

# 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 Ave, Newmarket. Except for December when the only meeting is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday. All welcome.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** The venue for the next committee meeting on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 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 web site.*

Articles may 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: Editor, Brisbane Bushwalkers Club Inc. GPO Box 1949, BRISBANE 4001

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 **February** magazine is **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January**  
*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 fee of 50<sup>c</sup> per item is required. Late fees do apply.

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

Annual membership falls due 31st January. Fees include magazine subscription.

Full Members: Singles \$48.00 per annum  
 Couples \$76.00 per annum  
Probationary Members:  
 Nomination fee \$30.00 per 6 mth

## FIRST AID CERTIFICATES

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



## Club Officials

President	Peter James	0412 886 880	Photographic	Jenny Zohn	3342 6345
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## GUIDE TO GRADINGS



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
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.
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
ACTIVITY	<b>Base Camp, Day Walk, Night Walk, Through Walk, CYCle, KaYaK, SOCial Activity, Safety &amp; Training, ROGaine, Federation Mountain Rescue,</b> eg: <b>L33DW</b> = Long, Graded or open terrain, Easy, Day Walk	

## INFORMATION FOR WALKERS

*Members are advised to refer to the New Members Handbook for a complete list of Club Guidelines. (available from the library)*

1. Nominate for the activity on the clipboard list 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 activity for which they nominate. See the grading guide above. If you are uncertain, consult the leader.**
3. If you are unable to attend meetings contact the leader (who keeps the list).
4. If you are unable to attend an activity you must advise the leader you are cancelling so that a member on the waiting list may go. (Leader's number is in the magazine.)
5. Concerned relatives can ring the Contact Officer if the trip is exceptionally late.

### Transport Costs:

Passengers are asked to pay an appropriate contribution to the 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 **9c/km** per person. Trips to base camps may cost more due to the extra weight and bulk of gear.

If you are unhappy with the contribution amount, you can always take your own vehicle.

### Camping Fees:

There is nearly always a National Park or State Forest camping fee of \$4 per person per night. New South Wales National Parks also charge \$7 per vehicle per day.

### Always Take:

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

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

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## PROGRAM

Gradings approximate only (subject to trip leaders' survey)

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

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### November

#### 23 General Meeting

24	SOC	Thursday Night Walk	Jenny Zohn	33426345
25-27	M33BC	New Members Base Camp - Bunya Mtns	Ray Glancy	3343 8854
26	M45DW	Wagawn via Bushrangers	Margaret Moran	3398 2404
27	L33DW	Warrie Circuit	Jenny Zohn	3342 6345
	M55DW	South Kobble Creek via Knoll 560	Paul Gorell	3351 7305
	S83ST	Basic Abseil Training Day 1- Kangaroo Pt	John Granat	3265 5404

### December

1	SOC	Thursday Night Walk	Jenny Zohn	33426345
3	S55DW	The Cougals	Kay Byrne	3397 1021
4	M54DW	Barney Waterfall	Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
	M55DW	England Creek via Northbrook Mountain	Paul Gorell	3351 7305
8	SOC	Thursday Night Walk	Jenny Zohn	33426345
9-11	SOC	Christmas Party Tambourine Mountain	Janine Hope	3397 7706
11	S83ST	Basic Abseil Training Day 2 -Tambourine Mt area	Peter James	0412886880

#### 14 Open Meeting

15	SOC	Thursday Night Walk	Jenny Zohn	33426345
17	M33DW	Brisbane Riverside Walk	Dawn Hendrick	3818 3687
	M44DW	Mt Greville	Nick Brooking	3262 5244
17-18	KYK	Dunethin Rock	Elaine Beller	3356 4730
	KYK	The Bedroom, Stradbroke Island	Kerry Hardy	3356 7943
18	L33DW	Coomera Gorge Circuit	Lynsey Moore	3366 6135
	M55DW	Cedar & Love Creeks	Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
19	S22NW	Toohey Night Forest Walk	Ros Firster	3324 9018
20	CYC	The Gap Christmas Lights	Peter Lock	3351 1184
30-4	M66TW	Chandler and Styx Rivers - Oxley Wild Rivers National Park	John Hinz	3846 1432

### January

2	S44DW	Wilson's Peak	Paul Gorell	0422-091-300
	S55DW	The Cougals	Kay Byrne	3397 1021
5	SOC	Thursday Night Walk	Jenny Zohn	33426345
7	L33DW	Coomera Circuit	Ros Firster	3324 9018

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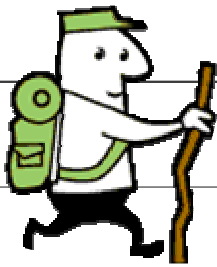
ALWAYS TAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU

Check the activity description for the leaders additions to the "Always Take" recommendation.

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8	M66DW	Phantom & Love Creek Circuit	Paul Gorell	0422-091-300
9	S22NW	Toohey Night Forest Walk	Ros Firster	3324 9018
<b>11</b>	<b>Open Meeting</b>			
12	SOC	Thursday Night walk	Jenny Zohn	33426345
14	S22DW	Morella and Maiala Track Walks	Dawn Hendrick	3818 3687
15	M33DW	Daves Creek Circuit	Burney	32699383
	M85DW	Northbrook Mountain abseil	Peter James	0412 886 880
18	CYC	West	Peter Lock	3351 1184
19	SOC	Thursday Night Walk	Jenny Zohn	33426345
20-22	S55TW	Mount Barney Creek	Peter Lock	3351 1184
21	M33DW	West Canungra Creek	Greg Long	3841 1720
22	SOC	Merthyr Bowls Club	Burney	32699383
	L33DW	Toolona Ck Circuit	Mary Comer	3844 6231
	M54DW	Northbrook Gorge	Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
<b>25</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>			
26	SOC	Thursday Night walk—Surprise activity	Jenny Zohn	33426345
	KYK	Brisbane River & Aust Day BBQ		
28	M33DW	Jolly's Lookout to Boombana	Dawn Glancy	3343 8854
	KYK	Wivenhoe Dam	Peter Lock	3351 1184
29	M85DW	Abseil walk Brisbane area	Peter James	0412886880
<b>February</b>				
1-15	M67TW	Five Passes of New Zealand	Peter Lock	3351 1184
4	L33DW	Warrie Circuit	Adam, Deniz	
	X34DW	Wanungara Falls	Mary Comer	3844 6231
5	M33DW	MtCordeaux/Bare Rock	Wendy Spiry	3353 3927
<b>8</b>	<b>Open Meeting</b>			
11	S33DW	Ravensbourne National Park	Dawn Hendrick	3818 3687
	L33DW	Coomera Circuit	Wendy Spiry	3353 3927
17-19	L33BC	Green Mountains (O'Reillys)	Julia Wain	3201 2013
18	S83ST	Abseil Training Kangaroo Pt baby cliffs - FMR	John Granat	3265 5404
<b>22</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>			
25	S83ST	Basic Abseil Training Day 2 - Kangaroo Pt	John Granat	3265 5404
26	S54DW	Leader Survey - South Kobbie Creek	Peter James	0412886880





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# Coming Trips

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

Base Camp Fri 25 - Sun 27 Nov  
LEADER: Ray Glancy 3343 8854  
MOBILE: 0419 719 480  
EMAIL: rayanddawnglancy@yahoo.com.au  
GRADE: M33BC  
LIMIT: 30  
BRING: BASE CAMP GEAR, THERMALS,  
FLEECES, CHAIR, STOVE, TENT,  
LONG GAITERS /TROUSERS),  
WATER (10 litres per person)  
COST: \$8 per person (2 nights)  
DEPART: Ring Leader  
CAR KMS: 480 kms  
MAP: Mowbullen

Bunya Mt NP is 240km north west of Brisbane, taking approximately 3 hours to drive. It is predominantly rainforest though not particularly thorny. The campground has flushing toilets and time restricted hot showers. A variety of walks are planned for the weekend as well as the usual discussions on safety, ethics, equipment etc. Please bring plenty of cold gear as it could still be cold at night at the Bunyas. Please note that ALL the activities on the weekend are mandatory for probationary members who are using this base camp to become full members. Also, I would prefer full members who come to also participate in all the activities as excessive wandering about distracts the attention of others.

### **WAGAWN VIA BUSHRANGERS**

Day Walk Sat 26 Nov  
LEADER: Margaret Moran 3398 2404  
GRADE: M45DW  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: 3l+ water, usual day walk gear  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens

We drive to the border gate in the Numinbah Valley and follow the fence line up a steep track to the Bushrangers Cave. From there it is a steep climb with a little scrambling to Mt. Wagawn. Here if the weather is clear there are lovely views which include Mt. Warning. We leave Wagawn and continue to Mt. Hobwee where we will have lunch. We return to the cars via the same route. The walk is suitable for people who want something a bit more challenging than a track walk.

### **WARRIE CIRCUIT**

Day Walk Sun 27 Nov

LEADER: Jenny Zohn 3342 6345  
EMAIL: jennz@optusnet.com.au  
GRADE: L33DW  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: See must take p.3 +3lt water  
COST: \$15 petrol contribution  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Car Park  
This activity is full

### **SOUTH KOBBLE CREEK VIA KNOLL 560**

Day Walk Sun 27 Nov  
LEADER: Paul Gorell 3351 7305  
MOBILE: 0422 091 300  
EMAIL: gorell@powerup.com.au  
GRADE: M55DW  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: See Always Take p.3 + 3lt water  
DEPART: 7am Alderley car park

MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30000  
This walk is located in Brisbane Forest Pk approx 45min 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 descend down a steep spur to South Kobble Ck. The rest of the day is a rock hop up South Kobble Ck. The section of the creek we'll be in is covered by a rainforest canopy and has numerous rocky sections, a number of waterfalls and waterholes. This walk involves plenty of rock hopping and some scrambling up slightly tricky waterfalls so you should be confident rock scrambling. However, 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 M43DW with the club.

### **BASIC ABSEIL TRAINING DAY ONE KANGAROO POINT BABY CLIFFS**

Training Sun 27 Nov  
LEADER: John Granat 3265 5404  
EMAIL: johngranat@aol.com  
GRADE: S83S&T  
LIMIT: 6  
COST: \$20  
DEPART: 7:30am Above baby cliffs Kangaroo Point

EQUIPMENT: Abseil equipment will be supplied  
This activity is Day 1 of a two day basic abseil course. Members must successfully complete this day before progressing to Day 2 of basic abseil training. The training will be conducted by members of BBW. Please note that you will be required to contribute \$20 towards the cost of the

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training, which includes issue of instruction hand-outs and use of club ropes and equipment.

### **THE COUGALS**

Day Walk Sat 3 Dec  
LEADER: Kay Byrne 3397 1021  
GRADE: S55DW  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: Day Walk Gear, +2lt water swimmers  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens  
CAR KMS: Approx 200kms @ 9 cents per km.  
MAP: Sunmap 1:25,000 Springbrook

The Cougals are twin peaks in the Springbrook NP on the Qld and NSW border. This off track walk which is inland from Currumbin follows the border fence up a steep ridge to a cliff line, the climb is rewarded by panoramic views over northern NSW to Mt. Warning. The walk continues through rainforest and passes some interesting rocky sections and a scramble to the summit of East Cougal. The scrambling continues for another half hour or so to climb the peak of West Cougal. We will return via the same route. Hopefully we will have time to take a dip in the ocean to cool off before returning to Brisbane, so come prepared with togs and towel.

### **BARNEY WATERFALL**

Day Walk Sun 4 Dec  
LEADER: Marion Darveniza 3378 4031  
EMAIL: lmdarven@bigpond.net.au  
GRADE: M54DW  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: Day walk Gear + 3L water  
DEPART: 6:30am Fairfield Gardens car park  
MAP: Mt Lindsay 1:25000

This trip will visit the Mt Barney waterfall via Lower Portals. The track into Lower Portals takes less than an hour, after a swim at Lower Portals we will climb up the track that goes to Upper Portals. Part way along we will head back to Mt Barney Ck cross country for yet another swim, then climb up the side of the Barney waterfall which seldom has water for a great view. We will return by rock hopping down the creek almost to Lower Portals then climb out of the creek to negotiate Lower Portals. Then return by the track to the cars after most probably another swim.

### **ENGLAND CREEK VIA NORTHBROOK MT**

Day Walk Sun 4 Dec  
LEADER: Paul Gorell 3351 7305  
MOBILE: 0422 091 300  
EMAIL: gorell@powerup.com.au  
GRADE: M55DW  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: Always Take p.3 + 3lt water

DEPART: 7am Alderley car park  
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30000  
This is a day walk in the Brisbane Forest Pk. We will start and finish the walk at the entry to the Northbrook Mt forestry track. After heading west along the forest track, we follow a spur south east down to England Ck Falls. England Ck has a number of waterfalls to negotiate as we head upstream to its headwaters and back to our start point. The section of the creek we'll be in is covered by a rainforest canopy and has numerous rocky sections, a number of waterfalls and a few waterholes. This walk involves plenty of rock hopping and some scrambling up a few slightly tricky waterfalls so you should be confident rock scrambling. However, the pace will be slow so newer walkers can practice their rock-hopping & scrambling. Please do not nominate unless you have done a minimum M43DW with the club.

### **BASIC ABSEIL TRAINING DAY 2 - TAMBOURINE MT AREA**

Training Sun 11 Dec  
LEADER: Peter James 0412886880  
EMAIL: psjames1@bigpond.net.au  
GRADE: S83S&T  
LIMIT: 6

DEPART: 7:30am Meet at location to be advised - Tambourine Mountain area  
EQUIPMENT: Abseil equipment will be supplied  
This activity is day two of a two day basic abseil course. Members must have successfully completed Day 1 before attending this training day. The training will be conducted by members of BBW. An abseil site close to the BBW Xmas party venue at Tambourine Mt will be selected.

### **BRISBANE RIVERSIDE WALK**

Day Walk Sat 17 Dec  
LEADER: Dawn Hendrick & Dawn Glancy  
3818 3687  
MOBILE: 0428 197 268  
EMAIL: hendrick@iprimus.com.au  
GRADE: M33DW  
LIMIT: open  
BRING: Usual day walk gear, +2lt water,  
Folding chair for picnic after.  
COST: \$2.50 for ferry + coffee money  
DEPART: 4pm City Cat Terminus West End,  
cnr Orleigh Rd & Hoogley St, UBD  
p21 K19

To avoid the heat of the day at this time of year we will start this walk in the late afternoon. It is a lovely walk by the Brisbane R. We never venture more than 50mt from the water. It is an easy mostly flat walk with a bit of a teaser along the way when we will climb the 130 steps up the

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cliffs near where they do the rock climbing (and sorry, 130 steps down). From here we will get very good views of the city. When we reach Dockside we will catch the city ferry to Sydney Street, New Farm and then the City Cat back to West End. If anyone is interested, there is a barbecue in Orleigh Pk afterwards. Come along for a lovely afternoon/evening walk. Along the way, we will see the Nepalese Peace Pagoda, the Naval Stores, plaques to Kenneth Towerton & John Bourke. We will stop for coffee at South Bank. We walk right beside the volcanic tuffs at Kangaroo Pt for those who are interested in some spectacular geological exposure! Nominations via email are preferred.

### **MT GREVILLE**

Day Walk Sat 17 Dec  
LEADER: Nick Brooking 3262 5244  
MOBILE: 04 1972 4296  
EMAIL: brooking@bigpond.com  
GRADE: M44DW  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: Usual day walk gear + 3lt water  
COST: Petrol contribution  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Car Park  
Mt.Greville is a 770m isolated peak near Aratula. We will ascend up Palm Gorge, a rocky gorge under palms and then up SE Ridge to the summit for some great views. We'll follow a rough track along the bottom of the cliff to a rocky outcrop near the top of Waterfall Gorge. There are more views and this is where we will have lunch. The descent is via Waterfall Gorge. This is on the boundary of a short/medium walk, suitable for newer members wishing to experience "off track" walking, and who have the energy to walk up a mountain (and back again). We'll have tree cover for much of this walk, but it can get hot, so bring the extra water. Email is the best way to contact me.

### **DUNETHIN ROCK**

Kayak/Base Camp Sat 17 - Sun 18 Dec  
LEADER: Elaine Beller 3356 4730  
MOBILE: 0417 069 366  
EMAIL: e.beller@uq.edu.au  
GRADE: KYK  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: Usual kayaking gear, inc: PFD, base camp gear, party food for Sat night  
COST: \$11 camp fee  
DEPART: 6pm Friday - car pooling TBA  
CAR KMS: 240km  
This activity is full.

### **THE BEDROOM, STRADBROKE ISLAND**

Weekend Paddle Sat 17 - Sun 18 Dec  
LEADER: Kerry Hardy 3356 7943  
EMAIL: kerryhardy@ozemail.com.au  
GRADE: KYK  
BRING: Sea kayak, PFD and safety gear.  
Camp gear. Water for the whole weekend. Food & party food.  
COST: \$4 camp fee  
DEPART: 9am Jacobs Well  
MAP: Map 91 from "Beacon to Beacon"  
Time and tide will be in our favour as we paddle across to Sth Stradbroke. This could be a leisurely idyll if it's not windy. The rewards are great for this quite short paddle to Sth Straddie paradise (even if the waterways and camp ground may be a bit busy). No fixed plans but probably will have our camp set up by lunchtime. An afternoon trip to Tiplers resort, a swim on the surfside, a snooze under a tree with the kangaroos, lazy paddles around little islands are all possibilities. We'll enjoy sunset on the west side then over the dune to the east side to watch the full moon rise over the water and to celebrate with more Christmas eats, drinks & be merries. Aaaah life! Sunday's arrangements are very loose and will be influenced by wind, tides and the crafts and abilities of those who come. Sea or estuarine kayaks are preferred (especially if it's windy) but if you're capable with other craft please discuss with me.

### **COOMERA GORGE CIRCUIT**

Day Walk Sun 18 Dec  
LEADER: Lynsey Moore 3366 6135  
MOBILE: 0409 725843  
EMAIL: moorealjac@optusnet.com.au  
GRADE: L33DW  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: 3lt water + "Always Take" p.3  
DEPART: 6:30am Fairfield Gardens car park  
CAR KMS: 200  
MAP: Beechmont 1:25000  
The Coomera Gorge circuit, very suitable for new members to the club, commences from the Binna Burra lodge facilities & presents the walker with excellent offerings from Lamington. Initially the walk meanders down, along the western side of the Beechmont Range & through slightly more open rainforest before emerging at a spectacular lookout precariously perched over the Coomera Falls. It then ascends the, cooler, damper, upper reaches of the Coomera River, entering via an amazing little gorge, & after negotiating numerous crossings (if there has been plenty of rain you may get your feet moist) emerges on the border track. Depending on progress we may nip



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around to Mt Merino for a gasp at the view towards Mt Warning. Then we will turn for home via the gently graded border track, some glimpses into the Numinbah valley & a well deserved cuppa at the lodge's temporary kiosk.

### **CEDAR & LOVE CREEKS**

Day Walk Sun 18 Dec  
LEADER: Marion Darveniza 3378 4031  
EMAIL: Lmdarven@bigpond.net.au  
GRADE: M55DW  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: "always take p.3"+ 3lt water  
DEPART: 7am Alderley car park  
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30000

This is a very beautiful part of Brisbane Forest Pk boasting the highest waterfall & biggest Cedar tree. The route taken will be the reverse of the usual circuit. From Alex Rd, a short descent along a track will bring us to a tributary of Love Ck. We will cross this, and go cross country to the base of Green's falls on Cedar Ck. Down Cedar Ck to the junction with Love Ck, & back up Love Ck as far as the tributary. Good rock scrambling skills are required for most of the route. Hopefully the pools will be good enough for swimming.

### **TOOHEY NIGHT FOREST WALK**

Night Walk Mon 19 Dec  
LEADER: Ros Firster 3324 9018  
GRADE: S22NW  
LIMIT: open  
BRING: Torch and water  
DEPART: 6.30pm QE11 Hospital car park cnr Kessels & Troughton Rds

This will be a 1.5-2 hour walk through the university and Toohey Forest. A pleasant way to get a little exercise after a hard day at the grindstone. As I have done this previously we will take a different route each time. Mystery Walk in Toohey Forest!!! We will finish with coffee locally.

### **THE GAP CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Night Ride Wed 21 Dec  
LEADER: Peter Lock 3351 1184  
MOBILE: 0419 496 837  
EMAIL: peter@lock.id.au  
GRADE: CYC  
LIMIT: 16  
BRING: Bike with lights, helmet  
DEPART: 6:30pm

Meet at footbridge over Enoggera Ck, near cnr of McLean Pde & Kinnaird St in Ashgrove. UBD ref. A17 on p.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 Ck. When it peters out we'll use a few back streets and loop back to The Gap Coffee Club. Then back on the saddle to ride back to the cars. These bike paths can be dark and scary, so make sure you have adequate lighting. We'll make a few excursions off the main track to look at some Christmas lights.

### **CHANDLER AND STYX RIVERS - OXLEY WILD RIVERS NATIONAL PARK**

Through Walk Fri 30 Dec - Wed 4 Jan  
LEADER: John Hinz 3846 1432 H/W  
EMAIL: johnhinz@optusnet.com.au  
GRADE: M66TW  
LIMIT: 8 including leader  
BRING: TW gear, nibblies for N.Year & walk  
DEPART: TBA, Brisbane Thurs morn 29 Dec  
MAP: Jeogla, Hillgrove, Enmore & Big Hill 1:25000

This 5.1/2 day walk traverses Oxley Wild Rivers NP, starting at Wollomombi Falls which is south of the Waterfall Way between Armidale and the coast. After driving down on Thurs we will do a car shuttle, leaving a vehicle on a fire trail accessed from the Kempsey Rd. Tonight we will camp at the NP camping ground at Wollomombi Falls. Day one involves a steep descent into the Chandler Gorge, with good views looking upstream to where Wollomombi and Chandler Falls plunge to the gorge floor. After dropping our packs we will walk, scramble & swim our way upstream until our path is blocked by the 15m high Lower Falls. We will get a good perspective of the steep sided canyon above us, known as the Inaccessible Gulf, before retracing our steps and walking downstream to our first night's camp. The trip will now entail a leisurely walk down the open river flats of the Chandler River, before turning off up the more rugged Styx River. Numerous excellent swimming holes and campsites should be met on the way. On the last day we will climb out of the Styx Gorge to the car, reorganise ourselves and drive back to Brisbane. This should be a great walk in spectacular country. Some wading may be required although I don't expect any swim throughs. Scrambling and rock hopping skills will also be needed so you will need to be an experienced through walker to be suited to this walk.

### **WILSONS PEAK**

Day Walk Mon 2 Jan  
LEADER: Paul Gorell 0422-091-300  
EMAIL: gorell@powerup.com.au  
GRADE: S44DW  
LIMIT: 12

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**BRING:** Always Take p.3 + 3lt water  
**DEPART:** 7am Fairfield Gardens  
**CAR KMS:** Approx. 200km  
**MAP:** Wilsons Peak, Mt Superbus  
Wilsons Peak is located in the Main Range SE of Boonah. At Teviot Gap we cross farmland to find a somewhat overgrown track which takes us into rainforest and up into a saddle with some great views to Mts Greville, May, Maroon and Moogerah and Maroon Dams. There's a small cliff break to negotiate but nothing difficult. Lunch will be on top. We'll then go back the way we came. Suitable for the reasonably fit and also newer members who don't mind a steep up and down. Coffee at Boonah.

### **THE COUGALS**

**Day Walk** Mon 2 Jan  
**LEADER:** Kay Byrne 3397 1021  
**GRADE:** S55DW  
**LIMIT:** 12  
**BRING:** Must take p.3, +2lts water, swimmers  
**DEPART:** 7am Fairfield Gardens car park  
**CAR KMS:** Approx 200km @ 9c per km.  
**MAP:** Sunmap 1:25,000 Springbrook  
The Cougals are twin peaks in the Springbrook NP on the Qld and NSW border. This off track walk which is inland from Currumbin follows the border fence up a steep ridge to a cliff line, the climb is rewarded by panoramic views over northern NSW to Mt. Warning. The walk continues through rainforest and passes some interesting rocky sections and a scramble to the summit of East Cougal. The scrambling continues for another half hour or so to climb the peak of West Cougal. We will return via the same route. Hopefully we will have time to take a dip in the ocean to cool off before returning to Brisbane, so come prepared with togs and towel.

### **COOMERA CIRCUIT**

**Day Walk** Sat 7 Jan  
**LEADER:** Ros Firster 3324 9018  
**GRADE:** L33DW  
**LIMIT:** 15  
**BRING:** Must take p.3 + change of socks  
**DEPART:** 7am Fairfield Gardens Car park  
**CAR KMS:** 220 km  
**MAP:** Beechmont Map  
This walk takes us along the edge of the escarpment looking across towards the Middle Ridge and further on to Green Mt. 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. Don't let this put you off, this is probably one of the nicer track walks in the Lamington NP.

### **PHANTOM & LOVE CREEK CIRCUIT**

**Day Walk** Sun 8 Jan  
**LEADER:** Paul Gorell 0422-091-300  
**EMAIL:** gorell@powerup.com.au  
**GRADE:** M66DW  
**LIMIT:** 10  
**BRING:** Always Take p.3 + swimmers  
**DEPART:** 6:30am Alderley car park  
**MAP:** Brisbane Forest Park 1:30000  
This day walk in the Brisbane Forest Pk covers Phantom Ck (flows south into Cedar Ck), Love and Cedar Cks' junction and the full length of Love Ck up to its headwaters. The latter part of this walk is unsurveyed. It is a circuit walk starting and finishing at Tennison Woods car park. The walk requires scrambling and rock hopping skills. It will suit people who are comfortable off track and who don't mind a few scratches. There are several compulsory swim-throughs, so please come prepared (all you need is a water-tight plastic bag and be able to swim). The depth, volume and clarity of the water are very much dependent on the level of rainfall in recent months. Newer members are welcome to come along but please do not nominate unless you have done at least a 5/5 grade walk with the Club or walked with me previously.

### **TOOHEY NIGHT FOREST WALK**

**Night Walk** Mon 9 Jan  
**LEADER:** Ros Firster 3324 9018  
**GRADE:** S22NW  
**LIMIT:** open  
**BRING:** Torch and water  
**DEPART:** 6.30pm QE11 Hospital carpark  
cnr Kessels & Troughton Rds  
This will be a 1.5-2 hour walk through the university and Toohey Forest. A pleasant way to get a little exercise after a hard day at the grindstone. As I have done this previously we will take a different route each time. Mystery Walk in Toohey Forest!!! We will finish with coffee locally.

### **MORELLA AND MAIALA TRACK WALKS**

**Day Walk** Sat 14 Jan  
**LEADER:** Dawn Hendrick & Dawn Glancy  
3818 3687  
**MOBILE:** 0428 197 268  
**EMAIL:** hendrick@iprimus.com.au  
**GRADE:** S22DW  
**LIMIT:** open

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**BRING:** +2 lt water, p.3 must take. Lunch to be left in the cars so bring an esky!  
**COST:** Nil - own transport  
**DEPART:** 7:30am Park & Ride area, cnr Settlement & Waterworks Rd, The Gap UBD Ref 137 P20 (we will do a car shuffle from here)

These are two short track walks in the Brisbane Forest Pk Area. We will car pool from the Park & Ride, making a quick stop at Jolly's Lookout first to use the toilet facilities there. The first walk starts from the Manorina car parking area where the toilet block has closed. 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 hopefully seeing a goanna along the way. 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. 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. Nominations by email are preferred

### **DAVES CREEK CIRCUIT**

Day Walk Sun 15 Jan  
**LEADER:** Burney 32699383 0422386080  
**GRADE:** M33DW  
**LIMIT:** 20  
**BRING:** Items on p.3 and Membership card  
**DEPART:** 7am Fairfield Gardens car park

This is a 12-13km graded track walk and a very good introduction for first-timers or those who want a leisurely day out at Binna Burra. We'll be walking through cool mossy rainforest, more open eucalypt terrain and heath land. Don't forget to bring morning tea and lunch. Then it's back to the teahouse for more refreshments. This walk is to enable new members the opportunity to begin their club activities in a relaxing manner. Speed is not the intention.

### **NORTHBROOK MOUNTAIN ABSEIL**

Day Walk Sun 15 Jan  
**LEADER:** Peter James 0412 886 880  
**MOBILE:** 0412 886 880  
**EMAIL:** psjames1@bigpond.net.au  
**GRADE:** M85DW  
**LIMIT:** 10

**BRING:** Abseil gear and ropes if owned  
**DEPART:** 7am Alderley Car Park  
**MAP:** Brisbane Forest Park 1:30,000  
We start and finish this walk at the entry to the Northbrook Mt forestry track at GR752778. After heading along a forest track, we follow a ridge west along Northbrook Mt to an abseil point on its western end. We will practise rescue procedures and any other aspect of abseiling members may wish to pursue. We return via the forestry track to our start point. You will need moderate rock scrambling ability and will need to have completed a BBW basic abseiling course or have previously abseiled with a self belay.

### **WEST**

Night Ride Wed 18 Jan  
**LEADER:** Peter Lock 3351 1184  
**EMAIL:** peter@lock.id.au  
**GRADE:** CYC  
**LIMIT:** 16  
**BRING:** Bike with lights, helmet  
**DEPART:** 6:30pm Dean St Toowong, at entrance to Anzac Park UBD:158-N13

Tonight's ride starts at Toowong and follows the bike track beside the Western Freeway, as far as Kenmore. The ride will be about 20km on bike tracks and quiet back streets, at a leisurely pace. After our return, we'll visit Mt Coot-tha Cafe. (If you're feeling fit you can ride your bike up.)

### **MOUNT BARNEY CREEK**

Through Walk Fri 20 - Sun 22 Jan  
**LEADER:** Peter Lock 3351 1184  
**MOBILE:** 0419496837  
**EMAIL:** peter@lock.id.au  
**GRADE:** S55TW  
**LIMIT:** 10  
**COST:** \$8  
**DEPART:** 6pm  
**CAR KMS:** 260  
**MAP:** Mount Lindsay 1:25,000

This through walk is designed for summer months with abundant swimming opportunities in crystal clear mountain streams and short walking distances. We will leave from Cleared Ridge on Friday night, walking in the cool and dark along a 4WD track to camp on a delightful knoll. On Saturday morning we follow the spur down to Barney Gorge and spend the rest of the day

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swimming and exploring Barney Ck. On Sunday we head upstream to swim in the Upper Portals and then stroll back via Yamahra Ck. I invite members who have not through walked before to attend this walk, because it's distance is short and pace is relaxed. However, you must cope with off-track walking and rock hopping, as well as walking and pitching your tent in the dark.

### **WEST CANUNGRA CREEK**

Day Walk Sat 21 Jan  
LEADER: Greg Long 3841 1720  
MOBILE: 0409474152  
EMAIL: longmg@netspace.net.au  
GRADE: M33DW  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: Day Walk Gear, warm clothing  
COST: Petrol money  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Car Park  
MAP: Lamington NP

This 14km walk is in the Green Mt (O'Reillys) section of Lamington NP. It is on graded track but involves several crossings of West Canungra Ck which are not difficult in usual circumstances. We walk morning tea at the Blue Pool and follow the beautiful West Canungra Ck upstream to Elabana Falls. We return via Picnic Rock and the Border Track and so back to the cars making this a most attractive circuit walk in the rainforest. This walk is suitable for new members.

### **TOOLONA CK CIRCUIT**

Day Walk Sun 22 Jan  
LEADER: Mary Comer 3844 6231  
MOBILE: 0427446000  
EMAIL: maryccomer@optusnet.com  
GRADE: L33DW  
LIMIT: 16  
BRING: Usual day walk gear and swimmers  
COST: Petrol money  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Car Park  
MAP: Lamington NP

This beautiful rainforest walk is in the Green Mt (O'Reillys) area of Lamington NP. We follow the graded track system for 17km passing many beautiful waterfalls and with several creek crossings which are not difficult in normal circumstances. From the Border Track we descend to Picnic Rock and then Elabana Falls where we will have morning tea. This is a great place to have a swim. Then we walk upstream following Toolona Ck, and having lunch along the way until we arrive at the escarpment, where, on a clear day, we will have wonderful views into NSW and Mt. Warning. We return to the cars along the Border Track. This walk is suitable for new club members who can manage the distance.

### **NORTHBROOK GORGE**

Day Walk Sun 22 Jan  
LEADER: Marion Darveniza 3378 4031  
EMAIL: Lmdarven@bigpond.net.au  
GRADE: M54DW  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: Day Walk gear p.3 - waterproof packs  
DEPART: 7:30am Alderley Car park  
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30000

This is a delightful trip in the western part of Brisbane Forest Pk. From Wivenhoe Lookout we will drop down a gully which joins Northbrook Ck and follow it to the gorge. The first pool at the top of the gorge can be climbed around and we will have lunch there but the only way through the rest of the gorge is to swim through 5 more pools. Further down we leave the creek and climb out to the road where we will have left some of the cars. The terrain is a an easy 5, so the trip is suitable for those who are comfortable with 4/4 walks and wish to do a slightly harder walk. Packs to be waterproofed for the swim throughs. This is not difficult to do, but seek advice if necessary.

### **BRISBANE RIVER & AUSTRALIA DAY BBQ**

Kayak and BBQ Thurs 26 Jan  
LEADER: Jenny Zohn 3342 6345  
GRADE: M33KYK  
BRING: Boat, paddle, PDF, Night Lights, BBQ delights.

DEPART: 3pm under Kangaroo Pt. Bridge  
We will paddle to Orleigh Pk, for a BBQ before returning in the evening to Kangaroo Pt. The Thursday night walking group will join us at Orleigh Pk. Family members welcome at the BBQ. Experienced paddlers only please.

### **JOLLY'S LOOKOUT TO BOOMBANA**

Day Walk Sat 28 Jan  
LEADER: Dawn Glancy 3343 8854  
MOBILE: 0418 778 369  
EMAIL: rayanddawnglancy@yahoo.com.au  
GRADE: M33DW  
LIMIT: Open  
BRING: Usual day walk gear, +2lt water, morning tea, Lunch to be left in car. Lunch area exposed to wind.  
COST: Nil  
DEPART: 7:30am Park & Ride, Waterworks Rd, The Gap (opp Settlement Rd intersection)  
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30000

This is a lovely 10.6 km walk. We car pool at the Park & Ride and drive up to Jolly's Lookout. We do Egernia Circuit, Thylogale Walking Track &

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Rainforest Circuit. On the Egernia Circuit & Rainforest Circuit, we walk through open eucalypt woodlands with some rainforest species beside creek beds. The Thylogale Walking Track connects Jolly's Lookout to Boombana with a delightful walk through tall eucalypt forest and rainforest. A variety of birds can be spotted on the way (IF WE ARE QUIET). We will have lunch at Jolly's Lookout & coffee at The Gap Coffee Club.

### **WIVENHOE DAM**

Practice Paddle Sat 28 Jan  
LEADER: Peter Lock 3351 1184  
MOBILE: 0419496837  
EMAIL: peter@lock.id.au  
GRADE: KYK  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: Boat, paddle, life jacket, helmet,  
shoes to walk in water

DEPART: 8am Park opposite Fernvale bakery  
The water released from Wivenhoe Dam makes an ideal venue to learn and practice kayaking techniques in fast flowing water. We will demonstrate and practice the basic skills required for a river paddling trip. This trip is suitable for people who have not paddled in fast flowing water before, and you should attend if you are interested in the river through paddles I will lead in March.

### **ABSEIL WALK BRISBANE AREA**

Day Walk Sun 29 Jan  
LEADER: Peter James 0412886880  
MOBILE: 0412 886 880  
EMAIL: psjames1@bigpond.net.au  
GRADE: M85DW  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: Swimmers, abseil gear & ropes if owned

DEPART: 7am Alderley Car Park  
This abseil walk is a circuit walk in a creek close to Brisbane. There is a long climb out of the creek at the end of the day. We will abseil down a number of waterfalls, and there will be opportunities to swim. You will need moderate rock scrambling ability and will have completed a BBW basic abseiling course or have previously abseiled with a self belay.

### **FIVE PASSES OF NEW ZEALAND**

Through Walk Wed 1 - Wed 15 Feb  
LEADER: Peter Lock 3351 1184  
EMAIL: peter@lock.id.au  
GRADE: M67TW  
LIMIT: 6  
BRING: Tent, compass.  
MAP: E40 Earnslaw, D40 Milford;  
E39 Aspiring 1:50,000

This is a demanding 8 day plus through walk centred primarily in the Mount Aspiring NP. Starting at the head of the Routeburn Track, we quickly turn North and leave the tourist hordes behind us as we head North through Sugarloaf Pass, Park Pass, Cow Saddle, Fiery Col and Fohn Saddle. The last 2 days is a bash through scrub down Beans Burn to the Dart River with a Jet Boat Ride to civilization. We expect to see rugged alpine scenery on this walk, although there will not be very much snow, ice or glaciers. There are no huts, the walk is partly off track.

### **WARRIE CIRCUIT**

Day Walk Sat 4 Feb  
LEADER: Adam, Deniz  
MOBILE: 0417 790 276  
EMAIL: denizturak@yahoo.com  
GRADE: L33DW  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: See must take p.3 +3lt water

DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Car Park  
Warrie Circuit is a graded track out of Springbrook with fabulous views over the Gold Coast hinterland. We will experience a variety of rainforest habitats, moss gardens and spectacular waterfalls. Lunch at meeting of waters and walk back up the mountain completes a very do-able longer walk for newer members. The ups will be slow but we will need to move along on the other stretches. Note there are several creek crossings on this walk, but unless it rains you will hardly get your boots wet. Refreshments at the cafe if we make it back in time. Please email.

### **WANUNGARA FALLS**

Day Walk Sat 4 Feb  
LEADER: Mary Comer 3844 6231  
MOBILE: 0427446000  
EMAIL: maryccomer@optusnet.com  
GRADE: X34DW  
LIMIT: 15  
BRING: Usual day walk gear plus swimmers  
COST: Petrol money  
DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens Car Park  
CAR KMS: 250kms approx  
MAP: Lamington NP

This is a walk in the Green Mountains (O'Reillys) section of Lamington NP. We will be in the rainforest all day with some creek crossings. Most of the walk is on the graded track but a smaller section, to the top of Wanungara Falls, follows an old track that is no longer maintained. From the car park we descend to Picnic Rock then follow Toolona Ck upstream. We will have morning tea and maybe a swim here. It is a lovely area with many waterfalls and "tree gardens".



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We continue to the escarpment at Wanungara Lookout where hopefully there will be good views into the Tweed Valley & Mt Warning. From here we go in the direction of Binna Burra until we reach a point where we find the remains of the old track to Wanungara Falls. Our route back to the cars will be quicker & easier on the Border Track. This walk is about 24kms please do not nominate unless you have done at least a 17km walk with the club.

### **MT CORDEAUX/BARE ROCK**

Day Walk Sun 5 Feb  
LEADER: Wendy Spiry 3353 3927  
MOBILE: 0409 890513  
GRADE: M33DW  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: Usual day walk gear  
COST: Fuel contribution  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Carpark  
CAR KMS: approx 200km

This is a lovely walk for summer. The location is the main range, starting at Cunningham's Gap. The walk is all on a graded track and we are under the rainforest canopy for much of the walk. We also get great views along the way. It's about 12.5km all up and we can expect to finish the walk early in the afternoon. It's a good walk for beginners and for those of us keen to get back into walking after a lazy summer.

### **RAVENSBORNE NATIONAL PARK**

Day Walk Sat 11 Feb  
LEADER: Dawn Hendrick & Dawn Glancy  
3818 3687  
MOBILE: 0428 197 268  
EMAIL: hendrick@iprimus.com.au  
GRADE: S33DW  
LIMIT: open  
BRING: must take p.3, + 2lt water. Lunch to be left in cars so bring an esky.  
COST: \$22.50 (250km @ 9cents per km)  
DEPART: 7:30am Redbank Railway Station  
UBD 216 B9  
CAR KMS: 250km return from Brisbane  
MAP: Ravensbourne NP Guide (download from EPA website)

Ravensbourne NP is situated on a spur of the Great Dividing Range between Toowoomba and Esk. The park was declared in 1922 and preserves a variety of Eucalypts in a pocket of rainforest. We will meet at Redbank Railway station and car pool to the Ravensbourne area to cut down on the number of cars and reduce costs. We will be walking on a number of tracks including the Palm Ck Circuit, Caves Circuit and down to Buaraba Ck (which will hopefully have some

water in it) A side-track will also be included to check out an area called the Caves which has some interesting geology. During the walk we may see a variety of different birds including Rainbow Lorikeets, Red-tailed Black Cockatoos and Red-backed Fairy Wrens. At the end of the walk (less than 10km) we will return to the cars and drive to Beutel's Lookout to admire the view down the Lockyer Valley and eat lunch in one of the many picnic areas. Wood-fire BBQs are also available. We should be back in Brisbane by the mid-afternoon. Email nominations are preferred.

### **COOMERA CIRCUIT**

Day Walk Sat 11 Feb  
LEADER: Wendy Spiry 3353 3927  
MOBILE: 0409 890513  
GRADE: L33DW  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: Usual day walk gear  
COST: Fuel contribution  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Carpark  
CAR KMS: 200km approx

The Coomera Circuit is a very scenic walk beginning from the Binna Burra carpark. We begin on the Border Track before branching off on the Coomera circuit. We pass through rainforest and giant brush box we get brilliant views of the Coomera falls. The gorge itself has a depth of 160m. The circuit crosses the river several times before we rejoin the Border Track. The walk is a total of 17.5km and is suitable for beginners with reasonable fitness and for everybody else who would like a lovely walk in beautiful country.

### **GREEN MOUNTAINS (O'REILLYS)**

New Members Base Camp Fri 17 - Sun 19 Feb  
LEADER: Julia Wain 3201 2013  
EMAIL: glenwain@bigpond.com  
GRADE: L33BC  
LIMIT: 22 probationary, 8 full members  
BRING: Base camp gear, thermals, raingear, gaiters or long pants, warm clothes (can still get cold in summer)  
COST: \$8 per person camp fees (payable to leader) + transport  
DEPART: Green Mtns camp ground Frid night.  
CAR KMS: 220kms @ .9c  
MAP: Lamington

Green Mt NP is 110kms south of Brisbane in the Gold Coast hinterland. The park has beautiful rainforest, waterfalls and plenty of bird and wildlife. The walks will be mostly on graded tracks but will be long (17-22km). We will meet at the camp ground on Fri night. Access is just before the visitor carpark to the right. Facilities at

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the camp ground include composting toilets and hot showers. Sat morn at 8am (after brekky) we will commence with some information talks before leaving on a walk (approx 18km). Back to camp to clean up with short talks etc whilst having pre-dinner nibblies. Sun will be an 8am start again with a short talk before heading out on another track. Today will be a shorter walk. We plan to be back at camp by around 2pm to pack up and head back to Brisbane. If you need information about equipment, please contact either myself or talk to the equipment officer at the meetings. An equipment list is available on the website. Please note the limits on both full and probationary members. LANDLINES only please. Ring Monday or Tuesday night to confirm attendance and arrange carpooling.

### **ABSEIL TRAINING**

#### **KANGAROO POINT BABY CLIFFS - FMR**

Training Sat 18 Feb

LEADER: John Granat

GRADE: S83S&T

LIMIT: 12

BRING: Abseil gear if owned

COST: \$20

DEPART: Baby cliffs at Kangaroo Point

This is a basic abseil training day. The training will be conducted by FMR. The day is designed for members who have not received any formal abseil training. Please note the cost of \$20.

#### **BASIC ABSEIL TRAINING DAY 2 - KANGAROO POINT**

Training Sat 25 Feb

LEADER: John Granat

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EMAIL: johngranat@aol.com

GRADE: S83S&T

LIMIT: 6

DEPART: 7:30am Baby cliffs Kangaroo Point

EQUIPMENT: Abseil equipment will be supplied  
This activity is Day 2 of a two day basic abseil course. Members must successfully complete Day 1 before attending this training day. The training will be conducted by members of BBW.

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

Day Walk Sun 26 Feb

LEADER: Peter James 0412886880

MOBILE: 0412 886 880

EMAIL: psjames1@bigpond.net.au

GRADE: S54DW

LIMIT: 10

BRING: Day walk gear; swimmers; map & compass if you are a leader (obtain from Club library/equipment officer)

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. Sth Kobble Ck is in Brisbane Forest Park, 40 min 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 and cascades, 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 M43DW with the Club



## Sea Kayak's True Colours

Cherrie Cameron recently emailed her kayaking friends about a very interesting article on the Paddling.Net website. It discusses the choice of colour for boats and equipment for greater safety and visibility.

*To read the full article, go to:*

[www.paddling.net/guidelines/showArticle.html?173#authorauthor](http://www.paddling.net/guidelines/showArticle.html?173#authorauthor)

## Magazine Collating

Collating for February magazine is at Jenny Zohn's at West End on Thursday 19 January 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 3342 6345 to book.

## Committee News

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Congratulations to the new committee whose names are on the inside front cover.

Why do so many people choose to belong to BBW? The possible answers are many, but the most relevant for me are the three "f"s:

*Friendship.....*

*.....fellowship.....*

(olde worlde I know, but it starts with "f")

*.....fitness.*

Different people place differing emphasis on each, but if you think about it, these three things are probably the most important in life's journey. **You'll enjoy the journey so much more if you get ready for what remains of it every day.** BBW can help you do just that.

Peter

### OUTINGS SECRETARY REPORT

I would like to begin my term in the role of Outings Officer by thanking Tom Hulse and the team of leaders who have produced an excellent program of activities over the past year, and have handed to me a full and varied list for November. I am confident that members share my gratitude, and I hope that we can continue to provide a rich and varied program into the new year. We might even be able to increase the variety, with kayaking, cycling, abseiling and cross country skiing, for example. If you have an idea, request or opinion, please express it!

This month I am very pleased to welcome Kurt

Wagner to our leading team. I encourage all members to consider leading walks if they have not done so yet. It is a very rewarding, and you get to walk where and when you want! Please contact me (or another leader or committee member) if you are interested and we will help you to get started.

Picnic Pete

### MEMBERSHIP OFFICER REPORT

Thank you for nominating me as Membership Officer for the coming year. By the time this article goes to print, the first base camp at Bunya Mountains will have been completed. I apologise to anyone that tried to put their name on the list but were knocked back as the list was full. It was not my intention to offend anyone, but I placed a limit of 30 on attendees. I was unable to organise a larger group mainly due to being overseas for the 5 weeks immediately prior to the base camp (15 Oct-20 Nov). It was unfair to expect Ray and Dawn to organise a large group on my behalf.

I would like to thank Ray and Dawn Glancy for continuing the administration of new members while I was on holidays. They have done a wonderful job over the past year and I hope I can continue their great work.

The next new members base camp will be held 17-19 February at Green Mountains (it's on the website). I intend to keep the numbers smaller (30 max), however in return I will run 7 or 8 base camps during 2006. The club currently requires 5 per year. Hopefully this will allow all of our probationary members to gain full membership. Looking forward to 2006.

Julia

### MEMBERSHIP FEES

At the Annual General Meeting in October, it was agreed that membership fees for 2006 would be set as follows:

**Single Ordinary Membership (full): \$48.00 per annum**

**Joint Ordinary Membership (full): \$76.00 per annum**

*(i.e. two people from same household sharing one magazine)*

**Probationary Subscription: \$30.00 per six months**

***Full Membership Fees are due by 31st January 2006***

# THE BRISBANE BUSHWALKER

## LIBRARY BORROWING POLICY

The library has books, magazines, DVDs and videos that are available to members to borrow for a 50-cent fee. A list of books held by the library is on the website. In the coming months, I hope to update this list to ensure its completeness and accuracy.

In order to maximise our storage space, some books that are not highly demanded have been removed from the locker at the hall and are being stored with the club's archives. These books are still available to borrow and will be at the next meeting following your request. Currently the list on the website does not detail which books are archived, but I will remedy this when I update the lists.

The library borrowing policy is as follows:

- All borrowing items are available for a 50-cent fee, payable up front.
- The borrowing period is from one meeting to the next.
- If items are overdue an additional charge of 50 cents per item, per meeting, will be levied, and is payable on return of the items.

- The only items not charged for are topographical maps and Sunmap Raster CD, however these items are only available to leaders.
- The library fees apply to all members.
- If a member loses a BBW library item, the member is responsible for purchasing a replacement item for the library.

The library is a part of your club and I hope you all enjoy it. If you have any suggestions for acquisitions, please let me know as I intend to increase the library's catalogue this year. In addition to the borrowing system, the library has items for sale that include T-shirts, bumper stickers, cloth badges and song books, so come along and see me next meeting.

## NOTICE TO LEADERS

Topographical maps and the Sunmap Raster CD are available to borrow from the library for no charge. However, if you borrow a high demand item, and do not return it promptly (that means by the next meeting), you will be charged 50 cents for each meeting that the item remains overdue.

Jodi

## CORRECTION – Photo Competition Results

The results for the photo competition published in the November issue of The Brisbane Bushwalker contained a misprint.

Missing were the following award winners.

Pictorial Print—Highly Commended—Gary Curtis

Pictorial Digital/Slide—Highly Commended— Peter Hunt

Club Character Print—Highly Commended—Jon Beer

## New Members

*During October we welcomed the following new members:*

Jane Blakey	Greg Cartmill	John Cobon	Nick Copping
Brigitte Dane	Belinda Field	Denise Fisher	Steve Fisher
Carrol Helander	Kirsten Hill	Val Hodson	Bryan Johnston
Helen Kaluschke	Esnault Karine	Varoslav Novak	Trish Robinson
Rob Routley	Tennille Shaw	Jeanne Spiden	David Sydes

## Full Members

*Congratulations to the following who have been granted full membership since October*  
Clive Eakin                      John Lute                      Bec Maurer

## Passion - A Personal Perspective

*Jon Beer*

Some of you who were at the recent BBW AGM would remember a brief speech I gave before a ballot for a BBW Committee position. I emphasised that my passion was perhaps the main reason for wanting to contribute to the club in such a role. Of course there were several other practical reasons for trying to achieve this position, but my passion (for bushwalking and BBW) was the driving force.

Now passion isn't everyone's 'thing', but I have found that life would be dead and empty without it! I'm very fortunate that in my life I've found several passions, and my greatest disappointment might be that I cannot pursue all of them. Easily the greatest of those passions is bushwalking and I came to bushwalking almost by 'accident' having completed 2 treks to Nepal in the mid 1980's before joining BBW in 1988.

When I came to the club I knew virtually no one who was a bushwalker, had a very narrow view of what bushwalking was, and what it really involved. So it probably was a bit of a shock that when I went on my first outing what I experienced was a 'typical' off-track bushwalk - a walk to Pyramid Rock in Lamington NP from near Green Mountains. Quite curiously also was the behaviour of the participants. They all seemed to be enjoying this activity enormously, and laughed a lot! It took me a while to recover from this experience but I later realised (almost 3 months!) what a strange and wonderful condition (psychological/physical!?) these people were 'suffering' from. Everyone who gets that feeling will have their own unique experience of it, but certainly for me passion plays a major part.

Passion has also been the primary reason for my greater involvement in club activities - organising/leading outings. It is a little bit selfish, but I feel that if other people will enjoy a walk I want to lead, then I'll plan it, organise it, and do it! Being as introverted as I am it is fair to say that it is not seeing people 'on the day' enjoying the activity that gives me the greatest enjoyment but knowing (sometimes many weeks!) later how satisfying a particular outing was for the participants (leader included!).

So passion drives me to strive for personal satisfaction, the satisfaction of giving enjoyment to others, and to help in whatever capacity I believe I can fulfill in assisting say the running of an organisation such as BBW. But as I indicated earlier passion isn't everyone's 'thing', and by inference some are driven by other desires or motives. (And some may even find people who are openly passionate 'scary'.)

I'm quite happy to be moved/motivated by my passions, even if I don't always get the results I would like (especially as I'm not a competitive person either!). Nevertheless I will continue to let passion be my main 'driver', and feel happy about displaying this wherever (and whenever!) it seems appropriate.

## GPS LEADS TO WILD RIDE

*From: AAP October 26, 2005*

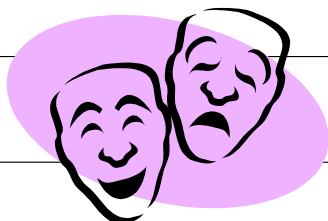
Two Australian tourists who relied on a rental car's satellite navigation system to direct them on a journey in New Zealand were taken to dangerous heights - one of the country's highest mountain passes and a dirt road normally closed to the public.

The couple picked up the car after midnight when they flew into the South Island's Christchurch airport, entered the destination Nelson, 460km to the north, on the system and ended up driving for 10 hours in fog, fording rivers and unable to turn round on a narrow track, Radio New Zealand reported. They ended up at a locked gate on a remote sheep station where a farm worker rescued them.

A Department of Conservation spokesman said the road, usually manageable only by four-wheel drive vehicles, is often closed by snow and landslides and the pair were lucky to escape unscathed. They were Australians he said.

Submitted by Tom Hulse





# Out & About

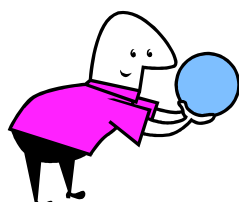


## DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT

WHEN: 6.30pm Tuesday 5th December  
 WHERE: Ceylon Inn  
 190 Oxford St, Bulimba  
 CONTACT: Janine Hope 3397 7706  
 This restaurant is described as the home of traditional Indian and Sri Lankan Cuisines. There is a great range of meat, vegetarian and seafood curries which are clearly labelled with the chilli guide to indicate their heat. There are also non curry dishes along with a wide range of appetizers and desserts. Please come along for the final dinner and movie night for this year. Thanks to Janine for looking after this one as I will be on holiday. Movies screening at the time will be discussed over dinner. Peter

## BAREFOOT BOWLING

WHEN: 3pm Sunday 22nd January  
 WHERE: Merthyr Bowling Club, New Farm  
 COST: \$20 for bowls & BBQ  
 CONTACT: Burney Starkey 3269 9383



We will start Bowling at 3pm till 5pm with some instruction available. Afterwards there will be a BBQ dinner by the river and drinks can be purchased at club prices. Bookings essential. Burney

## THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

WHEN: 6.10pm Thursdays  
 see program for dates  
 WHERE: Goodwill Bridge, Southbank side  
 CONTACT: Jenny Zohn. No need to book.

Join us for a couple of hours of brisk midweek walking in our fair city. We explore the walking tracks along the river, as well as city parks etc. Bring a few dollars for coffee and possible city cat fares. (Southbank to The Powerhouse, New Farm is approx 12km return, walks will more probably average 9km). I will be away Dec and early Jan. Check website for updated contact details. Jenz

## CHRISTMAS Party + SECRET SANTA

please bring a "Secret Santa" gift to the value of \$10, suitable for either male or female. Santa has promised to attend and distribute the gifts!

**A reminder about the details of the party:**

**When:**

**Weekend of 9th-11th December 05**

**Where:**

**Cedar Creek Lodges. Thunderbird Park, Tambourine Mountain**

**Contact:**

**Janine Hope: 33977706 or 0417 707 663**

This time the theme is a "Surfin' Safari" – so come in your boardies, hawaiian gear or anything beachy and be prepared for the beach music of the 60's and 70's!

Cedar Creek Lodges is on the Tambourine Mountain Road – turn left at Tambourine Village and continue for 7 km.

Accommodation is in bunk houses – 8 people per room. Bring your own sleeping bag and pillow.

We will have a central recreation room for our own use and this has kitchen facilities including crockery and cutlery. There is an outdoor BBQ.

Local activities include walking, swimming in Cedar Ck Falls, horse riding, volley ball and tennis (half court).

Cost is \$75 per person, inc: accommodation from Friday night to Sunday and a 3 course meal on Saturday night. Other meals are self catering in the recreation room.

**Full payment was due by 26th October!  
Please contact Janine urgently if you haven't paid and still want to go!**

Janine

***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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