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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The next committee meeting to be held at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 2nd November** is at Tom Cowlshaw's at 116 Alderley Ave. Alderley. Ph: 3856 4050. All members are welcome to attend.

MAGAZINE: *It is preferred that leaders submit pre-trip descriptions via the leaders page on the web site.*

Articles may also be submitted by e-mail, CD or 3.5" floppy discs (RTF format). Typed or clearly printed copy is acceptable. Articles may be given to the Editors at any meeting, or mailed to: Editor, Brisbane Bushwalkers Club Inc. GPO Box 1949 Brisbane 4001 or Fax 3274 6782.

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 **June** magazine is
Friday 5th May
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¢ 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 6mth

FIRST AID CERTIFICATES

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



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GUIDE TO WALK 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	Base Camp, Easy Day Walk, Day Walk, Through Walk, Easy Through Walk, Night Walk, SOcial Activity, KaYaK, CYcle. Safety & Training, Federation Mountain Rescue, ROGaine,			

eg: M33DW = Medium; Graded track some steps; Easy, suitable for beginners; 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 walks or social events on the clipboard list or social book at the meetings. *Walkers are responsible for ensuring they are financial at the time of nominating.*
2. **Walkers are responsible for ensuring they are capable of doing the walk for which they nominate. Review the guide to walk gradings. If you are uncertain, consult the walk leader.**
3. If you are unable to attend meetings contact the leader (who keeps the list).
4. If you are unable to attend the trip you must contact the leader to cancel so that someone on the waiting list may go. (Leader's number is in the magazine.)
5. Concerned relatives can ring the Contact Officer for information if the trip is exceptionally late.

Transport Costs:

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

If you are unhappy with the contribution amount, remember you are always free to take your own vehicle.

Camping Fees:

There is nearly always a National Park or State Forest camping fee of \$4.00 per person per night. (The leader will provide details.) NSW National Parks also charge \$7.00 per vehicle per day.

Always Take:

MEMBERSHIP CARD, food & water, first aid kit, sunscreen, torch, whistle, paper/pencil, warm clothing, raincoat & hat, **and don't forget a change of clothing & 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.

April

26	General Meeting			
27	SOC	Thursday Nightwalk	Jenny Zohn	33426345
29	M33DW	New Farm - Southbank - Teneriffe	Dawn Glancy	3343 8854
29-1	X55TW	Green Mountains to Border Ranges & Reverse	Ray Glancy	3343 8854
30	L33DW	Coomera Circuit	Kay Byrne	33971021
	M33DW	Daves Creek Circuit	Sue Rogerson	3891 1684

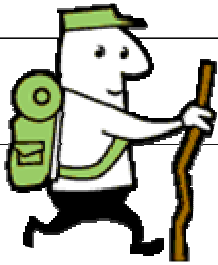
May

	SOC	Thursday Nightwalk	Jenny Zohn	33426345
5-7	L34BC	New Members Base Camp - Border Ranges NP NSW	Julia Wain	3201 2013
	M44TW	Girraween National Park	Ryan Langley	
	SOC	Kootootonga O'Reilly's	Burney	32699383 0422386080
6	M45DW	Neglected Mountain	Cath Carkeet	3357 5607
	M55DW	Love and Cedar Creek Circuit	Kurt Wagner	3325 0629
7	M75DW	South Kobble Creek	Jenny Zohn	33426345
10	Open Meeting			
11	SOC	Thursday Nightwalk	Jenny Zohn	33426345
13	M33DW	Box Forest Circuit	Katie Ingram	
	S34DW	Lake Manchester	Dawn Hendrick	3818 3687
	M55DW	Mt May	Jon Beer	38651808
13-14	L55TW	Stinson Wreck Stretcher Track	Ray Glancy	33438854
14	S34DW	Glasshouse Mtns-Mt Ngungun	John Shields	07-32646565
	M55DW	Leader Survey - Lizard Point	Peter James	
17	CYC	Albany Ck & Bunyaville Forest Pk.	John Shields	07-32646565
18	SOC	Thursday Nightwalk	Jenny Zohn	33426345
20	X34DW	Shipstern & Daves Creek Circuits	Burgi Wagner	33250629
	L56DW	Great!Walk -Sunshine Coast Hinterland	Jim Bartlett	
20-21	L55TW	Stinson Wreck Stretcher Track	Ray Glancy	3343 8854
20-24	M77TW	Lizard Ridge to Spicers Gap via Mt Guymer and Hell Hole Gorge	John Hinz	3846 1432 (H/W)
21	M33DW	Lower Bellbird Circuit	Sue Rogerson	3891 1684
	M66DW	Mt Maroon - Caves route	Jon Beer	38651808
24	General Meeting			
25	SOC	Thursday Nightwalk	Jenny Zohn	33426345

PROGRAM

ALWAYS TAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU

26-28	L67DW	Mt Barney First Timers	Drew O'Brien, Lynsey Moore	3856 3336
27-28	KYK	Coochin Creek Paddle	Carol Russell	33250671
28	M33DW	Mt Cordeaux and Bare Rock	Sue Rogerson	3891 1684
30	M55DW	Lincoln Wreck	Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
June				
1	SOC	Thursday Nightwalk	Jenny Zohn	3342 6345
2-4	L34BC	New Members Base Camp - Springbrook National Park	Julia Wain	3201 2013
	M44TW	Girraween National Park	Cath Carkeet	3357 5607
3-4	M87TW	Logan's Ridge, Mt Barney- Through walk	Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
8	SOC	Thursday Nightwalk	Jenny Zohn	3342 6345
9-12	CYC	Benarkin State Forest	Peter Lock	3351 1184
10-13	M77TW	Fourth Annual Barney Four Day Classic	John Hinz	3846 1432 (H/W)
	SOC	Thursday Nightwalk	Jenny Zohn	3342 6345
17	M23DW	Daisy Hill Forest Park	Dawn Hendrick	3818 3687
	S45DW	Mt Maroon	Cath Carkeet	3357 5607
17-18	S11S&T	St John's First Aid Course	Lynsey Moore	3366 6135
18	M33DW	Western Window & Greenes Falls	John Shields	07-32646565
22	SOC	Thursday Nightwalk	Jenny Zohn	3342 6345
23-25	M55TW	The Steamers	David Thorpe	32893773
24	M44S&T	Navigation Training Brisbane Forest Park	Greg Long Lynsey Moore	33666135
25	M67DW	Leader Survey - Barney Gorge	Peter James	0412886880
29	SOC	Thursday Nightwalk	Jenny Zohn	3342 6345
30-2	L34BC	New Members Base Camp, Green Mountains (Winter O'Reillys)	Julia Wain	3201 2013
	L55ROG	NavShield 2006	Peter Lock	3351 1184
July				
3-9	M55TW	Budawangs	Peter Lock	3351 1184
7-9	M34BC	Photographic Camp Springbrook Mt.	Jenny Zohn	33426345
12	M33DW	Buhot Creek and Plunkett Mallee Circuits	Dawn Glancy	3343 8854
19-27	M45DW	Kosciuszko NP	Peter Lock	3351 1184



Coming Trips

NEGLECTED MOUNTAIN

Daywalk Tue 25 Apr
LEADER: Jon Beer 38651808
GRADE: M55DW
LIMIT: 11
BRING: 2lt water, hat, sunscreen, etc
COST: Transport costs
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens carpark
MAP: Lamington 1:25000 topographic

Neglected Mt is located adjacent to Lamington NP - southern section and can be accessed from the Christmas Ck side. The intention of this walk is to access it from a slightly different direction - the Running Ck 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 Ck (the same area one would start a walk to Running Ck 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 Mt" 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: rayanddawnlancy@yahoo.com.au
GRADE: M33DW
LIMIT: 16
BRING: 2lt water, sunscreen, lunch and chair to be left in cars
COST: \$2.50 for ferry +\$'s for refreshments
DEPART: 8am New Farm Park - park on ring road as close to Brunswick St and Citicat Terminal as possible

We start and finish this walk in New Farm Pk. 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 Pk, 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 Pk 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: rayanddawnlancy@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 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 Mts 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 glowworms 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 approximately 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.

COOMERA CIRCUIT

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

This is a beautiful track walk of approximately 17.5km in the Lamington NP 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.

WEST CANUNGRA CREEK

Day Walk Sun 30 Apr
LEADER: Sue Rogerson 3891 1684
MOBILE: 0400 784 745
GRADE: M33DW
LIMIT: 16
BRING: Usual day walk gear
COST: \$18 (200km)
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Car park

This 14km walk is in the Green Mt (O'Reilly's) section of Lamington NP. It is on graded track but does involve several crossings of West Canungra Ck which are not difficult. We walk to Blue Pool for morning tea and then follow the West Canungra Ck upstream to Elabana Falls. We return via Picnic Rock and the Border Track and so back to the cars. This walk is suitable for new members.

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/war clothes, rain gear, gaiters or long pants, chair, drinking water (6-10lt)
COST: \$6 per person camp fees + \$7 per car p/night + petrol contribution
DEPART: 7:30pm contact leader
CAR KMS: approx 250km
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. 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 (\$6pp) fees are still payable to leader for cancellations received after Monday 1 May, if no replacement found.

GIRRAWEE NATIONAL PARK

Throughwalk Fri 5 - Sun 7 May
LEADER: Ryan Langley
EMAIL: rrlaust@yahoo.com.au
GRADE: M44TW
LIMIT: 8
BRING: Usual throughwalk gear
COST: \$8
DEPART: 6pm Pre-arranged
MAP: Girraween 1:33000

Girraween NP is approximately three hours west of Brisbane. We will drive out Fri night, meeting for dinner along the way. We will commence the throughwalk Sat morning and return to the campground Sun afternoon. We will park at the Dr Roberts Waterhole carpark and head to the eastern section of the park. The terrain at Girraween is predominantly flat, however the area has very large granite boulders, which we will climb to enjoy some great views of the park. There is an extensive track network, but there will also be a small amount of off-track walking. So take

the chance to explore Girraween before winter arrives and it gets cold. Nominations by email.

KOOTOOTONGA O'REILLY'S

Social Fri 5 - Sun 7 May

LEADER: Burney 32699383 0422386080

GRADE: SOC

LIMIT: 28

BRING: bed linnen, breakfasts and lunches, party nibbles for Fri night

COST: \$60 per adult per night

Kootootonga offers bunk bed style accomodation in seven bedrooms. Rooms provide pillows and doona blankets. Please bring own linnen. 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 Sat 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

This activity is full.

LOVE AND CEDAR CREEK CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sat 6 May

LEADER: Kurt Wagner 3325 0629

MOBILE: 0413272018

EMAIL: kurt@wagner.id.au

GRADE: M55DW

LIMIT: 10

BRING: see p.3 must take, membership card

COST: petrol contribution

DEPART: 7am Alderley car park

This beautiful day walk in the Mt Glorious area starts at Alex Rd and follows a short track to a small creek which flows into Love Ck. From there we rock hop and scramble down to the top of Love Ck Falls. We have Morning Tea there and can enjoy the views out to Moreton Bay. The walk continues down past the Falls to the junction with Cedar Ck. We scramble up Cedar Ck to the bottom of Green Falls. The circuit is completed by heading west up a steep spur and then north

along the ridge linking up with the track back to the cars. A reasonable level of fitness as well as scrambling & rock hopping skills are required as we negotiate numerous waterfalls and steep slopes in this rugged section of Bne Forest Park. However, the effort is well rewarded! Coffee as usual at Samford.

SOUTH KOBBLE CREEK

Day Walk Sun 7 May

LEADER: Jenny Zohn 33426345

GRADE: M75DW

LIMIT: 8 inc. leader

BRING: Usual p.3 +3lt water, swimmers?

COST: petrol contribution

DEPART: 7am Alderley Car Park

MAP: Bne Forest Pk.

This is a very pretty creek walk in an area of Bne Forest Pk adjacent to Northbrook Gorge. The walk involves forest roads, rough tracks, considerable rock hopping, and one offtrack uphill effort. I have graded it 7/5 in line with the new system but hope to attract slower walkers who wish to extend their walking experience without the pace that is usual on this level of walk. If you are not confident rock hopping then this is not for you. If in doubt speak to me before nominating.

ENOGGERA RESERVOIR—MT AURUM MINES

Day Walk Sat 13 May

LEADER: Mark Houghton 32891251

GRADE: M33DW

LIMIT: 13

BRING: Usual daywalk gear, +2lt water.

DEPART: 8am Brisbane Forest Pk Headquarters

MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30000

We meet at the ramp to the Brisbane Forest Park Headquarters office. There is plenty of parking in the carpark. The park is about 3km past the Waterworks Rd-Settlement Rd intersection. To my knowledge the club has never done this walk before. The walk should finish early to mid afternoon. Some of the walk is on graded track but part is on rough bush tracks with a moderate ascent up Mt. Aurum. The walk start off following the edge of the Reservoir, before continuing through rainforest to the Mt Arum mines which were worked for gold by prospectors in the 1920-30's.

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 daywalk gear, 2lt water, morning tea. Lunch to be left in car
COST: own transport
DEPART: 7:30am Redbank Station carpark 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 Ck. 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 (No list at meetings). When nominating please include the following details (as on the nomination sheet): car, no. of passengers, phone number, suburb, membership status

MT MAY

Daywalk Sat 13 May
LEADER: Jon Beer 38651808
GRADE: M55DW
LIMIT: 11
BRING: hat, sunscreen min. 2lt water
COST: \$20? - transport
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens car park
MAP: Maroon 1:25000 topographic

Mt May is located in Mt Barney NP south southwest of Brisbane near Boonah. The walk will take the form of a circuit walk ascending 'straight up' from the cars and visiting both peaks. We will have lunch on the second and higher peak with views of Mt Barney. Descent will be via a less used ridge with open views and brings us back almost directly to the cars. Some rock scrambling skill is required, and this walk is suitable as a 'warm-up' for those intending to do Barney first-timers.

STINSON WRECK STRETCHER TRACK

Through Walk Sat 13 - Sun 14 May
LEADER: Ray Glancy 33438854
MOBILE: 0419 719 480
EMAIL: rayanddawnglancy@yahoo.com.au
GRADE: L55TW

LIMIT: 8 (including leader)
BRING: Throughwalking gear, thermals, party food for Sat night, scunge gloves, gaiters, capacity for 5lt water, compass (if possible)
COST: \$4 camp fee plus car contribution
DEPART: 6am To be advised
CAR KMS: 240 kms
MAP: Lamington (supplied)
Because of the interest in this walk - I am offering it again, so please don't think that it is a 'typo' in the club's program. I already have 5 starters so space is limited to a further 3. Also, this Sun is Mothers Day. 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 Sat morning and will leave there at approx. 8am and have smoko at Westray's Grave. We will camp at Point Lookout on Sat 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 Sept. Sun morning we will get up before sunrise to enjoy the spectacle of dawn over Mt Warning. We will head off about 8am 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 Ck camp site. Coffee at Beaudesert RSL and then home for a well-earned shower.

BOX FOREST CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sat 13 May
LEADER: Katie Ingram
MOBILE: 0403483502
EMAIL: katie.ingram@gmail.com
GRADE: M33DW
LIMIT: 14
BRING: "What to bring" on p3, + 2 lt water
COST: Transport
DEPART: 7am Alderley Car Park
CAR KMS: Approx 200km return

This a beautiful and scenic 11km rainforest walk in the Green Mts (O'Reillys) section of Laminton NP that winds its way along West Canungra Ck. Highlights of this walk are its many falls including Box Log and Elabana and its bird life. We will follow the Border Track, descend towards West Canungra Ck and have morning tea at the junction. We will do the circuit in a clock-wise direction and see Elabana Falls on the way home. There is a bit of an up but the track is graded so it is suitable for new members with plenty of opportunities for pictures. We will stop for a much needed coffee before heading home.

GLASSHOUSE MTNS- MT NGUNGUN

Day Walk Sun 14 May
LEADER: John Shields 07-32646565
MOBILE: 0427731449
EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au
GRADE: S34DW
LIMIT: none
BRING: Usual p.3 + 2lt water
COST: fuel contribution
DEPART: 7am Aspley Pick'n'Pay (Aust Post)
MAP: Glass House Mtns

We will first drive to Mt Beerwah where we will take a short walk and view the lookout track then northern cliff face. Morning tea back at the cars before we drive around to Mt Ngungun. Taking our lunch with us, we will proceed up a gradually sloping graded track until we are at a lookout clearing below the summit. The track then gets steeper and rougher past the Ngungun Cave to the summit. This section will be done very very slowly and it is only a few hundred metres. The views from the summits [there are two] are 360 degrees and breathtaking. This walk is only rated 4 because of the last section. Recommended for new walkers and slow strollers. Lunch will be at the summit and we will have the usual coffee stop on the way home. Speak to me if you have any concerns.

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 Pt 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 Pt 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.

ALBANY CK & BUNYAVILLE FOREST PK.

Night Ride Wed 17 May
LEADER: John Shields 07-32646565
MOBILE: 0427731449
EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au
GRADE: CYC
LIMIT: none
BRING: \$6.50 coffee & cake; helmet; light & bike
DEPART: 6:30pm Ambrosia Restaurant, Albany Ck

Ambrosia Restaurant is situated on cnr Albany Ck Rd & Wruck Crs adjacent to Albany Ck Centro Shopping Centre. Our ride takes us along bike trails through parkland and parallel to Old Northern Rd up to Bunyaville Forest Pk where we lift our bikes over the gate to do 4km over forest roads [WARNING-2km is bitumen & 2km is good dirt road]. We then backtrack along ONR and more parkland bike tracks to our starting point. It has been arranged with Ambrosia Restaurant to supply coffee and cake [many choices] for \$6.50 per head so long as we are there before 9pm. The ride is less than 20km so there should be no risk of missing out on that treat that evades us.

SHIPSTERN & DAVES CREEK CIRCUITS

Day Walk Sat 20 May
LEADER: Burgi Wagner 33250629
MOBILE: 0425551222
EMAIL: burgi@wagner.id.au
GRADE: X34DW
LIMIT: 12 including leader
BRING: p.3 must take + membership card
COST: petrol contribution approx \$15
DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens carpark
CAR KMS: 220 km

Shipstern Circuit starts opposite the entrance to the Binna Burra Lodge. We descend about 400m into the Kurraragin Valley and will have an early morning tea at the Lower Ballanlui Falls, 5.3km from the entrance. The track then runs along Nixon Ck, crosses over and climbs up gradually to Shipstern, leaving the rainforest for open eucalyptus forest. We stop for lunch at one of the lookouts where we can enjoy amazing views. The circuit continues along the top of the high cliffs with views into the Numimbah Valley to the Nagaragoon Clearing. Shortly after we turn into Dave Ck Circuit. Along the track we may stop for afternoon tea before heading back to the car park and the well earned coffee stop. This extra long (over 24km) walk is for members who want to walk at a fairly fast pace two beautiful tracks in the Binna Burra section of the Lamington NP. Come along!

GREATWALK-SUNSHINE COAST HINTERLAND

Day Walk Sat 20 May

LEADER: Jim Bartlett
MOBILE: 0418 199 381
EMAIL: jamesbartlett46@hotmail.com
GRADE: L56DW
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Usual Day walk gear+3lt water
DEPART: 6am Alderley Car Park
MAP: GREAT WALK S'COAST TOPO

This is a long walk of the last section of the newly opened Great! Walk Sunshine coast hinterland. The walk will join the 58km track at Mapleton Dayuse Area on the Blackall Range. A 3km walk leads to the excellent Ubajee Walkers Camp with great views over the Gheerulla Valley. The walk then descends into the Gherulla Valley past the falls and follows the creek (crossings). A steep ascent of Gheerulla Bluff is rewarded with views down the Mary Valley. Time may allow a detour up Mt Thilba Thalba (place of the short fighting club). This track rejoins the junction to complete the circuit and the way out. This is indeed a great walk so thanks QPWS for providing an outstanding through walk and some rewarding day walks. The time for 25km+ walk will depend on walking conditions. Contact me for details.

STINSON WRECK STRETCHER TRACK

Through Walk Sat 20 - Sun 21 May

LEADER: Ray Glancy 3343 8854
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
DEPART: 6am To be advised
CAR KMS: 240 kms
MAP: Lamington (supplied)
This activity is full.

LIZARD RIDGE TO SPICERS GAP VIA MT GUYMER AND HELL HOLE GORGE

Through Walk Sat 20 - Wed 24 May
LEADER: John Hinz 3846 1432 (H/W)
EMAIL: johnhinz@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: M77TW
LIMIT: 8 including leader
BRING: Light through walk gear
DEPART: TBA Brisbane on Fri a/noon 19 May
MAP: Mount Superbus, Cunninghams Gap,
Swanfels and Mt Develin 1:25000

Lizard Ridge is the long rugged ridge that runs north east from Lizard Pt to the farmlands in the valley far below. It is one of the least used access routes to the Main Range, however it is the way we will be climbing on the 1st day of our five day walk that covers some other seldom visited locations. On Fri night we will leave a car at Spicers Gap and then camp on private property near the South Branch of Wild Cattle Ck. Day one, Sat, will be a grunt and a good heart starter. After a long, steady ascent an exposed scramble up through a cliff break will shortly see us rewarded with the panoramic views from Lizard Pt. We should be at our campsite at South Lizard by mid afternoon. Day two will see us traverse the spectacular Steamers Range prior to reaching our campsite near Steamer Ck. The next day will be the biggest of the trip. We will climb 1204mt Mt Guymer and then travel along a gentle open eucalypt forest ridge top prior to joining the Main Range again at Mt Asplenium. We should get good views of The Steamers on the way. After picking up water at Treefern Gully we will camp on Mt Huntley. On our 4th day we will travel northwards along the range before dropping off it to the west at Mt Double Top. An excellent campsite in private property in the Hell Hole Ck valley awaits us. This afternoon we plan to explore Hell Hole Gorge. On our final day we climb a spur that brings us to a rocky knoll on the south west ridge of Spicers Peak. We then move in to rainforest as we near the western summit of Spicers Peak. The rainforest we travel through on our way to the main summit of Spicers Peak is particularly nice. A steep and exposed descent will see us finish our walk at Spicers Gap. This will be a strenuous walk, suited to fit and experienced through walkers who are looking for an interesting and challenging walk in some of the most remote and beautiful country in SE Qld. It is essential that all participants strive to keep the weight of their packs as low as possible.

LOWER BELLBIRD CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 21 May
LEADER: Sue Rogerson 3891 1684
MOBILE: 0400 784 745
EMAIL: dillulla@yahoo.com.au
GRADE: M33DW
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Usual day walk gear
COST: \$18 (200km)
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Carpark
This 12km walk is in the Binna Burra section of Lamington NP. It is on graded track. We start from the information center and walk down the hill until we reach the National Park sign. From the NP sign, we venture into the rainforest, stopping for

morning tea at the bottom of a cliff face. The circuit follows the ridgeline before we start walking up to Yangahla lookout and Koolanbilba lookup. The lookouts give great views of the Kurraragin Valley and also will be our lunch stop. We continue walking upwards to the Binna Burra lodge and then from there we walk down the road back to the Information center. This walk is suitable for new members.

MT MAROON - CAVES ROUTE

Daywalk Sun 21 May
LEADER: Jon Beer 38651808
GRADE: M66DW
LIMIT: 11
BRING: Hat, sunscreen, 2-3lt water
COST: Transport
DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens Car Park
MAP: Maroon 1:25000

Mt Maroon is located in Mt Barney NP 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.

MT BARNEY FIRST TIMERS

Base Camp Fri 26 - Sun 28 May
LEADER: Drew O'Brien,
Lynsey Moore 3856 3336
MOBILE: 0412 821 796
EMAIL: drewobrien@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: L67DW
LIMIT: 15 climbers
BRING: camping gear, party food and usual walking gear + 4lt water
COST: 2 x nights camping fees
DEPART: 6:30pm Meet at Mt Barney Lodge

Following the tradition established by Rob, the club is again holding this weekend. Unfortunately due to heavy accommodation bookings we will be

camping out this year. All facilities (showers etc) are still available. We book in Fri night and start to climb bright and early Satu morning. At this stage we go up SE Ridge and down South Ridge. The timing of the walk for the end of May will give you plenty of time to build up your stamina for the walk. If the interest expressed so far is any indication, be sure to let us know early so that you don't miss out.

COOCHIN CREEK PADDLE

Base Camp Kayak Sat 27 - Sun 28 May
LEADER: Carol Russell 33250671
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 me for a copy. (permits are free, numbers needed by end of April) Contact me for more info. Join us for a fun weekend and a bit of exercise.

MT CORDEAUX AND BARE ROCK

Day Walk Sun 28 May
LEADER: Sue Rogerson 3891 1684
MOBILE: 0400 784 745
EMAIL: dillulla@yahoo.com.au
GRADE: M33DW
LIMIT: 14
BRING: Usual day walk gear
COST: \$16 (180km)
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Carpark

This is a 12km 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, through rainforest and brushbox before reaching the rocky outcrop of Bare Rock. Good views to the north-east can be enjoyed on a clear day before returning down along the same track past an old gold mine to the cars. This walk is suitable for new members

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/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 NP is a beautiful rainforest area renowned for its waterfalls, escarpment and wildlife. We will make our own way to the Gwongorella campground (Purlingbrook Falls) on Fri 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 Sat we will commence with our discussions on safety, ethics, etc. Our walk today will be the 17km Warrie Circuit with fantastic views to the coast. We will have lunch at the 'Meeting of the Waters' along the way. Sat night will be drinks, nibbles and social. Sun will be more info talks and a short 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 activities on the weekend are mandatory for probationary members who are using this base camp to become full members. It is preferable that full members participate in all activities as your assistance will be valuable to the group. If you need info 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.

GIRRAWEE NATIONAL PARK

Throughwalk Fri 2 - Sun 4 Jun
LEADER: Cath Carkeet 3357 5607
GRADE: M44TW
LIMIT: 6
BRING: Usual throughwalk gear, warm clothing
COST: \$8 camping fee + petrol
DEPART: 8pm Caltex Warwick (transport pTBA)
CAR KMS: 500 km

MAP: Girraween & Bald Rock 1:33000
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Girraween NP is located south of Stanthorpe in the Granite belt near the Qld/NSW border. We camp Fri night at Castle Rock camp ground. We start walking Sat from the Underground Ck and have the option of visiting some of the features of Girraween such as the Aztec Temples, the Round House, Twin Peaks and Billy Goat Hill. We'll camp by Paling Yard Ck on Sat night. Walking will be on fire trails with some cross-country navigation. This is suitable as an intro throughwalk. The terrain is fairly open and most of the climbing is done without packs. Experience the first weekend of winter in the chill of Girraween.

LOGAN'S RIDGE, MT BARNEY

Through Walk Sat 3 - Sun 4 Jun
LEADER: Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
EMAIL: Lmdarven@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: M87TW
LIMIT: 6
BRING: Through Walk gear, 3l water, nibbles to share before dinner.
COST: \$4 camping fee + car contribution
DEPART: 6am TBA
MAP: Mt Lindsay 1:25 000

On Saturday we will ascend Mt Barney by Logans Ridge and Saturday night camp at the old hut site. On Sunday morning we will go up to the summit of West Peak (the highest peak on Mt Barney) and then return to the cars via the South Ridge. Light packs are recommended as the ridge up is rocky and exposed in a few places but as we are spending the night on the mountain, there will be time to enjoy the view on the way up as well as on top. Warm clothes will be needed as Mt Barney can be very cold in Winter.

BENARKIN STATE FOREST

Bike Base Camp, Unsurveyed Fri 9-Mon 12 Jun
LEADER: Peter Lock 3351 1184
EMAIL: peter@lock.id.au
GRADE: CYC
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Bike, Helmet, Permit
COST: \$15
CAR KMS: 150km
MAP: Gympie 250,000:1

Bring your bike for a base camp! Our camp site is on Emu Ck. We'll ride through the forest trails near the campground expecting to see hoop pines towering over the subtropical rainforest. I have tried to select a site with no hills (but I offer no guarantee.) A permit will be required for your bike. There is no fee, but it should be organised in advance.

4TH ANNUAL BARNEY FOUR DAY CLASSIC

Through Walk Sat 10 - Tue 13 Jun
LEADER: John Hinz 3846 1432 (H/W)
EMAIL: johnhinz@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: M77TW
LIMIT: TBA
BRING: Light through walk gear
DEPART: TBA Brisbane on Fri a/noon 9 June
MAP: Maroon and Mt Lindesay 1:25000

This is the 4th year that a hardy band of BBW walkers will be venturing into the Mt Barney area for a four-day scenic tour. Last year was a bit too scungy so we will be staying as far away from Barney Spur as possible! On the first day of the Queens Birthday long weekend, we will leave our Fri night campsite at Mt May water reserve and enter the little known north-west gorge of Mt May. This small but beautiful gorge system deserves to be seen by more people. The chances of spotting rock wallabies are high. After reaching the top of the gorge we will climb the steep and exposed direct route to the south peak of Mt May. Excellent views of Mt Barney and our route for the next two days will be had. After a short, steep descent, several km of road walking will see us at Cleared Ridge, with a beautiful panorama of Mts May & Maroon. Camp that night is on Mt Barney Ck. Sun will see us quickly attain Midget Ridge from our campsite and a long, steady climb with some different and interesting views of Mt Barney, will see us arrive at the West Peak of Mt Barney. We will camp at Rum Jungle. On Mon, we will descend to Mt Barney Ck via Barney Gorge. This never fails to disappoint and is one of the best creek walks in SE Qld. Once we're back at Mt Barney Ck, an undulating cross country jaunt that will entail crossing some private property will see us arrive at our campsite at Paddy's Plain on the western side of Mt Maroon. Our last day will be a relatively easy walk along open ridges with more great views of the Barney massif before our final descent back to the cars, at the end of a very memorable walk. Come along if you're looking for a challenge and are an experienced and fit through walker. It is essential that all participants strive to keep the pack weight as low as possible.

DAISY HILL FOREST PARK

Day Walk Sat 17 Jun
LEADER: Dawn Hendrick 3818 3687
MOBILE: 0428 197 268
EMAIL: hendrick@iprimus.com.au
GRADE: M23DW
LIMIT: 16
BRING: p.3 must bring, +2lt water, chair for picnic after. (Lunch to be left in cars)
COST: nil - own transport to Daisy Hill (ring me week before if you need a lift)

DEPART: 7:30am Upper Day Use Area, Daisy Hill Forest Park (turn right after entering park, and before the boom gate), Daisy Hill Road, Daisy Hill
MAP: Koala Bushland Guide free from BCC

This walk is a combination of 4 easy track walks in the park area. We travel parts of the Tree Discovery, Spotted Gum and Stringybark Trails and the Buhot Ck Circuit. The walk is approx 11km and will take about 3-3.5hrs. We will walk through eucalyptus gums, along some wide open tracks and beside creeks. There are a few ups and downs of approximately 100-200m in length. These tracks are also used by cyclists and horses. We will go at a SLOW pace with plenty of time to take in the surroundings and hopefully see a koala or two. Lunch will be at the Upper Day Use picnic area and then if we haven't seen one already you can always go to the Koala Centre in the park and see a live koala. Preferred nomination is by email or on the website (No List at meetings). When nominating please include the following details (as on the nomination sheet): car, no. of passengers, phone number, suburb, membership status.

MT MAROON

Day Walk Sat 17 Jun
LEADER: Cath Carkeet 3357 5607
GRADE: S45DW
LIMIT: 12
BRING: usual daywalk gear, + 2lt water
DEPART: 7:30am Fairfield Gardens car park
CAR KMS: 250 km
MAP: Maroon 1:25000

Mt Maroon is a 965m peak in the Mt Barney NP, accessed from the Boonah-Rathdowney Rd. The walk starts with a steep climb up the NE ridge after which we contour to join a steepish gully with some loose rocks. It is then a scramble up to the saddle and a gentle climb over more rocks to the summit with great views of Mt Barney and the peaks of the Scenic Rim. We return via the same route. Reasonable fitness is required for the walk as we gain over 600m in elevation. Suitable for new members as an intro to off-track walking. Please note the later starting time, since it's a short walk.

ST JOHN'S FIRST AID COURSE

Safety & Training Sat 17 - Sun 18 Jun
LEADER: Lynsey Moore 3366 6135
MOBILE: 0409 725 843
EMAIL: moorealjac@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: S11S&T
LIMIT: 16
BRING: Lunch

COST: \$120 (current price)
DEPART: 8:30am 225 St Paul's Terrace
This is a 2 day course run by St John's. We have organised a group booking for BBW members & as such will have some direct focus on bushwalking-related first aid. It is a very enjoyable 2 days & quite essential if you do a lot of bushwalking; & is essential even if you don't: in other words everyone should have a first aid qualification. And you get a certificate. The course runs from 0830 to 1630 each day with a half hour break for lunch - so it is best to bring some & eat it on site. BBW supports first aid training and therefore will reimburse 50% of the course cost on presentation of your certificate & registration receipt. Places will be limited to the first 16 people who pay their registration fee.

WESTERN WINDOW & GREENES FALLS

Day Walk Sun 18 Jun
LEADER: John Shields 07-32646565
MOBILE: 0427731449
EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au
GRADE: M33DW
LIMIT: none
BRING: Usual p3 + 2lt water
COST: \$6 petrol
DEPART: 7am Albany Ck Centro Shopping Centre
CAR KMS: 70
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park

Meet at Westpac sign at Centro. This is a casual rainforest walk to suit new walkers and strollers. Roughly 10km with an early finish. Carry smoko and lunch. Mostly graded tracks with some ungraded track which can be interesting. Coffee stop [and maybe a tasty pastry] at the Samford Bakery on the way home. [I promise not to lose the track in the ungraded section this time.]

THE STEAMERS

Throughwalk Fri 23 - Sun 25 Jun
LEADER: David Thorpe 32893773
MOBILE: 33617642 (w)
EMAIL: david.thorpe@lion-nathan.com.au
GRADE: M55TW
LIMIT: 8
BRING: Warm Gear
COST: \$8camping+fuel
DEPART: 8pm B.P. Servo Aratula after dinner
CAR KMS: 400km approx.

This is a classic cold winter throughwalk in the Main Range NP. We start on Fri night with dinner at Aratula then head off to our first night campsite. Sat morning we start with some steep ups which gets us to the Funnel and Mast for morning tea then up to the Stern to see the view of the Steamers shown by Ian Marlow on our

Website. After lunch we climb Mt. Steamer for views of the area then descend to the Steamer Saddle for our second nights camping. On Sun morning we follow the Main Range north to Davies Ridge where we drop our packs and with morning tea in hand climb to Lower Panorama Pt then up to Panorama Pt for great views of the area. We return to the packs for lunch then walk down Davies Ridge to the cars. This is not suitable as a first time throughwalk.

NAVIGATION TRAINING BRISBANE FOREST PARK

Navigation Training Sat 24 Jun
LEADER: Greg Long / Lynsey Moore 33666135
MOBILE: 0409 725843
EMAIL: moorealjac@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: M44S&T
LIMIT: 16
BRING: "What to bring" p3 + 3lt water
COST: Fuel
DEPART: 7am Alderley Carpark
CAR KMS: Approx. 100 km
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30000

Greg Long 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'll combine the navigation bit with a walk up a creek, down a gorge & over a hill: we haven't determined the exact location: watch this space!

LEADER SURVEY - BARNEY GORGE

Day Walk Sun 25 Jun
LEADER: Peter James 0412886880
EMAIL: psjames1@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: M67DW
LIMIT: 10
DEPART: 5am Fairfield Gardens car park

This is a survey for leaders, but other members are welcome to nominate. We start the walk at Lower Portals carpark, walk to Barney Gorge via Lower Portals and the ridge to the Barney Gorge campsite, ascend Barney Gorge to the saddle between the West and East Peaks, and descend via Egans Ck, finishing at Yellow Pinch car park. I haven't been down the upper section of Egan's Ck from the saddle before, so I have qualified the walk as being suitable only for fit, experienced off

-track walkers. Rock hopping skills are required. Expect a hard day. There will be a car shuttle at the start of the day.

**NEW MEMBERS BASE CAMP,
GREEN MOUNTAINS (WINTER O'REILLYS)**

Base Camp Fri 30 Jun - Sun 2 Jul

LEADER: Julia Wain 3201 2013

EMAIL: glenwain@bigpond.com

GRADE: L34BC

LIMIT: 22 probationary, 8 full members

BRING: Base camp gear, thermals, raingear, gaiters or long pants, warm clothes

COST: \$8 per person camp fees (payable to leader) + transport

DEPART: 6pm Green Mts campground Friday

CAR KMS: 220km @ .9c

MAP: Lamington 9541-34, Beechmont 954142

Green Mountains NP is 110km south of Brisbane in the Gold Coast hinterland. The park has beautiful rainforest, waterfalls and plenty of bird and wildlife. The walks will be mostly on graded tracks but will be long (17-22km). We will meet at the camp ground on Friday night. Access is just before the visitor carpark (to the right). Facilities at the camp ground include composting toilets and hot showers. Sat morning at 8am (after brekky) we will commence with some information talks before leaving on a walk (approx 18km). Back to camp to clean up with short talks etc whilst having pre-dinner nibbles. Sun will be an 8am start with a short talk before heading out on another track. Today will be a shorter walk. We plan to be back at camp by around 2pm to pack up and head back to Brisbane. 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. 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 26 June, if no replacement found.

NAVSHIELD 2006

Rogaine Fri 30 Jun - Sun 2 Jul

LEADER: Peter Lock 3351 1184

MOBILE: 0419496837

EMAIL: peter@lock.id.au

GRADE: L55ROG

COST: Approx \$40 entry fee

CAR KMS: approx 2000km

The 18th annual NSW Wilderness Rescue Association Navigation Shield is a fabulous social experience, with nearly 1000 people in the base camp. Many organisations (including BBW) enter several teams, some using the event as a training opportunity, and some being more serious about competition. We will leave Brisbane Fri morning to arrive at the base camp Fri night. The competition is from 8am to 7:30pm on Sat, including 1.5 hours of darkness. We stay at the basecamp again Sat night and head for home on Sun. A rogaine competition involves walking off track through the bush, and using a map and compass to find control points that have been placed by the organisers. There are some more details on the internet at <http://bwrs.org.au/navshield/index.html>

BUDAWANGS

Through Walk Mon 3 - Sun 9 Jul

LEADER: Peter Lock 3351 1184

MOBILE: 0419 496 837

EMAIL: peter@lock.id.au

GRADE: M55TW

LIMIT: 8

BRING: Warm clothes

CAR KMS: 2500km

The Budawangs in NSW offer spectacular scenery and a great through walking destination. This trip is timed to follow the NSW Navshield which we expect to be nearby. We will enter via the Wog Wog entrance on the west side of the park, and walk to the Castle and back. Along the way we will visit Mt Owen, Mt Cole, two arches, the Seven Gods Pinnacles, Monolith Valley and several cascades and waterfalls. Walkers in the Budawangs usually camp in caves and rock overhangs, and we will try to do that as well. But you should be ready with a tent or some other basic shelter just in case we don't find a suitable cave. The Budawangs can be cold in winter! The climb to the castle requires a small amount of grade 7 scrambling, but the majority of the walk will be on tracks of varying quality. Five days should give us time to explore this park at a relaxed pace.

PHOTOGRAPHIC CAMP SPRINGBROOK MT.

Base Camp/photographic Fri 7 - Sun 9 Jul

LEADER: Jenny Zohn 33426345

EMAIL: jennz@optusnet.com.au

GRADE: M34BC
 BRING: Base camp & photographic gear.
 COST: ?
 DEPART: TBA

The plan is to camp at Purlingbrook, do a walk on Sat and Sun, dinner at the pub on Sat night, and possibly a visit to the private observatory Sat night. Please email expressions of interest and I will chase up costings etc. if date doesn't suit let me know alternatives, I may be able to change. Watch this space for further details

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 accomm + \$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.

Walk Gradings

Beginning in the April Magazine, we have been using the walk grading descriptions from the Members Handbook.

These are a little more detailed than the description in previous magazines, and will hopefully lead to more consistent assignment of walk grades.

Leaders and walkers, please re-read the grading descriptions carefully!

Committee Reports

OUTINGS

More leaders: I am pleased to welcome three new leaders this month. We look forward to the contributions from Mark Houghton, Katie Ingram and Susan Hunter. I encourage all members to consider leading, because a larger number of leaders means we have greater variety of walks and less effort for each leader.

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 as-

signing grades. Please refer to the updated explanations in the magazine, web site, and on the nomination tables.

Mt Barney First Timers: Drew O'Brien will organize the "Mount Barney for First Timers" walk for the last weekend of May, in a similar style to the those organized by Rob Leavey in previous years. Walkers hoping to climb Mt Barney for the first time this year should consider this walk, or other Mt Barney walks on the calendar. Mt Barney is quite a big climb, so intending climbers should discuss their abilities and experience with the leader well before the day of the walk.

Picnic Pete

New Members

Welcome to the following members who joined during March 2006

Michael Barnes	John Brown	Val Brown	Chris Buckridge
Darrin Collins	Marie Cox	Maureen Culey	Margaret Cumming
Moya Falconer	Donna Ferguson	Vicki Gaddes	Jenny Harrison
Tim Hill	Dianne Johnstone	Marg McCarthy	Margie Melloy
Lele Mino	Jan Patterson	Jen Patterson	Alvaro Perales
Paula Ridge	Adele Schumann	Robert Wilkinson	Sasha Zomer

Full Members since 1 March 2006

Deb Beel	ColetteDoherty	TomDoherty	Jill Hinsbey
Ric Jay			

Past Trips

More Ripping Yarns from Tasmania

The locals call them Turbo Chooks and we found out why when we shared the grassy open campground at Darlington on Maria Island with them. They are really Tasmanian Native Hens, a flightless waterfowl and no relation to the domestic chicken. They scratched around for food, but when they had their sudden and frequent territorial hissy fits, many others would join in, arriving at speed from all corners of the campground. A Turbo Chook at speed is a sight to behold, little chicken size legs a blur, head down and stubby wings outstretched for balance. One wing may be held vertically to assist in executing tight turns; and all this accompanied by much squawking and cackling.

Once we had set our tents up after arriving from French's Farm it was time to investigate the old convict ruins, some of which have been restored as offices, bunk rooms, museum and toilets. The extensive history of Maria Island is worth reading up on. In more recent years the Island has been used by Parks and Wildlife as a type of Noah's Ark, preserving species under threat such as the native hens, Cape Barren Geese and Tasmanian Devil (due to a facial fungal disease Devil numbers are in severe decline in Tasmania, so some are kept on the Island at a secret location to avoid contamination). Pademelons, Grey Kangaroo and Bennett's Wallaby have also been introduced to the island and are plentiful. Dare I mention it, Wombats too.

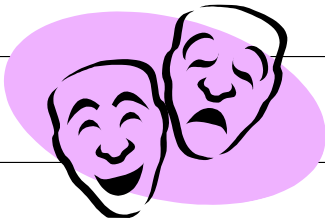
Time for a climb and up we go to a high point on the island – Bishop and Clerk; so called because of the shape of two of the summit rock peaks (couldn't see any resemblance myself). Plenty of rock scrambling at the top and a great view to the sea below and several km back to the campground where the bright 'safety orange' of my DIY tent can be seen. It wasn't meant to be that bright but it shows that ordering material over the internet is not without some problems – get a sample first! That tent also gave trouble back at the campground when a gust of wind broke a guy and down it went. Alan and I dived on it and gathered it up but it meant a night in the penitentiary for me so the other three followed. The penitentiary is the old convict quarters which have had a basic restoration (mainly new iron on the roof) and fitted with wooden bunks and a table, so for a few extra dollars you can savour the experience. There was some creaking during the night and the door opened and closed a few times (wind? What was it? Will we ever know?)

In the dark of that night the ranger took a group of 20 or so campers down to the waters edge looking for Penguins and other wild life by spotlight. Huddled together for warmth in the cold night air, they stared into the inky blackness of the sea – nothing. Kay was at the back of the group and turned to look back the way they had come. There, only a couple of meters behind the group, about six Penguins were waddling past as quick as they could heading towards their burrows. Kay tried to attract the rangers attention quietly, by pointing and jumping up and down and mouthing "they're here! Penguins!" but nobody else noticed and the ranger must of thought what a weird woman. Eventually however the penny dropped and they all got to see the Penguins disappearing into the gloom.

The next day we were off the Island and heading north, eventually turning up on the Freycinet Peninsula, site of the much-photographed Wineglass bay. We hot-footed it past Wineglass to Cooks Corner Campsite, away from the madding crowds, to spend two nights under the trees next to the beach. Then it was back via Mt. Graham and then Wineglass Bay which is truly a handsome spot (apart from a surprised but very dead Penguin who appeared to have been caught short on his/her way down the beach). For the next couple of nights we treated ourselves to a fine two bedroom unit with magnificent views at Coles Bay, and a couple of restaurant meals, wine etc etc. I love roughing it.

Then it was public transport again to get us to the YHA at Launceston where the additions to our intrepid group slowly filtered in. Alan bought himself an MSR non-titanium pot, Mavis had a massage, Kay visited friends in Burnie and we all replenished stores ready for the final saga, the Overland Track.

Tom H



Out & About



DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT

WHEN: 6.30pm
Tuesday 02 May
WHERE: Ship Inn, Southbank,
opposite Goodwill Bridge
CONTACT: Peter Hunt 3351 3642

How about something different? I have not had more than a drink and bowl of chips at this place, however, the menu looks interesting enough for us to investigate. It is situated in a nice setting and has outdoor dining as well as an indoor area. Please join me in a survey of this new establishment. Movies screening at the time will be discussed over dinner.

Peter

PERFORMERS' CAFE ANNUAL FUND RAISER

When: Friday 2nd June at 7pm
Where: Community Centre, School Road,
Samford (take Mt. Glorious Rd at
round about then 2nd street on left)
Cost: \$12 plus drinks and supper
Contact: Carol Russell 3325 0671

Each year the Samford Monthly Performers' Cafe members organize an evening of entertainment to raise funds for their public liability insurance premium. Performing this year will be Janie Schrapnell, 'Marmalade' and a variety of bands. Doors open at 7pm with the performance starting at 7.30pm. Drinks and supper are available to purchase and at the end of the night the floor is cleared for a dance session (not compulsory but highly recommended). Bookings are required and I will need final numbers and money by Wednesday meeting 24th May to gain the discount price of \$12 (\$15 full price). Come along and enjoy a fabulous night of entertainment, socializing and dancing.

Carol

TURSDAY NIGHT WALK

GRADE S23NW
WHEN: 6.10 sharp—don't be late.
WHERE: Good Will Bridge, Southbank side.
BRING: Membership Card, Water, \$'s
CONTACT: Jenny Zohn. No need to book.
Join us for a brisk midweek walk in our fair city. as we explore the walking tracks along the river, as well as city parks. Bring a few dollars for coffee and possible city cat fares. (S'bank to The Powerhouse, Newfarm is approx 12km return, walks will average 9km & 1.5-2hrs) Occasionally another member may be substitute leader. This walk does not count towards full membership.

Jenz

EQUIPMENT

FOR SALE

Preloved Tents and Packs ex BBW hire.
Fair condition. Make an offer at meetings.

WANTED Dead Dog Bags

The Club is looking for a supplier of "dead dog bags" These bags are popular for water proofing through packs and will be sold at club meetings. If anyone can assist please contact me.

Vanessa

GUEST SPEAKERS

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 December/January magazine is at Fran Mahon's at Enoggera on Thursday 18 May at 7.30pm. 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 3892 4641 to book.

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ALWAYS TELL SOMEONE...
WALK WITH A CLUB.

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