

# The **BRISBANE BUSHWALKER**

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## BRISBANE BUSHWALKERS MONTHLY NEWS

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

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** The venue for the next committee meeting on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 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 **May** magazine is  
**Friday 7th April**  
*Pre-trip descriptions for all activities please!*

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## EQUIPMENT HIRE

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

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

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

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

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

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

## LIBRARY

Books, Maps and Magazines are available for loan between meetings. A fee of 50<sup>c</sup> per item is required. Late fees do apply.

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

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

Full Members: Singles \$48.00 per annum  
 Couples \$76.00 per annum

Probationary Members:  
 Nomination fee \$30.00 per 6 mth

## FIRST AID CERTIFICATES

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



## Club Officials

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Equipment	Vanessa Kapper	3352 7756		Ron Farmer	3355 2895

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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 concrete or paved surface	6 rock hopping
	2 well-formed gravel path	7 scrambling: you will need to use your hands
	3 graded track, some steps	8 rock climbing skills required
	4 off-track, easy going	9 ropes required
	5 loose or uneven surface	10 vertical rock climbing
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 Members Handbook for a complete list of Club Guidelines. (available from the library)*

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

### Transport Costs:

Passengers are asked to pay an appropriate contribution to the driver for their share of the petrol and running costs. The costs may vary according to the number of passengers and economy of the vehicle—for the average vehicle you should expect to contribute **9c/km** per person. Trips to base camps may cost more due to the extra weight and bulk of gear.

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

### Camping Fees:

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

### Always Take:

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

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

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## PROGRAM

Gradings approximate only (subject to trip leaders' survey)

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

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### March

24		Brazilian Touch	Burney	3269 9383
24-26	L34BC	New Members Base Camp - Bunya Mountains	Julia Wain	3201 2013
25	S55DW	The Cougals	Nick Brooking	3262 5244
26	M33DW	Western Window and Greenes Falls	John Shields	3264 6565
	M44DW	Mount Greville	John Dwyer	3844 9213 (a/h)
	M55DW	Advanced Navigation Training - England Creek Brisbane Forest Park	Peter James	0412 886880
	M55DW	Best of Byron Gorge	Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
30	SOC	Thursday Nightwalk	Jenny Zohn	

### April

1	S33DW	Rocks Circuit & Echidna Trail Karawatha Forest	Dawn Hendrick	3818 3687
	M33DW	O'Reillys Photographic Walk	Jenny Zohn	3342 6345
	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 Night Walk	Jenny Zohn	3342 6345
7	SOC	Samford Performers Cafe	Carol Russell	3325 0671
8	M44S&T	Navigation Training Brisbane Forest Park	Peter Lock	
			Lynsey Moore	3366 6135
	SOC	Nepali New Year Dinner	Burney, Rosemary McConnell	3269 9383
8-9	M54BC	Girraween National Park	David McAully	3862 3504
9	M33DW	Glasshouse Mtns	John Shields	3264 6565
	L34DW	Warrie Circuit	Adam & Deniz	
	M55DW	Leader Survey - Lincoln Wreck	Peter James	0412 886880
<b>12</b>	<b>Open Meeting</b>			
13	SOC	Thursday Night Walk	Jenny Zohn	3342 6345
	M43NW	Mt Mitchell	Jon Beer	3865 1808
13-16	M66TW	Lizard point / Steamers Saddle	Allan Swanepoel	3814 5104
20	SOC	Thursday Night Walk	Jenny Zohn	3342 6345
21-23	L77DW	Mt. Barney	Margaret Moran	3398 2404

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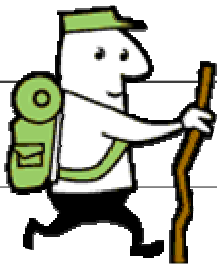
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ALWAYS TAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU

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

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21-25	S75TW	Girraween Tunnel of Doom	Peter Lock	3351 1184
23	M23DW M87DW	Mt. Cordeaux and Bare Rock Logan's Ridge, Mt Barney	Burney Marion Darveniza	3269 9383 3378 4031
	M55DW	Neglected Mountain	Jon Beer	3865 1808
<b>26</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>			
27	SOC	Thursday Night Walk	Jenny Zohn	3342 6345
29	M33DW	New Farm - Southbank - Teneriffe	Dawn Glancy	3343 8854
29-1	X55TW	Green Mountains to Border Ranges and Reverse	Ray Glancy	3343 8854
30	L33DW	Coomera Circuit	Kay Byrne	3397 1021
<b>May</b>				
4	SOC	Thursday Night Walk	Jenny Zohn	3342 6345
5-7	L34BC	New Members Base Camp Border Ranges NP NSW	Julia Wain	3201 2013
	SOC	Kootootonga O'Reilly's	Burney	3269 9383 0422 386080
6	M45DW	Neglected Mountain	Cath Carkeet	3357 5607
<b>10</b>	<b>Open Meeting</b>			
11	SOC	Thursday Night Walk	Jenny Zohn	3342 6345
13	S34DW	Lake Manchester	Dawn Hendrick	3818 3687
14	M55DW	Leader Survey - Lizard Point	Peter James	
18	SOC	Thursday Night Walk	Jenny Zohn	3342 6345
20-21	L55TW	Stinson Wreck Stretcher Track	Ray Glancy	3343 8854
21	M66DW	Mt Maroon - Caves route	Jon Beer	3865 1808
<b>24</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>			
25	SOC	Thursday Night Walk	Jenny Zohn	3342 6345
27-28	KYK	Coochin Creek Paddle	Carol Russell	3325 0671
19-27	M45DW	Kosciuszko NP	Peter Lock	3351 1184



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# Coming Trips

### **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) plus petrol contri-  
bution  
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 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, at least 2lts of water  
and swimming togs  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens  
CAR KMS: Approx 200 km  
MAP: Sunmap 1:25,000 Springbrook

The Cougals are twin peaks in the Springbrook National Park on the Queensland and NSW border. We'll park the cars on The Garden of Eden Road, 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 an optional swim in the ocean.

### **WESTERN WINDOW AND GREENES FALLS**

Day Walk Sun 26 Mar  
LEADER: John Shields 3264 6565  
MOBILE: 0427 731449  
EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au  
GRADE: M33DW  
LIMIT: 15  
BRING: usual page 3, card, 2 litres water  
COST: \$6 petrol  
DEPART: 7am Albany Creek Centro Shopping  
Centre Albany Ck & Old Nthrn Rds  
CAR KMS: 70  
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park  
Maiala NP &SF1355

Meet near Westpac sign at Centro and car pool. This is a casual rainforest walk for new walkers and those who prefer to stroll and stop to admire their surroundings or take a photo. Carry morning tea and lunch. Roughly 10 km of mostly down and flat with some up but not a lot. Coffee stop at Samford Bakery after (and perhaps a tasty pastry) after the walk.

### **MOUNT GREVILLE**

Day Walk Sun 26 Mar  
LEADER: John Dwyer 3844 9213 (a/h)

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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  
This activity is full.

### **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: 7am Alderley Shopping Centre 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 Creek Falls. England Creek 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.

### **BEST OF BYRON GORGE**

Day Walk Sun 26 Mar  
LEADER: Marion Darveniza 3378 4031  
EMAIL: Lmdarven@bigpond.net.au  
GRADE: M55DW  
LIMIT: 10  
BRING: Usual day walk gear + 3L water  
DEPART: 7am Alderley Car park  
MAP: Mt Byron 1:25000

This trip is a repeat of the Feb 5 trip. We 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, then a short track rejoins the Somerset trail back to the Mt Mee Gantry picnic ground. A great trip for people confident on rock. There should be plenty of swims to

keep us cool provided it rains some more in that area.

### **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: 16  
BRING: Usual day walk gear, 2 litres water, morning tea, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent. 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 Forest, 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 Illaweena Picnic Area, Illaweena 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).

### **O'REILLYS PHOTOGRAPHIC WALK**

Photographic Day Walk Sat 1 Apr  
LEADER: Jenny Zohn 3342 6345  
GRADE: M33DW  
BRING: Must take p.3 +2lt water  
+photographic gear don't forget to check your batteries & film, A tripod would be handy for some interesting water shots.

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**COST:** petrol contribution  
**DEPART:** 7:30am Fairfield Gardens car park  
The first photographic walk for the year will be held at O'Reillys 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. We will do the usual coffee stop afterwards, probably at Canungra.

## **MUSCAT AND BAILEY VIA 560**

Day Walk Sat 1 Apr  
**LEADER:** Mary Comer 3844 6231  
**MOBILE:** 0427 446000  
**EMAIL:** mco71878@bigpond.net.au  
**GRADE:** M55DW  
**LIMIT:** 14  
**BRING:** Day walk gear and swimmers  
**COST:** Petrol money  
**DEPART:** 7am Alderley Car Park  
**MAP:** Brisbane Forest Park  
This activity is full.

## **MONTSERRAT LOOKOUT/UPPER PORTALS**

Day Walk Sun 2 Apr  
**LEADER:** Cath Carkeet 3357 5607  
**GRADE:** M55DW  
**LIMIT:** 10  
**BRING:** usual day walk gear, min 2l water, togs & sunscreen  
**DEPART:** 7am Fairfield Gardens car park  
**CAR KMS:** 270 km approx  
**MAP:** Mt Lindesay 1:25000  
Montserrat Lookout is a 1000m peak in the Bal-low area offering spectacular views of Mt Barney. The walk starts from Graces Hut Road, 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 Creek 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 Creek which we follow to its junction with Mt Barney Creek. 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 unsurveyed. 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 Creek, then along the creek to the cars at the end of Seidensspinner road.

## **NAVIGATION TRAINING 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" (P3 of club mag) incl 3 L water

**COST:** Fuel  
**DEPART:** 7:00am 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

## **GIRRAWEE NATIONAL PARK**

Base Camp Sat 8 - Sun 9 Apr



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LEADER: David McAully 38623504  
MOBILE: 0418794421  
EMAIL: davemcaully@optusnet.com.au  
GRADE: M54BC  
LIMIT: 12  
BRING: Usual for Base Camp & day walk  
plus meat for BBQ.  
COST: \$8 Camp Fees + \$4 BBQ  
DEPART: 8pm Caltex Roadhouse Warwick  
CAR KMS: 520kms

Girraween National Park is classic granite country with some spectacular features. It is south of Stanthorpe near the Qld NSW border. We travel down on Friday night and set up camp at Castle Rock campground. Saturday we will be doing a circuit walk and visiting Underground River and the Aztec Temples before climbing Mt Norman, the highest peak in the park. Great views of the park are to be seen from the top. The optional climb to the summit is via a chimney. This increases the grading to 54 but the rest of the walk is only a 44. We will then decent and return to camp by the track that passes Turtle Rock and Castle Rock. The amenities at the campground include hot showers which are welcome after a day's walk. Saturday dinner is a BBQ. Bring your own meat and I will arrange the salads etc. It can be quite cold so make sure you include some warm clothing. Sunday we start the day with a quick climb to the top of the 1st Pyramid which again has great views of the park including Mt Norman. Then it is back to camp and pack up before heading off to visit a couple of Stanthorpe's wineries. Lunch will be at the restaurant at Hidden Creek Winery followed by dessert at the Bramble Patch which offers a selection of waffles, ice-cream and an assortment of berries. Then it is off to the Heritage Winery for coffee. As you can see, Sunday is quite exhausting so make sure you have the stamina to endure it.

## **GLASSHOUSE MTNS**

Day Walk Sun 9 Apr  
LEADER: John Shields 3264 6565  
MOBILE: 0427 731449  
EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au  
GRADE: M33DW  
LIMIT: 15  
BRING: 2 litres water, card, day walk gear as page 3  
COST: petrol contribution  
DEPART: 7am Pick 'n' Pay Aspley (at Aust Post sign)  
MAP: Glasshouse Mtns

## Mt Tibrogargan

This is an easy walk for new members and those who prefer a slower pace. We follow Tibrogargan and Trachyte circuits which are around (NOT UP) Mt. Tibrogargan. The walk is only 9km with smoko and lunch on the walk. There are many lookouts to view the Glasshouses. The lunch lookout has great views of Mt. Tibrogargan and we may see mountain climbers in action, and possibly the peregrine falcon. Both of these tracks are new with the Trachyte track still being built but easily trafficable. Coffee stop on the way home.

## **WARRIE CIRCUIT**

Day Walk Sun 9 Apr  
LEADER: Adam & Deniz  
MOBILE: 0417 790 276  
EMAIL: denizturak@yahoo.com  
GRADE: L34DW  
LIMIT: 15  
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 - bring cameras. Lunch at meeting of waters, where we had a nice refreshing swim in February. 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.

## **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 activity is full.

## **LIZARD POINT / STEAMERS SADDLE**

Day Walk Thu 13 - Sun 16 Apr  
LEADER: Allan Swanepoel 3814 5104  
MOBILE: 0412 662 918  
EMAIL: allanandmichelle@hotmail.com  
GRADE: M66TW  
LIMIT: 8  
BRING: usual TW gear

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**COST:** \$4.00 per night per person (2 nights)  
**DEPART:** 6:30pm 19 Pardalote Drive Brookwater  
**CAR KMS:** approx 300 km  
**MAP:** Main Range

This walk is located in the main range, access will be through Yangan and Emuvale. We will meet at the above address at 6.30 pm on Thursday 13th April, drive to Emu Creek and camp at the cars for that night, set off the following morning to Steamers Saddle via the beautiful Steamers Range. Camp there, collect water and soak up the peaceful environment. The following morning we will leave the established camp and with a day pack, walk to Lizard point for lunch, here we will have spectacular views (hopefully) and then return to the Saddle for snacks and dinner. The 16th (Sun) we will make our way back to the cars via Davies Ridge, head for a coffee shop in the afternoon and be home on Monday to hunt for Easter eggs

## **MT MITCHELL**

Night Walk Fri 14 Apr  
**LEADER:** Jon Beer 38651808  
**GRADE:** M43NW  
**LIMIT:** 11  
**BRING:** Party food to share - sweet or savoury, warm clothing, camera, torch and spare batteries and "the usual".  
**COST:** Transport costs  
**DEPART:** 2pm sharp! Fairfield Gdns car park  
**MAP:** Cunningham's Gap 1:25000 topographic

Mt Mitchell is located in the Main Range southwest of Brisbane near Aratula. We'll start the outing from Cunningham's Gap car park via the graded track. The summit is a little over 5 km easy walk. On top we should be able to take in the sunset and moonrise, while enjoying our party food. Due to limited space on top I've restricted numbers, but if there is enough demand I'll allow a few more to come. As this is an evening walk we are not expected to be back in Brisbane until late - maybe 10pm or later.

## **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  
**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 Saturday, the tunnel on Sunday, and the underground river on Monday. Sat and Sun we will camp in the same place, so we can take day packs through the tunnel. Monday night's camp is a very sheltered open cave near slip rock.

## **MT. CORDEAUX AND BARE ROCK**

Day Walk Sun 23 Apr  
**LEADER:** Burney 32699383  
**MOBILE:** 0422386080  
**GRADE:** M23DW  
**LIMIT:** 15  
**BRING:** page 3 and membership card  
**DEPART:** 7am Fairfield Gardens Carpark

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This is a 12.4k walk on graded track which starts on the northern side of Cunninghams Gap in the Main Range NP. We will zigzag up the side of Mt. Cordeaux and enjoy morning tea with a view. Then crossing the saddle through rainforest and brushbox we'll reach a rocky outcrop for lunch where again we'll have good views, if it is a clear day. This walk is suitable for new members, but it is a mountain and therefore it does go up.

### **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 + 3L 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.

### **NEGLECTED MOUNTAIN**

Day Walk Tue 25 Apr  
LEADER: Jon Beer 38651808  
GRADE: M55DW  
LIMIT: 11  
BRING: 2l water, hat sunscreen, etc  
COST: Transport costs  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens shopping centre

MAP: Lamington 1:25000 topographic  
Neglected Mountain is located adjacent to Lamington NP - southern section and can be accessed from the Christmas Creek side. The intention of this walk is to access it from a slightly different direction - the Running Creek side. This used to be quite a regular access route but it hasn't been done this way for many years (in BBW). It is also dependent on landowner permission. The walk entails crossing some farm paddocks before accessing the ridge on the other side of Running Creek (the same area one would start a walk to Running Creek falls). I haven't been up this ridge so I'm not sure what sort of 'lovely' vegetation we might encounter. The ridge itself doesn't look to be too steep - on the map anyway. As effectively part of this walk is a survey, I've graded the walk appropriately (usually it is a "44" walk). Good views can be

had on the main ridge/saddle to the high point of the walk. I also want to go to the "true Neglected Mountain" as indicated on the Lamington Map - not very far from the highest point. We return by the same route.

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

Day Walk Sat 29 Apr  
LEADER: Dawn Glancy 3343 8854  
MOBILE: 0418 778 369  
EMAIL: rayanddawnglancy@yahoo.com.au  
GRADE: M33DW  
LIMIT: 16  
BRING: 2 litres water, sunscreen, lunch and chair to be left in cars  
COST: \$2.50 for ferry plus money for coffee (optional)  
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: rayanddawnglancy@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 4 litres water, 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)

Julia Wain, Lynsey Moore, Greg Long and I are leading this two-way classic rainforest, escarpment hugging track which follows the border be-

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tween Queensland and New South Wales 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 Saturday night and Sunday 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 glowworms directly at the campsite. We will group together and leave Brisbane at 5 a.m. 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 approximately lunch time on Sunday 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 \$8.00. 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.

### **COOMERA CIRCUIT**

Day Walk Sun 30 Apr  
LEADER: Kay Byrne 33971021  
EMAIL: byrne@cytech.com.au  
GRADE: L33DW  
LIMIT: 15  
BRING: Usual day walk, 2lts water  
COST: Petrol approx \$25  
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens  
CAR KMS: 210kms

This is a beautiful track walk of approximately 17.5kms in the Lamington National Park leaving from Binna Burra. The track passes beautiful waterfalls. There are several creek crossings, so be prepared to get wet feet. See you there for a lovely day out.

### **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 plus 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 Creek campground where we'll set up for the night. Saturday 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!). Saturday 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. Sunday will be some more information talks and a shorter walk to Brindle Creek. 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 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 1 May, if no replacement found.

### **KOOTOOTONGA O'REILLY'S**

Social Fri 5 - Sun 7 May  
LEADER: Burney 3269 9383 0422 386080  
GRADE: SOC  
LIMIT: 28  
BRING: bed linen, breakfasts and lunches, party nibbles for Fri night

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**COST:** \$60 per adult per night

Kootootonga offers bunk bed style accommodation in seven bedrooms. Rooms provide pillows and doona blankets. Please bring own linen. The meals that are included in our package deal are Ploughman's Platters for Friday night arrival at the house and a 3 course dinner (Soup, Roast and Peach Cobbler) at O'Reilly's Mountain Cafe Saturday night. We can visit the Irish Cocktail Hour at the Rainforest Room Bar for happy hour with music, 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 input. Please ensure your booking by paying by April 26th meeting. Thank you

## **NEGLECTED MOUNTAIN**

Day Walk Sat 6 May  
**LEADER:** Cath Carkeet 3357 5607  
**GRADE:** M45DW  
**LIMIT:** 12  
**BRING:** Usual day walk gear, 3lt water  
**DEPART:** 7am Fairfield Gardens car park  
**CAR KMS:** 220 km  
**MAP:** Lamington 1:25000

Neglected Mountain is a 739 m peak in Lamington National Park, which we access from Christmas Creek Road via Beaudesert and Laravale. We leave cars at Stinson Memorial Park and approach the mountain from the south-west. A walk along Gap Creek Road leads to the main ridge, with open forest, grass trees and some loose rocks underfoot. There is an undulating climb to the summit where we will have lunch with good views of the peaks of the scenic rim. We retrace our route back to the cars. Reasonable fitness is required for the ups on this walk. Suitable for fit newer members as an introduction to off-track walking.

## **LAKE MANCHESTER**

Day Walk Sat 13 May  
**LEADER:** Dawn Hendrick 3818 3687  
**MOBILE:** 0428 197 268  
**EMAIL:** hendrick@iprimus.com.au  
**GRADE:** S34DW  
**LIMIT:** 16  
**BRING:** Usual day walk gear, 2lt water, morning tea. Lunch to be left in the car for later.  
**COST:** own transport  
**DEPART:** 7:30am Redbank Station car park  
UBD 216 B9  
**MAP:** Brisbane Forest Park Info Map

Lake Manchester is on the southern most boundary of Brisbane Forest Park to the west of Brisbane. The lake was formed in 1916 when the Dam wall was finished capturing Cabbage Tree Creek. There is no boating on the lake so birdlife is abundant. We will park in the recreational area (UBD p172 Q1) and walk along the track to the dam wall. We then walk beside the lake to the Log Cabin. We will have morning tea here then stroll back at a leisurely pace, stopping whenever we find a suitable spot to admire the view or to identify the many different water birds that inhabit the lake edge. There are a few steep hills on the way but we will take these slowly so that everyone gets there in the end! For those who don't have to rush off we will enjoy a picnic lunch in the recreational area which has (wood fired) BBQ facilities. 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).

## **LEADER SURVEY - LIZARD POINT**

Day Walk Sun 14 May  
**LEADER:** Peter James  
**MOBILE:** 0412 886 880  
**EMAIL:** psjames1@bigpond.net.au  
**GRADE:** M55DW  
**LIMIT:** 10  
**BRING:** Map and compass  
**DEPART:** 7am Fairfield Gardens Car Park  
**MAP:** Mount Superbus 1:25,000

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

## **STINSON WRECK STRETCHER TRACK**

Through Walk Sat 20 - Sun 21 May  
**LEADER:** Ray Glancy 3343 8854

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MOBILE: 0419 719 480  
EMAIL: rayanddawnglancy@yahoo.com.au  
GRADE: L55TW  
LIMIT: 8 (including leader)  
BRING: Usual throughwalking gear, thermals, party food for Saturday night, scunge gloves, gaiters, capacity for 5 litres water, compass (if possible)  
COST: \$4 camp fee plus car contribution (240 kms)  
DEPART: 6am To be advised  
CAR KMS: 240 kms  
MAP: Lamington (supplied)

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

## **MT MAROON - CAVES ROUTE**

Day Walk Sun 21 May  
LEADER: Jon Beer 38651808  
GRADE: M66DW  
LIMIT: 11  
BRING: Hat, sunscreen, 2-3 litres of water  
COST: Transport  
DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens shopping centre  
MAP: Maroon 1:25000

Mt Maroon is located in Mt Barney National Park south southwest of Brisbane off the Boonah-Rathdowney road. This walk starts at the usual place for Mt Maroon walks but quickly departs from the normal route. Once 'offtrack' we traverse a gully or 2 before going up a ridge to the cliffs. Here we follow around until directly under "the cave" (it's really a big overhang - quite big!). From the cave we get interesting views of surrounding country as we enjoy our morning tea. Following this break we descend out of the cave

then contour/climb around the mountain until on a rocky ridge which takes us up to the northern rim. From here the going is more open and views abound. Depending on how we are travelling for time we'll either stop somewhere here for lunch or we may go all the way to the main summit. As it is not a long way from the summit via the conventional route back to the cars getting there after lunch won't be stretching our time. With good offtrack country, some rock scrambling and a reasonable workout this walk is suitable as a 'warm-up' for Mt Barney first-timers.

## **COOCHIN CREEK PADDLE**

Base Camp Kayak Sat 27 - Sun 28 May  
LEADER: Carol Russell 3325 0671  
GRADE: KYK  
LIMIT: 15  
BRING: Usual base camp gear, kayak, PDF, etc. Lots of insect protection  
COST: \$4 camping +petrol  
DEPART: 7:30am Hungry Jacks, Castledine  
We will convoy north on the Bruce Highway to Roys Rd Exit and travel through to Coochin Ck. Campground. We will set up camp on arrival then paddle upstream with the morning tide and return with the ebb tide. Enjoy happy hour at sunset. Sunday either a leisurely downstream paddle or some participants will do a training cycle. You may like to bring your fishing/crabbing gear. This weekend is suitable for beginners, however you will need to arrange hire of kayaks, transport etc. State forest permits are required for all vehicles, see Carol Russell for a copy (permits are free, numbers needed by end of April). Contact me on no. above for more info. Join us for a fun weekend and a bit of exercise.

## **NEW MEMBERS BASE CAMP - SPRINGBROOK NATIONAL PARK**

Base Camp Fri 2 - Sun 4 Jun  
LEADER: Julia Wain 3201 2013  
EMAIL: glenwain@bigpond.com  
GRADE: L34BC  
LIMIT: 22 probationary, 8 full members  
BRING: Base camp gear, thermals/warm clothes (it will be cold), rain gear, gaiters or long pants, tent, stove, chair  
COST: \$8 per person camp fees (payable to leader) plus petrol contribution  
DEPART: 6pm contact leader  
CAR KMS: 210km return  
MAP: Springbrook 9541-13  
Springbrook National Park is a beautiful rainforest area renowned for its waterfalls, escarpment

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and wildlife. Everyone will make their own way to the Gwongorella campground (Purlingbrook Falls) on Friday afternoon/evening. There is a covered cooking, eating area with coin operated barbeques for those who wish to use them. There are no showers, only composting toilets. At 8am on Saturday we will commence with our discussions on safety, ethics, etc. Our walk today will be the 17 klm Warrie Circuit with fantastic views to the coast. We will have lunch at the 'Meeting of the Waters' along the way. Saturday night will be drinks, nibbles and social. Sunday will be more info talks and a shorter walk to Purlingbrook Falls. It will be a busy but fun weekend. This is a winter base camp in a cold area so please ensure you bring lots of warm clothing and sleeping gear. 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 29 May, if no replacement found.

### **KOSCIUSZKO NP**

Cross Country Skiing Sat 19 - Sun 27 Aug  
LEADER: Peter Lock 3351 1184  
EMAIL: peter@lock.id.au  
GRADE: M45DW  
COST: approx \$300 accommodation +  
\$150 ski hire

This is the first annual BBW cross country ski trip. XC skiing is easy to learn and with minimal skill it is possible to cover large distances and see some spectacular Australian wilderness. We'll hire a unit (or two) for a week at Jindabyne and ski day trips from Perisher, Guthega and Thredbo. We will have to book the accommodation in April, so your early decision is essential! BBW does not have a grading system for skiing, but the day trips will be suitable for first timer and intermediate skiers, with fitness around BBW level 5. Please contact me for many more details.

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## LEADER TRAINING

*South Kobble Creek—Leader Peter James*

Having decided it was time for my little group of vertically challenged walkers to attempt new heights I joined the above walk to learn the ropes. Little did I anticipate that the ropes would be needed just to get into the swimming hole!

Peter's training was excellent, not only did we get instruction on the navigation of the walk by map and compass, but landmarks were referred to from several angles as we progressed through the walk. One that springs to mind, and I suspect is Peter's favourite, is a little sweetie, aptly named "Heartbreak Ridge". While it was never suggested that this was our intended exit route, the implication that it may occur was always in the back of our minds.

The walk features a variety of track types covering all but the first couple in the new gradings list and leaves me with a terrible dilemma of how to grade my walk for members who have progressed through the 33 levels but still struggle on the up's. If I make it a high grading to let them know it will be tough then the walk will attract walkers who like a tougher walk, but if I lower the fitness to let them know we will be going slower then I may get newer members who may not be ready for the off-track bush bash and the fairly extensive rock scrambling and hopping involved. So, if you see South Kobble Creek led by me on the calendar, then you will know its going to be a fairly hard walk for a moderately fit person.

My thanks to Peter for his hard work on the day, it was excellent in all aspects, I learned a lot of useful tips for my role as leader, as well as directions on a very nice walk in Brisbane Forest Park.

Look for Peter's other Leader Training walks on the calendar and add them to you list of must-do's, I thoroughly recommend them.

Jenz

## Committee News

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A special mention for Ros Firster who broke her ankle in four places (Ros never does things in half measures!) during a walk in Branch Creek (near Woodford) on 14 February and was airlifted to Redcliffe hospital by Careflight helicopter. Ros will be on crutches for a while; not easy for a dynamo.

All members in the party paid tribute to the leadership of Ralph Chetham, who, together with Ros' partner Richard, ran (yes, ran) back to the cars so they could drive to a suitable location and obtain mobile phone coverage to call for help.

Spare a thought for Ros (and Richard!!); the pain of confinement is greater for those accustomed to freedom.

On behalf of all members, I wish Ros a speedy recovery.

Peter

### OUTINGS SECRETARY REPORT

**More leaders:** We welcome two new leaders this month: Claire Webb and Carol Russell. The club is always looking for more people to lead activities of all levels. Most of our activities are fully subscribed, so there is room for more on the calendar! Training and support is available to all leaders, making it easy to get started.

**Base Camps:** We have only a few base camps on the program, and these are mostly full. I encourage leaders to consider organising a base camp.

**Grading:** The club's walk grading scheme is our primary means of ensuring that members attend activities that they will enjoy and can complete safely. While we must accept the possibility of some minor variation in interpretation, I ask leaders to be as consistent as possible in assigning grades. Please refer to the updated explanations in the magazine, web site, and on the nomination tables.

**Skiing:** There has been some interest shown in cross country skiing, so I will attempt to organise a trip for this year. If all goes well, it could become an annual event.

Picnic Pete

### MEMBERSHIP OFFICER REPORT

A new members base camp was held at Green Mountains (O'Reillys) on 18-19 Feb graded L34. 23 probationary members attended, 30 in all. We had a lively bunch of people. There was no trouble getting the group together for an 8am start on Sat, most of them were up by 5.30am!! After some information talks, we set out in 2 groups along the Tooloona Circuit track. It is an 18km track and includes a little negotiation across creeks/wet areas which both groups managed quite well considering the wet weather we have had. The first group 'the red cordial group' went a little faster along the track. A few kms from O'Reillys, it was suggested that we might make it back in time for the coffee shop before it closed. So, to avoid being trampled in the stampede, I upped the pace and 'power walked' the last few km with 15 mins to spare. Everyone kept up, the 'tail' arrived in wondering what was going on, but there were coffees all round for the cheerful group. Sat evening was not a late night, but very social and fun. On Sun after more info talks, we split into 2 groups and did 2 separate walks. Both very pleasant. I took the 'red cordial group' up the Lyrebird trail and we had quite a good workout for the day. The challenge was to get back to camp around the same time as the 2<sup>nd</sup> group but having walked an additional 5-6km. We managed to return soon after our fellow walkers. We headed for home after another coffee stop at O'Reillys. Thanks to Dawn, Lynsey & John for their assistance. The support from all of our full members was particularly appreciated over the weekend. It was a most enjoyable few days in the rainforest and I am looking forward to the next base camp at the Bunyas on 25-26 March. There are still spaces for probationary members to attend the Bunyas if you wish to obtain full membership.

**Note for Probationary members submitting their forms for full membership:** Could you please ensure that you complete your form with all details (name and dates of walks, joining date). It would also be helpful to print your name and address on the back of the slip. This will speed up the process and ensure that we have the correct person as there are a few members with the same name (believe it or not!).

Julia



## Committee News

### BBW MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

The new year has seen a number of keen people attending our meetings with an interest in joining our club. Often we have BBW members introduce a friend or work colleague to the prospect of joining our club. Currently, the only way to join our club is by attending a meeting. The benefits of attending include: Briefing on how to get started and ethics of the club, you can ask questions and get answers, you can mingle with other members and get a good 'feel' of what our club is about, listen to walk descriptions both pre walks and post walks, you will gain an understanding of how the walk sign up system works.

The 'kitchen talk' held at the meetings for prospective members is very important. The talk is to pass on information, an induction if you like, to ensure that a minimum amount of information and understanding of the Brisbane Bushwalkers Club is conveyed to all prospective new members. This information, together with written information available to you upon join-

ing, should enable you to participate and enjoy the activities with minimal risk to yourself and others. It is the club's expectation that all new members have this awareness when they participate on a walk.

### GUEST SPEAKERS

**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 participants, and will illustrate the scenery and village life of the Koiari people.

**10 May**

**John & Lyn Daly  
Pacific North-West America**

John & Lyn are BBW members, and authors of well-regarded bushwalking guide books. They will show us some fantastic slides of their lengthy trip to the West Coast Trail and Alaska. a viewing!

Elaine

## Magazine Collating

Collating for May magazine is at Jenny Zohn's at West End on Thursday 20th April 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.

## New Members

*During February we welcomed the following new members:*

Alan Bartlett	Pamela Bartlett	Ronnie Blackadder	Mick Brown
Sonia Brown	Tom Clough	Elizabeth Collins	Stuart Coulson
Debra Cross	Elsbeth Davis	Lesley Foley	Kathleen Forrester
Robin Gregory	Glenys Heayon-Jones	Louise Hoey	Joe Iriondo
Jane Kennedy	Ian Lesch	Terry Lesch	Steph MacDonald
Heather McCarthy	John McDermott	Julianne Missingham	Julie Morris
Adam Neeson	Rosie Pavlovich	Sheree Postle	Rebecca Seah
Masy Sochan	Audrey Sollars	Shelley Webb	

## Full Members

*Congratulations to the following who have been granted full membership In February:*

Zina Kruglov	Philip Huber	Marina Heisel	Carrol Helander	Penne Harej
Trish Robinson	Bryan Johnston	Dianne Rhodes	Bryan Rhodes	David Sydes
Jane Blakey	Ian Kidd	Margaret Stevens	John Dickson	Louise Davis
John Vitkovsky	Christine Milne			

# Past Trip Reports

## Tasmania and All That

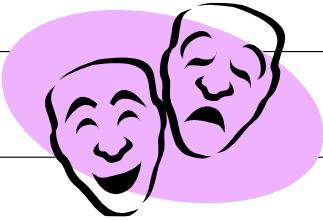
Don't bother checking because this isn't a tale of a BBW outing, more a ramble by friends who happen to be BBW members. Initiated and planned by Mavis, the advance party of four flew down to Hobart at the end of January. The Virgin direct flight from Brisbane was \$212 return; now if that isn't a bargain I don't know what is – Tassie on the smell of an oily rag but don't forget to take some sanglers for the flight. The first item on the walk schedule was a visit to Cape Hauy (pronounced 'Hoy') and Cape Pillar in the Tasman NP very near Port Arthur but away from the tourist traps so we picked up a Budget car at the airport. It was then discovered that they had upgraded us to a new bells and whistles Subaru Outback so barely concealing our glee we found gas bottles and headed out via a dirt road ("its an Outback, Jeeves; don't worry about the potholes") to Fortescue Bay campground. As a footnote, the pink/red gas bottles were 'Tierra' brand and cheap (\$4.95) – we soon found out why when they ran out in a couple of days, so be warned.

The next three days were spent walking the Capes and visiting such places as Tornado Flat, Purgatory Hill, Corruption Gully, Hurricane Heath, Perdition Plateau and Desolation Gully. We bravely ignored the threats and figured the names could probably be justified when those winds arrive direct from the Antarctic. The views were something special; if you want photos (of the whole trip) try <http://tom2hulse.gallery.netSPACE.net.au>. The sight and barking of Australian Fur Seals playing at the base of cliffs on Tasman Island next to Cape Pillar added greatly to the experience. Nearing Fortescue Bay on our return, Mavis decided to take a sudden and very rapid interest in the geology of the region, testing the hardness of the local rocks with her forehead (as you do). The scurrilous claims that she was pushed are simply not true as I was walking right behind her and saw no-one.

A police car was waiting at the Fortescue Bay campground as we walked in and a voice through the bushes revealed they were looking for us. We had left our intentions but they had been mislaid so a seemingly abandoned Subaru had triggered the start of a search and rescue which had already got to the stage of the sergeant discussing what to do next over tea and scones with the campground manager. The relieved manager did however provide an ice block for Mavis to press her hardness tester into. Returning to Hobart we stayed a night in one large room at Harringtons 102 (recommended), shopped and watched interestedly as Mavis' black eye developed, then took a bus towards Maria Island. You catch the Maria Island ferry at Triabunna so after staying the night at the friendly but very rural Udda Backpackers we lugged our packs on the boat. Maria Island has a long and varied history which started when a convict settlement was established around 1825; however the convict era did not last long as too many inmates escaped. There are plenty of ruins to investigate and a varied, abundant wildlife used to docile humans, but we were quickly on the way to French's Farm near the narrow bit of the island for two nights camping. That evening Willy (or was it Wilma?) the Wombat was there to check us out and, uh, it got a bit up-close and personal so either a) I didn't smell very much (hard to believe even at this stage) or b) Willy/Wilma was blind as a bat (believable). Now listen, we are just good friends. The next day was a rest day, so we did about 20km to Haunted Bay and a rough track to Robeys Farm. At Robeys farmhouse there was a lone male cyclist sitting on the verandah waiting for his girlfriend. We hadn't seen her on the way there. He eventually went back along the track to find her while we stayed at the farm. When they returned she had a face like thunder and mentioned the \*#\$@\*! bicycle and the \*@#&\$! track so it was definitely time for us to return to French's Farm. Good to see people with similar interests getting together.

This story still has a way to go as I still have to tell you about the stropky chooks of Darlington and Kay's case of the devious penguins. Next time. Fellow travellers were Mavis, Kay and Alan. By the way, if you are thinking of buying expensive Titanium cookware for lightness, talk to Alan first, unless you want to burn everything other than water. The stuff is so thin and transmits heat so well it's practically impossible to prevent food burning to the base even at simmer. A complaint to the agent provided a reply that it 'was designed to work with the same brand gas stove.' Nice try but pull the other one!

Tom H



# Out & About



## DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT

WHEN: 6.30pm Tuesday 4th April  
 WHERE: Tibetan Kitchen  
 454 Brunswick St, Valley  
 (parking available in side street)  
 CONTACT: Peter Hunt 3351 3642

The only concern with this restaurant is deciding on which of the many tempting meals to try. They all sound so interesting and delicious and are either Tibetan or Nepalese style. The prices are very reasonable and it is a BYO into the bargain. **Bookings are essential** so please nominate on the list at the meeting or by phone (please leave your name and nomination if I am not at home).

Movies screening at the time will be discussed over dinner.

Peter

## BRAZILIAN TOUCH

WHEN: 7pm Friday 24th March  
 WHERE: Brazilian Touch,  
 27 Jordan Terrace, Bowen Hills  
 COST: \$42  
 CONTACT: Burney Starkey 3269 9383

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 Barbeque...is there room for dessert?



Burney

## SAMFORD PERFORMERS' CAFÉ

WHEN: 7:30pm Friday 7th April  
 WHERE: Old Yellow Catholic Church Hall  
 Cnr Camp Mt and Samford Rds,  
 Samford  
 COST: \$5 entry + supper  
 CONTACT: Carol Russell 3325 0671

A great way to start the week-end after a week at work. The audience is treated to mainly original music & song by the Samford Songwriters with guest artists Woodford style.



Tea, coffee homemade cakes & slices are available before the concert and during intervals. Join us for a chat, eats & some great talent. Limited seating, so if you book and cannot come please phone prior to 5:30pm to cancel.

Carol

## NEPALI NEW YEAR DINNER

WHEN: 6:30 pm Saturday 6th April  
 WHERE: Marymac Reception Centre  
 616 Ipswich Rd, Annerley  
 COST: Adults \$25, Children \$  
 CONTACT: Burney, Rosemary McConnell  
 3269 9383



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.

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

***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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