

# The BRISBANE BUSHWALKER

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## BRISBANE BUSHWALKERS MONTHLY NEWS



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(included in Club Membership fee)

**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 1<sup>st</sup> March 7.30pm** is at Tom Cowlshaw's at 116 Alderley Ave. Alderley. Ph: 3856 4050. All members are welcome to attend.

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

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Cover Photograph  
*Is that a leach? Border Track by Jennz*

### 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

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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.**

## PROGRAM

Gradings approximate only (subject to trip leaders' survey)  
Members are responsible for ensuring they are capable of doing the walks for which they nominate.

### February

#### 22 General Meeting

23	SOC	Thursday Nightwalk	Jenny Zohn	33426345
24	SOC	Miro's Spanish Restaurant	Janine and Burney	33977706
25	M33DW	Daves Creek Circuit	Val Samways	3265 4830
	S83S&T	Basic Abseil Training Day Two - Kangaroo Point	John Granat	3265 5404
26	L33DW	Illinbah Circuit	John Dwyer	3844 9213 (a/h)
	S54DW	Leader Survey - South Kobble Creek	Peter James	0412886880

### March

2	SOC	Thursday Nightwalk	Jenny Zohn	33426345
3-5	KYK	Paddy's Flat	Peter Lock	3351 1184
4	M44DW	Bushrangers Cave & Mt Hobwee	Mary Comer	38446231
	S83S&T	Abseil Training	John Granat	3274 2777 wk
5	M33DW	Daves Creek Circuit	Burney	32699383
	M55DW	Best of Byron Gorge	Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
	S83S&T	Abseil Training	John Granat	3274 2777 wk

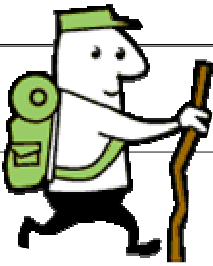
#### 8 Open Meeting

9	SOC	Thursday Nightwalk	Jenny Zohn	33426345
11	M33DW	Jolly's Lookout to Boombana (as Dawn is overseas)	Mary Comer	3844 6231
	S83S&T	Abseil Training	John Granat	3274 2777 wk
12	L34DW	Warrie Circuit and the Pinnacle	Kay Byrne	3397 1021
	M45DW	Leader Training - Eagles Nest to Wivenhoe Lookout	Peter James	0412886880
	S83S&T	Abseil Training	John Granat	3274 2777 wk
15	CYC	Boondal to Woody Pt	Peter Lock	3351 1184
16	SOC	Thursday Nightwalk	Jenny Zohn	33426345
18	L33DW	Toolona Creek Circuit	Greg Long	38411720
	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
21	M66DW	Around Mt Bangalor, down Reynolds Gorge	Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
22	<b>General Meeting</b>			
23	SOC	Thursday Nightwalk	Jenny Zohn	33426345

## PROGRAM

ALWAYS TAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU  
Check the activity description for the leaders additions to the "Always Take" recommendation.

24	SOC	Brazilian Touch	Burney	32699383
24-26	L34BC	New Members Base Camp - Bunya Mountains	Julia Wain	3201 2013
25	S55DW	The Cougals	Nick Brooking	3262 5244
26	M44DW	Mount Greville	John Dwyer	3844 9213 (a/h)
	M55DW	Advanced Navigation Training - England Creek Brisbane Forest Park	Peter James	0412 886 880
30	SOC	Thursday Nightwalk	Jenny Zohn	33426345
<b>April</b>				
1	S33DW	Photographic Walk, O/Rielies	Jenny Zohn	33426345
	S33DW	Rocks Circuit & Echidna Trail, Karawatha Forest	Dawn Hendrick	3818 3687
	M55DW	Muscat and Bailey via 560	Mary Comer	3844 6231
2	M55DW	Montserrat Lookout/Upper Portals	Cath Carkeet	3357 5607
	M66DW	Mt Maroon, South Ridge	Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
6	SOC	Thursday Nightwalk	Jenny Zohn	33426345
8	M44S&T	Navigation Training Brisbane Forest Park	Peter Lock / Lynsey Moore	33666135
	SOC	Nepali New Year Dinner	Burney, Rosemary McConnell	32699383
9	L33DW	Warrie Circuit	Adam & Deniz	
	M55DW	Leader Survey - Lincoln Wreck	Peter James	0412886880
<b>12 Open Meeting</b>				
	L77DW	Mt. Barney	Margaret Moran	3398 2404
21-25	S75TW	Girraween Tunnel of Doom	Peter Lock	3351 1184
23	M87DW	Logan's Ridge, Mt Barney	Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
<b>26 General Meeting</b>				
29	M33DW	New Farm - Southbank - Teneriffe	Dawn Glancy	3343 8854
29-1	X55TW	Green Mountains to Border Ranges and Reverse	Ray Glancy	3343 8854
<b>May</b>				
5-7	L34BC	New Members Base Camp - Border Ranges NP NSW	Julia Wain	3201 2013
	SOC	Kootootonga O'Reilly's	Burney	32699383 0422386080



## Coming Trips

### **DAVES CREEK CIRCUIT**

Day Walk Sat 25 Feb  
LEADER: Val Samways 3265 4830  
GRADE: M33DW  
LIMIT: 15

BRING: Usual day gear, hat and sunscreen  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens carpark  
Daves Ck circuit is an interesting walk from Binna Burra. We walk through rainforest, eucalypt forest and open heath land. We follow the Border Track on our way back to Binna Burra. Come along for a pleasant day out.

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

Training Sat 25 Feb  
LEADER: John Granat 3265 5404  
EMAIL: johnegranat@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: L33DW  
LIMIT: 12 (including leader)

BRING: Usual day walk gear & swimmers  
DEPART: 7am 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 17km and follows 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; 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. 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, Canoes or kayaks would be suitable, but your boat will probably get scratched and possibly damaged.

### **BUSHRANGERS CAVE & MT HOBWEE**

Day Walk Sat 4 Mar  
LEADER: Mary Comer 38446231  
MOBILE: 0427446000  
EMAIL: maryccomer@optusnet.com.au

GRADE: M44DW  
LIMIT: 16  
BRING: Usual day walk gear  
COST: Petrol money  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Car Park  
MAP: Lamington NP

We will start this walk from the border gate of Qld and NSW in the Numinbah Valley. Following the fence line we will reach the spectacular caves and then have a short scramble up a steep earthy hillside before we have morning tea. We may encounter a few vines before reaching the track system at Wagawn. We continue to Mt Hobwee for lunch. We return on the same route. This is a good walk for people who have done 33 walks and want to try something a little harder.

### **ABSEIL TRAINING**

Training Sat 4 Mar  
LEADER: John Granat 3274 2777 wk  
MOBILE: 0409 620 047  
EMAIL: Johngranat@AOL.com  
GRADE: S83S&T  
LIMIT: 8  
BRING: Abseil gear if owned  
COST: \$20

DEPART: 7:30am Baby cliffs at Kangaroo Pt  
This is a combination beginners and intermediate abseil training day. Abseil equipment will be supplied. The day is designed for those members who have not received any formal abseil training before and those looking to complete the intermediate level. We will have leaders to instruct both groups separately. Training will be conducted by members of BBW.

### **DAVES CREEK CIRCUIT**

Day Walk Sun 5 Mar  
LEADER: Burney 32699383  
MOBILE: 0422386080  
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.

### **ABSEIL TRAINING**

Training Sun 5 Mar  
LEADER: John Granat 3274 2777 wk  
MOBILE: 0409 620 047  
EMAIL: Johngranat  
GRADE: S83S&T  
LIMIT: 8  
BRING: Abseil gear if owned  
COST: \$20

DEPART: 7:30am Baby cliffs at Kangaroo Pt  
This is a combination beginners and intermediate abseil training day. Abseil equipment will be supplied. The day is designed for those members who have not received any formal abseil training before and those looking to complete the intermediate level. We will have leaders to instruct both groups separately. Training will be conducted by members of BBW.

### **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 daywalk gear, 2lt 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. Preferred nomination is by email or on the website. When nominating please include the following details (as on the nomination sheet): car, no. of passengers, phone number, suburb, membership status (full or probationary).

### **ABSEIL TRAINING**

Training Sat 11 Mar  
LEADER: John Granat 3274 2777 wk  
MOBILE: 0409 620 047

EMAIL: Johnegranat@AOL.com  
GRADE: S83S&T  
LIMIT: 8  
BRING: Abseil gear if owned  
COST: \$20  
DEPART: 7:30am Baby cliffs at Kangaroo Pt  
This is a combination beginners and intermediate abseil training day. Abseil equipment will be supplied. The day is designed for those members who have not received any formal abseil training before and those looking to complete the intermediate level. We will have leaders to instruct both groups separately. Training will be conducted by members of BBW.

### **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: 2lt Water and Day walk gear  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Car Park  
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 Creeks, which is a good lunch spot. Swimming is also possible. After lunch we return to the top of the canyon 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 and walk promotion, and advice about leading a walk. The training programme will be sent to nominees by email or by other arrangements. You will need to obtain a copy of the Club's "Guide for Leaders" from the librarian. After positioning a car at Wivenhoe Lookout, we start at the locked gate at GR750780 and follow a forestry track to the Eagles Nest turn off at GR725782. From Eagles Nest, GR 725786 we descend to Northbrook 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.

### **ABSEIL TRAINING**

Training Sun 12 Mar  
LEADER: John Granat 3274 2777 wk  
MOBILE: 0409 620 047  
EMAIL: Johnegranat@AOL.com  
GRADE: S83S&T  
LIMIT: 8  
BRING: Abseil gear if owned  
COST: \$20  
DEPART: 7:30am Baby cliffs at Kangaroo Point  
This is a combination beginners and intermediate abseil training day. Abseil equipment will be supplied. The day is designed for those members who have not received any formal abseil training before and those looking to complete the intermediate level. We will have leaders to instruct both groups separately. Training will be conducted by members of BBW.

### **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 & Deagon Deviation. Then across the Hornibrook Viaduct to Pelican Park & 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.

### **TOOLONA CREEK CIRCUIT**

Day Walk Sat 18 Mar  
LEADER: Greg Long 38411720  
MOBILE: 0409474152  
EMAIL: longmg@netspace.net.au  
GRADE: L33DW  
LIMIT: 15  
BRING: Usual Day Walk Gear and cup  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Car Park  
MAP: Lamington N.P.

This walk is 17.4km in the O'Reillys area of Lamington NP. We leave the Border Track for Picnic Rock where we will have morning tea over looking waterfalls. The morning is then spent walking upstream along the very beautiful Toolona Ck with its many waterfalls and "tree gardens". There are some creek crossings but if we are smart shouldn't get wet feet. Lunch will be taken at Wanungara Lookout overlooking the Tweed Valley. The walk along the escarpment features many ancient Antarctic Beech Trees. We will complete the circuit by returning along the Border Track. The entire walk is in the rainforest.

### **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 Ck Road 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 and 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 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 leader that you have these skills. 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.

### **AROUND MT BANGALOR, DOWN REYNOLDS GORGE**

Day Walk Tue 21 Mar  
LEADER: Marion Darveniza 3378 4031  
EMAIL: Lmdarven@bigpond.net.au  
GRADE: M66DW  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: Day walk gear, 3lt water, water-proofed packs  
DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens

MAP: Teviot1:25000, Mt Superbus 1:25000  
This trip will circumnavigate Mt Bangalor. From the cars we will skirt around the cliffs on the south-east side, and climb up onto the saddle between Mt Bell and Mt Bangalor. Then we will drop down into a valley to the start of Reynold's Gorge. Going through the gorge involves some climbing down, sliding/slipping down numerous water slides with plonks into pools, some jumps into pools and climbing down a log jam. If time permits we will detour with a short climb to get a view into the western gorge which needs abseil gear. The journey will continue on around the lower part of the mountain back to the cars. As you can expect to be wet for at least 1.5 hours while in the gorge, a thermal top is advisable to keep warm

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

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

Bunya Mtns NP is 240km north west of Brisbane (approx 3hrs).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 17km on Sat, slightly shorter on Sun 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. Sat 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 or email Monday or Tuesday night prior 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.

### **THE COUGALS**

Day Walk Sat 25 Mar  
LEADER: Nick Brooking 3262 5244  
MOBILE: 04 1972 4296  
EMAIL: brooking@bigpond.com  
GRADE: S55DW  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: Day Walk Gear +2lts water swimmers  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens  
CAR KMS: Approx 200 km  
MAP: Sunmap 1:25,000 Springbrook  
The Cougals are twin peaks in the Springbrook NP on the QLD and NSW border. We'll park the cars on The Garden of Eden Rd, and follow the track beside the border fence up a steep ridge. We get good views on the way. We enter rainforest and eventually it gets very steep and rocky. When we reach a cliff line there is an interesting cave, which we'll have a look at. From here the track is less obvious, not constructed, but used enough to be discernible. Up a cliff break with lots of spear lilies to the summit of East Cougal more great views. Then over the saddle to West Cougal, bit rougher and a little scrambling. We will return via the same route. We'll head to Currumbin for coffee and optional swim in the ocean.

### **MOUNT GREVILLE**

Day Walk Sun 26 Mar  
LEADER: John Dwyer 3844 9213 (a/h)  
EMAIL: jgdwyer@bigpond.net.au  
GRADE: M44DW  
LIMIT: 12 (including leader)  
BRING: Usual day walk gear + min 3lt water  
DEPART: 7:00am Fairfield Gardens Car Park  
CAR KMS: 210  
MAP: Mt Alford 1:25000  
Mt Greville is an isolated peak not far from Aratula. The climb to the summit is about 600m up from the car park. We will ascend via Waterfall Gorge and have morning tea on the slabs overlooking Lake Moogerah. After morning tea we will continue climbing to the summit for lunch and views of the main range. We will descend via Palm Gorge which will be the cooler option. This walk would suit new members who are confident of their fitness (it could be warm) and would like to experience some "off track walking". It is an interesting walk with lots of variety considering its short distance.

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**ADVANCED NAVIGATION TRAINING  
ENGLAND CREEK BRISBANE FOREST PARK**

Training Sun 26 Mar  
LEADER: Peter James 0412 886 880  
MOBILE: 0412 886 880  
EMAIL: psjames1@bigpond.net.au  
GRADE: M55DW  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: Swimmers, map and compass  
DEPART: Alderley Car Park  
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30,000

This navigation training day is for members wanting to improve their navigation skills and ability to lead off track walks into unknown areas. Although it is more for potential or existing leaders, other members are welcome to nominate. We start and finish this walk at the entry to the Northbrook Mountain forestry track at GR752778. After heading west along a forest track, we follow a spur south east down to England Ck Falls. England Ck has a number of waterfalls to negotiate as we head up-stream to its headwaters and back to our start point. You will need reasonable rock scrambling ability. Expect some scrub bashing but it won't be too horrible.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC WALK**

LEADER: Jenny Zohn 3342 6345  
GRADE: S33DW  
DEPART: 7.30am Fairfield Gardens carpark  
BRING: Must take p.3 +2lt water  
+Photographic gear, don't forget to check your batteries & film.

The first photographic walk for the year will be held at O'Riellies on Saturday April 1st. We will search for some interesting subject matter to shoot and have a bit of exercise at the same time. Peter Hunt has generously donated his time and expertise, so come along for a bit of fun and a chance to get some entries for the September Photographic Competition.

**ROCKS CIRCUIT & ECHIDNA TRAIL,  
KARAWATHA FOREST**

Day Walk Sat 1 Apr  
LEADER: Dawn Hendrick 3818 3687  
MOBILE: 0428 197 268  
EMAIL: hendrick@iprimus.com.au  
GRADE: S33DW  
LIMIT: open  
BRING: Usual day walk gear, 2lt water, morning tea. Folding chair for picnic.  
LUNCH TO BE LEFT IN CARS  
COST: nil - own transport to Karawatha  
DEPART: 8:00am Acacia Picnic Area, Acacia Road, Karawatha (near toilet block)

This is a combination of walks in Karawatha For-

est, with a number of different habitats including sandstone ridges, dry eucalypt forests, freshwater lagoons and wet heathland. We start walking from the picnic area along the Ironbark Circuit. We then follow the Echidna Trail through a variety of vegetation types including open forest with casuarinas and scribbly gums. After the reservoirs we pick up the Rocks Circuit following the sandstone ridge to the Rocks picnic area where we will have morning tea and admire the view from the sandstone slabs. The pace will be slow so that we can watch and listen for birds along the way. We return to the cars and drive to the Illaweenana Picnic Area, Illaweenana Street, Drewvale. Here we will walk the Melaleuca Circuit around the beautiful freshwater lagoons followed by the Wild May and Lagoon Trails where abundant water birds, frogs and occasionally platypus can be seen. The morning will end with lunch at the picnic area adjacent to the lagoons. There are wood fired BBQs if you would like to cook a sausage or two..... Preferred nomination is by email or on the website. When nominating please include the following details (as on the nomination sheet): car, no. of passengers, phone number, suburb, membership status (full or probationary).

**MUSCAT AND BAILEY VIA 560**

Day Walk Sat 1 Apr  
LEADER: Mary Comer 3844 6231  
MOBILE: 0427446000  
EMAIL: maryccomer@optusnet.com.au  
GRADE: M55DW  
LIMIT: 14  
BRING: Day walk gear and swimmers  
COST: Petrol money  
DEPART: 7am Alderley Car Park  
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park

This walk is located in Brisbane Forest Pk approx. 45min drive from Alderley. We start the walk at Tenison Woods and follow a forestry 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 where we will have morning tea. The rest of the day is a rock hop down South Kobble Ck. and up Muscat then Bailey Cks. back to a logging track and the cars. There are no compulsory swim-throughs, however we pass lots of great swimming spots. This walk involves plenty of rock hopping and some scrambling up a few slightly tricky waterfalls so you should be confident rock scrambling. Please do not nominate unless you have done at least a 44 walk with the club.

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**MONTSERRAT LOOKOUT/UPPER PORTALS**

Day Walk Sun 2 Apr  
LEADER: Cath Carkeet 3357 5607  
GRADE: M55DW  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: usual day walk gear, +2lt water, togs  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens car park  
CAR KMS: 270 km approx  
MAP: Mt Lindesay 1:25000

Montserrat Lookout is a 1000m peak in the Ballow area offering spectacular views of Mt Barney. The walk starts from Graces Hut Rd, accessible to 4WDs only. Owners of 4WDs who would like to do this walk and provide transport are especially welcome! We leave the cars at Cleared Ridge and descend to Yamahra Ck before climbing a steepish ridge to Montserrat, gaining about 500m in elevation. We will have morning tea at Montserrat with plenty of time for photos of Mt Barney. We then descend a long grassy ridge to Yamahra Ck which we follow to its junction with Mt Barney Ck. It is a short walk along Barney Ck to Upper Portals for lunch and a swim before returning to the cars. Reasonable fitness required for this walk. I've done this walk before but not for many years, so it should be regarded as un-surveyed. Please bear this in mind when nominating.

**MT MAROON, SOUTH RIDGE**

Day Walk Sun 2 Apr  
LEADER: Marion Darveniza 3378 4031  
EMAIL: Lmdarven@bigpond.net.au  
GRADE: M66DW  
LIMIT: 12 including leader  
BRING: Usual day walk gear, 3L water  
DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens  
MAP: Mt Superbus 1:25000

The south ridge of Mt Maroon has some excellent rock for those who enjoy rock scrambling and so confidence on rock is needed. There are superb views while going up the ridge to the summit which we hope to reach for early lunch. The descent will be via a creek which flows through a pretty gorge and then becomes open and slabby before reaching Paddy's plains. We then follow old tracks down Paddy's gully to Mt Barney Ck, then along the creek to the cars at the end of Seidenspinner Road.

**BRISBANE FOREST PARK**

Navigation Training Sat 8 Apr  
LEADER: Peter Lock / Lynsey Moore 33666135  
MOBILE: 0409 725843  
EMAIL: moorealjac@optusnet.com.au  
GRADE: M44S&T  
LIMIT: 16  
BRING: "What to bring" p.3) +3lt water

COST: Petrol contribution  
DEPART: 7am Alderley Carpark  
CAR KMS: Approx. 100 km  
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30000  
Peter Lock has kindly offered to run this course with me as backstop. Both probationary & ordinary members are encouraged to attend navigation training. Basic training will be offered. There will be a number of hands-on activities to develop skills in map reading, compass bearings, and route selection. We will break into small groups so that everybody has a chance to lead for a while. If you are serious about learning to navigate, please consider attending several training camps, and finding opportunities to practice in between. The more you have a go, the better equipped you will become. We will combine the navigation bit with a walk up a creek, down a gorge & over a hill: as yet we haven't determined the exact location: so watch this space

**LEADER SURVEY - LINCOLN WRECK**

Day Walk Sun 9 Apr  
LEADER: Peter James 0412886880  
EMAIL: psjames1@bigpond.net.au  
GRADE: M55DW  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: Usual day walk gear  
DEPART: 6.00 am Fairfield Gardens  
CAR KMS: 250km  
MAP: Mt. Superbus 1:25 000

This walk is a survey for leaders wanting to learn new off-track walks, but other members are welcome to nominate. The walk starts from Teviot Gap and follows the old rabbit fence towards the top of the range. This section of the walk is quite steep. At the top we turn west and head towards Mt Superbus. Just after crossing Mt Superbus we'll branch south and follow an old logging road until we reach a faint track entering from the south west. At that point, we'll walk off-track and follow what remains of the faint track until we reach the Lincoln wreck. This off-track section needs some navigation skills. In particular, you will need to be able to read a compass to lead this walk, but we will explain and practice the navigation skills required during the survey. We'll have lunch in the clearing above the wreck and return by the same route. It will be a long day; but there will still be time for coffee on the way home.

**MT. BARNEY**

Day Walk Fri 21 - Sun 23 Apr  
LEADER: Margaret Moran 3398 2404  
GRADE: L77DW  
LIMIT: 6  
BRING: Usual day walk gear, 3/4lt water,

food & drink for weekend inc. party  
food for Sat. eve, sleeping bag, pillow

COST: \$50 per person

I have booked Henry's Hut, Mt Barney for Fri. April 21st/Sat 22nd. I intend to leave the hut at 6am on Sat. and ascend the mountain via the Sth.East ridge descending via Souths (Peasants). This is a long day and there are a few rock scrambles and steep sections on the ascent. If you haven't climbed Barney before, please contact me if you intend to nominate for this walk. It is important to have put in some long day walks and done some of the walks requiring a decent "UP". The cost for the weekend is \$50 and it is necessary to pay the full amount even if you choose to stay only one night. Payment can either be cash or cheque and paid to me on booking on the walk. This is a great walk, tiring but rewarding. At the end of the day, sitting back and viewing the mountain from the hut is really "something" Sunday check out is 11am.

### **GIRRAWEE TUNNEL OF DOOM**

Through Walk Fri 21 - Tue 25 Apr

LEADER: Peter Lock 3351 1184

MOBILE: 0419 496 837

EMAIL: peter@lock.id.au

GRADE: S75TW

LIMIT: 8

BRING: day pack, torch, through walk gear.

COST: \$20

CAR KMS: 480km

MAP: Girraween

The Tunnel of Doom is a passage between two huge granite outcrops, around 4m wide, 50m deep and 200m long. It is covered with large chunks of granite, which we will scramble over, around and under. We expect to find enclosed spaces, darkness, dirt and water. (It's the kind of place your mum wouldn't let you go.) I have to give it a 7 grade for the scrambling, but we'll have plenty of time so there will be no rush. The rest of the walk will be quite easy and leisurely. We'll explore the western slopes of Mt Norman on Sat, the tunnel on Sun, and the underground river on Mon. Sat and Sun we will camp in the same place, so we can take day packs through the tunnel. Mon night's camp is a very sheltered open cave near slip rock.

### **LOGAN'S RIDGE, MT BARNEY**

Day Walk Sun 23 Apr

LEADER: Marion Darveniza 3378 4031

EMAIL: Lmdarven@bigpond.net.au

GRADE: M87DW

LIMIT: 10

BRING: Day walk gear + 3lt water

DEPART: 5am Fairfield Gardens

MAP: Mt Lindsay 1:25000

Logan's ridge is one of the best ways up Mt Barney - it takes you directly to East Peak - the views are excellent. It is a fairly rocky route, so people have to have good scrambling skills and be confident in exposed situations. Descent will be via South East Ridge and back along the road to Yellow Pinch.

### **NEW FARM - SOUTHBANK - TENERIFFE**

Day Walk Sat 29 Apr

LEADER: Dawn Glancy 3343 8854

MOBILE: 0418 778 369

EMAIL: rayanddawnaglancy@yahoo.com.au

GRADE: M33DW

LIMIT: 16

BRING: 2lt water, lunch & chair left in cars

COST: \$2.50 for ferry + money for coffee

DEPART: 8am New Farm Park - park on ring road as close to Brunswick Street and Citicat Terminal as possible

We start and finish this walk in New Farm Park. We walk along the Brisbane River for most of the walk, with views of the city (we may see people climbing the Story Bridge). We walk through Merthyr Park, pass Riverside, through Botanic Gardens, over Victoria Bridge and back to Southbank where we will have morning tea (money needed for anyone wanting to buy something for morning tea). We then catch the City Cat to Bulimba and the cross river ferry to Teneriffe where we walk back to New Farm Park for lunch. There are barbecues for those who want to cook - bring along a chair and your lunch (which will be left in cars while we walk). This is a lovely relaxing walk around town.

### **GREEN MOUNTAINS TO BORDER RANGES AND REVERSE**

Through Walk Sat 29 Apr - Mon 1 May

LEADER: Ray Glancy 3343 8854

MOBILE: 0419 719 480

EMAIL: rayanddawnaglancy@yahoo.com.au

GRADE: X55TW

LIMIT: 16 (including 4 leaders)

BRING: Usual through walking gear, including cold weather gear, Party food for 2 nights, capacity for 4ltwater, cameras strongly suggested

COST: \$8 per person (2 nights) camping

DEPART: 5am To be arranged

CAR KMS: \$23 per person car contribution

MAP: Lamington, Tyalgum (Qld) and Bray's Creek (NSW)

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# Committee Reports

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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On behalf of all Club members, I acknowledge the contribution Rob Leavy has made to BBW as a very active walk leader and his contribution to the fabric of the Club. Rob is a long-serving member whose name is synonymous with the "Mt Barney for First Timers Walk", an annual event I believe he pioneered. Unfortunately Rob is still unwell, and word is that he is unlikely to resume leading walks until his health improves. I wish Rob speedy recovery and hope to see him climbing his beloved Mt Barney again in the near future.

The Club's abseiling base continues to grow – we anticipate there will be 60 members who have qualified at an Intermediate Abseil 2 level by the end of February, and we have an increasing number of abseilers soon to be recognised at an advanced level. In due course they will join a growing team of competent abseil leaders. Thanks to John Granat for his on-going contribution as the abseil coordinator.

Having been in Brisbane Forest Park in recent weeks, I strongly recommend you take a walk along any of the creeks in the Park soon – the water is crystal clear, the swimming holes are pristine, and the lush rain forest surroundings create a therapeutic and refreshing environment in which to replenish your reserves and lift your spirits.

Peter James

## OUTINGS SECRETARY REPORT

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**More Leaders:** I am very pleased to welcome four more leaders this month. John Shields, Sue Rogerson, Alan Swanepoel and Jeanette Kendall have joined the team and we look forward to their valuable contribution to the program.

**Mount Barney:** Rob Leavy has been leading "Mount Barney for First Timers" trips for many years. It has always been a favourite, and the club is very grateful for this contribution. Rob has now retired from this role, but the tradition will continue. Watch the program for details (which were not available when I wrote this.) This mountain is the highest climb in our

area, offering spectacular views and a wonderful sense of achievement.

It can also challenge your fitness and endurance. If you would like to try Mt Barney for the first time this year, nominate for the walk well in advance, discuss your capabilities with the leader, and try some substantial walks in the weeks leading up to the big day.

**Online Nominations:** The club is now trialing a new web site feature that allows you to nominate for a walk online. The facility will only be available when the leader has specifically chosen to use it for a walk. Dawn Hendrick's walks, and the Wednesday cycle trips will begin the trial. Web users will see the nomination option at the bottom of the details page for the walk. If you nominate this way, remember that you are not immediately accepted for the walk-the leader will consider your nomination in due course. On-line nomination is an appropriate alternative to email nomination, and will hopefully save a little effort for the leader. Nominations by telephone and clipboard will still be accepted.

Peter Lock

## GUEST SPEAKERS

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### 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 & village life of the Koiari people.

Thanks to Tom McAlister, for his talk on Walking in New Zealand, 25th January and Martin Taylor for his talk of NPAQ'S future direction, 8th February. Thanks to those who have suggested topics or speakers for future meet-

ings—I'm working on them! Further suggestions for guest speakers very welcome.

Elaine

## SAFETY & TRAINING

We have commenced putting together this year's training programme for members.

### Navigation Training

*8 April & 24 June*

with another session yet to be arranged

### 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Training (St Johns)

*17-18 June & 23-24 September*

and a refresher day on 18 November

### Leader Training

*12 March*

and perhaps another later in the year if there is sufficient demand.

There is on-going abseil training being run by John Granat & Peter James

These programs are established to enhance your bushwalking skills, thus making for a more enjoyable experience in the bush. So put your name down & come along.

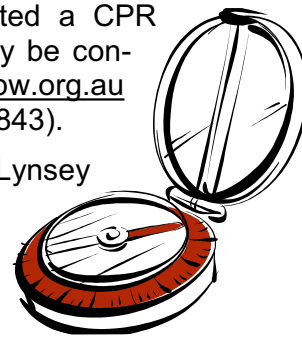
### Guide for Leaders

The latest version of the "Guide for Leaders" is now available to download from the website. The file is in PDF format and should be readily accessible. Hard copies will be available from the library. Members attending a Leader Training Day will be given a copy of the latest "Guide for Leaders" as part of the training program.

### First Aid Register

As part of renewing our club's insurance we need to advise the number of members who have current 1<sup>st</sup> Aid qualifications. To that end we would like to set up a register. I would like therefore to request members, who have a 1<sup>st</sup> aid qualification, to advise me the details. We would like to capture: the name of the 1<sup>st</sup> aid course you attended, the date of the course & when you last completed a CPR refresher session. I may be contacted at [training@bbw.org.au](mailto:training@bbw.org.au) on my mobile 0409 725843).

Lynsey



## New Members

### *Joiners during November 2005 - January 2006.*

Anne Antonini	Kristine Blencowe	Jacques Bothma	Ross Boyd
Libby Bullwinkel	Katie Bunting	Joan Campbell	Ileana Casa
Tom Christensen	Grant Cobbin	Jenny Cobbin	Deana Cox
Helen Dacy	Leigh Davis	Christine Double	Amanda Doughty
Ian Downie	Florian Forster	Jennifer Freeman	Barbara Garrett
Paul Guard	Penne Harej	Nick Judge	Ross Krieger
Zina Kruglov	Robin Laver	Jacinta Mallam	Pam Morrison
Diana Muller	Matt Nester	Tonia Osborne	Steve Potts
Emma Reichman	Aidan Robertson	Alan Robertson	Kumiyo Shimmaki-
Janet Smith	Leonie Sollars	Glenn Taylor	Kerrie Tyndall
John Tytherleigh	Krista Van Der Zalum	Nick Ward	Heather Webb
Stuart Weierter	Jo Wilson	Paula Woloszko	
Diane Maresco-Pennisi			

### *Congratulations to the following people who have recently been granted full membership.*

Noreen Baxter	Ray Baxter	Glenda Chadwick	Jennifer Hannah
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## Magazine Collating

Collating for the April magazine is at **Narella Haling's** at **Windsor** on **Thursday 16 March** at **7pm**. There is only about 1½-2 hours work required – If you would like to come along for an easy social night and supper please phone **3857 4263** to book.

# Past Trip Reports

## Black Canyon, Lost World and Castle Crag

I had a free weekend and wanted to fill in a few more of the large gaps in my Queensland bushwalking experience. I saw the Black Canyon as a recommended destination in a book, and I'd heard of people going to a place called Lost World which sounded terribly romantic, so I thought I'd try to combine them into a single weekend

.A phone call with the National Park office at Green Mountains told me that the campsite suggested in the guidebook (at the Albert River, below the Lost World-Worendo saddle) is no longer available for bush camping, so the original trip plan had to be modified. Jon Beer then mentioned that he had heard of people going up Castle Crag from the bottom. Thus the route was chosen to include all three of Black Canyon, Lost World and Castle Crag.

I had a slightly over-full contingent of 9 people, and luckily for me we are all very fit because it turned out to be a L89TW rather than my original grade of L78TW. We got a very early start on Saturday but had a little trouble finding the top of the Shooting Ck track down to the Albert River (photo 1). The lower we got, the more obvious the track became, but it was rather slow going being very steep and requiring scrambling skills. We were happy to reach the river at the bottom and leave our packs while we rock hopped up to the stunning falls at the Black Canyon (p.2), where we had a quick swim in the icy water and morning tea.

After returning to our packs, we continued down the river, and when we saw some red coloured rocks guessed that this might be the famous Red Rock Cutting. However, we were not sure where to go up to get around the obstacle and ended up getting a very close look at this beautiful feature before back-tracking (including having to reverse a slide down a small water chute) to go around it high on the north side of the river.

Further downstream a cairn indicated where we had to leave the river to ascend to the Lost World - Worendo saddle. At this point it was about 2pm and we had over 500m to gain before camping, with no guarantee that we would get to water that night, so I encouraged everyone to carry a large amount of water. The climb from the saddle to the summit of Mt Razorback is spectacular, on a narrow ridge with breathtaking views either side - that's if you have any breath left when walking up a hill like that! The summit is a special place with a few isolated Antarctic Beech trees.

Around this point I found my first tick and the jokes began. I will spare my readers all the details, but those who know Steve Astley will be able to guess that "does that tickle?", "just a tick" and "I'm getting ticked off" are some of the more humorous comments. This passed the time as we continued down to our campsite where there was water, spectacular views, flat ground and only one funnelweb spider.

Sunday morning I allowed the team a sleep in and we set off after a leisurely breakfast, still before 8 am though. We continued along the dramatic Lost World razorback to the National Park boundary and dropped north to the Albert River. There we again had a swim with morning tea, although this time the water was warm enough for prolonged lounging (p.5).

From this point the day became a little challenging - we had about 700m altitude to gain, it was hot and getting hotter, and the terrain became steeper after we negotiated a little lantana with a crawl through. Paul and I went scouting when we reached the point of the base of the Castle Crag cliff line, one on each side. When we returned after about 40 minutes, the rest of the team had made it and much to my relief, no-one had heat stroke and Paul had found a way up. The route to the top of Castle Crag was more steep grass with the thunder rolling in around us and lunch on top celebrated a triumph over altitude with views in all directions (p.6).

Madeleine





*Here are a couple of photos from our fantastic weekend walk to the Black Canyon, Lost World and Castle Crag. If you look at a map, you'll see that to cover all three of those locations requires a bit of up and down!*

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Julia Wain, Lynsey Moore, Greg Long and I are leading this two-way classic rainforest, escarpment hugging track which follows the border between QLD and NSW over the May long weekend. It is especially suited to members looking to do a longer through walk requiring some navigation skills. If this is you, read on. One group will leave Green Mountains and the other group will leave Border Ranges. On Sat and Sun nights, we will camp at Point Lookout or Rat-a-Tat camp sites. Which campsite you camp at will be determined by the direction you travel. Both these campsites rank very highly as examples of rainforest sites with great views over Mt Warning from Point Lookout and Rat-a-Tat site being at the headwaters of the Albert River and having glow-worms directly at the campsite. We will group together and leave Brisbane at 5am sharp and travel to Jimboomba where we will swap vehicles. This is to ensure that owner-drivers collect their own car at the end of the walk - therefore you need to bring AN EXTRA SET OF CAR KEYS. This is VERY IMPORTANT. At approx. lunch time on Sun the two groups should meet and car keys will be returned to their owner. Please be aware that if you take your car, someone else will need to drive it. As National Parks place a limit of 8 per camp site per night, nominations for this walk will ONLY BE accepted with the payment of \$8. Please be aware of this when you nominate. We will take the first 12 people who pay. PLEASE RING ME SUNDAY 23RD APRIL TO ARRANGE CARPOOLING.

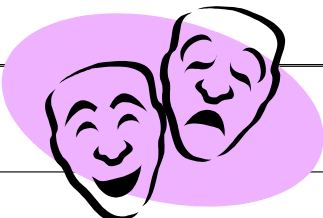
**NEW MEMBERS BASE CAMP -  
BORDER RANGES NP NSW**

Base Camp Fri 5 - Sun 7 May  
LEADER: Julia Wain 3201 2013  
EMAIL: glenwain@bigpond.com  
GRADE: L34BC  
LIMIT: 22 probationary, 8 full members  
BRING: Base camp gear, thermals/warm clothes, rain gear, gaiters or long pants, chair, drinking water (10 ltrs)  
COST: \$8 per person camp fees +car fee \$7 per car p/nt + petrol contribution  
DEPART: 7:30pm contact leader  
CAR KMS: approx 250klms  
MAP: Grevillia 9441-2, Cougal 9441-21  
Border Ranges is a beautiful area to visit in northern NSW. It has Antarctic Beeches, rainforest, lovely creeks and some of the most picturesque scenery around. Some of you may head to Border Ranges earlier in the day. For those who are unfamiliar with the area or cannot leave until

later (like me) the plan is to meet at Beaudesert RSL at around 6.30pm for dinner and then we will convoy to Sheep Station Ck campground where we'll set up for the night. Sat morning at 8am we will have talks on safety, ethics etc and then head up the Booyong Track to Forest Tops campground (and back again!). Sat night will be drinks, nibbles and social and possibly an info talk. During the night around 8.30pm those who are interested can come with me along the track to see the glow worms. Sun will be some more information talks and a shorter walk to Brindle Ck. It will be a busy but fun weekend. We should be packed up and heading home by mid afternoon. 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 Mon or Tue night prior 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 1 May, if no replacement found.

**KOOTOOTONGA O'REILLY'S**

Social Fri 5 - Sun 7 May  
LEADER: Burney 32699383 0422386080  
GRADE: SOC  
LIMIT: 28  
BRING: bed linen, breakfasts and lunches  
COST: +/- \$60 per adult per night  
Kootootonga offers bunk bed style accommodation in seven bedrooms. Rooms provide pillows and doonas. Please bring own linnen. The meals that are included in our package deal are Ploughman's Platters for Fri night arrival at the house and a 3 course dinner at O'Reilly's Mountain Cafe Sat night. We can visit the Irish Cocktail Hour at the Rainforest Room Bar from 5-6.30pm. Then, from 9pm on Sat night there maybe a Bushdance in the Guesthouse. Although cooking in the Bunkhouse kitchen is not permitted, a BBQ is requested for a breakfast fry-up. Walks are optional and depending on available leaders .



# Out & About

## DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT



WHEN: 6.30pm Tuesday 7 March  
WHERE: Decks, Southbank,  
middle of the parklands  
CONTACT: Peter Hunt 3351 3642

Anyone for seafood? There is a good range of seafood along with the usual chicken and meat dishes available. You can even finish with dessert and coffee all at reasonable prices. The Southbank Cinema is only a few minutes away. Movies screening at the time will be discussed over dinner.

Peter

## BRAZILIAN TOUCH

WHEN 7pm Friday 24 March  
WHERE: 27 Jordan Terrace, Bowen Hills  
LIMIT: 20  
COST: \$42

CONTACT: Burney 32699383 0422386080  
Let's start the night with a complimentary cocktail on arrival. Then see a spectacular show. Join us for some infectious beats of Salsa, Samba and Lambada and make a traditional Congo line. Watch Amazonian Fire dance and Capoeira. Then there is the sumptuous, all you can eat, hot and cold buffet and Brazilian BBQ...is there room or desert.

Burney

## NEPALI NEW YEAR DINNER

WHEN: 6.30pm to 10pm. Saturday 8 April  
WHERE: Marymac Reception Centre,  
616 Ipswich Road Annerley

LIMIT: 20  
COST: \$25.00 Adults, \$12 for children  
CONTACT: Burney, Rosemary 32699383

This is an annual fund-raising event for NAFA. BBW has been supporting this charity for several years. Proceeds go to the Vinayak English School in Thimi, Nepal. Please come along and have a wonderful cultural experience while donating to a worthy cause. Tibetan Kitchen is catering the event and there will also be Nepalese dancing.

## THURSDAY NIGHTWALK

LEADER: Jenny Zohn  
GRADE: S23NW  
LIMIT: No limit  
BRING: Membership Card, Water  
COST: Refreshments, City Cat ticket (\$2.10)  
DEPART: 6.10pm Good Will Bridge, SouthBank

We will meet every Thursday night till further notice to complete a variety of walks by the river in the CBD. We will finish with refreshments at a convenient venue and may use the City Cat service to complete the circuit. The actual walking should take approx 1.5-2hrs. The pace will be fairly brisk, we leave at 6.10pm sharp so don't be late. Join me for some regular mid-week de-stressing exercise. Don't look for the board at the meeting as there is no need to book. Occasionally another member may be substitute leader. Jen

## WIN A TREKKING TRIP TO KOKODA!

Want to go walk the Kokoda Track, or know someone who does? Want to support eye camps and women and children in Nepal through selected educational, health and development programs?

Nepal Australia Friendship Association (NAFA) are conducting a raffle to be drawn at the

***Nepalese New Year Dinner, April 8.***

*Prizes are:*

**1st** Fully funded trek to Kokoda Track during 2006 season  
(fully transferable by the winner to anyone of their choice), including a \$500 trekking gear voucher and \$400 medical consultation, vaccinations and first aid kit (Total value \$4,300)

**2nd** JVC digital camera (value \$399)      **3rd** Lenox DVD player (value \$99)

**Tickets cost \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00.**

Helen Zada will sell tickets at the club meeting on 22 Feb. If you can't make it, phone Helen on 38820028 or contact the NAFA president, [jim@backtrack.com.au](mailto:jim@backtrack.com.au).

Thanks to BBW for it's ongoing support for the work that NAFA does in Nepal.

***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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