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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 7th February** 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 **March** magazine is the Open Meeting **Wednesday 14th February**
Pre-trip descriptions for all activities please!

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Mt Barney Waterfall by Paul Gorell

EQUIPMENT HIRE

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

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

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

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

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

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

LIBRARY

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

MEMBERSHIP FEES

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

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

Probationary Members:
Nomination fee \$30.00 per 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.



Club Officials

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ABBREVIATIONS & GRADING

DISTANCE Short — Under 10 km per day
Medium — 10 to 15 km per day
Long — 15 to 20 km per day
EXtra Long — Over 20 km per day

ACTIVITY ABSeil; Base Camp; Day Walk; Through Walk; Easy Through Walk; Night Walk; SOcial Activity; KaYaK; CYCle; Safety & Training; Federation Mountain Rescue; ROGain.

FAMILY Family — Family Group conditions; contact Leader

TERRAIN GRADING — 1 to 9

- 1 Path with smooth surface and low gradient.
- 2 Well-formed path or graded track with some minor obstacles.
- 3 Graded track, with obstacles such as rock or root intrusions, fallen debris, or creek crossings.
- 4 Rough, unformed track or open terrain, with obstacles such as rock or root intrusions, fallen debris, or creek crossings.
- 5 Rough or rocky terrain that may require use of hands, and/or creek rock hopping that requires small to moderate steps. Fallen debris possible.
- 6 Steep, rough or rocky terrain requiring use of hands, and/or creek rock hopping requiring moderate to large steps or jumps. Fallen debris possible.
- 7 Climb or descend steep rock, using hand or foot holds. May be some exposure. Good upper body strength required.
- 8 Climb or descend near vertical rock with exposure, using widely spaced or small hand or foot holds. Climbing skills may be required. Good upper body strength required.
- 9 Sustained climbing or descent of vertical or near vertical rock with exposure, using widely spaced or small hand or foot holds. Advanced climbing skills may be required. Good upper body strength required.

FITNESS & ENDURANCE GRADING — A to E *(Note: Walking times do not include breaks.)*

- A** Basic — Generally suitable for new bushwalkers. Up to four hours of walking and possibly minor hills. Slower pace with frequent breaks.
- B** Easy — About five hours of walking and up to 300m of elevation gain/loss per day.
- C** Moderate — About six hours of walking and up to 600m of elevation gain/loss per day. Agility required.
- D** High — High fitness, endurance and agility required. Up to eight hours of walking and about 1000m of elevation gain/loss per day.
- E** Challenging — Very high fitness, endurance and agility required. Up to or more than twelve hours of walking and greater than 1000m of elevation gain/loss per day.

INFORMATION FOR WALKERS

The Members Handbook has a complete list of Club Guidelines (also available from the library or download from the BBW website)

- Nominate for an activity on the clipboard list at the meetings. Walkers must be financial at the time of nominating.
- Walkers are responsible for ensuring they are capable of doing the activity for which they nominate. Read the Grading descriptions on this page. If you are uncertain, consult the walk leader.
- If you are unable to attend meetings contact the leader (who keeps the list).
- If you are unable to attend the activity you must contact the leader to cancel so that others on the waiting list may go.
- Concerned relatives can ring the Contact Officer for information if the activity is exceptionally late.

TRANSPORT COSTS: Passengers are asked to pay a contribution to the driver for their share of car expenses. These may vary depending on several factors, but for the average car you should expect to contribute 9c/km per person. Trips needing 4WD or extra space for gear tend to cost more. If you are unhappy with the contribution amount, you are always free to take your own vehicle.

CAMPING FEES: National Park or State Forest camping fees are \$4.50 per person per night. (The leader will provide details.) NSW National Parks also charge \$7 per vehicle per day.

ALWAYS TAKE: Membership Card; Food & Water*; First Aid Kit; Sunscreen; Torch; Whistle; Paper/pencil; Warm Clothing; Raincoat; Sun Hat. Don't forget a change of clothing & shoes for after the walk.

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

Example — **FSDW-3B**
Family (F)
Short Day Walk (**SDW**)
Graded track with obstacles (**3**)
Easy (**B**)

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.

January

26	MDW-6C	Best of Byron Gorge	Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
26-28	KYK	Burrum Heads	Elaine Beller	3356 4730
27	MDW-4C	Stairway Falls	David Sydes	3217 8304
28	MDW-6D	England Creek	Paul Gorell	

February

2	SOCIAL	Samford Performers' Cafe	Burney	32699383
3	LDW-3C	Coomera Circuit	Ros Firster, Richard Lukacz	3324 9018
	MDW-6D	Middle Ridge Traverse	Ray Glancy, David Sydes	
	3343 8854			
	CYC S4	Camp Mountain	Danny Mullins	3325 2601
3-4	EXTW-3B	Albert Creek Circuit	Sue Rogerson	3891 1684
4	MDW-6C	Summer Creek	Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
	MDW3B	Mapleton Falls to Ubajee Lookout	John Shields	07-32646565
5	SNW-2A	Toohey Forest Night Walk	Ros Firster, Richard Lukacz	07 33249018
6	LDW-6D	Around Mt Bangalore, via Reynolds Gorge	Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
10	FSDW-5B	Northbrook Gorge	Danny Mullins	3325 2601
11	MDW-6D	Phantom & Love Creek Circuit	Paul Gorell	
	MDW-7C	The Cougals	Kay Byrne	33971021
17	S&T			
	ABS-4C	Basic Abseil Training Day One Kangaroo Pt baby cliffs	Greg Long & John Granat	38411720
	SDW-2A	Ravensbourne National Park	Dawn Hendrick & Dawn Glancy	3818 3687
	FSDW-3A	Tenison Woods Mountain Family Walk - Brisbane Forest Park	John Hinz	3846 1432 (H/W)
18	S&T			
	ABS-4C	Basic Abseil Training Day Two - Kangaroo Point Cliffs	Greg Long & John Granat	38411720
	LDW-3C	The Wedding Tree	Ray Glancy	3343 8854
	MDW-4B	Western Window & Greenes Falls	John Shields	07-32646565
	MDW-7D	Coomera Gorge	Marion Darveniza	3378 4031

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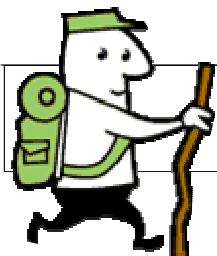
ALWAYS TAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU

Refer to previous page for a list of the minimum items required to take on a Day Walk

24	MDW 3B	Bare Rock	Barry Culley	38904546
	LDW-4C	Wanungara Falls	Mary Comer	38446231
24-25	STW-7C	Levers Plateau - Border Ranges National Park	John Hinz	3846 1432 (H)
25	ABSDW-5C	Kinnanes Falls Abseil	Anne Kemp, Paul Gorell	33712707

March

2-4	LBC-3B	New Members Base Camp - Border Ranges NP NSW	Eugene Hedemann	3359 3114
10	MDW-3B	Mt. Cordeaux and Bare Rock	Dawn Hendrick & Dawn Glancy	3818 3687
	MDW-3B	Leader Training - Daves Creek Circuit	Greg Long	38411720
10-11	F KYK C	Noosa River camp 8	Danny Mullins	3325 2601
11	MDW-6D	Wilson's Peak Via The Verandah	Paul Gorell	
17	S&T			
	KYK-4C	Sea Kayak Training Cotton Tree, Sunshine Coast	Greg Long & Qualified trainer	38411720
	LDW 3B	Tooloona Circuit	Barry Culley	38904546
24	S&T			
	ABS-4C	Abseil Refresher - Kangaroo Pt Nursery Cliffs	Greg Long & John Granat	38411720
24-25	LTW-6D	Stinson Stretcher Track	Ray Glancy	3343 8854
25	SOC	Sandgate Social	Elaine Beller	3356 4730
31	S&T			
	MDW-3B	Navigation Training Brisbane Forest Park	Greg Long	38411720
	SDW-2B	Green Mts Photographic	Elaine Beller	3356-4730
31-1	STW-2A	Mapleton Throughwalk	Dawn Hendrick	3818 3687



Coming Trips

BEST OF BYRON GORGE

Day Walk Fri 26 Jan
LEADER: Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
EMAIL: Lmdarven@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: MDW-6C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Usual day walk gear. 3L water
COST: carpooling @9c/km
DEPART: 7am Alderley
CAR KMS: 120 km
MAP: Mt Byron 1:25000

This trip combines many favourite elements - rock slabs, waterfalls, rock hopping, rock scrambling, huge overhanging cliffs, caves, swimming, interesting vegetation changes, some scunge and isolation. This trip is in the Mt Mee State forest and is ideal for this time of the year. A good way to spend Australia Day. The Samford Patisserie will be open (have checked), so we will end with coffee there.

BURRUM HEADS

Kayak Fri 26 - Sun 28 Jan
LEADER: Elaine Beller 3356 4730
MOBILE: 0417069366
EMAIL: embeller@gmail.com
GRADE: KYK
LIMIT: 15
BRING: usual base camp and kayak gear, nibblies to share
COST: \$12 camp fees plus transport contribution
DEPART: 7am car pooling pre-arranged
CAR KMS: 600km

A long weekend kayaking on the Burrum River, from a luxury base camp at a caravan park in Burrum Heads. We will leave Brisbane on Friday morning, drive to Burrum and set up camp, then go for an afternoon paddle. Full day paddle on Saturday, and lazy morning paddling or at the beach on Sunday before returning to Brisbane. Bring nibblies to share. We can go to the bowls club or RSL for dinner on Saturday evening, or there are BBQs at the caravan park. Nominations via the website or by email, please!

STAIRWAY FALLS

Day Walk Sat 27 Jan
LEADER: David Sydes 3217 8304
MOBILE: 0419871100
EMAIL: david.sydes@isoftaus.com.au
GRADE: MDW-4C
LIMIT: 10

BRING: see ALWAYS TAKE pg 3 in mag.
swimming gear
COST: petrol contribution
DEPART: 7:00am Fairfield Gardens Shopping Centre carpark

CAR KMS: 210km

The walk is in the O'Reillys area of Lamington NP. We will do a car shuttle then start walking down Bull Ant Spur. Although this is "off track" there is a trail so you won't get caught up in vines. We will have morning tea, and a swim, at Yerralaha (Blue Pool) after which we continue downstream on Canungra Creek following an old track, with a few creek crossings, to Stairway Falls for lunch and another swim. We then retrace our steps to Yerralaha and return to O'Reillys via the graded track. The pace will be leisurely. Some of the creek crossings could be tricky as rocks may be slippery. Expect to get wet boots too. This walk is suitable for new members with reasonable fitness.

ENGLAND CREEK

Day Walk Sun 28 Jan
LEADER: Paul Gorell
MOBILE: 0422 091 300
EMAIL: gorell@powerup.com.au
GRADE: MDW-6D
LIMIT: 14
BRING: Pg3
COST: \$7
DEPART: 7am Alderley
CAR KMS: Approx. 70km
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30000

This is a day walk in the Brisbane Forest Park. We will start and finish the walk at the entry to the Northbrook Mountain forestry track. After heading west along the 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 upstream to its headwaters and back to our start point. The section of the creek we'll be in is covered by a rainforest canopy and has numerous rocky sections, a number of waterfalls and a few waterholes. This walk involves plenty of rock hopping and some scrambling up a few slightly tricky waterfalls so you should be confident rock scrambling.

COOMERA CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sat 3 Feb
LEADER: Ros Firster,
Richard Lukacz 3324 9018
EMAIL: rosfirster@hotmail.com
GRADE: LDW-3C

LIMIT: 15
BRING: See "Always Take" P.3 of Mag
DEPART: 7:00am Fairfield Gardens Shopping Centre

CAR KMS: Approx 200 km
MAP: Beechmont

This walk takes us along the edge of the escarpment looking across towards the Middle Ridge and further on to Green Mountains. We will take in the views as we proceed along and ultimately find our way to the viewing platform over the Coomera River falls, always spectacular. We cross the river numerous times and it is expected that we will get our feet wet as I don't plan to stop each time to remove our boots and socks. Hopefully this will give new members a feel for walking with wet boots which will happen at some time in the future. Please don't let this put you off, as this is probably one of the nicer track walks in the Lamington National Park. Ros & Richard

MIDDLE RIDGE TRAVERSE

Day Walk Sat 3 Feb
LEADER: Ray Glancy, David Sydes 3343 8854
MOBILE: 0419 719 480
EMAIL: rayanddawnglancy@yahoo.com.au
GRADE: MDW-6D
LIMIT: 16
BRING: 3 ltrs water, and usual day walk gear
COST: car contribution
DEPART: 6:30am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS: 220 kms
MAP: Beechmont

This is a long day walk we will split into two groups one leaving from the Binna Burra Information area and the other leaving from the junction of Duck Creek Road and the road to Green Mountains. The group leaving from Binna Burra will go down to Gwongorool Pool, cross Coomera River and proceed up the old track system to the base of a ridge which we will slog up, pass through a cliff break and take in the views at Nwongbill Lookout. From there we descend a ridge to Canungra Creek East Branch and lunch at Fountain Falls where we will exchange car keys with the other group. From here we navigate our way via a series of ridges to Puragulli Creek, the old track system at Green Mountains and then up Bull Ant Spur if we have enough energy left. Should time be a problem we will exit via the West Canungra Creek track. The group leaving Green Mountains will descend Bull Ant Spur, cross West Canungra Creek at Blue Pool, and proceed a couple of hundred metres downstream and exit the creek just past the entry of Puragulli Creek and will make their way to Fountain Falls navigating a series of ridges. After

lunch (and exchanging car keys) this group will have a steepish ridge to climb and then take in the views that the earlier group had at Nwongbill Lookout. They then descend the ridge below the cliff break, cross Coomera River at Gwongorool Pool and then come up to the cars via the track system. This will be a LONG probably hot day though there are a number of opportunities for a swim if time permits. If you're prepared to take your car, please be aware that someone else will need to drive it to the starting point. At this point, David Sydes has agreed to lead one group and I will lead the other.

CAMP MOUNTAIN

Day Mountain Bike Sat 3 Feb
LEADER: Danny Mullins 3325 2601
EMAIL: hilarymullins@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: CYC S4
LIMIT: 8
BRING: mountain bike, helmet, 2Litres water, morning tea, spare tube for bike
DEPART: 7am Bellbird Grove car park UBD 136 Q6

This ride will take 2-3 hours. Medium ride to Camp Mountain, elevation of 414m. This lookout has unrivalled views to Glasshouse Mountains and Moreton Island. Then return to carpark via various tracks. You will need a permit to ride a bike. This can be obtained free of charge by phoning QPWS on 3300 4855.

ALBERT CREEK CIRCUIT

Through Walk Sat 3 - Sun 4 Feb
LEADER: Sue Rogerson 3891 1684
MOBILE: 0400 784 745
EMAIL: bbwwalks@yahoo.com.au
GRADE: EXTW-3B
LIMIT: 5
BRING: togs + usual through walking gear
COST: \$20 (225km) + \$4.50 camping
DEPART: 6:30am Fairfield Gardens Carpark

This walk is a 21km walk in the Green Mt section of Lamington NP. This is a graded track mainly through rainforest passing waterfalls and an excellent viewpoint from the escarpment. There are a few creek crossings. We start by walking on the border track nearly out to escarpment before turning off to the Albert River Circuit, then it makes it way down to the river which then follow up to its head waters. We camp a Bithongabel campsite for the night. The next day we will do the Box Forest circuit unless it is raining. Bring togs because we will be swimming in waterholes if it is hot. This is a long through walk so endurance fitness is required or you may not enjoy it.

SUMMER CREEK

Day Walk Sun 4 Feb
LEADER: Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
EMAIL: Lmdarven@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: MDW-6C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Day walk gear, 3L water
COST: \$22
DEPART: 6:30am Alderley
CAR KMS: 252 km
MAP: Borumba Dam 1:25000, Mt Langley
1:25000

This creek is in the Conondales and offers beautiful pools for swimming, moderate rockhopping, spectacular gorge & waterfall views plus a good workout climbing out of the gorge. When leaving the creek there is a short, interesting, exposed rock climb but this may be avoided by a 2 or 3 metre swim which would involve pack waterproofing. This is a good trip for fit people who wish to try off track walking. We drop down a steep grassy slope into the creek then it is fairly easy rockhopping with only couple of tricky bits which cause it to be graded 6 rather than 5. Waterproof your pack if you not sure whether you wish to do the final rock climb (Terrain grade 7)

MAPLETON FALLS TO UBAJEE LOOKOUT

Day Walk Sun 4 Feb
LEADER: John Shields 07-32646565
EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au
GRADE: MDW3B
LIMIT: 15
BRING: 2lt water; card; day walk gear p.
COST: FUEL
DEPART: 7am PICK 'n' PAY Hypermarket
Aspley [Aust Post sign]
CAR KMS: 200km
MAP: Sunshine Coast hinterland Great
Walk

We will walk the part of the Sunshine Coast Hinterland Great Walk from Mapleton Falls through to Ubagee Lookout. Starting in lush rainforest we then traverse some open eucalypt forest to the lookout and finish back in rainforest. The 14km return will be taken at an easy pace to stop and absorb the surrounds or take a photo. Carry smoko and lunch with you. The usual coffee stop will be made at Glasshouse on the way home.

TOOHEY FOREST NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Mon 5 Feb
LEADER: Ros Firster,
Richard Lukacz 07 33249018
EMAIL: rosfirster@hotmail.com

GRADE: SNW-2A
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Torch, water & a smile
DEPART: 6:30pm QE11 Hospital carpark; Cnr
Kessels & Troughton Rds

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

AROUND MT BANGALORE, VIA REYNOLDS GORGE

Day Walk Tue 6 Feb
LEADER: Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
EMAIL: Lmdarven@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: LDW-6D
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Daywalk gear waterproofed
DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens
MAP: Mt Superbus 1:25000, Teviot
1:25000

This is a longish day going around Mt Bangalora climbing to the saddle between it and Mt Bell, then dropping down the valley and going through the gorge. This will involve sliding, climbing down and jumping into pools with the certainty of being wet for nearly 1.5 hours so thermals are recommended. After checking out the other gorge from above, we will continue around Mt Bangalora "keeping it on our right" back to the cars.

NORTHBROOK GORGE

Family Day Walk Sat 10 Feb
LEADER: Danny Mullins 3325 2601
GRADE: FSDW-5B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Waterproofed packs, 3 Litres water,
normal day walk gear, refer to page
3 always take
DEPART: 7am Alderley Car Park
MAP: Brsbane Forest Park 1:30000

I am taking my 15 year old son. All children must be old enough to be able to keep up with adults. Every person must be able to swim as there are 5 compulsory swims through pools. On at least one occasion your head will go under the water. You also need to be comfortable with rock hopping. After the swim-throughs we will stop for lunch and get dry. Further down we will leave the creek and climb down to the road where we will have left some of the cars. This is not a difficult walk and is all downhill. It should take about 5 hours. IMPORTANT. All nominees must contact me by phone, no email. I might be willing to consider members who do not have children, but

the decision to include them will rest with me and I cannot guarantee their inclusion even if I have spoken to them.

PHANTOM & LOVE CREEK CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 11 Feb

LEADER: Paul Gorell
MOBILE: 0422 091 300
EMAIL: gorell@powerup.com.au
GRADE: MDW-6D
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Pg3 + waterproofed bags
COST: \$7
DEPART: 6:30am Alderley
CAR KMS: Approx. 70km
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30000

This day walk in the Brisbane Forest Park covers Phantom Creek (flows south into Cedar Creek), Love and Cedar Creeks' junction and the full length of Love Creek up to its headwaters. It is a circuit walk starting and finishing at Tennison Woods car park. The walk requires scrambling and rock hopping skills. It will suit people who are comfortable off track and who don't mind a few scratches. There are several compulsory swim-throughs, so please come prepared (all you need is a water-tight plastic bag and be able to swim). The depth, volume and clarity of the water are very much dependent on the level of rainfall in recent months. For those people who have not walked with me before, please call me to discuss your suitability for this walk before nominating. Please note the 6.30am start time.

THE COUGALS

Day Walk Sun 11 Feb

LEADER: Kay Byrne 33971021
MOBILE: 0429924726
EMAIL: kby51515@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: MDW-7C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Day Walk Gear, at least 2lts of water and swimming togs
COST: petrol money
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS: Approx 200kms @ 9cents per km.
MAP: Sunmap 1:25,000 Springbrook

The Cougals are twin peaks in the Springbrook National Park on the Queensland and NSW border. This off track walk which is inland from Currumbin follows the border fence up a steep ridge to a cliff line, the climb is rewarded by panoramic views over northern NSW to Mt. Warning. The walk continues through rainforest and passes some interesting rocky sections and a scramble to the summit of East Cougal. The scrambling continues for another half hour or so to climb the peak of West Cougal. We will return

via the same route. Hopefully we will have time to take a dip in the ocean at the end of the day.

BASIC ABSEIL TRAINING DAY ONE KANGAROO POINT BABY CLIFFS

Training Sat 17 Feb
LEADER: Greg Long & John Granat38411720
MOBILE: 0409474152
EMAIL: longmg@netspace.net.au
GRADE: S&T ABS-4C
LIMIT: 6
COST: \$20
DEPART: 7:30am Above baby cliffs at Kangaroo Point
EQUIPMENT: Abseil equipment will be supplied

This activity is full.

RAVENSBOURNE NATIONAL PARK

Day Walk Sat 17 Feb
LEADER: Dawn Hendrick & Dawn Glancy38183687
MOBILE: 0428 197 268
EMAIL: dawn_hendrick@hotmail.com
GRADE: SDW-2A
LIMIT: 16
BRING: Must take p.3 +2lt water. Lunch to be left in cars so you can bring an esky.
COST: \$22.50 (250km @ 9cents per km)
DEPART: 7:30am Redbank Railway Station UBD 216 B9
CAR KMS: 250km return from Brisbane
MAP: Ravensbourne NP Guide (download from EPA website)

Ravensbourne NP is situated on a spur of the Great Dividing Range between Toowoomba and Esk. The park was declared in 1922 and preserves a variety of Eucalypts in a pocket of rainforest. We will meet at Redbank Railway station and car pool to the Ravensbourne area to cut down on the number of cars and reduce costs. We will be walking on a number of tracks including the Palm Ck Circuit, Caves Circuit and down to Buaraba Ck (which will hopefully have some water in it by then!) A side-track will also be included to check out an area called the Caves which has some interesting geology. During the walk we may see a variety of different birds including Rainbow Lorikeets, Red-tailed Black Cockatoos and Red-backed Fairy Wrens. At the end of the walk (which is less than 10km) we will return to the cars and drive up to Gus Beutel's Lookout to admire the view down the Lockyer Valley and eat lunch in one of the many picnic areas. Wood-fire BBQs are also available for those so inclined. We should be back in Brisbane by the mid-afternoon. 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). No list at meetings.

TENISON WOODS MOUNTAIN FAMILY WALK - BRISBANE FOREST PARK

Family Group Day Walk Sat 17 Feb

LEADER: John Hinz 3846 1432 (H/W)
EMAIL: johnhinz@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: FSDW-3A
LIMIT: 14
BRING: Picnic lunch for after walk
DEPART: 8am Alderley car park
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30000

Please note that this is a Family Group walk and specifically meant for parents with children. If numbers permit, walkers without children are also welcome. After driving to Mt Glorious, we will leave the cars at the car park near Tenison Woods Mountain. The walk involves following an old forestry track through beautiful rainforest, to a 750 metre high knoll, and returning via the same path. It is about five kilometres return and is very straightforward, with a few steeper sections. We will take out time. Compared to the graded track walks in Brisbane Forest Park, the feeling is much more remote and isolated, without having to go off-track. There should be plenty of things to interest children on the way. There is an open, grassy picnic area at Maiala and we will all enjoy a picnic lunch here at the end of the walk. Why not come along for what should be a good day. Please remember to give me the names and ages of any children when nominating.

BASIC ABSEIL TRAINING DAY TWO - KANGAROO POINT CLIFFS

Training Sun 18 Feb
LEADER: Greg Long & John Granat 38411720
MOBILE: 0409474152
EMAIL: longmg@netspace.net.au
GRADE: S&T ABS-4C
LIMIT: 6
DEPART: 7:30am Meet at rotunda above baby cliffs
EQUIPMENT: Abseil equipment will be supplied

This activity is full.

THE WEDDING TREE

Day Walk Sun 18 Feb
LEADER: Ray Glancy 3343 8854
MOBILE: 0419 719 480
EMAIL: rayanddawnaglancy@yahoo.com.au
GRADE: LDW-3C

LIMIT: 16
BRING: usually P 3 gear
COST: car contribution
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS: 220 kms
MAP: Beechmont

This is a walk planned for Valentines Day and the romantically inclined. It is approximately 18 kilometres long and will take us past enchanting waterfalls, Picnic Rock and all the beautiful areas of the Tooloona Gorge. We can expect to see a large number of waterfalls, possibly the Lamington Spiny Crayfish and the birds of the rainforest. Morning tea will be at Picnic Rock, lunch will be at Wanungra Lookout and then the highlight of the day on the way back to Green Mountains Carpark will be the Wedding Tree, a place where numerous weddings with a rainforest theme are held. This Ancient Antarctic Beech has a lovely arch making the perfect backdrop to the theme of Valentines Day. Unofficially I'm told that it's permissible to propose marriage within 50 metres of this tree though I'm unable to confirm this. For those who are not romantically inclined, this walk also goes by the name of the Tooloona Creek Circuit with all the usual rainforest attractions.

WESTERN WINDOW & GREENES FALLS

Day Walk Sun 18 Feb
LEADER: John Shields 07-32646565
EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au
GRADE: MDW-4B
LIMIT: 15/20 [reserves listed]
BRING: page3items/2l water
COST: fuel contribution
DEPART: 7am Albany Ck Centro shopping centre
CAR KMS: 70km
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park

This walk is for new walkers and those who prefer a steadier pace with time to stop for a breather or view an item of interest. A moderate standard of fitness is required and most of the walk is in rainforest with part graded track and part along a faint foot pad. We are fortunate on this walk that we can change it around each time which makes it a different walk so that each time we do it we would not be doing a repeat of a previous walk. After the walk we stop off for coffee and cake at the Samford bakery.

COOMERA GORGE

Day Walk Sun 18 Feb
LEADER: Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
EMAIL: Lmdarven@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: MDW-7D
LIMIT: 10

BRING: Day walk gear, 3L water
DEPART: 6am Fairfield gardens
CAR KMS: 210
MAP: Beechmont 1:25000

This trip out of Binna Burra involves dropping into the Coomera River, then rockhopping through the gorge to the base of the Coomera Falls. People need to be confident about down climbing using rock/roots/grass or trees as handholds and be comfortable with exposure. The many waterfalls should be beautiful at this time of year and the pool at the base of the Coomera falls well worth swimming in.

BARE ROCK

Day Walk Sat 24 Feb
LEADER: Barry Culley 38904546
MOBILE: 0412143269
EMAIL: barryculley@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: MDW 3B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: as per mag
COST: petrol contribution
DEPART: 8am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS: 200
MAP: Main Range

Bare Rock is located at Cunningham's Gap. This is an easy 12km track walk suitable for beginners. We head up past Mt Cordeaux and take in some great views either side of the range. We walk through some magnificent rain forest and out on to Bare Rock for some more fantastic views and lunch. We will stop for coffee at Aratula on the way home. Come along and enjoy a great day out.

WANUNGARA FALLS

LEADER: Mary Comer Sat 24 Feb 38446231
MOBILE: 0427446000
EMAIL: mco71878@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: LDW-4C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Usual day walk gear & swimmers
COST: Petrol money
DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens Car Park
MAP: Lamington National Park

We start this walk at O'Reillys in Lamington NP leaving on the Border Track and going down to Picnic Rock. From here we walk up Tooloona Ck where we have morning tea and a swim. This beautiful graded track with many waterfalls takes us to Wanungara Lookout on the escarpment with views into the Tweed Valley and Mt Warning in NSW. We then walk for 35 mins in the direction of Binna Burra before leaving the track for an old track which follows the top of East Canungra Ck and has not been maintained for

years. Hopefully we shall arrive here for lunch. We return via Wanungara Lookout and the Border Track to O'Reillys. This walk is about 23km so please do not nominate unless you are a fairly fast walker and have no problems with creek crossings.

LEVERS PLATEAU - BORDER RANGES NATIONAL PARK

Through Walk Sat 24 - Sun 25 Feb
LEADER: John Hinz 3846 1432 (H/W)
EMAIL: johnhinz@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: STW-7C
LIMIT: 8 (including leader)
BRING: Through walk gear, water for Friday night until mid Sat. AM, party food, gaiters
COST: Vehicle expenses
DEPART: 6pm Friday night - TBA
MAP: Palen Creek and Cougal 1:25000

This walk explores Levers Plateau, which lies south of Rathdowney, on the NSW side of the border. It is a great destination in the hot summer months, being mainly rainforest and at about 700m altitude. A number of beautiful, crystal clear creeks start in the Plateau, with some spectacular waterfalls. On Friday night we will drive through Beaudesert towards Rathdowney, turning off the highway along the Lions Road. A steep dirt road suitable for 4WDs only in the last 3km will allow us to park a short distance from the border. At least one 4WD vehicle is available for the trip so if necessary we can ferry passengers and gear for the final stretch. We will walk a short distance to the border fence and find a suitable place to camp. Permission to cross a small amount of private property owned by Wild Mountains Trust is required. In the morning we will follow the border east and descend in to Long Ck, just upstream of Long Ck Falls, which drops over 100m in several sets of cascades. After exploring the falls, and a refreshing dip we will climb south through rainforest, and descend into Plateau Ck. We will then have a look at the interesting steeper country downstream. Our route for the rest of the day will be flexible, the aim being to find a flat spot to camp either in Plateau Ck, or Surveyors Ck, the next creek to the south. On Sunday, we will meander our way up one of the three creeks, eventually reaching the border again near "the avocado farm". This has excellent views to Mt's Lindesay, Ernest and Barney. The walk back to the cars along the fence has a few ups and downs but is not far. Come along if you're looking for an interesting walk in an area not visited very often. Please note that some of this walk is unsurveyed.

KINNANES FALLS ABSEIL

Abseil Day Walk Sun 25 Feb
LEADER: Anne Kemp, Paul Gorell 33712707
EMAIL: anneikemp@hotmail.com
GRADE: ABSDW-5C
LIMIT: 5
BRING: Abseil and day walk gear, warm clothing
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Carpark
Kinnanes Falls is located on Wilsons Creek in Main Range National Park south of Boonah. The access route involves a short but steep climb before we traverse "The Verandah" a narrow ledge along a cliff face. There will be three abseils. Initially a short drop into a deep pool at the top of the falls followed by two long abseils, 50 and 60 metres down the falls. The views as we descend are breathtaking. There is little

space on the ledges between drops so numbers must be limited. Waterproofing is essential as two drops are into deep water. A short walk down the creek returns us to the cars. This day is only suitable for those who have recently completed BBW abseil training at Kangaroo Point. Come along for a very exciting day. Please phone me if you have any queries or need to hire club equipment and don't forget warm clothing as we will be wet for several hours.

NOOSA RIVER CAMP 8

Family Overnight Kayak Sat 10 - Sun 11 Mar

LEADER: Danny Mullins 3325 2601

GRADE: F KYK C

LIMIT: 8

BRING: PFD, water shoes, mossie repellent, all food for 2 days, at least 8 litres water each, overnight camping gear, kayak/canoe & paddles, party food to share

COST: \$4.50 camp fees per person

DEPART: 7am BP, Gympie Rd Carseldine (Just before Bunnings)

I am taking my 15 year old son. Kayak trip from Elanda Point to Camp 8, approx 25 kms, through the Everglades and up the river. You must be able to paddle this in about 5 hours. After setting up camp you may paddle up to Camp 15, if you wish, approx 1 hour. Coming back on the second day, the wind may get up and the water may be choppy, so you must be confident under these conditions. IMPORTANT. Phone nominations only, no email. Please see Northbrook Gorge Sat 10 Feb for further conditions.

SEA KAYAK TRAINING COTTON TREE, SUNSHINE COAST

Kayak Sat 17 Mar

LEADER: Greg Long & Qualified trainer 38411720

MOBILE: 0409474152

EMAIL: longmg@netspace.net.au

GRADE: S&T KYK-4C

LIMIT: 8

COST: \$100 tuition

DEPART: 7am TBA

Sea Kayaking for beginners Professional instruction in boat control, safe paddling techniques, surf management, self rescue and equipment selection. Pls note \$50 deposit is required to confirm your place within 2 weeks of nominating.

CHANDLER RIVER

River Through Paddle Fri 6 - Fri 13 Apr

LEADER: Peter Lock 3351 1184

MOBILE: 0419496837

EMAIL: peter2007@lock.id.au

GRADE: KYK

LIMIT: 12

BRING: Boat, paddle, life jacket, helmet, shoes to walk in water

COST: \$150 transport

CAR KMS: 1200km

MAP: Big Hill

Our paddle begins at Carters Trail on the Chandler River, and finishes 60km downstream in the Macleay River at Georges Junction. This stretch of river boasts spectacular scenery, glorious campsites and easy paddling. We will see rock wallabies hopping up the cliffs above us, and brumbies crossing the river ahead, which add to the adventure feel of the trip. The river has numerous small rapids. These are not monster white water extreme sports, but they do add some excitement to the trip and will require competence in the basic river paddling skills. To nominate for this trip, you must convince the leader that you have these skills. A good way to get them is to attend the play day on 14th January. This trip is suitable for canoes and kayaks. As with any river trip, boats will be probably be scratched, and possibly damaged.

Cross Country Skiing

SUN 2 - MON 10 SEP 2007



GRADE: MDW-5C; LIMIT: 20; COST: approx \$600; CAR KMS: 3000km

This is the 2nd annual BBW snow trip! You will have a choice of cross country skiing or snow shoes, with a couple of day trips on offer each day. Either way, you can play in the snow and see some spectacular Australian wilderness quite unlike that of SE Qld. Igloo construction will be practised, and you may sleep in it if you are keen. BBW does not have a grading system for skiing or snow shoes. The activities will be suitable for first timers and intermediate skiers, with fitness around BBW level C. We'll hire a unit (or two) for a week at Jindabyne and take day trips from Perisher, Guthega and Thredbo.

We will book the accommodation on 1st March, so your final decision and money are required in February. \$600 buys one week's accommodation, all meals, ski hire, daily transport to snow, and national park fee. (This does not include transport from Brisbane.) Please contact me for more details.

Peter Lock 3351 1184 0419 496 837 peter@lock.id.au

POST TRIP REPORT (Not the) Cataract River Gorge

It was over 15 months since this trip was first proposed. Finally, after several date changes the time had come and seven of us headed off on Friday evening for a weekend of exploration along the Cataract River and into its' gorge. This is not a trip that you see often on the club calendar as it is a rather long drive at around 330km each way via Tenterfield and the Bruxner Highway. Leading up to the trip we were concerned about a lack of water, but a couple of good storms hit the catchment areas the week of the walk so a lack of water was not going to be a problem.

The plan was for a short car shuttle on Saturday morning then follow Boorook Creek to the Cataract River and rock hop down the river to our campsite. Sunday morning was to be a side trip to the gorge before returning for our packs and heading up a steep gully, visiting an abandoned mine site and following an old road back to the cars. Plan A always sounds so simple.

We arrived at the wooden bridge over Boorook Creek about 11PM and set up camp for the night to the pleasant sound of water burbling over the rocks. Saturday morning provided a clear sky and promise of a great weekend. The car shuttle went as planned and we started our walk beside the creek.

The creek proved more difficult than expected to cross and Julie took an unplanned dip, dropping both her trekking pole in the process. The first pole turned up pretty quickly but it took 40 minutes before a shout of joy filled the air as let us know Julie had found the second. We decided to find an easier place cross.

We arrived at Cataract River around lunch time so had a bite to eat and quick swim. It quickly became obvious that we wouldn't be doing much rock hopping – there were not enough rocks to hop on. The only way to stay close to the river was in white water kayaks but we didn't have the boats or the experience to use them in this torrent so we had to go up and over the high bits, pushing through the scrub then back down to the river to check for a better route. And so the day progressed, up, down, check the river, up, down, check the river.

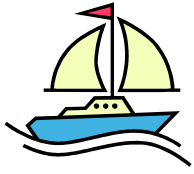
It was just on 4PM when we found a lovely sandy beach that was both large enough and flat enough for our tents. Our planned campsite was at least another kilometre down stream and, at the rate we were progressing, that would take an hour or more to get to so this is where we would spend the night. There was little chance of us getting to the gorge and back in a reasonable time in the morning so we thought we may take a short trip down stream to check out our scheduled campsite instead.

Sunday morning dawned and enthusiasm for further exploration downstream waned. A leisurely breakfast in the great surrounds of our campsite over looking the river was a much better idea so it was mid morning before we were packed and ready to go, heading back up stream a short distance to another great pool for another swim before leaving the river. We were back on our original plan now, up the steep gully, through the old mine, along the road to the junction where we'd left the car (or so we thought). As we arrived at the top of the road we found a gate and realized that this was the junction we had discounted during the car shuttle the previous morning. The car was at the next junction down the main road, fortunately less than 500 metres away. A bite of lunch, find the cars, a dip in the creek and a change of clothes and we headed home.

So what did we learn? 1) No mater how good your plan is, be prepared to change it. 2) If you're using trekking poles, use the wrist straps and 3) the seven very broad smiles at the end of walk were testament to the fact that the journey is more important to the destination, in fact, preliminary planning is now under way to return to this fabulous area over the long weekend in May. Having 3 days will give us a better chance of actually getting to the gorge, perhaps even down into it or exploring a little more of the area. If you haven't tried through walking, put it on the list of TTTBYD (things to try before you die). Start with easier walks than this one, but you'll never know what you're missing if you don't give it a try.

Thanks to Cath, Rosemary, Elaine, Julie, Brian and David for another great weekend.

Ian



South Passage Sailing Easter 2007

This one is for girls only - sorry fellas! No experience necessary!
If you are interested in joining and all female crew on board South Passage in next years Brisbane to Gladstone yacht race please contact Tess Dodd adventuretess@gmail.com

It will be great fun and also help the Red Kite charity - www.redkite.org.au join in and have fun !
Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race Challenge, 2007

NEWS FLASH!!!! it's official... *Honestly Woman* magazine and *women on boats* have booked South Passage for our all-women crew to sail in the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race over Easter 2007, and we are calling for expressions of interest to join us as part of the crew, or as land support. No sailing experience required.

We'd love to have you as part of our **Journey for Women**.

The RACE The Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race, run by the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club, is an Australian sporting icon. The 308 nautical mile ocean classic will run for the 59th time in 2007 and is one of Australia's major sporting events over the Easter weekend.

This race offers a great blend of old and new. The course and steady trade wind breezes provide great racing for the latest high-tech mono-hull sleds yet there is a unique history associated with this internationally famed classic. See www.qcyc.com.au

“Rocks and Landscapes of the National Parks of Central Queensland”

by Warwick Willmott, published by Geological Society of Australia,
Qld Division Brisbane, December 2006.

Following the first book in Warwick Willmott's intended layman geological series for Queensland, “Rocks and Landscapes of the National Parks of Southern Queensland” the second book for “Central Queensland” was recently released.

Warwick of course is a lifetime Bushwalker & a professional Geologist (now retired) par excellence. As bushwalkers, we are privileged to be given such simplified, lucid access to this wealth of geological information (both simple & technical) together with landform details for some of our best known accessible National Parks. This is a superb book.

The Book contains numerous colour photographs, sketch maps & diagrams.

From the Release Flyer:

Cost \$18.00 Plus \$3.00 postage. Available from the Society at GPO Box 1820, Brisbane Qld 4001 or phone (07) 3379 6485, email to willmott@powerup.com.au.

Lou Darveniza

Birth Notice

John and Carmen Hinz are pleased to announce the arrival of Jack Martin Hinz. He was born on 30 November, 2006 and weighed 3.2kg (7 pounds). Mother and baby are both doing well and preparing for Jack's first bushwalk.



THE RESOURCEFUL CAMPER CONTEST

Ken Kifer's Bike Pages has just tabulated the results of its Resourceful Camper Contest. You didn't hear about it in time to apply? Send me a check for \$100, and I will try to remind you of the next contest. Following are the stories of the winners of the contest, paraphrased by me. Note that all winners receive a free, all-expense-paid bicycle tour with the following exclusions: 1) transportation of the cyclist, bicycle, and gear by any means other than bicycling; 2) purchase, repair, maintenance, or storage of the bike or any parts, accessories, and attachments of the bike; 3) purchase, repair, maintenance, or storage of the panniers and touring gear or any parts of the panniers and touring gear; 4) food, food preparation, medical supplies, medical costs, personal care, personal supplies, shelter, or any other costs arising from the care of the cyclist; and 5) any payments to individuals or companies or any other miscellaneous expenses that don't fit into one of these categories.

Here are the winning submissions:

Grand Prize -- Tour of the World (see exclusions)

This entry won the Grand Prize due to cleverness and universal usability.

Wolfgang and Kristin Mueller of Munich, Germany, noticed that the shelter used by sewer crews looked practically the same in every country, so they made a tent that imitated one, using lightweight aluminum poles and waterproof nylon that looks like canvas. They also created signs in half a dozen languages (for each of the countries they visit) which warn "Caution! Open Manhole!" and "Danger! Explosive Gasses!"

Now, they can pitch their tent wherever they want to! Nobody ever remembers that there was no manhole located there before, so they camp in parks, medians, the yards of public buildings, etc. If anyone should approach their tent, they have a nice recording of sewer sounds, plus one of them will warn the other of the possibility of poisonous gas in a loud voice.

First Prize -- Tour of Their Country (see exclusions)

This entry won the First Place due to adaptability and profitability.

Charles and Wilma Ogilvy of Canton, Ohio, were bicycling through well-settled areas in the Northeast Corridor on a Friday night, hoping to find some place to camp. The weather had turned cold and rainy, and they didn't have enough money for a motel, but there were no woodlands or empty lots anywhere. The rain started coming down hard, so they turned in at a shopping mall to get out of the rain, even pushing their bikes inside the door, as there was no shelter outside. The shopping mall's corridors were packed with people as there was a major exhibition of all the latest camping equipment. Someone, noticing Charles and Wilma's equipment, commented that they must have arrived late due to the weather, and that no one else had thought of a bicycle touring display.

Well, Chuck and Wilma had two options: get back out into the weather or pretend that they had come to display their gear. So, they found an empty space, set up their tent, hung their clothes out to dry, and began cooking their dinner. They tried to ignore the crowds on either side, but the very fact that they were actually camping instead of selling something ensured that they got more than the usual attention and questions.

Some of the other dealers noticed this extra attention, and criticized their equipment, offering to swap in order to get more attention paid to their products. So, Charles and Wilma picked up a new tent, new sleeping bags, a new stove, and a host of other goodies in exchange for letting people watch them use them. So they went through the whole process of cooking more than once (they were very hungry anyway, and there was a supermarket in the mall), and when they were thoroughly stuffed, they got into their sleeping bags and pretended to go to sleep. Hours later, they woke up to discover themselves locked into the mall. Having nothing better to do, they went back to sleep.

In the morning, they were awakened in their tent by sounds of the clean-up crew going by. After the people had passed out of sight, they got up and started packing. The man in charge of the crew came back and commented on what a good show they had put on the night before. He also asked how they had gotten in, and they said one of the women had recognized them and let them in because they unexpectedly needed to leave. So, they got away before the Saturday morning crowds arrived.

Second Place -- Tour of Their State (see exclusions)

This entry shows good planning.

Jody and Judy Smith of San Jose, California, had spent some time working in South America, exploring the tropical rain forest canopy through the use of a system of ropes, slings, and rappelling and climbing gear. Knowing that so many local parks had made camping illegal, they carried some of their South American climbing gear with them on their bike trip.

Then, if they stopped in a park clearly labeled "Dawn to Dusk ONLY," they would first cook for the night. Their meal ended, they would sling their ropes up into trees and then pull their bikes, gear, and hammocks high into the foliage for the night. No one ever questioned their actions because no one ever knew that they were up there.

Third Place -- Tour of Their City (see exclusions)

This entry shows fine use of a good spot.

Ivan and Ivanovich Tornyorhednkov of Moscow, Russia, were one of the first couples from the Russian Republic to tour the US. Their interesting experience happened when approaching a small city late at night. Someone at a gas station had told them that there was a park on the right side of the road where it would be OK to camp.

As they were going around a bend, they noticed a bike trail running alongside the road. As the traffic was heavy and somewhat dangerous in the dark, they decided it would be better to take the bike trail. Instead of following the road, however, the trail lead back to a very nice circular camping area with a small flag in the middle. They were both delighted with and disappointed by the site. There was very soft grass, which made for comfortable sleeping, but there was no water, restroom, or picnic table. Still, they had seen much worse in Russia.

In the morning, two fellows came along in a little electric cart and started waving sticks at them and screaming, so they packed in a hurry and left, thinking what a queer place the United States is. After they got back on the main road, they traveled just a short distance before they saw a small RV park on the right, but it did not look at all suitable to them, as there were no trees or tables, the water faucets were all underground, and the ground was rock hard.

Honorable Mention -- (no prize)

While ingenious enough, this entry did not involve camping.

Ted and Kathy Braswell of Vancouver, British Columbia, stumbled on a good method for spending the night. Kathy's mother had instructed them to be sure to stop at Kathy's uncle's house in Winnipeg and a cousin's house in Kenora. However, when Kathy got to Winnipeg, she found she didn't have her uncle's address. When they couldn't get her mother on the phone, Kathy and Ted decided to check the phone book, where they immediately discovered Jack Wingate's address.

Uncle Jack was really puzzled when they arrived, but he welcomed Kathy's warm greetings and affectionate hugs. He told them that his memory hadn't been very good since the war, but he forgot to mention which war, and they never asked. He recovered quickly from his confusion, and he made them really feel at home, even cooking his favorite bachelor dinner for them.

When Ted and Kathy reached Kenora, they couldn't find the cousin in the phone book, so they called Kathy's mother again, getting her this time. "No wonder," she said, "that you can't find her in the phone book in Kenora. She lives in Winnipeg. It's Uncle Jack and Aunt Ruth who live in Kenora." So, they got to visit a second Uncle Jack, only this time with his wife and kids. Actually, they kind of liked the first Uncle Jack better.

Some weeks down the road, they got caught in a bad rain storm and headed for the nearest house for shelter which, according to the mail box, was the home of Peter Schmidt. When they knocked at the door, however, the owner of the house came out in a fury, saying, "Get the hell off of my property!" Kathy didn't hesitate. She cried, "Uncle Peter!" and threw her arms around his neck.

John Hinds



2006 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Even Miss Barney (Mount Barney, as she was often called) or Matron could not control the unruly crowd that was *THE BRISBANE BUSHWALKERS HIGH SCHOOL* at their Christmas party.

Disgraceful behaviour was rife amongst the 50 or so that attended. Even the staid older students did nothing to set an example, with fighting, smoking, rudeness and I even detected alcohol amongst the vast array of nibbles that unfortunately were never finished before they started their Christmas dinner. Such behaviour should not be tolerated. I did notice that many of the students were caned by the said Miss Barney, I am glad to say. One disgustingly rude boy (Brian) had to stay in the corner, although he continued to shout remarks at the Headmistress.

Matron (Burney), splendid in her uniform, appeared to encourage this performance and was seen giving cigarettes to students. Fighting seemed to be the fault of one particular young lady (Elaine) who picked on one innocent girl. I think she should be expelled. In spite of the disobedience and uniforms in a very dishevelled state – ladies next term all hems will be examined so that they reach the knees – Santa Claus (David) distributed presents to all.

A blue-haired DJ (Jim) came to the school and had more control than the teachers – a touch of “can’t beat ‘em, let’s join them”. However, he was seen to dance with the younger girls, even trying to kiss Miss Barney, therefore he will not be invited next year. I would have expected better performance from one young man (Lynsey), and as for a certain young lady (Danny), I suggest you get an operation dear.

It was reported that a fifth year girl (Liz) had forgotten her skirt, and was seen putting on makeup. For all those students who missed the weekend of 8/9/10 December, they need to have a written explanation about their absenteeism from their parents (children), otherwise there will be a detention at the top of Mount Barney.

Pat Solari, Senior Prefect

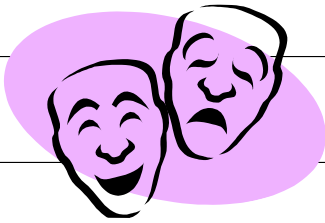
Post Trip Report Nixon Creek

A small group set out to walk Nixon Creek in the Binna Burra section of Lamington National Park, ably led by Tom Hulse. This is a lovely summer walk that leaves from the information centre at Binna Burra, heads off on an old road steeply downhill to the creek, then the walk becomes an extremely pleasant, shady day, with a mixture of rock-hopping and walking the banks of Nixon Creek very gently uphill.

Morning tea was spent beside the creek, and lunch at the top of a waterfall. I had never heard of Nixon Creek, but had obviously crossed it many times before, as we came out near the top of the creek onto the Shipstern Circuit, for a pleasant hour or so’s walk back on the track to the cars.

Of course, it was coffee afterwards, joined by Bill & Betty who had also been walking in the area. This is an ideal walk for those wanting their first experience of off-track walking, as the gradient is gentle, the rock-hopping quite easy, and it’s one of the few walks that goes downhill at the end of the day! Thanks to Tom, and the very pleasant company of Margaret, Renate, Michael and Ray.

Elaine Beller



Out & About

DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT

WHEN: 6.30pm Tuesday 6 February

WHERE: Sitar, 69 James St, New Farm

CONTACT: Peter Hunt 3351 3642

Would you like to experience authentic Indian cuisine? The meals are delicious with the challenge being which one to enjoy on this occasion. The Palace Cinema is just down the road for your convenience.

You are welcome to come along for the dinner only. The movie sessions are a little late and there is no obligation to join in for this part of the evening.

Movies screening at the time will be discussed over dinner.

Peter

THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

GRADE SNW-1

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 9k & 2-2.5hr) Occasionally another member may be substitute leader. This walk does not count towards full membership.

Jenz

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

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members during November:

Sarah-Jane Abbott
Moira Killen
Jordan Payne
Cathy Tozer

Rolanda Ayling
Phoebe Killen
Joe Russo
Tinet Tuck

Eileen Harris
Holly Lister
Catherine Simpson
Sharon Turner

Don Jones
Georgie McConnell
Alex Symes
Marijke Wilhemus

Congratulations to the following who have been granted full membership in Nov & Dec:

Jennifer Freeman
Corinne Maurice

Nicholas Ward
Helen Dacy

Mark Kerr

MAGAZINE COLLATING

Collating for March magazine is at Narelle Harling's at Windsor on Thursday 22nd February 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 3857 4263 to book.

For your Bushwalking Safety
NEVER WALK ALONE...
ALWAYS TELL SOMEONE...
WALK WITH A CLUB.

If you have recently changed your address, phone number (home or work) or email please advise the Membership Register Officer so that the club records can be kept up to date:
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