPART: TBA

A spectacular alpine tramp, the Northern Circuit winds its way around Mt Ngauruhoe on a well defined track. The walk includes the Tongariro Crossing; "the best one day walk in the country". Walk amongst unique craters and volcanic formations in NZ's first national park. 8th Feb - meet at National Park Village and catch shuttle bus to Whakapapa Village. Stay Mangatepopo Hut 9th Feb - Walk to Oturere Hut via Mt Tongariro summit, Emerald and Blue Lake. Stay Oturere Hut 10th Feb - Oturere Hut to Waihohonu Hut. Stay Waihohonu Hut. 11th Feb - Waihohonu Hut to Whakapapa Village. Catch shuttle bus to National Park Village.

TRAVERS & SABINE - NEW ZEALAND

Through Walk Mon 15 -- Sun 21 Feb
 LEADER: Anthony Logan 0427 729 805
 This activity is full.

AROUND MT BANGALORA

Day Walk Sun 21 Feb
 LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
 This activity is full.

FIRST AID TRAINING BASE CAMP - MT GLORIOUS BARRACKS

Training Sat 27 -- Sun 28 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.

BRISBANE FOREST PARK

Mini Max Sat 19 Mar
LEADER: Tim Easton 0421 139 022
GRADE: MINIMAXS-5B
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Day pack with lunch
MEET: Bellbird Grove, Brisbane Forest Park
DEPART: 8.00am
CAR KMS: 40km
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park
MINI MAX: Brisbane Forest Park

Welcome new members. This is an opportunity to do a relatively easy half day walk and talk about BBW, bushwalking and what you can expect as a member. We will be off-track for at least three hours of the walk; please wear appropriate foot wear and carry at least two litres of water.

CANIA GORGE EASTER BASE CAMP

Base camp Fri 25 -- Mon 28 Mar
LEADER: Karen Ryan 0419 733 856
GRADE: XBC-3C
LIMIT: 10
BRING: camping gear, food for three days +
page 3 items
COST: \$36 p/night per site for three nights
MEET: Cania Gorge
DEPART: tba
MAP: refer to notes

Please nominate via email. To be accepted you MUST have completed at least one LDW-3C [15-20 kms] or at least contact leader before nominating. A \$36 deposit will be required. Cania Gorge National Park is over 500 kms north west of Brisbane or 225 kms west of Bundaberg. It is also 25 kms north west of Monto. Towering cliffs, ancient caves and sheltered gorges are highlights of this park, which preserves a valuable remnant of the Brigalow Belt, Aboriginal freehand art and varied habitats for wildlife. Walking tracks range from the 100 metre Big Foot walk to the 22 km return walk to Castle Mountain Lookout. Due to the distance from Brisbane we will be staying [camping] 3 nights ie arriving on the Good Friday and departing Easter Monday. Saturday's walks include the Big Foot walk, Fern Tree Pool and Giants Chair circuit, Dripping Rock and the Overhang, Dragon Cave and Bloodwood Cave, and the Two Storey Cave Circuit. Total walk distance for Saturday will be around 13-14 kms. After walking we can then check out Lake Cania which is a short drive down the road. On Sunday we will head back towards Bloodwood Cave but turn left up a steep 200m track to the Gorge Lookout for a lovely view down the gorge. From here we will follow a

10km fire trail through open woodland to Castle Mountain Lookout. The view from this lookout over the lake and surrounds is a just reward after the long walk up. We return the same way.

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.

Photographic competition 2015

Bushwalking/action – Winners

This category included photos of activities taken in the great outdoors such as bushwalking, abseiling, kayaking, cycling, base camping – anything sanctioned by the club that would show how the person or group enjoyed the action.


All winning photos will be published on the BBW Website > [Photo Competition](#)

Lucy Guzman
Photographic Officer

Amateur – 1st Steve Simpson

Bushwalking/action

- Amateur – 1st Prize

 ● Old style back pack \$199



Amateur – Highly Commended Wade Chang

Bushwalking/action

- Amateur – Highly Commended

 ● \$50 voucher



Enthusiast – 1st Shaun Johnson

Bushwalking/action

- Enthusiast – 1st Prize

 ● 2 person base camp tent \$200



Enthusiast – Highly Commended Russell Gollshewsky

Bushwalking/action

- Enthusiast – Highly Commended

 ● \$50 voucher



Mt Samson (Night Walk) - Trip Report

Monday 28 September, 2015

And now for something different... an afternoon/night walk on the day of the Spring Equinox! Led by Graham Marshall, 14 BBW members walked up a short, sometimes steep, rough dirt road to a nicely mown, grassed area - just waiting for a group to spread out, eat, drink, talk and wait for the appointed time.

Graham had timed the walk beautifully! We watched the sun set in the west and then amused ourselves for about half an hour until the magnificent moon rose in the east over Moreton Island, above the sand hills, just before 6pm.

The weather gods were certainly on our side! The previous day (Sunday) was the hail storm which passed over parts of Brisbane leaving what looked like a snow fall. The following day (Tuesday) also had a short, sharp storm. But, we were nicely sandwiched in between!

Various delicacies and beverages were carefully transported to our picturesque lookout - ham rolls, chocolates, even a sausage sizzle courtesy of Picnic Pete!

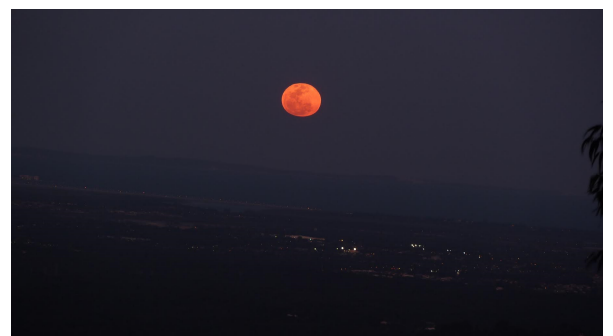
The views over North Pine Dam and the Brisbane area were spectacularly presented to us! A variety of photographic equipment captured (or attempted to capture!) the majesty of the slowly rising full moon.

Soon it was time to pack up, find our head torches and carefully make our way back to the cars.

Our vantage point was courtesy of the Queensland Trust for Nature and we thank them for kindly allowing us access to the property.

All photos were taken by Dan Cirsky and have not been edited.

Michele Cottrell



THE HISTORY OF TUX & TIARAS

The 13th Tux & Tiara's was held at Dairy Flat at the end of October. After another excellent weekend of birding, walking, socializing and culinary delights I feel compelled to record the history of T&T's!

I led a Birdwatching Base Camp at Peach Trees in Nov 2002. Amongst the attendees were David McAuley and Burney Starkey who enjoy cooking, the bush and the birds. As Happy Hour progressed so did their ideas for some fancy cooking. I remember comments like "we could have an oven and cook a roast" and "I'll do the hors d'oeuvres" and "we will get dressed up, ---- in Tuxedos and Tiaras!" Then looking at me -- "you can lead the birdwalk". Tux & Tiaras was born.

A date and place were named – our first Tux & Tiaras was to be at Sundown NP, chosen for the excellent birding with little concern for distance. February 2003 was the first T&T's.

The rules were; you had to be a "birdo" to be invited; you must dress in formal clothes and the ladies must wear a Tiara – no Tiara, no dinner, and Burney's kept a careful eye on compliance.. Camping was a must, no accommodation then. The challenge for Burney & Dave was catering under camping conditions.

Our first event was memorable; Dave and Burney looked the part with long white gloves. It rained late afternoon so we got permission to set our tables in the park shelter. Luckily the rain stopped as we appeared for cocktails! The meal was superb.

For the next 4 years Dave M and Burney produced exciting meals and we kept attending and having a ball. We went back to Peach Trees, Archer Creek, Clunie Cabins (first indoor stoves). The outfits were varied but always formal. Many stories can be told – I remember the bottle of Baileys Gwenneth brought and the morning after effects, and funny scenes of someone half in and half out of their tent at Archer Creek. The number of birdos attending dropped slightly, but it was still a requirement you were interested in birding, thus it was not a general club invitation.

Dave McAuley moved on and other special chefs David Sydes and Jillian became involved. Anna-Lena stepped up when David was otherwise engaged one year. I missed the years at Canungra and Binna Burra and came back for Camp Cooroora, but Burney & Jillian were there to carry on the birding.

The last few years David S and Jillian have kept the tradition going at Mt Glorious Barracks and this year at Dairy Flats. As meals become more spectacular a kitchen has been a bonus and accommodation has been a mixture of beds and tents; birding is not the prime activity anymore so all are welcome. The dress standard has been maintained although the headwear has become variable and this year colourful masquerade masks were added for a little fun. Saturday a large group of walkers ended up at Brindle Creek in the Border Ranges which left the keen birdo's in peace at Dairy Flats to have a very exciting morning seeing Koels, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Whistling Ducks to name a few.

We are very lucky to have David S and Jillian and others who enjoy cooking & organizing for these tantalizing events. Thank you very much to all chefs and kitchen hands – too many serious helpers to name. May Tux & Tiaras continue!!

Julie Moore





Photos:
2003, 2004: Julie Moore
2015: Cath Carkeet



SUCCESS AFTER SUCCESS AFTER SUCCESS AT FRASER

Post Trip Report: Fraser Island Great Walk, 2-7 Oct 2015, Leader: Greg Kuss

It was success after success after success on the Fraser Island Great Walk. Fraser was absolutely fabulous. 5 glorious days of sunshine. The weather just went from good to better to perfect. Blue lakes, sand blows, fine beautiful sunny days. 30°C. Good for lake swimming. Comfortable at night. It was a 5 day, 5 night walk. It was an alcohol free trip. 6 days without a drink. We walked 85 kilometres on sand. There were 8 participants.

We walked past lake after lake after lake. And went swimming in them all. Lake Garawongera, Wabby, McKenzie, Basin Lake, Birrabeen, Benaroon, and Boomanjin. By the fifth day we said, "Oh, another Lake." The walking was good. Well coordinated. With plenty of rest breaks. Long rest breaks. We had lots of rest breaks. Dreaming about infinity from the vantage points overlooking the sand blows Badjala, Hammerstone and Wongi to the ocean.

The gentle sound of the ocean at Inskip Point campground. The sound of silence at Valley of the Giants camp site. The sound of the distant ocean surrounded by silence at Wabby camp site. The sound of owls and crickets at Lake McKenzie camp site. The sound of wind blowing off the lake into the trees leaves at Benaroon camp site. Long deep sleeps in the deep dark peaceful nights. Lapping water at the edge of Lake Benaroon in a cool breeze on a hot day. It was the through walk I slept the best on, and it was unaided.

It was success after success after success. Although I carried 4.1 kg of food for five days. All my well thought out food was tasty, cooked to perfection, and left me feeling satisfied, content and happy. Ina, a German girl doing an internship and finishing her masters, carried a 23 kg pack. But at night she cooked up a gourmet meal with all her wonderful delicacies she carried. Graham White's new jet boil was a flop. He didn't try it out before he left home. And it wouldn't mesh with the gas cylinder, so he couldn't boil a hot tea.

Last year the day before a Cooloola North trip the heavens opened up and the road was flooded between Gympie and Rainbow Beach forcing us to camp on the side of the road. Two years ago, the week before the Cooloola/Fraser trip, I was rushed to hospital by ambulance with excruciating back pain. And this time the week before the Fraser Great Walk a giant sink hole swallowed up vehicles, vans and tents forcing the closure of the camp ground at Inskip Point where we were going to camp on the way to Fraser.

Day One saw us rise at 4:30am after getting to bed at 10:30pm. Which gave us 4 hours sleep. Then we had to walk 20k with 18 kg packs. That night we all slept well with 11 hours rest.

It was the usual through walking scoring. Gerry, Ina, Katia, Greg, Graham and Fabrice got blisters. Gerry's feet were the worst and badly blistered. Anthony and Phil were the only two who didn't get blisters. Anthony and Ina got ticks. Katia was our tick remover. With electron microscopes for eyes and her trusty tweezers. Katia wore a teeny weeny poker dot bikini with a 60's influence. After the top of Katia's toe came off on the Cooloola North trip she bought a new pair of Scarpa boots. But her feet rubbed raw in her new boots. After I had excruciating internal foot pain which took 3 months to get back to normal after the Sunshine walk, I bought a new \$350 pair of Vasque boots to replace my old Vasque. They were moderately successful with only one pressure point on the little toe. I was mildly disappointed.

At night around the communal area we told tales about venomous spiders, snakes, wild dingoes, and other dangerous animals. The poor girls became scared and had fearful delusions during the night alone in their tents. Myself - I had dreaming patterns of the long ago time. One was about being a mistaken invited guest at a black tie do at the University of Southern Qld in Toowoomba. Getting a chauffeur driven drive to the event and being treated with beautiful social female escorts.

Fabrice, who is Swiss, went for an evening walk around the lake by himself every day. When it approached dark we would all get scared and fear he got lost. We would make up scenarios about what happened. But then, he would appear and our fantasies would dissipate.

At night at the camp sites bush rats were everywhere. The ground was literally writhing in them. We had to ensure we stowed everything in the tin trunks provided.

Midge, March Flies and mosquitoes abounded in plague proportions. Requiring the constant use of

insect repellent.

One tour operator from Hervey Bay takes 300 people per day to Lake McKenzie, all who swim there. The environmental purists amongst us would put a question mark over the number of people that should be allowed into these pristine environments. Governments put money and profits before the environment and any dingoes displaying threatening behaviour to tourists are shot. Which has weakened the packs. It was whelping season and mothers were raising their pups. We didn't see any dingoes on the trail, only three on the beach on the way up.

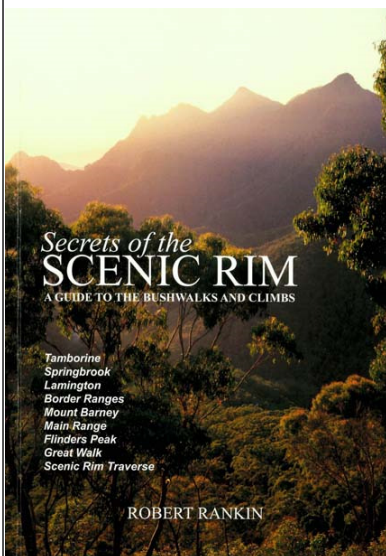
The fifth day saw us rise at 4:30. Start walking at 6:00. Walk 14k. Get the taxi transfer at 10:30. The barge at 11:30. Lunch at Rainbow Beach at 12. Depart at 1 and arrive in Brisbane at 4. And home at 5pm.

It was success after success after success on the Fraser Island Great Walk. Perfect weather. Blue lakes. Satisfying food. Good walking. We love you Fraser.

G. D. Kuss

Book Review:-

Secrets of the Scenic Rim - a Guide to the Bushwalks and Climbs - by Robert Rankin



This year Robert Rankin has released a second edition of his guide-book on bushwalking in south-east Queensland, *Secrets of the Scenic Rim*, the first edition having been published in 1992.

This is a comprehensive guide to the walks (particularly mountains) in our region. Each chapter in the book focuses on a different area of bushwalking interest – chapter titles include Springbrook, Lamington, and Mount Barney. Information includes access to the area, descriptions of the walks themselves – both daywalks and throughwalks, approximate walking times, with information on bush camping sites, including grid references.

They are illustrated with photos and topographic maps of each area. An excellent addition in this edition are colour photographs of the mountains with the ascent routes marked, somewhat like a Google Earth view.

While the book focuses on bushwalks, there is also a chapter on the region's rock-climbing.

The chapter "Action on the Rim" is a potpourri of the history of exploration and discovery of the scenic rim peaks, including a history of the Barney Hut and an account of Rob's run between Spicer's Gap and Teviot Gap in one day.

This is a comprehensive, useful and interesting guide to the bushwalks in the south-east Queensland region, one of very few publications on walking in this area currently in print. An ideal Christmas gift for the bushwalker who has (almost) everything!

Disclaimer: Rob Rankin is a friend of mine but he did not solicit this review or have any input into its composition.

Cath Carkeet

Notices

Breaking news - Pilgrimage

The venue for the **2016 Pilgrimage** will be the BP Scout facility in Samford (same as Christmas Party) and it will be held from July 29th to July 31st 2016.

More information regarding the activities, walks and costs will be made available as they come to hand - please keep an eye on the website.

Since BBW is the host club, let's make an effort to attend and make it a huge success.

Request from Moreton Bay Regional Council's Sport & Recreation Team

The Committee has received the following request from the Moreton Bay Regional Council's Sport & Recreation Team for assistance in leading bushwalking activities. As a Club, we cannot provide Leaders for walks involving non Club members, but Club leaders may wish to offer their services privately.

"My name is Robert Olding and I work for the Moreton Bay Regional Council's Sport and Recreation Team.

I am currently organising a program called 'Adventure 2016' for Adults in the Moreton Bay region which will run from March - May 2016. The aim of the program is to introduce residents to new activities, sports and recreation available to them in the region. Involving clubs in the program is a great way to provide a sustainable avenue for residents to continue participating into the future.

In a recent survey a number of residents have requested bush walking/hiking. I noticed on your webpage that you do some walks in our region (Bunyaville and Kumbartcho) and would like to know if the club would be interested in hosting some walks for first timers as part of our program?

Council can reimburse the club for their time with this program or even look to subsidised the membership costs of the participants.

I can be contacted via email or call 3283 0239.

Marge Henry

Guest Speakers

Wednesday 25 Nov

Great Ocean Walk

Sandra Winzar

A mixed group of nine BBW members walked the Great Ocean Walk from 31 March - 8April. The 104km+ journey was designed to be walked in an east-west direction to maximize the breath-taking views. The GOW includes diverse landscapes of Victoria's rugged west coast and hinterland. The presentation will entail transport, track history, recommended websites and contacts, trip planning, costs, random acts of kindness, flora and fauna and images of the magnificent scenery.

Wednesday 9 Dec

Kilimanjaro Climb

Jarrah Gard and Tamara Messinbird

Jarrah and Tamara climbed to the summit of the 5,895m Kilimanjaro over 6 days in August 2014 and will be sharing photos, stories and some tips on what to expect, information about the route and guides they used and other advice on things to consider when booking this amazing hike.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Sean Bloodworth	Linda Campbell	Laura Codina Powers	Luis Contreras
Anna Cyranowicz	Barbara Ferries	Kaylie Hyland	Daniel Jordan
Beenush Khokhar	Hayley Lim	James Livingston	Gay Mckinley
Michael Mckinley	Hilda Moore	Joseph Moore	Preena Pandit
Moon Park	Maureen Rodwell	Wayne Rodwell	Jennifer Rogers
Sunhee Seo	Ryan Siacci	Magdalena Skwarski	Ellie Underwood
Ross Wilson	Roger Yang		

Congratulations to the following who have become Full Members:

David Horgan	Paul Kelly	Danielle Montgomery	Nazar Rudenko
Jan Sexton	Oleksandra Silayeva	Terry Sullivan	Greg Zieth
Judy Zieth			

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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 2016**.

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 not issued. A plain card (no member name or date) will be available for those who want it to get discounts etc.

On request, a 50% discount will be offered to members with 10-20 year membership and a 100% discount for over 20 years membership.

*However, this discount **must be requested**; it is not automatic.*

*If you are eligible, and wish to take advantage of the **100%** discount, please email registrar@bbw.org.au so that Anna Bransden can update your status accordingly.*

*Please also advise the registrar when you pay if you intend to take up the **50%** discount.*

Magazine Collating

Magazine collating is at Peter Hunt's at Ferny Hills on Thursday 21st 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 0431 652 083 to confirm.



For your Bushwalking Safety
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ALWAYS TELL SOMEONE...
WALK WITH A CLUB.



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