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MEETINGS: The Brisbane Bushwalkers Club meets every 2nd and 4th 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 2nd Wednesday. All welcome.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The venue for the next committee meeting on **Wednesday 1st February 7.30pm** is at Tom Cowlshaw's at 116 Alderley Ave. Alderley. Ph: 3856 4050. All members are welcome to attend.

MAGAZINE: *It is preferred that leaders submit pre-trip descriptions via the 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 **March** magazine is
Friday 3rd February
Pre-trip descriptions for all activities please!

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EQUIPMENT HIRE

The following equipment is available **for club activities**. The charge *between meetings* per item is:

Foam mat.....	\$2.00
Self inflating mat	\$5.00
Stove.....	\$5.00
Tent or Pack.....	\$10.00

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

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

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

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

LIBRARY

Books, Maps and Magazines are available for loan between meetings. A fee of 50^c 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.



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GUIDE TO GRADINGS



DISTANCE	Short	Under 10 km per day
	Medium	10—15 km per day
	Long	15—20 km per day
	EXtra Long	Over 20 km per day
TERRAIN	1—3	<u>Graded</u> or <u>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	Base Camp, Day Walk, Night Walk, Through Walk, CYCle, KaYaK, SOCial Activity, Safety & Training, ROGaine, Federation Mountain Rescue, eg: L33DW = 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.

January

25		General Meeting		
26	M33SOC	Brisbane River & Aust Day BBQ	Jenny Zohn	3342 6345
28	M33DW	Jolly's Lookout to Boombana	Dawn Glancy	3343 8854
	M33NW	Somerset Trail - Mt Mee State Forest	John Stevens	0429 659 617
	KYK	Wivenhoe Dam	Peter Lock	3351 1184
29	X33DW	Albert River Circuit	Mary Comer	3844 6231
	M85DW	Abseil walk Brisbane area	Peter James	0412886880

February

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	Mt Cordeaux / Bare Rock	Wendy Spiry	3353 3927
	M55DW	Best of Byron Gorge	Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
8		Open Meeting		
11	S33DW	Ravensbourne National Park	Dawn Hendrick & Dawn Glancy	
	3818 3687			
	L33DW	Coomera Circuit	Wendy Spiry	3353 3927
	M55DW	Love and Cedar Circuit	Frank Finch	32891863
12	M33DW	Leader Training - Daves Creek Circuit	Peter James	0412886880
	M45DW	Wilson's Peak (Car Shuffle)	Paul Gorell	0422-091-300
15	CYC	Mitchelton to Toombul	Terry Bryant	3351 3991
17-19	L33BC	New Members Base Camp, Green Mountains	Julia Wain	3201 2013
18	S83S&T	Abseil Training Kangaroo Point baby cliffs	John Granat	
19	M66DW	Coomera Gorge Track	Ray Glancy	3343 8854
	L66DW	Morans Creek	Barry Norton	3886 3721
22		General Meeting		
25	S83S&T	Basic Abseil Training Day Two - Kangaroo Point		John Granat
	3265 5404			
26	M33DW	Illinbah Circuit	John Dwyer	3844 9213 (a/h)
	S54DW	Leader Survey - South Kobbie Creek	Peter James	0412886880

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PROGRAM

ALWAYS TAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU

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

March

3-5	KYK	Paddy's Flat	Peter Lock	3351 1184
5	M55DW	Best of Byron Gorge	Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
8		Open Meeting		
11	M33DW	Jolly's Lookout to Boombana	Dawn Hendrick	3818 3687
12	L34DW M45DW	Warrie Circuit and the Pinnacle Leader Training - Eagles Nest to Wivenhoe	Kay Byrne Peter James	3397 1021 0412886880
15	CYC	Boondal to Woody Pt	Peter Lock	3351 1184
18	M45DW	West Canungra Creek	Mary Comer	3844 6231
18-26	KYK	Chandler River	Peter Lock	3351 1184
19	M33DW	Daves Creek Circuit	Deniz & Adam	0417 790 276
22		General Meeting		
24-26	L34BC	New Members Base Camp - Bunya Mountains	Julia Wain	3201 2013



Coming Trips

BRISBANE RIVER & AUST DAY BBQ

Kayak-social Thu 26 Jan
LEADER: Jenny Zohn 3342 6345
GRADE: M33SOC
LIMIT: Unlimited
BRING: Boat, Paddle, PFD, Night lights, BBQ delights

COST: nil
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, 2 ltrs 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 Bus facility and drive up to Jolly's Lookout. We do Egernia Circuit Track then Thylogale Walking Track then Rainforest Circuit Track. On the Egernia Circuit and Rainforest Circuit, we walk through open eucalypt woodlands with some rainforest species beside creek beds. The Thylogale Walking Track connects Jolly's

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Lookout to Boombana with a delightful walk through tall eucalypt forest and rainforest. A good variety of birds can be spotted along the way (IF WE ARE QUIET). We will have lunch at Jolly's Lookout and possibly coffee at The Gap Coffee Club.

SOMMERSET TRAIL - MT MEE ST FOREST

Night Walk Sat 28 Jan
LEADER: John Stevens 0429 659 617
EMAIL: jpstevens@powerup.com.au
GRADE: M33NW
LIMIT: 8
BRING: usual day gear, a cup, tea bags or coffee and 2 litres of water

DEPART: 3:30pm Alderley car park

CAR KMS: 130 kms

MAP: Mt Byron

Walk to the Somerset Dam lookout in late afternoon. Have a cup of tea/coffee and a pre-dinner snack while watching the sun set over Somerset Dam. We'll continue along the trail after dark until we get back to the gantry picnic ground. We'll have a BBQ at the gantry picnic grounds after the walk. The food will be left in the cars during the walk. There will be no moonlight on this walk. Do not forget your torch and spare batteries.

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.

ALBERT RIVER CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 29 Jan
LEADER: Mary Comer 3844 6231
MOBILE: 0427446000
EMAIL: maryccomer@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: X33DW
LIMIT: 16
BRING: Day walk gear and swimmers
COST: Petrol money
DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens Car Park

MAP: Lamington NP

This walk is in the Green Mountains (O'Reillys) section of Lamington NP. The distance is just over 20kms all in the rainforest. We start and finish the walk along the Border Track but the middle part is on a circuit following the headwaters of the Albert River. This is very beautiful with many waterfalls and we should get a chance to cool off in one of the many rock pools. Lunch will be taken at Echo Point on the escarpment with views down into NSW. The walk is not difficult and suitable for new members as long as you are prepared to walk the distance. Preferably you should have done at least a 17km walk with the club.

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 if the water is nice enough. 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.

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 if interested.

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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 Creek upstream. We will have morning tea and maybe a swim here. It is a lovely area with many waterfalls and "tree gardens". We continue to the escarpment at Wanungara Lookout where hopefully there will good views into the Tweed Valley of NSW and 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 and easier on the Border Track. This walk is about 24kms so please do not come unless you have done at least a 17km walk with the club.

MTCORDEAUX/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 the walk 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.

BEST OF BYRON GORGE

Day Walk Sun 5 Feb
LEADER: Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
GRADE: M55DW

LIMIT: 10
BRING: Usual day walk gear + 3lt water
DEPART: 7am Alderley Car park
MAP: Mt Byron 1:25000

This trip will drop into the upper part of Byron gorge on an old forestry track which leads off the Somerset trail. This will bring us to the best part of the gorge fairly quickly. We will then follow up another creek with three waterfalls and many pools until it meets a road about 1.5km from the Mt Mee Gantry picnic ground. A great trip for people confident on rock. There should be plenty of swims to keep us cool.

RAVENSBOURNE 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: morning tea, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, 2litres of water minimum. Lunch to be left in cars so you can 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 National Park 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 Creek Circuit, Caves Circuit and down to Buaraba Ck (which will hopefully have some water in it by then!) 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 (which is less than 10km) we will return to the cars and drive up to Gus 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 for those so inclined. We should be back in Brisbane by the mid-afternoon. Email nominations are preferred.

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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.

LOVE AND CEDAR CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sat 11 Feb
LEADER: Frank Finch 32891863
GRADE: M55DW
LIMIT: 10
BRING: day walk gear & togs
DEPART: 7am Alderley Car Park

This day walk in the Mt Glorious area of Brisbane Forrest Park starts at Alex Rd and follows a track to a small creek which flows into Love Ck. Morning tea is at Love Ck 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 Rd carpark. You 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 Forrest Park.

LEADER TRAINING - DAVES CK CIRCUIT

Training Sun 12 Feb
LEADER: Peter James 0412886880
EMAIL: psjames1@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: M33DW
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Guide for Leaders; map and compass
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Car Park
MAP: Beechmont 1:25 000

This leader training day is open to any member who is interested in leading walks. Experienced leaders will assist by giving short, informal talks during the day. Members can bring their own

map and compass, or draw them from the equipment officer or librarian. Knowledge of navigation is not a pre-requisite. Topics covered will include club insurance, leader ethos, walk planning, walk surveys and walk promotion, and advice about leading a walk. The training programme will be sent to nominees by email or by other arrangements. You will need to obtain a copy of the Club's Guide for Leaders from the librarian. We start and finish the walk at Binna Burra. It is not a long or difficult walk - the emphasis will be on training.

WILSONS PEAK (CAR SHUFFLE)

Day Walk Sun 12 Feb
LEADER: Paul Gorell 0422-091-300
EMAIL: gorell@powerup.com.au
GRADE: M45DW
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Always Take p.3 + 3lt water
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS: Approx. 200km
MAP: Wilsons Peak, Mt Superbus

Wilson's Peak is located in the Main Range SE of Boonah. At Teviot Gap, we'll need a car-shuffle to enable this to be one of the few walks where there is more downhill walking than uphill!! To start the walk at Teviot Gap we cross farmland to a track which takes us into rainforest and up into a saddle with some great views to Mts Greville, May and Maroon and Moogerah & Maroon Dams. There's a small cliff break to negotiate but nothing difficult. Lunch will be on top of Wilson's Peak. We then descend the cliff break and go east descending the border fence for approx. 2 km. We then head north down a spur towards Wilson's Ck which leads to the top of Kinnanes Falls. We then descend to the cars left as part of the car shuffle earlier. The walk is suitable for the reasonably fit and newer members who don't mind a steep up and a long down. Coffee at Boonah.

MITCHELTON TO TOOMBUL

Night Ride Wed 15 Feb
LEADER: Terry Bryant 3351 3991
GRADE: CYC
LIMIT: 16
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

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NEW MEMBERS BASE CAMP

GREEN MOUNTAINS (O'REILLYS)

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 (small tents please sites are limited), 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 Fri night.
CAR KMS: 220kms @ 9c
MAP: Lamington
This activity is full.

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 those members who have not received any formal abseil training before. Please note the cost of \$20.

COOMERA GORGE TRACK

Day Walk Sun 19 Feb
LEADER: Ray Glancy 3343 8854
MOBILE: 0419 719 480
EMAIL: rayanddawnglancy@yahoo.com.au
GRADE: M66DW
LIMIT: 10
BRING: 3 lt water, togs & towel, long gaiters, scunge gloves, sense of adventure
COST: Car Contribution
DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens Car Park
CAR KMS: 220 kms
MAP: Beechmont Map
Greg Long (Home Ph No. 3841 1720) I did this walk with the Tuesday walkers in the middle of Nov and we felt that it would be a good walk that we could co-lead and offer to other walkers. You get a different perspective of Coomera Falls - looking UP from the base of the falls to the viewing platform - rather than looking down into the Gorge. This walk leaves from Binna Burra and follows the Coomera River circuit to a point where we branch off and begin the off track section of the walk. The walk involves crossing

above and below many waterfalls and does involve some exposure, scrambling and two hours of rock hopping (one hour before and after lunch) so nominees NEED TO BE confident off track walkers and rock hoppers. Having said that, the views and the perspective from the river make this an enjoyable day. After lunch, we will retrace our steps back to the cars and coffee in the late afternoon.

MORANS CREEK

Day Walk Sun 19 Feb
LEADER: Barry Norton 3886 3721
EMAIL: knock@iprimus.com.au
GRADE: L66DW
LIMIT: 11
BRING: Usual, Gaiters & Gloves
DEPART: 5:30am Fairfield
MAP: Hillview

This is a walk not done for a few years due to land owner problems, we will go around these and enter one of Lamington's really pretty creeks and good swimming holes. It is a long rock hop and at the latter end of the walk the rocks are very large boulders, the main spectacle is reached near the end of the walk, Moran's Ck Falls. With all the rain expected in the next few months this will be a walk to be remembered. Don't miss out.

ABSEIL TRAINING DAY 2- KANGAROO PT

Training Sat 25 Feb
LEADER: John Granat 3265 5404
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 two of a two day basic abseil course. Members must have successfully completed day one before attending this training day. The training will be conducted by members of BBW.

ILLINBAH CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 26 Feb
LEADER: John Dwyer 3844 9213 (a/h)
EMAIL: jgdwyer@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: M33DW
LIMIT: 12 (including leader)
BRING: Usual day walk gear & swimmers
DEPART: 7:00am Fairfield Gardens Car Park
CAR KMS: 200
MAP: Beechmont 1:25000
This graded track walk is in the Binna Burra section of Lamington NP and commences just below the Info Centre. The walk is 17kms and follows

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the lower section of the Coomera River. If there has been rain then you might get wet feet at some of the numerous creek crossings. We will go in an anticlockwise direction so that we get to have a swim at Gwongoorool Pool before the 2.5km climb out. There is the odd step or 200 to negotiate on the climb back to the cars!

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; and map and compass if you are a leader (obtain from Club library/equipment officer)

DEPART: 7am Alderley car park

MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30,000

This walk is a survey for leaders wanting to learn new off-track walks, but other members are welcome to nominate. South Kobble Ck is in Brisbane Forest Park, 40mins 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 of a M43DW with the Club

PADDY'S FLAT

River Through Paddle Fri 3 - Sun 5 Mar
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: 6pm

This is a two day paddle from Paddy's Flat to Hootens Crossing on the Clarence River NSW. We will camp with the cars on Fri night then take our tents in the boats for the Sat night camp. There are numerous rapids on this river, which are not monster white water extreme rapids, but they do add a little excitement to the trip. You will require some basic white water skills to safely negotiate them. You will need to convince the leader that you have these skills, which you can do at the practice day on 28th January, for example. Canoes or kayaks would be suitable, but

your boat will probably get scratched and possibly damaged.

JOLLY'S LOOKOUT TO BOOMBANA

Day Walk Sat 11 Mar
LEADER: Dawn Hendrick 3818 3687
MOBILE: 0428 197 268
EMAIL: hendrick@iprimus.com.au
GRADE: M33DW
LIMIT: open
BRING: Usual day walk gear, 2 lt water, morning tea. Lunch to be left in car. WARM CLOTHING for lunch area which is exposed to winds.
COST: nil - own cost of transport
DEPART: 7:30am Park & Ride, Waterworks Rd, The Gap. (opp. Settlement Rd intersection)

MAP: Brisbane Forest Map

This is combination of three beautiful track walks totalling 10.6km. We car pool at the Park & Ride Bus facility and drive up to Jolly's Lookout (where there are Public Toilets). From here we do the Egernia Circuit then the Thylogale Walking Track and finally the Rainforest Track to Boombana. We will walk through open eucalypt woodlands and some rainforest beside creek beds. If we are quiet we should see a good variety of birdlife. Lunch will be at Jolly's Lookout (which has BBQ facilities) with a return to the Coffee Club at the Gap for those who have a free afternoon. Nominations via email preferred.

WARRIE CIRCUIT AND THE PINNACLE

Day Walk Sun 12 Mar
LEADER: Kay Byrne 3397 1021
EMAIL: byrne@cytech.com.au
GRADE: L34DW
LIMIT: 16
BRING: 2litresWater and Day walk gear
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS: approx 200kms
MAP: Springbrook

The Warrie circuit walk leaves from the Canyon Lookout at Springbrook. It is a 17km track walk which descends into a valley with many beautiful water falls, along the way we have the option of a side trip (an addition of 2kms of "off track walking" to the Pinnacle a rocky outcrop. The Last 50 meters to the top of the pinnacle is an optional narrow rocky ridge to scramble for beautiful views. This side track adds about 1 1/2 hrs to the walk and is not advisable in wet weather. After returning from the side trip we continue on to the junction of Boy-ull and Mundora Crks, which is a good lunch spot. Swimming is also possible. After lunch we return to the top of the canyon

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steadily climbing to complete the circuit enjoying beautiful views of more waterfalls and the cliff walls. This walk requires some endurance because of its length and gradient on the return journey, but well worth the effort. See you there.

LEADER TRAINING - EAGLES NEST TO WIVENHOE LOOKOUT

Training Sun 12 Mar
LEADER: Peter James 0412886880
EMAIL: psjames1@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: M45DW
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Guide for Leaders; map & compass
DEPART: 7am Alderley Car Park
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30,000

This leader training day is open to any member who is interested in leading walks. Experienced leaders will assist by giving short, informal talks during the day. Members can bring their own map and compass, or draw them from the equipment officer or librarian. Knowledge of navigation is not a pre-requisite. Topics covered will include club insurance, leader ethos, walk planning, walk surveys, walk promotion, and advice about leading a walk. The training programme will be sent to nominees by email or by other arrangements. You will need to obtain a copy of the Club's Guide for Leaders from the librarian. After positioning a car at Wivenhoe Lookout, we start at the locked gate at GR750780 and follow a forestry track to the Eagles Nest turn off at GR725782. From Eagles Nest, GR 725786 we descend to Northbrook Ck, GR725792 and head downstream to the top swimming hole in Northbrook Gorge (no need for waterproofing!). From there our route follows Northbrook Ck upstream and then via a tributary, GR 733795 to Wivenhoe Lookout. It is not a long or difficult walk - the emphasis will be on training.

BOONDAL TO WOODY PT

Night Ride Wed 15 Mar
LEADER: Peter Lock 3351 1184
MOBILE: 0419 496 837
EMAIL: peter@lock.id.au
GRADE: CYC
LIMIT: 16
BRING: Bike, lights, helmet
DEPART: 6:30pm Aberdeen Pde, south west side of Boondal Station

This ride will be about 35km, almost entirely level, and mostly on bike tracks. We'll start at Boondal Station and take bike tracks beside the Gateway Motorway and Deagon Deviation. Then across the Hornibrook Viaduct to Pelican Park and Woody Pt. Our return follows the coast to

Shorncliffe, where we'll pause to watch the Moonfest party. Then a few more km of back streets and bike tracks to Boondal station. No cafe tonight. We will ride a little faster tonight, so if you are a very slow rider then please consider next month's ride instead.

WEST CANUNGRA CREEK

Day Walk Sat 18 Mar
LEADER: Mary Comer 3844 6231
MOBILE: 0427446000
EMAIL: maryccomer@optusnet.com
GRADE: M45DW
LIMIT: 16
BRING: Day walk gear and swimmers
COST: Petrol money
DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens Car Park
MAP: Lamington NP

This walk is in the Green Mountains (O'Reillys) section of Lamington NP. We will leave the cars at the end of Duck Creek Rd and descend Bull Ant Spur to Blue Pool. Depending on the time we will either stop here for morning tea and a swim or go a little further downstream to the beautiful Stairway Falls. From here we continue to follow the old dilapidated track, with many creek crossings, to the junction of East & West Canungra Cks where we will have lunch and another swim. We return on the same route. This is a long day so you must be reasonably fit and be prepared for the steep walk up Bull Ant Spur at the end of the day.

CHANDLER RIVER

River Through Paddle Sat 18 - Sun 26 Mar
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

CAR KMS: 1200km

MAP: Big Hill

Our paddle begins at Carters Trail on the Chandler River, and finishes 60km downstream in the Macleay River at Georges Junction. This stretch of river boasts spectacular scenery, glorious campsites and easy paddling. We will see rock wallabies hopping up the cliffs above us, and brumbies crossing the river ahead, which add to the adventure feel of the trip. The river has numerous small rapids. These are not monster white water extreme sports, but they do add some excitement to the trip and will require competence in the basic river paddling skills. To nominate for this trip, you must convince the

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leader that you have these skills. A good way to get them is to attend the play day on 28th January. This trip is suitable for canoes and kayaks. As with any river trip, boats will be probably be scratched, and possibly damaged.

DAVES CREEK CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 19 Mar
LEADER: Deniz & Adam 0417 790 276
EMAIL: denizturak@yahoo.com
GRADE: M33DW
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Items on p.3 and Membership card
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Carpark

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 which will be at locations with views of the Numinbah Valley and further on at Surprise Rock. Then it's back to the cafe 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. Emails welcome.

NEW MEMBERS BASE CAMP - BUNYA MOUNTAINS


Base Camp Fri 24 - Sun 26 Mar
LEADER: Julia Wain 3201 2013
EMAIL: glenwain@bigpond.com
GRADE: L34BC
LIMIT: 22 probationary, 8 full members
BRING: base camp gear, long gaiters/
trousers, warm gear, chair, stove,
tent, water (10 litres p/person)
COST: \$8 per person camp fees (2 nights,

payable to leader) + petrol contribution

DEPART: 6pm contact leader
CAR KMS: approx 480 klms
MAP: Mowbullen 9244-3, Bunya 9244-34
New Members Base Camp

Bunya Mtns NP is 240klm north west of Brisbane (approx 3 hours drive). The area consists of rainforest, open grasslands and of course Bunya Pines. The campground has flushing toilets and time restricted hot showers. The walks planned will be over 17klms on Saturday, slightly shorter on Sunday and pass through a variety of beautiful rainforest and open areas with spectacular views. The walks are long but not hilly! We will also have our usual discussions on safety, ethics, equipment etc. on both days. Saturday night will be drinks, nibbles and social. It will be a busy but fun weekend. It could be cold at night so please ensure you bring warm clothing. 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, it is preferable that full members participate in all the activities as your assistance will be valuable to the group. 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 if required. NOTE: As camp fees have been prepaid (\$8pp) fees are still payable to leader for cancellations received after Monday 20 March, if no replacement found.

Julia

Save \$5	Present this voucher for a \$5 discount on a Hikers First Aid Kit or 10% discount on other First Aid Kits from St John Ambulance (Qld)	 St John
	St John Ambulance - First in First Aid 225 St Paul's Terrace Fortitude Valley Ph: 3253 0500	
Not valid with any other kit discount offer ref: BBW 05		

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The start of a new year and it is time to find more leaders.

I have scheduled a number of walks on the programme specifically for leaders and potential leaders - some are surveys to train and encourage leaders to go off track or lead different walks, and others are training days with formal programmes but informal presentation. If you started leading in 2005 and were unable to attend such a day, you are welcome to nominate. If you are just thinking about becoming a leader, you are very welcome to attend a leader training day.

Not long after joining BBW, an existing leader encouraged me to consider becoming a leader. Until then, I hadn't thought much about the needs of the club or considered it appropriate for a fairly new member to pursue a leader role. I hope other leaders and members offer similar encouragement to any member who may be a potential leader, as it could be all that it takes to motivate less confident members and ensure latent leaders are spurred into action.

Why the push for leaders? Each year begins with a surge of new members and a subsequent demand for 33 grade walks. We can expect baby boomers with spare time, empty nests and new-year resolutions, as well as an increasing number of younger people wanting to become fit, pursue different experiences or establish new social opportunities. We need to maintain their momentum and enthusiasm by offering a range of walks and activities as soon as they join. Please help if you can - either become a leader or actively encourage others to do so.

Peter

OUTINGS SECRETARY REPORT

More leaders please: We are always looking for more leaders. Please look out for people who might be ready for a tap on the shoulder. You can speak to them yourself, or give names to me. We are interested in leaders for all kinds of walks - so they don't have to be 66 walkers or off-track navigators. This month we welcome Barry Norton back to the leading team after an

absence of several years.

Cross Country Snow Skiing: Our insurance policy now allows cross country skiing, and the committee would like to know if members are interested in having this activity in the club. I envisage an annual one week trip, staying in the town, with days trips on the snow each day. If enough people attend there will be a few grades of trip each day. Beginners trips will always be included.

Cross country skiing is like bushwalking on the snow. Most of the trips we do in Australia have very gentle slopes so you don't need to be a proficient skier to get along. It is a wonderful wilderness experience. If you might be interested in leading or participating in this, ***please register your interest with me.***

Private trips: If you are organising an activity that does not fit within the club rules, you may publish it in the magazine. The editor will accept your advertisement (space permitting) for the back pages. (The trip will not appear on the web site, or the program part of the magazine.) I would like to see some of our big trips in the program. If you are going to Tasmania, Hinchinbrook or some other exciting place, please consider adding your trip to the program. We understand that big trips are often organised by a group of friends and may be already full before publishing, but the club would still love to have the trip documented in its program. Show us the photos too!

Picnic Pete

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER REPORT

My first New Members Base Camp was held at Bunya Mountains on 25-27 November. 26 members participated. After some concern about the weather and storms, we awoke on Saturday morning to beautiful clear skies. The usual talks were given and then we did some serious walking. I changed the walk itinerary at the last minute to avoid a car shuffle. This meant that at the end of day 1, the group had completed a 19-20km walk. This was a big effort particularly for the newer probationary members. They rose to the occasion and completed the walk with smiles on their faces and sore feet but also with a feeling of achievement. The scenery may have helped. With the

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recent rain, everything was moist and green. Ticks were in abundance as usual but so were the beautiful flowering plants, the most variety of colourful fungi I've ever seen and lots of birdlife. After some more (hopefully informative) talks on Sunday, we did a 10km walk. A pretty good effort for everyone particularly after the long Saturday walk. Thanks to Ray & Dawn for organising the camp in my absence. Thanks to Lynsey and all the full members for their assistance and additional expertise. The next New Members Base Camp is 17-19 February which is nearly full. Check the website as all the camps have been loaded for 2006. Bunyas is on again in March for anyone who would like to visit this area, but missed out in November.

Julia

SAFETY & TRAINING REPORT

As your new Safety & Training Secretary, I look forward to working with the committee in assisting all club members enjoy safe bush walking and ensuring the good programmes established by the previous committee, continue to be of benefit. During the coming year we will continue to provide training for new members at base camps, focussed leader training days, navigational training & first aid training. As well we will work to secure club night speakers covering topics relevant to your bushwalking experiences.

Recently I was fortunate to attend a 2-day St John's First Aid training course—it covers pretty much everything we need to be aware of as bushwalkers & I can thoroughly recommend it to you. We will be organising more sessions this year and in addition we will have St John's refresher courses—while these normally focus on CPR, I believe they can be expanded to about 1 day to cover other aspects of first aid most pertinent to bushwalking.

If you have any useful training ideas, don't hesitate to speak up—as a new kid on the block, I will be seeking the counsel of your experience.

Lynsey

LIBRARY REPORT

I'd just like to say thank you to Val Samways for her recent donation of "North to the Night" by Alvah Simon to the club library.

Jodi

GUEST SPEAKERS

25 January

Tom McAlister (BBW member) —Slide show
Two walks in the South Island of New Zealand

Tom will talk about the "Five Passes" and "Lewis Pass to Nelson Lakes". Come along to see some great photos!

8 February

Martin Taylor, Executive Coordinator, NPAQ

Martin will speak about the NPAQ's current campaigns for national parks.

22 February

Wayne Waltisbuhl, Rural Fire Service

Wayne will help us understand bushfire behaviour, and show us how to survive a fire. He has some great photos to illustrate his talk, so come along for a good night.

22 March

Rosemary McConnell (BBW member)
Kokoda Track

Rosemary will present photos from the Kokoda Track walk which six BBW members did in July 2005. The photos are a compilation from all the walk participants, and will illustrate the scenery and village life of the Koiari people.

Thanks to those who have suggested topics or speakers for future meetings—I'm working on them! Further suggestions for guest speakers very welcome.

Elaine

Full Members

Congratulations to the following who have been granted full membership since November

Sharon Atkinson

Carmen Hinz

Jan Giddins

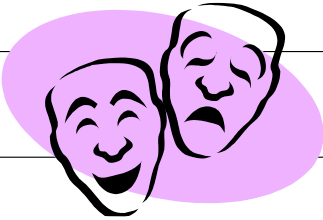
Denise Statham

Margaret Crowley

Darryl Newling

David Gardiner

Margaret Long



Out & About

DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT



WHEN: 6.30pm Tuesday 7th February
 WHERE: Café Citrus
 161 Oxford St, Bulimba
 CONTACT: Peter Hunt 3351 3642

Please come along and help celebrate the first dinner and movie night for the new year. There is a good range of meals from which to choose and desserts as well. The challenge is to decide which one to try on this occasion. The movie theatre is across the road for your convenience. Movies screening at the time will be discussed over dinner.

Peter

MIRO'S SPANISH RESTAURANT

WHEN: 7pm Friday 24th February
 WHERE: Miro's Spanish Restaurant,
 4/154 Merthyr Rd New Farm
 COST: \$33
 CONTACT: Burney Starkey 3269 9383



OK amigos, we're off to a little eatery. While there is no Manuel, there is some authentic Spanish cuisine. Flamenco dancers perform on Friday nights and there's plenty of Spanish wines and Ambar beer. BYO carries a \$4.90 surcharge as the restaurant is fully licensed. We will have a menu that includes bread

platters, tapas, and a limited choice for the main course. There is plenty of parking in Hawthorne and James Sts. Ole!

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).

Jenz

Membership Fees

A reminder that membership fees for Ordinary Membership (full members) are due by 31st January 2006.

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

Magazine Collating

Collating for March magazine is at Jenny Zohn's at West End on Thursday 16 February at 7pm. There is only about 1½-2 hours work required – If you would like to come along for an easy social night and supper please phone 3342 6345 to book.

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)
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Ken Shea (3371 3623) or Tom Cowlshaw (3856 4050)

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