

# *The* **BRISBANE BUSHWALKER**

*February 2005*



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## BRISBANE BUSHWALKERS MONTHLY NEWS

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**MEETINGS:** The Brisbane Bushwalkers Club meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Newmarket Memorial Hall, cnr Enoggera Road & Ashgrove Avenue, Newmarket. Except for December when the only meeting is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week. All welcome.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** The venue for the next committee meeting on Wednesday **16th February** 7:30pm is at Tom Cowlshaw's at 116 Alderley Ave. Alderley. Ph: 3856 4050. All members are welcome to attend.

**MAGAZINE:** *It is preferred that leaders submit pre-trip descriptions via the leaders page on the web site.*

Articles may also be submitted by e-mail, CD or 3.5" floppy discs (RTF format). Typed or clearly printed copy is acceptable. Articles may be given to the Editors at any meeting, or mailed to: J.Zohn, 45 Granville St. West End. 4101 or Fax 3352 8388

Pre-trips will be given first priority, then articles in order of receipt (subject to available space). The editor reserves the right to edit or reject copy where necessary.

**DEADLINE** for the **March** magazine is **Friday 7th February.**

*Pre-trip descriptions for all activities please!*

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## 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

**EPIRB:** An EPIRB is available for loan on club activities. The EPIRB is free of charge to leaders.

**GPS:** A GPS is available for loan on club activities. The GPS is free of charge.

There is a \$20 per item deposit. Refundable upon return of equipment in good condition.

*All equipment may be booked for hire by phoning the Equipment Officer.  
 Pre-booking will ensure availability.*

## LIBRARY

Books, Maps and Magazines are available for loan between meetings. A deposit of 20c per item is required. Late fees do apply.

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

Annual membership falls due 1st September. Fees include magazine subscription.

Full Members: Singles \$40.00 per annum  
 Couples \$60.00 per annum

Probationary Members:  
 Nomination fee \$25.00 per 6 mth

## FIRST AID CERTIFICATES



BBW will refund 50% of the cost of a recognised First Aid certification course for full members. Show the receipt and give a photocopy of the certificate to the Treasurer.

# Club Officials

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Social	Janine Hope	3397 7706		Ron Farmer	3355 2895

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## GUIDE TO WALK GRADINGS

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|-------------|---|--|
| 1. DISTANCE | <b>Short</b>  | Under 10 km per day  |
|             | <b>Medium</b>   | 10 - 15 km per day   |
|             | <b>Long</b>   | 15 - 20 km per day   |
|             | <b>EXtra Long</b>   | Over 20 km per day   |
| 2. TERRAIN  | 1-3   | <u>Graded or open terrain.</u> No scrub  |
|             | 4-7   | <u>Bush.</u> Minor scrub, rainforest, rock, creek, rock hopping, scrambling.       |
|             | 8-10  | <u>Bush.</u> As above +thick scrub, major rock, scrambling using hands, technical. |
| 3. FITNESS  | 1-3   | <u>Easy.</u> Suitable for beginners.   |
|             | 4-7   | <u>Medium.</u> Reasonable fitness required.  |
|             | 8-10  | <u>Hard.</u> Strenuous, fit walkers only   |
| 4. ACTIVITY | <b>Base Camp, Easy Day Walk , Day Walk, Through Walk, Easy Through Walk, SOCIAL Activity, Safety &amp; Training, ROGain, Federation Mountain Rescue, Night Walk, KaYaK CYCLE.</b> |  |

## INFORMATION FOR WALKERS



1. Nominate for the walks or social events on the clipboard list or social book at the meetings. *Walkers are responsible for ensuring they are financial at the time of nominating.*
2. **Walkers are responsible for ensuring they are capable of doing the walk for which they nominate. Review the guide to walk gradings. If you are uncertain, consult the walk leader.**
3. If you are unable to attend meetings contact the leader (who keeps the list).
4. If you are unable to attend the trip you must contact the leader to cancel so that someone on the waiting list may go. (Leader's number is in the magazine.)
5. Concerned relatives can ring the Contact Officer for information if the trip is exceptionally late.

### Transport Costs:

Passengers are asked to pay an appropriate contribution to their driver for their share of the petrol and running costs. The costs may vary according to the number of passengers and economy of the vehicle – for the average vehicle you should expect to contribute 8c/km per person. Trips to base camps tend to cost more due to the extra weight and bulk of gear.

If you are unhappy with the contribution amount, remember you are always free to take your own vehicle.

### Camping Fees:

There is nearly always a National Park or State Forest camping fee of \$4.00 per person per night. (The leader will provide details.) NSW National Parks also charge \$7.00 per vehicle per day.

### Always Take:

**MEMBERSHIP CARD**, raincoat, torch, first aid kit, hat, water, whistle, paper/pencil, food, warm clothing **and don't forget a change of clothing & shoes for after the walk.**

**Water allowance, where noted, is the minimum the leader recommends.**

**Mileage is an estimate only and subject to the drivers discretion.**

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## PROGRAM

Gradings approximate only (subject to trip leaders' survey)

Members are responsible for ensuring they are capable of doing the walks for which they nominate.

### January

#### 26 PUBLIC HOLIDAY. GENERAL MEETING

	M55DW	Jollys Lookout and Cabbage Tree Creek	John Stevens	3217 4961
	M66DW	Bouloumba Creek to the Breadknife	Jon Beer	3865 1808
29	L43DW	Warrie Circuit & Pinnacle	Kev Pinter	3273 3517
	M33DW	Buhot Creek and Plunkett Mallee Circuits	Dawn Hendrick	3818 3687
	S44DW	Mowburra Creek	John Stevens	3217 4961
30	M57DW	Mowburra Creek & Double Peak	John Stevens	3217 4961
	S54DW	South Kobbie Creek	Peter James	3878 7083

### February

5	M44DW	Diana's Bath Leader Survey	Peter James	3878 7083
	M45DW	West Canungra Creek Junction	John Dwyer	3844 9213
	S55DW	Camp Mountain afternoon walk	John Stevens	3217 4961
6	M45DW	Northbrook Gorge	Frank Finch	3289 1863
	M56DW	Piper Comanche and South Kobbie Creek	Anne Kemp	3371 2707
9	<b>OPEN MEETING</b>			
12	M33DW	Venman and Tingalpa Creek Circuits	Dawn Hendrick	3818 3687
	XL4DW	Caves-Illinbah Circuit	Kev Pinter	3273 3517
13	M55DW	Northbrook Gorge	Anne Kemp	3371 2707
12-13	M76TW	Bookookoorara Creek	John Hinz	3846 1432

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ALWAYS TAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU

16	CYC	Ashgrove to The Gap Night Ride	Peter Lock	3351 1184
19	M44DW	Eagles Nest to Wivenhoe Lookout Leader Training	Peter James	3878 7083
	M44DW	Upper Portals Survey	Jenie Maloney	3209 7703
20	M54DW	South Kobbie Creek Leader Survey	Peter James	3878 7083
<b>23</b>	<b>GENERAL MEETING</b>			
26	L33DW	Coomera Circuit	Ray Glancy	3343 8854
	S22NW	Nudgee Beach Night Walk/Social	Jon Beer	3865 1808
	XL33DW	Ship's Stern-Daves Creek Circuit	Kev Pinter	3273 3517
27	M44DW	Nixon Creek	Tom Hulse	3351 2190

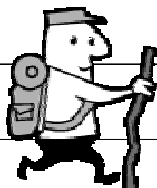
### March

5	L33DW	Araucaria Lookout	Ray Glancy	3343 8854
	S22DW	Morella and Maiala Track	Dawn Hendrick	3818 3687

### 9 OPEN MEETING

11-13	M44BC	New Members Base Camp	Ray Glancy	3343 8854
12-13	M44TW	Upper Portals Granny Through Walk	Jenie Maloney	3209 7703
16	CYC	Wynnum and Manly Night Ride	Peter Lock	3351 1184
19	M45DW	Northbrook Gorge	Janine Hope	3397 7706
19-20	L35ETW	Shipstern/ Daves Creek	Paul Cech	0403 290 770

### 23 GENERAL MEETING



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# Coming Trips

### **BOULOUMBA CREEK TO THE BREADKNIFE**

Day Walk Wed 26 Jan

LEADER: Jon Beer 3865 1808  
GRADE: M66DW  
LIMIT: 11  
BRING: Hat sunscreen, + water proofed pack!  
DEPART: Alderley 6am

Bouloumba creek is located in the Conondale National Park north of Brisbane via Maleny. This walk is a 'one way' walk up Bouloumba creek and involves one compulsory swim through. There are several spectacular pools and water falls along this creek and (hopefully!!) with good rain before the outing these should be in good form. We start from near the campsites low on the creek and follow up to the breadknife a spectacular rock outcrop where we exit. Before the start we do a car shuttle to the other end so we don't have a long road walk back. Please note the grade as this is a reasonably strenuous walk with some technical climbing around the waterfalls.

Jon

### **JOLLYS LOOKOUT & CABBAGE TREE CK.**

Day Walk Wed 26 Jan

LEADER: John Stevens 3217 4961  
EMAIL: jpstevens@powerup.com.au  
GRADE: M55DW  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: Usual day walk gear +3lt. water  
DEPART: 6.30am Alderley car park

The walk will start from Jollys lookout and will follow walking tracks and forestry roads down to Cabbage Tree Creek. The last section of the descent to Cabbage tree Creek will be off track along a spur. This section is un-surveyed and will enable us to bypass the long section of forestry road that was included in the survey we did in September. We will come down near a large swimming hole. From there on, we will walk up Cabbage Tree Creek. There are a number of swimming holes along the way. We will come out of the creek up a steep forestry road that will take us back to Mt Nebo Road. This walk involves 2-3 hours of rock hopping. John

### **MOWBURRA CREEK**

#### **MT BARNEY NATIONAL PARK**

Day Walk Sat 29 Jan

LEADER: John Stevens 3217 4961  
EMAIL: jpstevens@powerup.com.au  
GRADE: S44DW  
LIMIT: 8  
BRING: Usual day walk gear  
DEPART: 6.30am Fairfield Gardens car park

This walk starts from Cleared Ridge, and follows the main access route to the Upper Portals down to Yamahra Creek. After turning right towards Graces Hut, we will follow the creek that drains the narrow valley between Mowburra Peak and Montserrat Lookout. Mowburra Creek is a very pleasant shady creek, with plenty of small cascades and quite a few crayfish. This walk has been put on so that walkers who do not come on my harder walks can still get into this area of Mt Barney National park. The creek bed offers no difficulty except for the fact that rocks may be wet. The only steep section is a scramble through vegetation to reach an overgrown forestry track that leads to the top of the waterfall. As we will only go as far as the waterfall, we will have plenty of time to cover the distance and the pace will be slow. Walkers wishing to walk fast should join the walk scheduled on Sunday. We will come back down along the forestry road and along cattle pads. This is an off track walk. In order to do this walk safely, you need to be confident you can handle walking on rocks and uneven surfaces. We will need 4WD cars to get to cleared ridge.

John

### **WARRIE CIRCUIT & PINNACLE**

Day Walk Sat 29 Jan

LEADER: Kev Pinter  
MOBILE: 0403 740 783  
EMAIL: fiordland@primusonline.com.au  
GRADE: L43DW  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: Usual day walk gear + 2 lt water  
DEPART: 6.30am Fairfield Gardens

This is an outstanding walk in Springbrook NP, in the Gold Coast hinterland. The walk passes through waterfalls and interesting rock formations. The Pinnacle adds another dimension to

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the walk which is reached by a short side trip along a rough path. We stop at the base for morning tea and those who wish can join me on a scramble up the rocks of the Pinnacle for some good views. We will stop at the 'Meeting of the Waters' for lunch and a possible swim in the rock pools. The walk is suitable for newer members who are looking to move up from a 33 grade. It is a slightly harder walk due to the elevation change and the side trip to the Pinnacle. Come along to enjoy the caves, waterfalls and fantastic views to the Gold Coast.

Keve

## **BUHOT CREEK AND PLUNKETT MALLEE CIRCUITS**

Day Walk Sat 29 Jan

LEADER: Dawn Hendrick 3818 3687

MOBILE: 0428 197 268

EMAIL: hendrick@iprimus.com.au

GRADE: M33DW

LIMIT: 16

BRING: Usual day walk gear, 2 lt water, morning tea, sunscreen. Lunch will be left in cars till after walk, you may need a chair, hat

COST: Nil—supply own transport

DEPART: 7.30am Daisy Hill Forest Park Upper Day Use Area. Gold Coast Motorway (M1) and exit on EXIT 25. (Turn right immediately after entering park, and before the boom gate)

This walk is a combination of 2 circuits in the park area. This walk is approximately 10 km and will take 3 to 4 hours. We will walk through eucalypt woodland along some wide open tracks and beside some creeks. There are a few ups and downs along the way. These tracks are also used by cyclists and horses. We will go at a SLOW pace with plenty of time to take in the surroundings and hopefully a koala or two. Lunch will be at the Upper Day Use area and, after which, we can always go to the Koala Centre in the park and see a live koala if we haven't spotted one along the way.

Dawn

## **SOUTH KOBBLE CREEK BRISBANE FOREST PARK**

Day Walk Sun 30 Jan

LEADER: Peter James 3878 7083

MOBILE: 0412 886 880

EMAIL: psjames1@bigpond.net.au

GRADE: S54DW

LIMIT: 15

BRING: Day walk gear and swimmers

DEPART: 7.00am Alderley car park

South Kobble Creek is in Brisbane Forest Park, 40 minutes from Alderley. The section of the creek we will be in is covered by a rainforest canopy, and has numerous rocky sections, a number of waterfalls, and a few waterholes suitable for swimming. We will be scrambling up and down steep waterfalls, but the pace will be slow so that newer walkers can practice their rock hopping and scrambling. Please do not nominate unless you have done a minimum of a M44DW with the Club.

Peter

## **MOWBURRA CREEK AND DOUBLE PEAK**

Day Walk Sun 30 Jan

LEADER: John Stevens 3217 4961

EMAIL: jpstevens@powerup.com.au

GRADE: M57DW

LIMIT: 8

BRING: Usual day gear +4 lt. water

DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens car park

This walk starts from Cleared Ridge, and follows the main access route to the Upper portals down to Yamahra Creek. After turning right towards Graces Hut, we will follow the creek that drains the narrow valley between Mowburra Peak and Montserrat Lookout. On reaching the pass between Mowburra Peak and Durramlee Peak, we'll turn left and follow the top of range to Double Peak where we'll have lunch. We will then walk back along the top to Mowburra Peak and return to Cleared Ridge down Mowburra north spur. This walk offers shade on the way up and along the top. It also offers good views once on top. The walk is not suitable for first timers or walkers without rock hopping experience. Walkers wishing to nominate will need to contact me as the nomination sheet for this walk will not be at the club meetings. We will need 4WD cars to get up to Cleared Ridge.

John

## **WEST CANUNGRA CREEK JUNCTION**

Day Walk Sat 5 Feb

LEADER: John Dwyer 3844 9213

GRADE: M44DW

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LIMIT: 12  
BRING: Usual day walk gear, see p.3  
DEPART: 7:00am Fairfield Gardens

East meets West. We descend Bullant Spur to Blue Pool and follow the old track to Stairway falls where we will have morning tea. The old track now becomes more difficult to locate as we go further down the creek towards the junction. We might be able to find some old forestry camp ruins and also debate if an overhang near the junction is Goomagoroo Cave. If time allows we will go to the junction, otherwise we turn around at the cave to retrace our steps. This walk is suitable for those wanting the next challenge beyond track walking. We cross the creek many times and if there has been rain we will get wet feet. Great swimming at Blue Pool and Stairway Falls. The up is at the end of the walk so a reasonable level of fitness is required.

John

## **DIANA'S BATH - LEADER SURVEY**

Day Walk Sat 5 Feb

LEADER: Peter James 3878 7083  
MOBILE: 0412 886 880  
EMAIL: psjames1@bigpond.net.au  
GRADE: M44DW  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: Map and compass; swimmers; permit to traverse state forest  
DEPART: 7am Alderley Car Park  
MAP: Mt Byron 1:25,000 and Lacey's Creek 1:25,000

This walk is a survey for leaders wanting to learn new off-track walks, but other members are welcome to nominate. Diana's Bath is in Mt Mee State Forest - drivers will need a permit to traverse the state forest - please speak to me about the permit - its not hard to get and costs nothing. Having parked the cars at a forestry road junction we'll walk about 1.5km to Mount Byron - great views - before heading down a steep ridge to Diana's Bath for a swim. We return by the same route, but first we'll go up Byron Gorge for a short distance for the benefit of anyone who may want to lead a future walk in the Gorge. This is an easy off-track walk for leaders who have previously limited themselves to graded track walks.

Peter

## **CAMP MOUNTAIN**

Afternoon Walk Sat 5 Feb

LEADER: John Stevens 3217 4961  
EMAIL: jpstevens@powerup.com.au  
GRADE: S55DW  
LIMIT: 9  
BRING: Usual day gear + 3lt.water. A torch is essential.  
DEPART: 4:00pm McAfees Lookout

This is an afternoon walk within Brisbane Forest Park. It has been put on the program to cater for club members who have other commitments earlier in the day and cannot join a full day walk. The walk will start from McAfees look out. It will be along logging trails in a hilly area between McAfees Lookout, Bellbird Grove and Camp Mountain. This walk will be reasonably short but the pace will be brisk and there will be few stops. Furthermore, it includes several steep sections of track along the way to ensure we get a good workout. As we are starting at 4 pm to avoid the heat of the day, I expect that we will complete the walk in darkness. I plan to have a BYO barbecue after the walk at Camp Mountain picnic ground.

John

## **NORTHBROOK GORGE**

Day Walk Sun 6 Feb

LEADER: Frank Finch 3342 6345  
GRADE: M45DW  
BRING: Usual day walk gear +2 lt. water +water +waterproofing for pack  
DEPART: 7am Alderley Car Park

This is a Brisbane Forest Park walk with 5 compulsory swim throughs. Starting at Wivenhoe Lookout we follow a gully down to Northbrook Creek and then rock hop down to the gorge stopping part way through for lunch. After lunch we continue down the creek and exit before the bridge on Northbrook Parkway where we will have pre-positioned a car. If you are competent in the water and enjoy rock hopping and swimming this is a great way to spend a Saturday. Don't be deterred if you haven't done a swim through before - there's not much to learn. If you need advice about waterproofing your pack, please call or speak to me at meetings.

Frank

## **PIPER COMANCHE AND SOUTH KOBBLE CREEK**

Day Walk Sun 6 Feb

LEADER: Anne Kemp 3371 2707



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EMAIL: anneikemp@ hotmail.com  
GRADE: M56DW  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: Day walk gear and swimmers  
DEPART: 6am Alderley car park

BRING: usual Day Walk gear  
DEPART: 6.30 Fairfield Gardens

This is a moderately strenuous Brisbane Forest Park walk involving several hours of rock hopping/scrambling in beautiful rainforest creeks. Starting from Tension Woods car park we walk to the Piper Comanche wreck. Below the wreck is a small creek which we'll follow downstream past waterfalls, rock pools and minor gorges eventually reaching South Kobble Creek. Although South Kobble upstream involves some scrambling and scunge the surroundings are just spectacular especially after rain. If you enjoy rock hopping, have some scrambling experience and reasonable endurance this is a thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding route.

This is a 20 km track walk that starts at the Binna Burra information centre, descends into the Coomera valley and then winds its way up again, roughly following the course of the river. It's a real middle of summer' walk with about 11 creek crossings. There are also two swimming opportunities along the way. There is a bit of an up' of about 350 meters altitude rise at the end, but it is an easy, graded track' gradient.

Kev

Anne

## **VENMAN CIRCUIT AND TINGALPA CREEK CIRCUIT**

Day Walk Sat 12 Feb

LEADER: Dawn Hendrick 3818 3687  
MOBILE: 0428 197 268  
EMAIL: hendrick@iprimus.com.au  
GRADE: M33DW  
LIMIT: 16  
BRING: Usual day walk gear, 2 litres water, hat, sunscreen  
COST: Nil—provide own transport  
DEPART: 7.30am Venman Bushland National Park, West Mt Cotton Road

## **BOOKOOKOORARA CREEK**

Through Walk Sat 12 - Sun 13 Feb

LEADER: John Hinz 3846 1432 H/W  
EMAIL: johnhinz@optusnet.com.au  
GRADE: M76TW  
LIMIT: 8 including leader  
BRING: Waterproofed through walk gear, party food  
DEPART: TBA Brisbane or Warwick on Friday night 11 February  
MAP: Liston and Bookookoorara 1:25000

These two walks are in Venman Bushland Nat Park, West Mt Cotton Road, Mt Cotton. The first part of this walk passes through a significant area of open eucalypt forest and smaller areas of lowland rainforest. The second part meanders beside Tingalpa Creek. The walk will take between 3 to 3.5 hours to complete. There are several steep up hills and down, but the pace will be gentle.

This is a reasonably hard through walk requiring a number of compulsory swim throughs in the Stanthorpe area. We will camp Friday night at Undercliffe Falls. Saturday morning after the car shuffle we will rock hop down Bookookoorara Creek. This is one of the most spectacular creeks I have walked in. Camp will be at a large swimming hole. On Sunday we will continue down the creek to the junction with the Boonoo Boonoo River. Then it is an easy but long walk up the river to the cars. This is a great summer walk and is highly recommended for experienced through walkers.

John

Dawn

## **CAVES/ILLINBAH CIRCUIT**

Day Walk Sat 12 Feb

LEADER: Kev Pinter  
MOBILE: 0403 740 783  
EMAIL: fiordland@primusonline.com.au  
GRADE: XL33DW  
LIMIT: 12

## **NORTHBROOK GORGE**

Day Walk Sun 13 Feb

LEADER: Anne Kemp 3371 5039  
GRADE: M45DW  
LIMIT: 15  
BRING: Usual day walk gear +waterproofing  
DEPART: 7am Alderley car park

This is a Brisbane Forest Park walk. It involves five (each way) short gorge swim throughs. As these are compulsory swim throughs it is important to be confident and competent in water.

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Starting at the bridge we will move at an easy relaxed pace enjoying the surroundings and return the same way. Come along for an excellent day of rock hopping and swimming.

Anne

## **ASHGROVE TO THE GAP**

Night Ride

Wed 16 Feb

LEADER: Peter Lock 3351 1184  
MOBILE: 0419 496 837  
EMAIL: peter@lock.id.au  
GRADE: CYC  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: Bike with lights, helmet  
DEPART: 6:30pm

Meet at footbridge over Enoggera Creek, near corner of McLean Pde and Kinnaird St in Ashgrove. UBD reference A17 on page 139. Please be ready for a 6:30pm start. This will be a leisurely -paced ride of about 25km, exploring the bike tracks to and around The Gap. We'll start by following an off-road track up Enoggera Creek. When it Peters out we'll use a few back streets and loop back to The Gap for cafe. Then back on the saddle to ride back to the start. These bike paths can be dark and scary, so make sure you have adequate lighting.

Picnic Pete

## **LEADER TRAINING - EAGLES NEST TO WIVENHOE LOOKOUT**

Day Walk

Sat 19 Feb

LEADER: Peter James 3878 7083  
MOBILE: 0412 886 880  
EMAIL: psjames1@bigpond.net.au  
GRADE: M44DW  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: Map and compass: Guide for Leaders; Programme ; swimmers  
DEPART: 7am Alderley Car Park  
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30,000

This leader training day is open to any member who is interested in leading walks. Experienced leaders will assist by giving short, informal talks during the day. Members can bring their own map and compass, or draw them from the equipment officer or librarian. Knowledge of navigation is not a pre-requisite. Topics covered will include club insurance, leader ethos, walk planning, walk surveys and walk promotion, and advice about leading a walk. The training programme will be sent to nominees by email or by other arrangements.

You will need to obtain a copy of the Club's Guide for Leaders from the librarian. After positioning a car at Wivenhoe Lookout, we start at the locked gate at GR750780 and follow a forestry track to the Eagles Nest turn off at GR725782. From Eagles Nest, GR 725786 we descend to Northbrook Creek, GR725792 and head downstream to the top swimming hole in Northbrook Gorge (no need for waterproofing!). From there our route follows Northbrook Creek upstream and then via a tributary, GR 733795 to Wivenhoe Lookout. It is not a long or difficult walk - the emphasis will be on training.

Peter

## **SURVEY - UPPER PORTALS**

Day Walk Survey

Sat 19 Feb

LEADER: Jenie Maloney 3209 7703  
GRADE: M44TW  
LIMIT: 8  
BRING: Swimmers & usual gear  
DEPART: 7am Shailer Park  
CAR KMS: 225km @ 8c km.

I am doing a survey of the area but would like someone who is familiar with the area to join me on the day as a back up. I will be carrying a map and hopefully have use of the Club epirob. We start with an easy one hour track walk to the Lower Portals where we will have a short break before heading up a short, steep ridge. From there it is a relatively easy walk to the Upper Portals but as it is years since I have done this walk I need to be sure of directions. On our return to the Lower Portals we can stop for a swim if time allows.

Jenie

## **SOUTH KOBBLE CREEK - LEADER SURVEY**

Day Walk

Sun 20 Feb

LEADER: Peter James 3878 7083  
MOBILE: 0412 886 880  
EMAIL: psjames1@bigpond.net.au  
GRADE: S54DW  
LIMIT: 15  
BRING: Day walk gear; swimmers; and map and compass if you are a leader (obtain from Club library/equipment officer)  
DEPART: 7am Alderley car park  
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30,000

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Peter

## **COOMERA CIRCUIT, BINNA BURRA**

Day Walk Sat 26 Feb  
LEADER: Ray Glancy 3343 8854  
MOBILE: 0419 719 480  
EMAIL: rayanddawnglancy@yahoo.com.au  
GRADE: L33DW  
LIMIT: 16  
BRING: Usual day walk gear + spare socks  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens  
CAR KMS: 220 kms  
MAP: Beechmont Map

## **SHIP'S STERN/DAVES CREEK CIRCUIT**

Day Walk Sat 26 Feb

LEADER: Kev Pinter  
MOBILE: 0403 740 783  
EMAIL: fiordland@primusonline.com.au  
GRADE: XL33DW  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: Usual day walk gear + 2 lt water  
DEPART: 6.30am, Fairfield Gardens

This walk combines two popular Lamington NP graded track walks. It offers a variety of forest types and heath and great views over the Numinbah Valley. If we are all feeling energetic, a short side trip is possible to the Lower Ballanjui Falls. Suitable for all including newer club members who have the inclination and stamina to cover the approx 24km. The walk promises to be a very enjoyable day.

Kev

WET BOOT WALK NO 3 - Mary Comer told me that when she recently did this walk, it was necessary to cut short the walk due to the height of the Coomera River. As the river will have dropped in height but should still have a good flow to it, I felt it was time to conclude my wet boot walks. This walk takes us along the edge of the escarpment looking across towards the Middle Ridge and further on to Green Mountains. We will take in the views as we proceed along and ultimately find our way to the viewing platform over the Coomera River falls, always spectacular. We cross the river numerous times and it is expected that we will get our feet wet as I don't plan to stop each time to remove our boots and socks. Hopefully this will give new members a feel for walking with wet boots which will happen at some time in the future. Please don't let this put you off, as this is probably one of the nicer track walks in the Lamington National Park.

Ray

## **NUDGE BEACH**

Night walk/social Sat 26 Feb

LEADER: Jon Beer  
GRADE: S22NW  
LIMIT: 15  
BRING: hat, camera, insect repellent, meat or other "barbecue-able" foods or whatever you wish to eat (and drink!), warm clothing, head torch or other light might be useful.  
DEPART: Carpark - Nudgee Beach Reserve at the end of Fortitude street Nudgee Beach at 4.20pm for 4.30pm start.

For more information please contact the leader or attend BBW meetings prior to the walk

Jon

## **NIXON CREEK**

Day Walk Sun 27 Feb

LEADER: Tom Hulse 3351 2190  
EMAIL: tom2hulse@netspace.net.au  
GRADE: M44DW  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: See 'Always Take' P.3 + 3 lt water  
DEPART: 7 am Fairfield Gardens car park  
CAR KMS: 215km  
MAP: Beechmont 1:25000

This walk in Lamington is primarily a rock-hopping walk along rainforest creeks with areas of Picca-been palms and two interesting waterfalls which we will contour around. From the Binna Burra information centre we will follow an old road down to the junction of Egg Rock & Nixon Creeks. A pleasant rock hop up Nixon Creek as far as Bohgaban Falls for lunch. We continue up the

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creek until we meet the Shipstern graded track, where we exit and return via the graded track system to the cars. A reasonable level of fitness and rock-hopping ability is required.

Tom

## **ARAUCARIA LOOKOUT**

Day Walk Sat 5 Mar

LEADER: Ray Glancy 3343 8854  
MOBILE: 0419 719 480  
GRADE: L33DW  
LIMIT: 16  
BRING: Usual day walk gear +2lt water  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens car park  
CAR KMS: 220 kms @ .8c

This walk begins at the Binna Burra Cafe and continues out along the Border Track to the Mt Hobwee track junction and then splits off approximately 1km further along. It passes Orchid Bower Lookout and ascends to the Araucaria Lookout. The name is derived from the hoop pines visible along the track. Panoramic views over the Numinbah Valley and towards Mt Warning will make a pleasant backdrop for lunch and a rest. The usual rainforest vegetation, bird and animal life may be observed. Back to Binna Burra Cafe for a well-earned cuppa.

Ray

## **MORELLA AND MAIALA TRACK WALKS**

Day Walk Sat 5 Mar

LEADER: Dawn Hendrick 3818 3687  
MOBILE: 0428 197 268  
EMAIL: hendrick@iprimus.com.au  
GRADE: S22DW  
LIMIT: 16  
BRING: morning tea, lunch, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, 2 lt water, the usual

p.3 must take  
COST: Nil - own transport  
DEPART: 7.30am Park and Ride area, Corner Settlement & Waterworks Road, The Gap UBD Ref 137 P20 (we will do a car shuffle from here to avoid taking too many cars up the hill).

These are two short track walks in the Brisbane Forest Park Area. The first walk starts from the Manorina car parking area where there are flushing toilets (always a plus). The walk climbs gently through initially a rainforest area, then out onto more open eucalypt forest ending at some granite boulders, which is the Mt Nebo Lookout. From

here there is an uninterrupted view down Samford Valley to Moreton Bay in the distance which we can enjoy during morning tea. We return to the cars via the same route. We will then drive up to the Summit of Mt Glorious and park at the Maiala Picnic area. The Maiala Circuit track starts from here and we follow it for 1.5km and cross an unsealed road then descend to Greene's Falls. Much of this walk is on boards and there is a viewing platform over the Falls. We return to the Circuit Track via a loop, which passes through a grove of native cypress. The 2.5km return track passes through areas of vines and many palm trees, ferns and strangler figs. Overall the tracks are clearly marked and well graded with plenty of birdlife both seen and heard. Binoculars would be an advantage if you have them. We will have a relaxing picnic lunch in the Maiala Picnic Area and those who want to can then adjourn to The Coffee Club at the Gap for afternoon tea.

Dawn

## **GREEN MOUNTAINS (O'REILLY'S)**

New Members Base Camp Fri 11- Sun 13 Mar

LEADER: Ray Glancy 3343 8854  
MOBILE: 0419 719 480  
EMAIL: rayanddawnaglancy@yahoo.com.au  
GRADE: L33BC  
LIMIT: No Limit  
BRING: Base camp gear, Thermals, Rain-gear, LONG GAITERS (or trousers), Warm clothes, as this area is noted for cold nights even in summer.  
COST: \$8 per person camp fees (PAYABLE TO LEADER) + Transport  
CAR KMS: 220km @ .8c  
MEET: Green Mt. Camp Ground Friday night

Green Mountains National Park is 110 km south of Brisbane in the Gold Coast Hinterland. The area is renowned for the beauty of its rainforest, pristine creeks and waterfalls and for these reasons features heavily in the club's walks program and magazine. Other features include prolific birdlife, pademelons around the campsite and the noted Lamington Blue Spiny Crayfish. The walks in this area are predominantly on graded tracks though many are long (17-22kms). As this area is easily accessed, we will meet at the camp ground just before the National Parks Car Park on Friday night (entry on the right). I will have a stove and tables set up for people to use who may wish to have their Friday night evening meal at the camp

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ground. The campground has composting toilets and hot showers. I will be going up early Friday afternoon so members can arrive as early as they wish. Saturday morning at 8.00 a.m. (after breakfast) we will discuss Club Ethics and other talks before leaving to walk the Tooloona Circuit (18 km). Back to camp to clean up and pre-dinner drinks and nibbles. This will be a good opportunity for new members to chat with those full members who come along and gain some insights into different types of walks. Sunday, after a discussion on food and first aid etc., we will do the Box Log Forest walk which incorporates some of the most beautiful waterfalls in this area. We plan to be back at camp by 2 o'clock to pack up and head back to Brisbane. If you have any queries about equipment, please ring the Equipment Officer regarding the hiring of same or ring me for a list. Even though the Base Camp is designed for new members to qualify for full membership Experienced members who would like to help out and assist with welcoming new members are also very welcome, and actively encouraged. **LANDLINES ONLY PLEASE. RING MONDAY OR TUESDAY NIGHT PRIOR TO WEEKEND TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE AND ARRANGE TRANSPORT**

Ray

## **GRANNY THROUGHWALK UPPER PORTALS**

Through walk Sat 12 - Sun 13 Mar

LEADER: Jenie Maloney 3342 6345  
GRADE: M44TW  
LIMIT: 8  
BRING: Bag book, party food & swimmers and usual gear  
COST: \$4 Camp fee +Transport  
DEPART: 7am Shailer Park  
CAR KMS: 225km @ 8c km.

The Granny' walk is going ahead. All grannies, soon to be grannies, and wannabe grannies, are invited. Saturday morning we start with an easy one hour track walk to the Lower Portals where we will have a short break before heading up a short, steep ridge and then a rather easy walk to the Upper Portals camp site. Saturday night is party food. Lazy start Sunday morning for the return to Lower Portals and we can spend some time there swimming at the waterhole. Join us for a very laid back, social weekend.

Jenie

## **WYNNUM AND MANLY**

Night Ride Wed 16 Mar

LEADER: Peter Lock 3351 1184  
MOBILE: 0419 496 837  
EMAIL: peter@lock.id.au  
GRADE: CYC  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: Bike with lights, helmet  
DEPART: 6:30pm

Meet at Elanora Park, near corner of Crown St and Granada St in Wynnum. UBD reference G14 on page 143. Please be ready for a 6:30pm start. This will be a leisurely-paced ride of about 20km, along the foreshore to Tingalpa Creek, and return. We'll keep our eyes open for a cafe as we go, and visit on the way back.

Picnic Pete

## **NORTHBROOK GORGE**

Day Walk Sat 19 Mar

LEADER: Janine Hope, Bernie Starkey  
3397 7706  
MOBILE: 0417707663  
GRADE: M45DW  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: Usual day walk gear + 2 lt water + waterproofing for pack  
DEPART: 7am Alderley Car Park

This is a Brisbane Forest Park walk with 5 compulsory swim throughs. Starting at Wivenhoe Lookout we will follow a gully down to Northbrook Creek and then rock hop down to the gorge stopping part way through for lunch. After lunch we will continue down the creek and exit before the bridge on Northbrook Parkway where we will have pre-positioned a car. If you are competent in the water and enjoy rock hopping and swimming this is a great way to spend a Saturday. Don't be deterred if you have not done a swim through before - there is not much to learn. If you need advice about waterproofing your pack please phone or speak to us at meetings.

Janine & Bernie

## **SHIPSTERN/DAVES CREEK**

Easy Through Walk Sat 19 - Sun 20 Mar

LEADER: Paul Cech  
MOBILE: 0403 290 770  
GRADE: L35ETW  
LIMIT: 6

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**BRING:** Usual through walk gear.  
**DEPART:** Contact Leader.

**LEADER TRAINING**  
19 FEBRUARY 2005

This through walk combines two beautiful Lamington National Park graded track walks by making an overnight camp at Nagarigoon clearing. The first day we drop down from Binna Burra into Hidden Valley and have morning tea at Lower Ballanjui Falls before climbing up through the rainforest onto Shipstern for lunch. The end of the day sees us setting up camp in a clearing amongst the rainforest close to Nagarigoon Falls. On Sunday we'll take our day walking gear and walk around the Daves Creek Circuit, enjoying the variety of vegetation and views out to the Numinbah valley before picking up the rest of our gear and returning to Binna Burra for a well-earned coffee.

Paul



Leader training will be undertaken during a day walk in Brisbane Forest Park on 19 February 2005 – see the pre-trip in the activities section for details. BBW walk leaders must be full members of the Club, but probationary members interested in becoming leaders are welcome to attend. Completion of a leader training day is not a pre-requisite to being included on the Club Register of Walk Leaders, but it is taken into account by the committee when endorsing leaders.

Nomination for the walk will be by the normal walk list or by phoning me.

A couple of experienced walk leaders have already offered to help out on the day by giving a short informal talk (normally about 10 to 15 minutes during the day), but I need several more. I will issue a programme and some training objectives with teaching points, so it is not an onerous requirement. Please phone or email me if you can help.

**Peter James** 3878 7083 0412886880  
psjames1@bigpond.net.au



**JEZ! I WON'T GET MY FEET WET WILL I?**

## Past Trips

### **NEW MEMBERS BASE CAMP - BUNYA MOUNTAINS**

*26<sup>TH</sup> TO 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER*

This was the first new members base camp I've been responsible for organising and this along with some changes that the Safety & Training Officer and I planned to incorporate threw me in at the deep end.

Some 29 members including 10 full members arrived at various times throughout Friday afternoon and evening including Russell Barker who, with Margaret and Rose, did a Cook's Tour of south-east Queensland and finally arrived at 11.45pm. and promptly woke up most of the camp. It's never dull when Russell's on a base camp.

Saturday morning after a discussion of club ethics, Peter Lock did his 'cold weather clothing' routine, quickly becoming a club icon (ask anyone who has seen it). You'll never look at a pair of thermal long johns the same way again. Paul Cech (Equipment) gave a detailed description of the latest bushwalking clothing, packs, tents and equipment.

Peter Lock (Safety and Training) and I changed the format of the weekend to put some emphasis on his areas including navigation, accurate map and terrain reading. To this end, we split the group into two walk groups, one of which Peter took on a navigation walk and the other group did the Barker Creek Circuit walk. We all joined up together for lunch and a chat (which I led). Back to camp for a shower and clean-up and then Saturday night, too many nibbles which meant that our evening meals stretched right through till about 9 o'clock. After which we all socialised, some (Ann Apolloni) and a couple of the others socialised very hard and long, which meant another late night.

Sunday's program which I intended to be short, was. One group did an escarpment walk from Cherry Plains to Paradise, which I led because I know the way to Paradise and Peter took his group on a totally off-track walk which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. We packed up and left the beautiful Bunya Mountains at approximately 2pm. and the diehards had to have coffee at Yarraman. (Julia, Glen, Adam, Kerry, Paul, Peter and Vanessa).

The object of a new members base camp is to allow probationary members to qualify for full membership but all the new members base camps I've been on are memorable more for the times after the walks and the discussions and this shows the strength of our club in that we welcome new faces.

I look forward to the full program for new members base camps throughout this year, and hope that more of our full members will come along and impart some of their experiences.

Ray

### **Boondall Wetlands Night Walk**

*27 November 2004*

I led my first night walk with BBW in November 2000. Night walks have now become a regular part of the club program. John Beer and Ray Glancy have joined in leading them, providing even more variety. On that night, we did the Mt Cordeaux & Bare Rock track. It is still a popular night walk, though I tend to avoid it because of the long drive back home. To mark the four years since I started leading these walks, I looked for something different we could do as a night walk. I settled on a walk through the Boondall Wetland and starting from Nudgee Beach.

This walk had a few interesting features. Firstly, there was a section along the beach. Secondly, we had to negotiate two creek crossings. These involved swim throughs and then, a much longer section along tracks through the Boondall Wetland. To make it easier for everyone, I had selected a time matching the low tide.

# Past Trips

When I reached the Nudgee Beach bird hide car park, Helen, Margaret and Lesley were already there, enjoying a cup of tea. I sort of got the impression I was late. By 4.30 pm, no one else had shown up. We checked the other two car parks, just in case the other walkers had misunderstood the instructions. There were no other walkers there. We had to face the fact, 50% of the walkers who had nominated had not turned up. The four of us went ahead with the walk.

A short walk along the track leading to the bird hide brought us to the banks of Nudgee Creek. We were walking in sandals to keep our boots dry. It was low tide and the water was shallow but there was quite a bit of sediment on the bottom. Lesley stepped on a soft spot and one foot sunk in. After a short struggle, the foot came back out but the sandal did not. Lesley was left with the upper strap around her ankle. She pressed on wearing only one sandal. The beach surface was mostly made up of blackish soil but was quite firm underfoot. The walking was easy. Within 20 minutes we were on the south bank of Nundah Creek close to Shorncliffe. Ahead was our first swim through.

As Margaret lacked confidence in her swimming skills, Helen had borrowed a life jacket for her. We checked that our packs were waterproof, Margaret got her life jacket on and we got into the water. Water temperature was very pleasant and the up coming tide was slowly sweeping us upstream. There was no risk of Margaret being swept out to sea. We soon landed on the Shorncliffe side of the creek without any problem. A short walk along the creek brought us to the area where the trawlers are berthed. The creek is much narrower there and it was our plan to swim across once again to get into the Boondall Wetlands.

By that stage Margaret had enough swimming for the day. So we had to split. She headed for the nearest phone booth to get a lift back to Nudgee Beach while the rest of us got into the water. There was a lot of silt in that area. Lesley once again found a soft spot and sank in. This time both feet went and when she tried to use her hands to ease her way out, the hands sank in as well. I swam across, dropped my pack on a dry spot and swam back in time to see Lesley step back on to the bank, her arms and legs covered with black slime. Her remaining sandal gave up the ghost at that point and she carried on bare feet. Her second try went better and swimming across the creek got rid of a great deal of the muck. Once on the south bank, we headed for the nearby bird hide.

There were several bird watchers in the hide at that time, taking advantage of the late afternoon light. When they saw our group of wet, muddy and noisy walkers invade their haven of peace, they departed quietly. We soon changed into dry walking gear, including dry boots and socks, and headed for the Boondall Wetlands information centre. It was closed, and we pressed on along the bike/walking track leading to Nudgee Road.

It was dusk by the time we reached Nudgee Road. As we headed north along the bike track, a huge orange disk came out of the sea and rose into the sky. This was a splendid moonrise, the best I've seen for quite a while. Twenty minutes later, after a wander through the mangroves at the mouth of Kedron Brook, we were back at the cars where Margaret was waiting for us.

Thanks to Helen, Margaret and Lesley for their company on this 4 year anniversary night walk. Many thanks also to Helen for coming along so many of my night walks during those 4 years.

John

## How to double up on New Years Resolutions!

*30 December—2nd January*

I first enjoyed a visit to Yuragir National Park, Northern NSW in my first summer with BBW and I've been trying to get back ever since. This year I headed out with 3 other members, who didn't have New Year Party invites either, for a bit of fun BBW style. After a minor detour looking for the turnoff we ventured into Byron Bay for lunch. Eventually wending our way to the Mara Creek car park, Angourrie, the start of the 3.5km. slog to our "remote" camp site.



## Past Trips

We were all a little overloaded and one member even attached an esky to the luggage cart and dragged that into camp, New Year resolution #1—DO NOT take the esky on a through walk. The track is graded and has duckboards? in parts. That didn't stop one member head butting the turf in a memorable demonstration of how much heavier a through pack is when the body is not in the vertical position. New Year resolution #2—DO take the walking pole on ALL walks. After setting up camp on the deserted grassy headland we explored the beach and available water sources. There was a very cold breeze blowing off the ocean. New Year resolution #3—DO take a thermal. (even to the beach on a hot summer walk)

Day 2 was new years eve, and after a lazy day on the beach we headed back to the car park and into the local resort to meet our 5th member for tea at the pub. We eventually walked back to camp after dark, and proceeded to enjoy our own celebrations on the beach, complete with a selection of inappropriate music (yes we took a CD player) sparklers (yes, fireworks too!), the amazing night sky, a surging sea, and an assortment of liquid refreshment. We toasted in the New Year in NSW and again 1 hour later for Qld. Some members even toasted the sunrise (at sunrise!!).

The next day, 4 of the 5 members put on a brave face and headed out for our scheduled walk, although its true we were 30mins later than planned. New Year resolution #4 —DO drink adequate water at all times. Apparently the track south to Red Bluff was once a fisherman's access road, but its blocked off now and makes a easy, if hot walking track. It joins up with the road access camp ground, about 6.5km south, A snooze under the pandanas at lunch before returning via the beach completed another "busy" day.

Day 4 was pancakes for breakfast. New Year resolution #5—If you do happen to take the esky on the through walk DO NOT use dry ice. (It tends to give everything a peculiar fisticz to the taste). But we survived and after packing up made our way lazily back to the car park. One member was suffering from bad blisters and had to walk in (her) sox. New Year resolution #6—DO use preventive first aid on every walk.

I would like to thank Frances, Renata, Kaye and Brian for helping me celebrate New Years in fine style. In all a successful adventure and surprisingly educational as well.....

Jenz

## Letters to the Editor

### How selfish can one be?

Do the walkers who put their name down for a walk and fail to turn up on the day realise that they are preventing someone else from doing that walk?

The club currently has not got enough leaders and there are not enough walks in the program. This makes it even more important that walkers do not nominate unless they actually plan to do a walk. If they want to pull out, they should advise the leader early enough so that someone else gets a chance to step into the vacant spot

### Bush Walking Tip #1

Bent Branches: If you walk too close to the person in front, then you might be flicked by branches and bushes that they bend as they walk. It is better to leave a few metres space so that the branch is still by the time you get to it. This can help you avoid scratches and perhaps serious eye injury.

If someone is walking very close behind, remember to hold down the branch till they have grasped it to also help avoid these injuries.

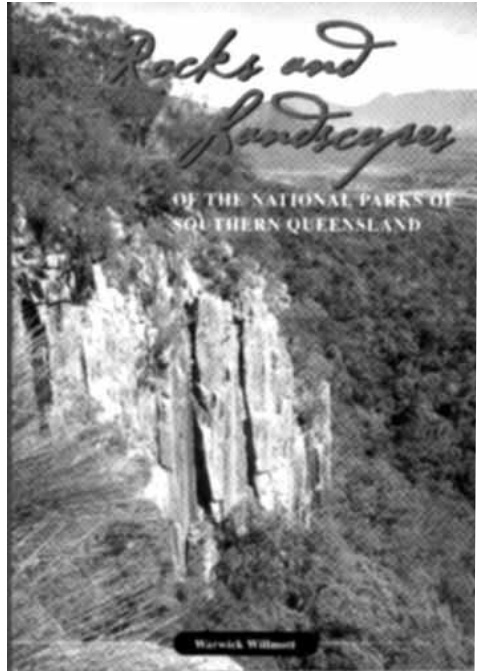
## Book Review

If you have ever wondered why the rocks at Girraween have formed the shapes they do or why the soils in Toowoomba are such a rich reddish brown colour— then this is the book for you. "Rocks and Landscapes of the National Parks of Southern Queensland" is the latest in a series of publications by Warwick Willmott who recently retired as a geologist from the Geological Survey of Queensland. Warwick has always been passionate about informing the public about why the landscape looks the way it does. This book is a delight to read with easy-to-understand figures and excellent photographs from national parks all over southern Qld.

The book is divided into 9 chapters, which group the various parks by themes according to their geological origin. The rocks of Girraween are described in Chapter 4: Great Molten Masses, whilst the red soils of Toowoomba and the Great Dividing Range are explained in Chapter 6: Ringed by Volcanoes. This chapter talks about the great volcanoes of the Tweed, Focal Peak and the Main Range that account for the vast thicknesses of basalt found in the Lamington, Springbrook, Mt. Tamborine and Mt. Barney areas.

The book is soft bound making it light and easy to carry in a backpack. It costs \$18 (+\$1.80 GST) from the Dept. of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy or the Dept. of the Environment bookshop at 160 Ann Street. The BBW library should also be getting at least one copy.

Dawn Hendrick



## Web Sites

### Camping in the Main Range

Please note that the Main Range remote bush campsites are now available for on-line booking via [www.qld.gov.au/camping](http://www.qld.gov.au/camping) The sites are listed under the park name of 'Main Range Remote Bushwalking'.

#### GET YOUR PICS IN PRINT!

**Here at the magazine we are always on the lookout for interesting photos for the front cover. If you have any prints featuring club members in a scenic setting that may be suitable for print bring them along to any meeting and I can assess their suitability. I would prefer to scan them myself. High resolution digital snaps should be ok if you want to burn them to CD**

**Jenz**

## Notices

### A Privacy Statement and Bushwalkers Code.

Like many organisations, the Club respects the privacy of its members when they provide personal information on joining. Club officers who maintain this information have been diligent in maintaining this privacy, but it has not previously been defined in our rules or bylaws.

This is about to change as the committee has agreed to document a Club 'Privacy Statement' and a new bylaw has been added that states:

(a) PRIVACY. A Privacy Statement shall be available which will inform members and membership applicants

- (i) that they are committed to protecting the privacy of all members' personal information.
- (ii) why and how their personal information is used
- (iii) who will have access to their personal information

that they have the right to request access to and correct their personal information

Other bylaws have been changed or added so that members agree to comply with the statement when joining or renewing. The web site copy of the bylaws will be upgraded as soon as web admin (Alan Pryor) gets back from holidays. The Privacy Statement itself and its implementation will be discussed and agreed on by committee at the March committee meeting. If you would like to make your opinion known, please email or contact the Outings Officer (Tom Hulse) at [outings@bbw.org.au](mailto:outings@bbw.org.au), or other committee member.

The objects of the Club as set out in the rules includes the phrase 'generally acceptable behaviour for members and associates of members' but does not define what that behaviour might be. To clarify this point, a Bushwalkers Code is being written and, for example, will include such items as always taking your rubbish with you and protecting plant and animals. Once again if you would like to make your opinion known, please email or contact a committee member. Committee is aware of other codes on the same subject, such as the one published by the Confederation of Bushwalkers NSW.

## Magazine Collating

Collating for the March magazine is at **Lou & Marion Darvenija's** at **Kenmore** on **Thursday 17 February at 7pm**. There is only about 1½-2 hours work required – If you would like to come along for an easy social night and supper please phone **3378 4031** to book.

## ...from the Editors Desk

As I work on this issue I can't help but compare the luxurious trappings we enjoy on our camping trips with the situations so many millions are facing in refugee camps around the world. That the natural environment that so refreshes our spirits can also be the cause of such physical and emotional devastation is one of those inexplicable dichotomies that life throws at us from time to time.

I know you all join me in sending positive energy, as well as physical aid to those in need at the start of this brand new year.

Cheers, Jenz

## Committee News

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to another BBW year. The Club has been operating for more than 56 years since being formed in 1948 and continues to prosper while similar organisations struggle. This is largely a reflection of the on-going commitment of a core of dedicated members, including those who serve as club officials each year. On behalf of all members, I thank the outgoing executive for their stewardship throughout 2004 and acknowledge the essential role of the 2004 activity leaders. I also acknowledge the on-going support of Ken Shea who maintains the register of members, Jenny Zohn, Elaine Beller and Dawn Hendrik who edit our magazine, Shirley Peardon, Ian Marlow and Andrew Hunt who organize collating and distribution of the magazine and Karen McLachlan, Burnie Starkey and others who regularly welcome visitors at the door before our meetings. Notwithstanding the work done by these few, all members have played a role in ensuring the Club continues to fulfil its key objective of encouraging, fostering and maintaining bushwalking and associated pastimes as recreational activities.

The Committee has appointed Mary Comer to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the Club's Vice-president. Thanks for making this commitment Mary.

Our greatest need at present is for more active leaders for both easier walks and those off-track. We will increase opportunities to lead walks by offering plenty of training activities, such as the walk leader training day on 19 February and the leader survey walks already on the calendar in February, April and May. During the winter months there will be leader surveys of most of the routes up Mt Barney. Anyone can nominate for these surveys, but a section at the bottom of the walk list will be designated "for leader training" to identify those on the list who are interested in developing these skills.

As a troubled world rushes into 2005, it's refreshing that our club makes few demands but offers much, not least being the opportunity to take time out to reinvigorate and sustain our spirits through bushwalking. Peter

### OUTINGS SECRETARY REPORT

A big Welcome to the Leader ranks for Janine Hope and Bernice Starkey, who will be starting off with a walk and swim through Northbrook Gorge on 19<sup>th</sup> March. The Club always needs new leaders so if you are interested there are plenty of experienced members willing to help you learn to lead Club walks or other activities. Please speak to me at meetings or email [outings@bbw.org.au](mailto:outings@bbw.org.au). In addition, a Leader Training day has been organised by Peter James for 19<sup>th</sup> February.

If you have put your name down for a walk, but then find you are unable to go, please let the leader know as soon as possible, or strike through your name on the meeting clipboard. This will allow someone on a waiting list to take your place. It is also a common courtesy to let the (volunteer) leader know—even after the event if you got the time wrong, or similar.

Walks and other activities are being organised all the time and they often do not get into the monthly magazine due to deadlines and other factors. If you have Internet however, all is not lost, as there is an activity calendar on the club web page which is frequently updated. Click on to [www.bbw.org.au](http://www.bbw.org.au), then 'members only'. If you have not already registered as a member, follow the instructions now. Once you are registered and able to get to the 'members only' page, click on 'activities' and download the 'Planning Calendar' which is a .pdf document listing the latest activities.

Tom

### NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY

A big welcome from the Library for 2005. This year I plan to highlight several categories of books we currently have in the Library for loan. At 20c per fortnight, where else could you have the opportunity to read about up to date hiking gear, walking information, places to go, autobiographies of famous walkers and much more. I know a lot of new members peruse the books and magazines, but this is a way of reminding the older, no wait - longer standing members of BBW an opportunity to

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see what's available. This month I have listed all the books we have regarding Flora and Fauna. Being so hot throughout summer, it's a good time to lie back and read up about the wonders that surround us.

Australia's Dangerous Creatures  
Australian Birds in Colour  
Australian Bird Spotter's Book  
Birds of Brisbane & Environs  
Caring for Australian Wildlife  
Common City Birds  
Complete Book of Australian Mammals  
Flowers and Plants of NSW & Southern Qld  
Gardening with Australian Native Plants  
Green Living  
Introduction to Mushrooms,  
Toadstools and Larger Fungi of Qld  
Noosa Nature Parts 1, 2, 3  
Orchids in Colour  
Real Paradise,  
(Flora & Fauna of Gold Coast Hinterlands)  
Scenic Wonders of Australia  
Things that Sting  
Trees for Australian Gardens  
Venomous Creatures of Australia  
Wild Flowers of the Western State  
Wild Food in Australia  
Wildlife of Greater Brisbane

Happy reading - Kaye

## GUEST SPEAKERS

*23rd February*

Paul Cech — Light Weight Gear

*9th March*

Peter Lock and Jason Watson present photos from their separate walks on the Larapinta Trail in 2004.

## MEMBERSHIP OFFICER REPORT

A socially successful new members base camp was held in late November at the Bunya Mountains and this saw a significant change in emphasis (incorporating Safety and Training) in new members base camps. Feedback was positive and it is intended to continue with this format.

The Club's website continues to attract interest from prospective new members and this may place some pressure on 3/3 grade leaders to increase the number of walks offered. I hope experienced club members might consider leading entry level walks to take the pressure off the existing leaders.

Ray

## New Members

*During November and December we welcomed the following as new members:*

Robelinda Bajar	Lin Bates	Jenny Campbell	Anthony Charman
Andrew Clelland	Anne Copeland	Maria Hernandez	Annette McGrath
Paul Nielsen	Tracey Powell	Steff Schenk	Ute Schenk
Marie Tarrant	Simon van der Craats	Glen Warner	Tansh Warner

## Full Members

*Congratulations to the following people who have been granted full membership in November and December:*

Genesio Falcomer	Peter Williams	Kerry Lawrence	Joe Kiely
Nola Kinsella	Pat Solari	Mary Lydon	Marg Cunningham

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## INFORMATION FOR LEADERS

### **Planning an Activity**

- Read “*Guide for Leaders*” available from Librarian.
- Discuss activity with Outings Officer or email to [outings@bbw.org.au](mailto:outings@bbw.org.au).
- Activity will be placed on the club web site “*Advance Planning Calendar*”, and an “*Activity Nomination*” sheet prepared.
- Leaders to obtain permission from private property owners or other statutory authorities.
- Upload detailed pre-trip description to the club web site or email to [editor@bbw.org.au](mailto:editor@bbw.org.au)

### **Accepting Nominations**

- Accept phone nominations between meetings.
- Take nomination list to meetings before activity.
- Attend two meetings before activity – present activity verbally.
- At last meeting before activity take nomination list – leave copy and folder for Outings Officer.

### **Contact Officer**

- Before starting activity, advise Contact Officer of destination/party members: fax 3856 4008 – e-mail [contactofficer@bbw.org.au](mailto:contactofficer@bbw.org.au) – phone 3856 4050.
- Ring Contact Officer in case of emergency or delay.

### **Conditions Common to All Activities**

- Walks and surveys should have a minimum of four people.
- Leaders can refuse nominations for activities if uncertain nominees have the necessary ability.

### **Survey Trips – Additional Points**

- If survey to be registered as Club activity, inform Outings Officer and advise Contact Officer of venue/party members before start.

### **Abseiling Activities**

- From 30 June 2002, abseil activities are suspended until further notice. The Club is investigating alternate insurance cover for abseiling.

### **Leader Register**

- Outings Officer maintains a register of walk leaders approved by the Committee.

# Out & About

## DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT

WHEN: 6.30pm Tuesday 1 Feb.

WHERE: Chez Laila, The Boardwalk,  
S/bank Parklands (Goodwill Bridge end)

CONTACT: Peter Hunt 3351 3642

Ideally situated for this time of the year as it overlooks the Brisbane River. There is a good range of Lebanese meals and desserts available to suit all tastes. There are also the more traditional desserts and the coffee is very good as well.

Movies screening at the time will be discussed over dinner.

Peter



## BAREFOOT BOWLS

When: Sunday 20th February  
11.00am to 1.00pm followed by lunch.

Where: Bowling at New Farm Bowls club  
969 Brunswick St New Farm.

Cost: \$20 for bowls and lunch.

Contact: Janine Hope 33977706 or 0417707663

We will start bowling at New Farm Bowls Club. There will be some instruction available. After bowling we will adjourn to the Merthyr Bowls Club just around the corner where a BBQ lunch will be served and we can purchase drinks at club prices while sitting under the trees overlooking the river. Bookings essential.

Janine

### *A Walk in the Woods*

*It was December the 27th  
And Christmas was safely o'er,  
When nine brave souls set gaily forth,  
Rather like the Magi of yore.*

*The leader had promised a barbecue  
And a stroll on the Somerset Trail,  
But Nature decided to intervene  
And human plans to derail.*

*At first the going was easy  
And chatting was all the rage,  
But mayhem was about to happen,  
And Mount Mee was the stage.*

*Then the lookout point was before us,  
For respite, drinks and food  
And, supposedly, sunset splendours  
And the Dam in crepuscular mood.*

*But purple clouds swirled towards us,  
The sky wore a serious frown,  
Lightning flashed and thunder crashed  
And rain and hail poured down.*

*Saint Helen B. vowed to protect us  
As we crouched right down in fear,  
The leader stressed the bloody obvious,  
That raincoats should appear.*

*The cheese and fudge and lollies  
Vanished, all were bagged,  
And everyone scuttled for shelter,  
Only the leader lagged.*

*In Indian file and in silence  
We splashed and slithered fast  
Through mud and pools and dimness,  
Till finally the fury passed.*

*Back at the Gantry shelter  
We thought we were home and hosed,  
The fire was made, the goodies laid,  
And nary a problem was posed.*

*But the leader's strategy proved useless;  
The tempest struck again,  
Our space became a refuge  
As blew wind and lashed the rain.*

*We huddled round a makeshift table,  
And scooped our tea and wine  
And cheese and nuts and mushrooms  
And grapes and chocolates fine,*

*Fruit cake and seaweed crackers,  
Avocadoes and apricots too  
And orange chocolate cookies,  
Corn chips and salsa goo.*

*At last, replete but chilly,  
We headed home again,  
The barbecue scheme abandoned,  
The full moon views- in vain.*

*The moral of this story,  
That surely you can guess,  
Is NEVER trust a leader  
With the initials of J.S.*

*From Lesley for John Stevens, Helen,  
Margaret, Tom, Fred and Mona, Nick and Paul*

***For your Bushwalking Safety***  
***NEVER WALK ALONE...***  
***ALWAYS TELL SOMEONE...***  
***WALK WITH A CLUB.***

If you have recently changed your address or phone number (home or work)  
please advise one of the following so that the club records can be kept up to date:  
Ken Shea (3371 3623) or Tom Cowlshaw (3856 54050)

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