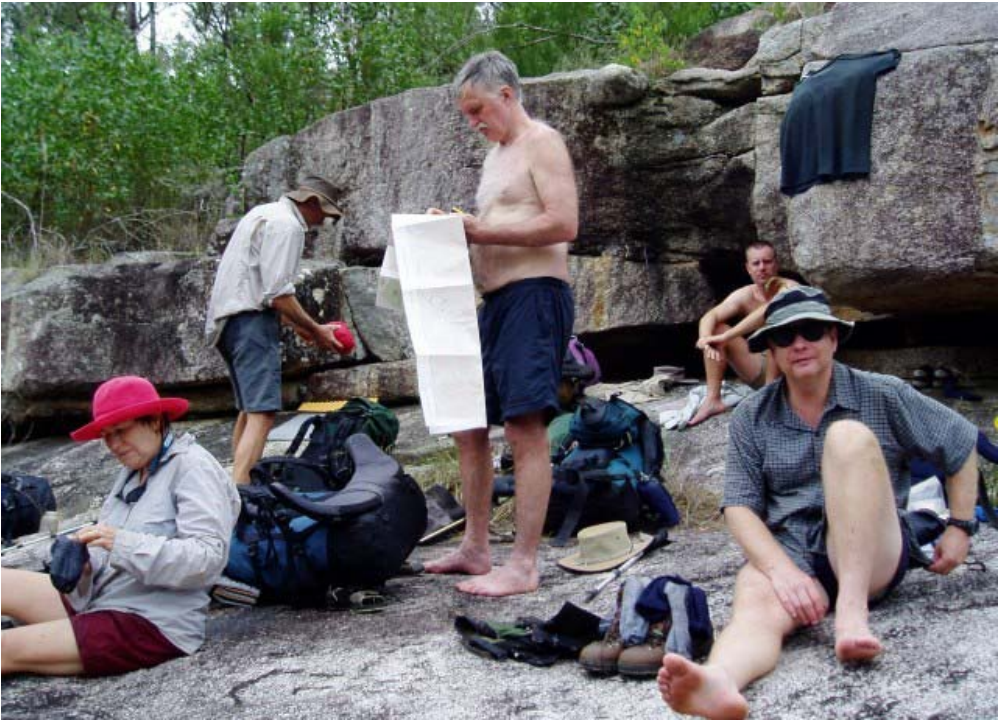


# *The* **BRISBANE BUSHWALKER**

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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 **2nd March** 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 **April** magazine is  
**Friday 4th March**  
*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 klm per day   |
|             | <b>Medium</b>   | 10 - 15 klm per day  |
|             | <b>Long</b>   | 15 - 20 klm per day  |
|             | <b>EXtra Long</b>   | Over 20 klm 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.

### **February**

26	XL33DW	Ship's Stern/Daves Creek Circuit	Kev Pinter	3273 3517
	S22NW	Nudgee Beach	Jon Beer	3865 1808
	L33DW	Coomera Circuit, Binna Burra	Ray Glancy	3343 8854
27	M44DW	Nixon Creek	Tom Hulse	3351 2190
	M55DW	Muscat & Bailey via Knoll 560	Drew OBrien	3856 3336

### **March**

#### **2 Committee Meeting**

5	L33DW	Araucaria Lookout	Ray Glancy	3343 8854
	S22DW	Morella and Maiala Track Walks	Dawn Hendrick	3818 3687
6	M55DW	Love and Cedar Circuit	Frank Finch	32891863
	L33DW	Tooloona Circuit	Ian Marlow	3207 1750

#### **9 Open Meeting**

11-13	L33BC	Green Mountains	Ray Glancy	3343 8854
12	L34DW	Warrie Circuit	Kay Byrne	3397 1021
12-13	M44TW	Granny Through Walk - Upper Portals	Jenie Maloney	3209 7703
	M55BC	Girraween National Park	Dave McAully	5559 1152
16	CYC	Wynnum and Manly	Peter Lock	3351 1184
19	M45DW	Northbrook Gorge	Janine Hope,	3397 7706
	L33DW	Wagawn Lookout	Julia Wain	3201 2013
	L33DW	Illinbah Circuit	Margaret Moran	3398 2404
19-20	L35ETW	Shipstern/Daves Creek	Paul Cech	0403 290770
20	XL34DW	Mt Mitchell / Mt Cordeaux & Bare Rock	Julia Wain	3201 2013
	M34DW	West Canungra Creek	Terry Maloney	3209 7703
		Mooloolaba Practice Day / Kayak Day	Steve Lambert	

#### **23 General General Meeting**

### **April**

2	S22DW	Twin Falls Springbrook (Photographic)	Alan Pryor	3264 3960
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## PROGRAM

ALWAYS TAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU

### **April (continued)**

3 M55DW England Creek Circuit via Northbrook Peter James 3878 7083

### **6 Committee Meeting**

9 L33DW Caves, Lower Bellbird Circuit Julia Wain 3201 2013

9-10 L34ETW Binna Burra to O'Reilly's Paul Cech 0403 290770

10 S44DW Piper Comanche and Phantom Creek - Peter James 3878 7083

### **13 Open Meeting**

15-17 L55TW Stinson Wreck Stretcher Track Ray Glancy 3343 8854

16 M44S&T Daisy Hill Navigation Practice Peter Lock 3351 1184

17 M55DW Noowongbil Lookout Ian Marlow 3207 1750

20 CYC Mitchelton to Toombul Peter Lock 3351 1184

### **27 General Meeting**

30 - 2 L35TW Fraser Island Forest Lakes Trail Paul Cech 0403 290770

### **May**

1 M55DW Lizard Point - Leader Survey Peter James 3878 7083

### **4 Committee Meeting**

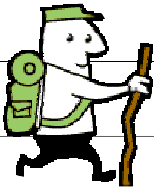
### **11 Open Meeting**

13-15 M44BC New Members Base Camp - Goomburra Ray Glancy 3343 8854

15 M55DW Wilson's Peak via Kinnanes Falls - Leader Peter James 3878 7083

21-22 M55BC Goomburra Dave McAully 5559 1152





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# Coming Trips

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

Day Walk

Sat 26 Feb

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

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.

Key

### **NUDGE BEACH**

Night walk / social

Sat 26 Feb

**LEADER:** Jon Beer 3865 1808  
**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

### **COOMERA CIRCUIT, BINNA BURRA**

Day Walk

Sat 26 Feb

**LEADER:** Ray Glancy 3343 8854  
**MOBILE:** 0419 719 480  
**EMAIL:** rayanddawnlancy@yahoo.com.au  
**GRADE:** L33DW  
**LIMIT:** 16  
**BRING:** Usual day walk gear + change of sox

**DEPART:** 7.00 am. Fairfield Gardens Car Park  
**CAR KMS:** 220 kms  
**MAP:** Beechmont Map

**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

### **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!' + 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 Piccabeen 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 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

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## **MUSCAT & BAILEY VIA KNOLL.560**

Day Walk Sun 27 Feb

LEADER: Drew O'Brien 3856 3336  
GRADE: M55DW  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: Usual day walk gear; swimmers  
DEPART: 7am Alderley Car Park

This walk is located in Brisbane Forest Park approximately 45 minutes drive from Alderley. From the cars we follow a forest road north before heading along a logging track to the knoll at spot height .560. We then start a descent down a steep spur to South Kobbie Creek. The rest of the day is a rock hop down South Kobbie Creek and up Muscat then Bailey creeks back to a logging track and then the cars. There are no compulsory swim throughs, however we pass lots of great swimming spots. This walk involves plenty of rock hopping and some scrambling up a few slightly tricky waterfalls so you should be confident rock scrambling. Please ring me to discuss if in doubt. This is a very pretty walk in an area quite close to Brisbane. We will stop for afternoon tea somewhere on the way home.

Drew

## **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: 7.00am 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 litres water, the usual magazine page 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

## **LOVE AND CEDAR CIRCUIT**

Day Walk Sun 6 Mar

LEADER: Frank Finch 3289 1863  
GRADE: M55DW  
LIMIT: 10

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BRING: usual day walk gear, swimming togs  
DEPART: 7 am Alderley Car Park

TUESDAY NIGHTS PRIOR TO THE  
WEEKEND TO CONFIRM ATTEN-  
DANCE AND ORGANISE TRANS-  
PORT

CAR KMS: 220 kms  
MAP: Beechmont Map

This day walk in the Mt Glorious area of Brisbane Forest Park starts at Alex Road and follows a track to a small creek which flows into Love Creek. Morning tea is at Love Creek falls; those who want to can swim in the water in the pool at the bottom of the falls. The circuit is completed by heading west up a steep spur and then north along a ridge to link up with the track back to the Alex Road car park. Your will need reasonable scrambling and rock hopping skills, as there are numerous waterfalls and cascades to negotiate. The effort is well rewarded; this is a rugged and beautiful section of Brisbane Forest Park.

Frank

## **TOOLOONA CIRCUIT**

Day Walk Sun 6 Mar

LEADER: Ian Marlow 3207 1750  
GRADE: L33DW  
LIMIT: 15  
BRING: usual day walk gear  
DEPART: 7:00 AM Fairfield Gardens car park  
CAR KMS: approx 220 km

This is a 17.4km circuit starting from Green Mountains (O'Reilly's) in Lamington National Park. We head off along the Border Track and Box Forest circuit before branching off to follow Tooloona Creek, with numerous waterfalls and cascades, past it's headwaters and on to Wangunara Lookout. The return is along the border track past Tooloona and Bithongabel Lookouts.

Ian

## **GREEN MOUNTAINS**

New Members Base Camp Fri 11 - Sun 13 Mar

LEADER: Ray Glancy 3343 8854  
MOBILE: 0419 719 480  
EMAIL: rayanddawnglancy@yahoo.com.au  
GRADE: L33BC  
LIMIT: NO LIMIT  
BRING: Base camp gear, Thermals, Rain-gear, LONG GAITERS (or trousers), plenty of warm clothes (this area is noted for cold nights even in summer.)

COST: \$8 per person  
MEET: Green Mountains Camp Ground Fri-  
day night .  
TRANSPORT PRE-ARRANGED  
PLEASE PHONE MONDAY OR

Green Mountains National Park is 110 kms 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 to 22 kms). 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 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 kms). 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.

Ray

## **WARRIE CIRCUIT**

Day Walk Sat 12 Mar

LEADER: Kay Byrne 3397 1021  
EMAIL: byrne@cytech.com.au  
GRADE: L34DW  
LIMIT: 12



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**BRING:** Usual Day Walk gear +2lts Water  
**DEPART:** 7am Fairfield Gardens car park

The Warrie Circuit is a long (20kms) track walk at Springbrook. It provides a variety of terrain and vegetation. The track descends into a valley with many beautiful waterfalls and continues to the junction of Boy-ull and Mundora Creeks. Our return will be a steady climb with superb views of the cliffs and valley ending where we began at the canyon lookout. This walk requires some endurance because of its length and gradient on the return journey, but well worth the effort.

Kay

## **GRANNY THROUGH WALK UPPER PORTALS**

Throughwalk Sat 12 - Sun 13 Mar

**LEADER:** Jenie Maloney 3209 7703  
**GRADE:** M44TW  
**LIMIT:** 8  
**BRING:** Brag 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

## **GIRRAWEE NATIONAL PARK**

Base Camp Sat 12 - Sun 13 Mar

**LEADER:** Dave McAully 5591 1152  
**MOBILE:** 0418 794 421  
**EMAIL:** dmcaully@bigpond.net.au  
**GRADE:** M55BC  
**LIMIT:** 14  
**BRING:** Usual base camp gear (inc. warm clothes as it can be cold), meat for BBQ, party food for Sat. evening  
**COST:** \$8 camp fees + \$2 for salad etc.  
**DEPART:** Pre-arranged

Girraween National Park is classic granite country with some spectacular features. It is south of Stanthorpe near the Qld-NSW border. We travel down on Friday night and set up camp at Castle Rock campground. Saturday we will be doing a circuit walk and visiting Underground River and the Aztec Temples before climbing Mt Norman, the highest peak in the park. Great views of the park are to be seen from the top. The optional climb to the summit is a chimney. This increases the grading to 55, but the rest of the walk is only a 44. We will then descend and return to camp by the track that passes Turtle Rock and Castle Rock. The amenities at the campground include hot showers which are welcome after a day's walk. Saturday dinner is a BBQ. Bring your own meat and I will arrange the salads etc. The theme for the evening is green since St Patrick's Day is just a couple of days later. Wear something appropriate. Sunday we start the day with a quick climb to the top of the 1st Pyramid which again has great views of the park including Mt Norman. Then it is back to camp and pack up before heading off to visit a couple of Stanthorpe's wineries. Lunch will be at the restaurant at Hidden Creek Winery, followed by dessert at the Bramble Patch which offers a selection of waffles, ice-cream and an assortment of berries. Then it is off to the Heritage Winery for coffee. As you can see, Sunday is quite exhausting so make sure you have the stamina to endure it.

Dave

## **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

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## **NORTHBROOK GORGE**

Day Walk Sat 19 Mar

LEADER: Janine Hope,  
Burnie 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 & Burnie

## **WAGAWN LOOKOUT**

Day Walk Sat 19 Mar

LEADER: Julia Wain 3201 2013  
EMAIL: julia.wain@ausco.com.au  
GRADE: L33DW  
LIMIT: 15  
BRING: usual day walk gear, 2-3 ltrs water  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens car park  
CAR KMS: 220kms @ .8c

This is a beautiful walk from Binna Burra through some lovely rainforest. We will stop at a few lookouts along the way to admire the views. From Wagawn there is a great view of the Springbrook and the Tweed Valley. It is 18kms return however, it is suitable for beginners.

Julia

## **ILLINBAH CIRCUIT**

Day Walk Sat 19 Mar

LEADER: Margaret Moran 3398 2404  
GRADE: L33DW  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: Usual day gear, inc. lunch + 2lt water  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens

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.

Margaret

## **SHIPSTERN/DAVES CREEK**

Easy Through Walk Sat 19 - Sun 20 Mar

LEADER: Paul Cech  
MOBILE: 0403 290 770  
GRADE: L35ETW  
LIMIT: 6  
BRING: Usual throughwalk gear.  
DEPART: Contact Leader.

This throughwalk combines two beautiful Lamington National Park graded track walks by making an overnight camp at Nagaragoon 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 Nagaragoon 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

## **MT MITCHELL / MT CORDEAUX & BARE ROCK**

Day Walk Sun 20 Mar

LEADER: Julia Wain 3201 2013  
EMAIL: julia.wain@ausco.com.au  
GRADE: XL34DW  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: See "always take" + 2-3 ltrs water  
DEPART: 6.30am Redbank Railway Station  
carpark (Ipswich line)  
CAR KMS: 170kms @ 8c

Please note the different meeting place and early start time. Mt Mitchell and Mt Cordeaux/Bare Rock are about 1 1/4 hours west of Ipswich in the Main Range National Park. We will make the

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ascent up Mt Mitchell (10.2 klms return) first and have morning tea there whilst admiring the spectacular views. We will make our way back to the carpark, have a breather, then tackle Mt Cordeaux/Bare Rock (12.4klms return). We will have lunch at Bare Rock whilst enjoying the views and a well earned rest. As I am being a sadist and covering all 3 locations in one day, a good level of fitness and stamina is required and perhaps a few extra munchies! We should be back at the cars around 4.00pm and looking forward to a well earned cuppa. Please ring me if you have any concerns about the meeting location.

Julia

## **WEST CANUNGRA CREEK**

Day Walk/barbecue/social Sun 20 Mar

LEADER: Terry Maloney 3209 7703  
GRADE: M34DW  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: Day Walk Gear/swim togs  
DEPART: 7:00am Shailer Park

We track down from O'Reilly's to the Home of The Killer Eel at the Blue Pool where will have a swim and morning tea. From there we follow/cross the West Canungra Creek until we reach a lovely rock pool where we will have lunch and a swim stop. Then we commence the climb back up, via Elabana Falls (another swim?) and after about an hour we will be back at the cars. Then it's back to the Maloneys for the COMPULSORY bbq when you will be able to socialise with the people you have spent the day with. You don't need to bring anything for the bbq except whatever you wish to drink, you don't need to cook, there are no scullery duties and you are on your way home at 8pm. A 14km walk only suitable for reasonably fit 18 to 85 year old beginners and a great way to spend a Sunday. Another bonus - THIS leader has never exceeded the 10% loss attrition rate allowed by the Committee.

Terry

## **MOOLOOLABA PRACTICE DAY KAYAK DAY PADDLE**

Kayak - Open Water Sun 20 Mar

LEADER: Steve Lambert  
MOBILE: 0408 021 409  
EMAIL: S.Lambert@patrick.com.au  
LIMIT: 20  
BRING: Usual kayaking gear, inc. PFD spare paddle and paddle float if you have

them, sufficient food & water. Sea kayak preferred but TK1 or estuary should handle the trip if not too choppy. Dry bags are recommended for carrying valuables and should be stowed so

DEPART: Parkyn Pde Mooloolaba UBD S/C  
Map 80 I3 - 9am

DS45 grade kayak. 9am launch from Parkyn Pde boat ramp and paddle out river through to open water and land on the beach at southern end of Mooloolaba. The idea of the day will be to practice wet-exits, surf landings, rolls and paddle strokes in general. Self rescue and assisted rescue skills can be practiced either in the river or at the beach. There is not usually a big surf here with only a small break to contend with, so beginners should not be deterred.

Steve

## **TWIN FALLS SPRINGBROOK**

Photographic Day Walk Sat 2 Apr

LEADER: Alan Pryor 3264 3960  
GRADE: S22DW  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: Camera, photographic eye, togs, +2 lt water  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens car park.

This will be a leisurely walk along a section of the Warrie Circuit at Springbrook. It has great waterfalls & all types of flora/fauna. The emphasis will be on photography and not distance so come along for an interesting & relaxing day.

Alan

## **ENGLAND CREEK CIRCUIT VIA NORTHBROOK MOUNTAIN - LEADER SURVEY**

Day Walk Sun 3 Apr

LEADER: Peter James 3878 7083  
MOBILE: 0412 886 880  
EMAIL: psjames1@bigpond.net.au  
GRADE: M55DW  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: Swimmers; map and compass  
DEPART: 7am Alderley Car Park  
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30,000

This walk is a survey for leaders wanting to learn new off-track walks, but other members are welcome to nominate. We start and finish this walk

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at the entry to the Northbrook Mountain forestry track at GR752778. After heading west along a forest track, we follow a spur south east down to England Creek Falls. England Creek has a number of waterfalls to negotiate as we head upstream to its headwaters and back to our start point. You will need reasonable rock scrambling ability. Expect some scrub bashing but it won't be too horrible.

Peter

## **CAVES, LOWER BELLBIRD CIRCUIT**

Day Walk Sat 9 Apr

LEADER: Julia Wain 3201 2013  
EMAIL: julia.wain@ausco.com.au  
GRADE: L33DW  
LIMIT: 15  
BRING: Usual day walk gear + 2-3 lt water  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Car Park  
CAR KMS: 220kms @ .8c

Both of these tracks are from Binna Burra. The combination of the 2 circuits makes the walk approx 18 kms. We will first take the Caves Circuit from the top end of Binna Burra. There are caves along the way, as the name suggests, and also great views. We exit at the information centre, then walk a little further down the road to the start of Lower Bellbird circuit. This is a lovely rainforest walk. We will take the side track to Balanji Falls where we will have lunch. There are some lovely views from the lookouts during the walk so we will take a few minutes to stop at these. This walk would suit those who have done longer track walks as there are a few ups along the way.

Julia

## **PIPER COMANCHE AND PHANTOM CREEK - LEADER SURVEY**

Day Walk Sun 10 Apr

LEADER: Peter James 3878 7083  
MOBILE: 0412 886 880  
EMAIL: psjames1@bigpond.net.au  
GRADE: S44DW  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: Map and compass; swimmers  
DEPART: 7am Alderley Car Park  
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30,000

This walk is a survey for leaders wanting to learn new off-track walks, but other members are welcome to nominate. The walk to the Piper Coman-

che wreck is normally a half-day walk in Brisbane Forest Park, but we will be extending the distance by returning via Phantom Creek, a pretty little headwater near Mt D'Aguilar. The off-track route I have selected needs minimum navigation skills - ability to read a compass is desirable - that will be covered during the walk if necessary. We start the walk at the Y Junction (Tenison Woods car park) and follow the normal route out to the Piper Comanche wreck before travelling south to Phantom Creek and then north-west up a gully to one of the higher features in the area before retracing our tracks to Tenison Woods. The walk includes four or five kilometers off track, none of which will be too difficult or technically demanding, but we will be passing through some sections of prickly vines and rough creek beds. It will not be a long day; there will be plenty of time for coffee on the way home

Peter

## **STINSON WRECK STRETCHER TRACK**

Through Walk Fri 15 - Sun 17 Apr

LEADER: Ray Glancy 3343 8854  
MOBILE: 0419 719 480  
EMAIL: rayanddawnglancy@yahoo.com.au  
GRADE: L55TW  
LIMIT: 8 including leader  
BRING: through walk gear, party food for Friday? & Saturday nights  
COST: \$8 per person (2 nights) camping  
DEPART: 6 pm. 24 Morialta St, Mansfield  
CAR KMS: 220 kms  
MAP: Lamington

This is a historic walk retracing Bernard O'Reilly's steps bringing the injured down from the Stinson Wreck. We will drive down to Stinson Memorial Park Campground Friday night and set up camp, have nibbles and a chat and then off to bed. Saturday morning we will depart approx 8 a.m. and have smoko at Westray's Grave. We will camp at Point Lookout on Saturday night. This will be a long day with some steep climbs. Hopefully I will find the easy cliff break Peter James showed me when we surveyed this walk and that I failed to find last September. Sunday morning we will get up before sunrise to enjoy the spectacle of dawn over Mt Warning. We will head off about 8 a.m. The Stretcher Track will be a gentle walk though the track may be difficult to locate around tree falls. Also there will be significant amounts of lawyer vine and other rainforest thorns to contend with. There is a steep descent

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back to the Christmas Creek camp site. Coffee at Beaudesert RSL and then home for a well-earned shower.

Ray

## **DAISY HILL NAVIGATION PRACTICE**

Day Walk Sat 16 Apr

LEADER: Peter Lock 3351 1184  
EMAIL: peter@lock.id.au  
GRADE: M44S&T  
LIMIT: 24  
DEPART: 8am Daisy Hill State Forest  
MAP: supplied

This is an opportunity to practise and improve your navigation skills with a fun day close to home. I am looking for navigators of any skill level, from beginner to advanced, to join in the fun. Your first challenge is to find the BBW team in the Daisy Hill State Forest picnic area at 8am. Start at UBD page 223 B20, drive around the loop clockwise and look for my car, a red Pajero 4WD with the sign "TooMuchFun" on the back. We will split into small teams, each with a mixture of expert and beginner navigators. Each team will take some flags and set them at marked points in the bush, then go on to visit flags that have been set by other teams. We return to base for a 90min lunch (Daisy Hill has some BBQ facilities). After lunch we venture out once more to collect the flags. The focus for each team will be to learn and improve upon navigation skills, rather than competing and getting the most flags. I will have club compasses for loan on the day, or bring your own.

Picnic Pete

## **NOOWONGBIL LOOKOUT**

Day Walk Sun 17 Apr

LEADER: Ian Marlow 3207 1750  
GRADE: M55DW  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: usual day walk gear  
DEPART: 7:00AM Fairfield Gardens car park  
CAR KMS: Approx 210km

This walk starts from the Binna Burra Information Centre in Lamington National Park. The first part is easy. We follow the graded track to Gwongoorool Pool then (this is where it gets a bit harder) we cross the creek and follow a steepish ridge up to the base of a cliff line, contour along to a cliff break, scramble up to the top of the Dar-

lington Range and the lookout for lunch. We will then retrace our route back to the cars. Not really suitable for first time walkers, but if you're fit, have done some long track walks, and would like to try something off-track, you should be OK.

Ian

## **MITCHELTON TO TOOMBUL**

Night Ride Wed 20 Apr

LEADER: Peter Lock 3351 1184  
EMAIL: peter@lock.id.au  
GRADE: CYC  
LIMIT: 14  
BRING: Bike with lights and helmet.  
DEPART: 6:30pm Mitchelton Station

Meet at the Blackwood St entrance to Mitchelton Station car park. We will take a few back streets to Kedron Brook, and then follow the bike path to Toombul shopping centre. This is almost entirely flat, so it will be fairly easy going. Expect a leisurely pace. We'll return the same way, making a total distance of about 27km.

Picnic Pete

## **LIZARD POINT - LEADER SURVEY**

Day Walk Sun 1 May

LEADER: Peter James 3878 7083  
MOBILE: 0412 886 880  
EMAIL: psjames1@bigpond.net.au  
GRADE: M55DW  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: Map and compass  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Car Park  
MAP: Mount Superbus 1:25,000

This walk is a survey for leaders wanting to learn new off-track walks, but other members are welcome to nominate. Lizard Point is a scenic spot offering panoramic views of the peaks of the Main Range and Mt Barney. Most of the walk is in rainforest. After leaving the cars at Teviot Gap we ascend one of the spurs of Mt Superbus along the site of the old rabbit fence. The track is steep and slippery and involves some scrambling. Once on top, we follow the escarpment north to the summit of Mt Roberts, then onto Lizard Point where we will have lunch. We return via the same route. The walk is suitable for fit and experienced walkers. We probably won't be back at the cars before 4.30 pm - still enough time to have afternoon tea at Flavours in Boonah.

Peter

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## **NEW MEMBERS BASE CAMP GOOMBURRA**

New Members Base Camp Fri 13- Sun 15 May

LEADER: Ray Glancy 3343 8854  
MOBILE: 0419 719 480  
EMAIL: rayanddawnglancy@yahoo.com.au  
GRADE: M44BC  
LIMIT: NO LIMIT  
BRING: BASE CAMP GEAR, THERMALS,  
FLEECEs, ETC.  
COST: \$8 per person (2 nights) camping  
DEPART: PLEASE RING SATURDAY BE-  
FORE TO ARRANGE TRANS-  
PORT AND CAR POOLING  
CAR KMS: approx. 200 kms

Details to follow

Ray

## **WILSON'S PEAK VIA KINNANES FALLS LEADER SURVEY**

Day Walk Sun 15 May

LEADER: Peter James 3878 7083  
MOBILE: 0412 886 880  
EMAIL: psjames1@bigpond.net.au  
GRADE: M55DW  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: Maps and compass  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Car Park  
MAP: Wilsons Peak 1:25,000; Teviot  
1:25,000 and Mount Superbus  
1:25,000

This walk is a survey for leaders wanting to learn new off-track walks, but other members are welcome to nominate. Wilson's Peak is located at the southern end of the Main Range National Park, near Teviot Gap, southwest of Boonah. There are many routes that can be used to reach the cliff break of Wilson's Peak (GR 496745) - this route is a favourite of John Steven's and provides a more interesting and perhaps more challenging approach than others. It is a good opportunity to practise navigation and may encourage you to increase your map library. We start by parking near a creek below the verandah at GR 513770, then follow a track up to Kinnane's Falls - via the Verandah. From Kinnane's Falls we follow Wilsons Creek about 700 metres before ascending steep, open terrain. Once on the main ridge leading to Wilsons Peak we move along a track through scrub, then rainforest, with occasional

breaks in the vegetation providing great views to Lizard Point, Mounts Greville, May and Maroon, and Maroon and Moogerah dams. There is a small cliff break to negotiate near the top, but nothing difficult. We have lunch on Wilsons Peak before returning by the same route, except that we will avoid the Verandah and use a steep, but less daunting track to return to the cars. We will stop at Boonah for coffee on the way home. The walk is not technically difficult, but is at the upper end of the 5 for fitness grading as there are some steep slopes; but we won't be moving fast.

Peter

## **GOOMBURRA**

Base Camp Sat 21 - Sun 22 May

LEADER: Dave McAully 5591 1152  
MOBILE: 0418 794 421  
EMAIL: dmcaully@bigpond.net.au  
GRADE: M55BC  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: Usual base camp gear (including warm clothes as it can be cold)  
COST: \$8 camp fees + \$5 for dinner  
DEPART: Pre-arranged

Goomburra State Forest is adjacent to Main Range National Park and is accessed via the main highway to Warwick. Mt Castle is a notable peak on the escarpment of the main range and offers fantastic views. Friday night we travel to Goomburra and set up camp at Manna Gum campground. Saturday we will climb Mt Castle. After a short drive to the Sylvester's Lookout car park, we follow the track to Laidley Falls campground and the to "Hole in the Wall" for some excellent views and photo opportunities. From here we can look up at Mt Castle, our destination. Lunch will be on the summit of Mt Castle where great views abound. It is then a return trip to camp via the same route. Saturday dinner is dahl soup and a curry which I will arrange for a nominal cost. Sunday will be a less strenuous walk up Dalrymple Creek and back to the camp for lunch.

Dave



## From the Editor's Desk

Did you know we exchange newsletters with many bushwalking clubs around Australia? In my new role as Secretary of BBW, they all make it on to my desk before getting filed away, so I thought I'd scan through them to see if there are happenings or information that might be of interest. Here are my jottings (in no particular order!)

- ☺ Sydney Bushwalkers have an annual writing competition on a theme. This year's theme is "Boots and All (Footwear)". Their members are invited to write a short story, joke, article, poem, limerick or letter on the theme.
- ☺ Several clubs are struggling with a lack of walks at this time of year, so we're not the only ones! There are requests for new leaders, committee members and volunteers in a few of the January magazines.
- ☺ Formalising of Club policies and codes of conduct is another common theme in the club magazines. We have been asked by our insurer about our risk management policies, and the Qld Federation is looking at this issue too.
- ☺ The Bushwalkers of Southern Queensland magazine reports on an article in the Gold Coast Sun newspaper where the well-known Tony Groom hits out at opponents of the Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk. Tony believes QPWS can be trusted to develop the walk with appropriate environmental consideration.
- ☺ The National Parks Association (NPA) magazine reports that QPWS has recently developed and printed the Traveller's Guide and Map—Western Scenic Rim. This is a new style of publication, and covers Main Range NP, Goomburra Forest Reserve, Moogerah Peaks NP and Mt Barney NP. It introduces visitors to the key features of the reserves and parks and provides a comprehensive orientation map and directional information.

Happy Walking!

Elaine Beller (assistant editor)

## Magazine Collating

Collating for the March magazine is at **Leanne Pinter's** at **Parkinson** on **Thursday 17 March 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 **3273 3517** to book.

## Safety & Training

### NAVIGATION

- ☺ **Off-track navigating is an important skill for bushwalkers.**
- ☺ **Finding your way is easy when you know how.**
- ☺ **Using a map and compass is fun.**
- ☺ **Take a map and compass on every walk so you can practice.**
- ☺ **Come to navigation school at new members base camp (next camp 12 - 13 March).**
- ☺ **If you want to learn or teach navigating, please register your interest with Peter Lock [training@bbw.org.au](mailto:training@bbw.org.au)**





# Notices

## COMPUTER SYSTEM ANALYSTS REQUIRED BBW MEMBERSHIP REGISTER AND THE CLUB WEBSITE

The Club has formed a working group to consider integrating the Membership Register and the membership database used on our website. This working group is separate to the members who administer and manage the website.

The project will consider many aspects of Club administration and operation, including: receipting of membership fees, recording membership application details and changes to personal data, accessing the website, distributing our magazine to postal addresses, leader access to member's details, preparing pre-trips for the magazine and activity lists, and providing contact officers with the details of members attending field activities. The Club's privacy policy ties in directly with this project.

**Ian Marlow generously has volunteered** to begin the system analysis by interviewing users and administrators of the Membership Register and the website. **Nick Brooking** has offered to assist Ian. Are there any other **members with technical expertise in system analysis** willing to help?

We also need **volunteers who can help design the programme** we develop or adapt from existing software.

If you are interested in providing technical help on this project, or would like to comment or contribute to the working group's deliberations, please contact Ian Marlow at: [imarlow@acslink.net.au](mailto:imarlow@acslink.net.au)

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## WHO LOVES LIZARD???????

Two BBW members have been faithfully checking out this area for years as part of the Federation/QPWS remote campsite monitoring programme, but are no longer continuing. A very big thank you to John and Caroline Lister for this dedicated service. Is there a reliable person or persons in the club who would like to take on this task PLEASE?

It involves optional attendance at our annual meeting with the rangers on the first Saturday in February; training in monitoring procedures; liaison with Steve Finlayson, the ranger; a once-a-year visit with camera and measuring tape to Lizard Point and the campsite at South Lizard, preferably as a club trip to spread the minimum impact message; and reporting back on provided forms.

If interested, please ring Ann Tracey a.s.a.p. on 3391 3334

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## Bushwalking Injury Project

### Guest Speakers

Host: Ron Farmer

"Past Path-breaking Bushwalking  
Safety Achievements" **Dr Ron Farmer**

"Bushwalking Related Injuries—  
The Challenge" **Prof Frank Bowling**

"The Current Project and its Method-  
ology" **Dr Peter O'Rourke**

*Introduction to Project Implementers-*

**Ms Ameneh Ghafourian Gomshi Bashi**—  
Principal Project Researcher

**Barbara Makepeace**—  
Bushwalker Liaison Officer

**Mrs Debbie Scott**—  
Advisor on Old Injuries Surveillance  
Unit

As part of a Masters Degree in Public Health (UQ) Ameneh Ghafourian (in conjunction with Federation Mountain Rescue and Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs) is to establish a bushwalking injury data recording system. With your help we would like to collect injury data for one month (April 2005) from all bushwalking clubs in Queensland. It is anticipated that this project will be the initial step in providing ongoing injury data collection for bushwalkers and will lead to further studies of the types and causes of bushwalking injury and lead to injury prevention strategies and better targeted hospital funding.

All Bushwalking Club members and interested members of the community are invited to attend an informal information evening to discuss this project. Supper is provided.

Where: Norwegian Hall,

23 Parker Street, Newmarket  
(just off Kelvin Grove Road)

Cost: \$5.00

(covers hall hire, supper and handouts)

Time: 7.30pm

Date: Thursday 17th March

Contact: Barbara Makepeace phone: 3245-2186

Federation Mountain Rescue  
GPO Box 1573  
Brisbane QLD 4001  
[www.geocities.com/fmrqld/index.htm](http://www.geocities.com/fmrqld/index.htm)



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## **Bushwalking Australia Inc. Discussion Paper on Proposed Fee Structure**

Ever since Bushwalking Australia was first being discussed, everyone has been keen to keep it "lean and mean". No-one wants a bureaucracy, or another layer of administration on top of the clubs, conservation bodies and individuals. Most of us would much rather be out walking than typing into a computer, answering telephones or attending meetings. Neither do bushwalkers want to spend money where they do not see the value in it. Everyone knows that bushwalkers are a tight lot. Most clubs run on a shoestring budget. State federations have a hard job persuading clubs that they should join. On top of that Bushwalking Australia comes along needing a slice as well. Some clubs are better organized financially, and find costs easier to meet. Others keep their organization to a minimum, and have to literally pass the hat around to meet expenses like affiliation fees as they arise.

We need to take a step back and consider what it costs the individual to go bushwalking, and how much people are prepared to contribute to running their club, the state federation, and Bushwalking Australia. I suggest as an exercise people add up how much they are already spending on their bushwalking activities:

- Club fees (including affiliation to the state federation)
- Donations (for conservation etc)
- Insurance (public liability, personal accident, ambulance etc)
- Gear (purchase, hire, replacement)
- Food
- Transport and travel (bus and train fares, shared vehicle cost, airfares, accommodation)
- Trip fees (park entrance, guides, maps, leaders, adventure holidays)

I would suggest very few of us would spend less than \$100 per year, and for most of us the cost would be nearer \$1000. On this basis, it would be reasonable that each walker might contribute between \$5 and \$10 to the state federation. Some state federations already charge an affiliation fee of this order. Bushwalking Australia council has decided to set an affiliation fee of 50 cents per individual member per year. We recognize that some state federations would have trouble meeting this cost, so the committee was empowered to negotiate with individual states for a lesser amount. In these cases, Bushwalking Australia council suggests this should be not more than 10% of that federation's total fee income.

Why do we need this amount? Bushwalking Australia has relied on the goodwill of several states (NSW, Vic and SA) to meet the set-up and initial running costs. The understanding was that this would be corrected when we were in a position to know what our ongoing costs would be. The budget Marianne has prepared for us takes all this into account. Bushwalking Australia is still a lean and mean organization. But we cannot make further cuts without forcing people who already make sacrifices of their time, to dig deeper into their own pockets as well.

We could of course reduce our costs further if we were to make Bushwalking Australia a purely figurehead organization. But then there would be no point in us existing at all. Politicians would not listen to us, especially if they knew how little support came from our members.

Bill Gehling  
President, January 2005

# Committee News

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our first meeting for 2005 saw a near record number of prospective new members attend; so many that the group was split between Peter Lock and Ray Glancy for the briefing. We are looking at ways to reduce the time taken for kitchen briefings, e.g. Peter is designing a handout for visitors at the door, and Ray is looking for other members who are willing to assist him by being available to answer questions from prospective members after they move back into the hall from the kitchen briefing. Please contact Ray if you can help. On a similar note, I ask any member who sees a new or prospective member looking a bit lost or who is not part of a group on our meeting nights to invite the newcomer to join their group or at least spend a few minutes making them feel comfortable in a new environment. Perhaps we can limit some of our turnover of new members by ensuring the helpful and friendly attitude of the welcoming committee at the front door is followed by an equally warm reception inside the meeting hall.

'Full' members of the club had until 31 January to renew their membership. There is no grey area here – if membership fees are not paid by the expiry date, membership stops. It seems that a number of former probationary and 'full' members are attending Club activities after their membership has lapsed. For insurance purposes in particular, but also in keeping with our Rules, only members can attend Club field activities. Leaders may soon have access to a list of current members' names; but until then, they may ask to see your membership card before an activity starts.

*While thumbing through my 2005 desk calendar, I came across this typically insightful, enigmatic quote of Pablo Picasso: "It takes a long time to become young". Perhaps he was implying people shouldn't spend their lives waiting patiently. It's pleasing to see so many BBW members who don't!*

Peter

## OUTINGS SECRETARY REPORT

The subject of walk gradings can be relied upon to produce a lively discussion, but rarely results in any change. Most terrain walk gradings set by leaders tend to congregate around the 3 to 5 level when the range we work with is from 1 to 10. The 10 level was normally for specials such as abseiling so we should set our most difficult walk as a 9. In the opinion of those who have done it, the caves route on Tibrogargan would be a 9 for terrain. At the other end, walking along a flat paved surface would be a 1, so we can now select any walk to fit between those extremes. Logans Ridge on Mt. Barney could be an 8, with the easier Barney routes being a 7. Fitness is often closely aligned with terrain in grading, but should always be regarded separately.

Other factors which influence the grading include the pace and possible effects of the weather. Leaders who prefer to walk quickly will increase the fitness rating. Rain can increase the technical rating of a creek rock-hop; however this is not known until the day so be wary. Summer temperatures and high humidity have an effect on fitness but this can vary from person to person. Another factor to consider is the weight you are carrying, especially on throughwalks.

Walks graded as a 3 for terrain may be graded differently for fitness depending on the length of the walk. Certainly you need to be fitter to walk 20km than for 12km.

Leaders will grade their own walks so if in doubt about a grading contact the leader and talk to them about it. Grading cannot be an exact science so it pays to know your leaders as much as the gradings!

Tom

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## MEMBERSHIP OFFICER REPORT

It looks as though the usual New Year's Resolutions have kicked in and seen an upsurge in applications for probationary membership in January. On 12<sup>th</sup> January over 30 people came to the meeting to have a look at the club and I believe 27 signed up for probationary membership. The 26<sup>th</sup> January meeting saw fewer people come along but most signed up at this meeting also.

It's disappointing that the upsurge in interest in the club coincides with the usual drop off in the number of walks that leaders offer, especially the lower level walks. I'd like to particularly thank Dawn Hendrick and Mary Comer for adding walks to the club's calendar at very short notice and I'd ask all experienced leaders to have a look at their diary and see if they could add a 3/3 walk or two in the near future. There are a fair few days when there are no 3/3 walks listed in the magazine.

As a club, I think we need to be able to offer prospective new members a variety of walks that they may be able to sign on to. I think that all of us can remember when we first joined the club and the pleasure we got from the

social interaction on those first few walks with the club.

The list is out for the New Members Base Camp at Green Mountains (O'Reilly's) on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March. I would appreciate any full members coming along to help out. The next New Members Base Camp after this one is at Goomburra on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Ray

## GUEST SPEAKERS

*9th March*

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

*23rd March*

Peter Hunt, another of our club's excellent photographers, will present slides on Bushwalking in New Zealand.

## New Members

*During January we welcomed the following new members:*

Toni Black, Helen Bloore, Sandy Brightwell, Myra Feeney, Jodi Frith, David Gardiner, Nigel Garson, Han Ghi, Ngai Ghi, Steve Goble, Lesley Gower, Michael Grimwade, Penny Haire, Steve Hendra, Happy Hopgood, Rosemary Hopgood, Debra Huntley, Cam Iddon, Mary Keefe, Mayu Keneko, Colin Mackie, Debbie Mackie, Monika McKay, Theresa McKenzie, Lesley Merrett, Alex Mollison, Anna-Lena Moore, Paul Mouncey, Siobhan Mouncey, Christine Perkins, Adrian Pradella, Cheryl Smyth, Janene Stack, Jason Stack, Fuyumi Terada, Brett Tomes, Lisa Wallace, Garry Ward, Steve Wild, Rhonda Williams

## Full Members

*Congratulations to the following people who have been granted full membership in January and February:*

Adam Clarke, Sean Bartleet, Lisa Walker, Steve Astley, Barney Lund, Susan Rogerson, Peter Brown, Gina Geurgis, Julie Jackson

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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**

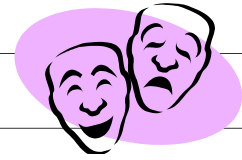
- If survey to be registered as Club activity, inform Outings Officer and advise Contact Officer of venue/party members before start.

### **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 March

WHERE: Tibetan Kitchen, 454 Brunswick St, Valley (Parking in side street)

CONTACT: Peter Hunt 3351 3642



### NOMINATIONS ESSENTIAL

The only concern with this restaurant is deciding on which of the many tempting meals to try. They all sound so interesting and delicious and are either Tibetan or Nepalese style. The prices are very reasonable and it is a BYO into the bargain.

**Bookings are essential** so please nominate on the list at the meeting or by phone (please leave your name and nomination if I am not at home).

Movies screening at the time will be discussed over dinner.

Peter

## CLOUDLAND CAFE

WHEN: 7:30pm Friday 8th April

WHERE: Cloudland Café, 8/16 Brighton Rd, Sandgate

COST: Pay your own meal costs

Contact: Janine Hope 33977706 or 0417707663

This is an authentic retro cafe with superb burgers, traditional American hot dogs, real milkshakes served in a glass. There is an authentic juke box which has free play music and dancing is a must! Sounds like a lot of fun.

Bookings essential.  
Janine



## For Sale

### LADIES SHIRT

Cancer Council – Sunshirt – UPF 50+ Solarcool – Size L (but not very large) – Keeps you fresh and dry - WORN ONCE – Cost \$45 – Sell for \$35

### LADIES BOOTS

Pair of Ladies Boots – Scarpa – Size 38 Euro or US 7 TO 7 ½ - Worn one trip to Hinchinbrook - \$80.00. S

**SEE RAY GLANCY AT MEETING OR PHONE 3343 8854**

## Give Aways

### PRIMUS CANVAS TENT

Approx. 7 mtrs x 3 mtrs (with full enclosed sunroom) – AS IS (1 small tear) – plus folding camping table, 3 canvas sling beds, boogie boards etc.

**SEE RAY GLANCY AT MEETING OR PHONE 3343 8854**

### LADIES BOOTS

Pair of Scarpa Solo Boots—Size 41 Euro. Good condition, just too small for me!

**SEE ELAINE BELLER AT MEETING OR PHONE 3356 4730**

***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 4050)

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