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

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Tuesday Walkers, Best of Byron by Cheryl Curtis

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; ROGainE.

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.

March

2-4	LBC-3B	New Members Base Camp - Border Ranges NP NSW	Eugene Hedemann	3359 3114
3	SDW-4C	Mt Warning	Sue Rogerson	3891 1684
4	LDW-3B SDW2B	Warrie Circuit Ewan Maddock Bushland Reserve	Nick Brooking John Shields	32646565
6	MDW - 7D	Coomera Gorge	Ralph Chetham	3353 5571
10	MDW-3B	Mt. Cordeaux and Bare Rock	Dawn Hendrick & Dawn Glancy	3277 1842
	MDW-3B MDW-4C	Leader Training - Daves Creek Circuit Stairway Falls	Greg Long Sue Rogerson	38411720 3891 1684
10-11	F KYK C	Noosa River camp 8	Danny Mullins	3325 2601
11	ABSDW-5B	Watsons Creek Abseil	Tom Hulse, Anne Kemp	33512190
	MDW-6D	Wilson's Peak Via The Verandah	Paul Gorell	
14		Open Meeting		
15	CYC	Cycle over Green Bridge	Peter Lock	3351 1184
16-18	MBC-3C	Nightcap NP	Elaine Beller	3356-4730
17	S&T KYK-4C	Sea Kayak Training Cotton Tree, Sunshine Coast	Greg Long & Qualified trainer	38411720
	LDW 3B	Tooloona Circuit	Barry Culley	38904546
17-18	MTW - 6C	Mt Barney Creek	Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
18	MABS-6C	Back Creek Abseil	Anne Kemp & Paul Gorell	33712707
	LDW-3C	Coomera Circuit	Kay Byrne	33971021
	SDW-4C	Mt D'Aguilar	John Shields	32646565
	MDW-6D	Black Canyon	David Sydes	32178304
20	MDW - 5C	Stinson Wreck	Ralph Chetham	3353 5571
23-25	STW-5B	Mount Barney Creek	Peter Lock	33511184
24	S&T ABS-4C	Abseil Refresher - Kangaroo Pt Nursery Cliffs	Greg Long & John Granat	38411720
	S&T ABS-4C	Basic Abseil Training Day One Kangaroo Point baby cliffs	Greg Long & John Granat	38411720
	SDW-5C	Mt Greville	Sue Rogerson	3891 1684
2	FSDW-3A	Upper Byron Creek - Mt Mee State Forest	John Hinz	3846 1432 (H/W)

PROGRAM

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

24-25	LTW-6D	Stinson Stretcher Track	Ray Glancy	3343 8854
25	S&T ABS-4C	Basic Abseil Training Day Two - Kangaroo Pt	John Granat	38411720
	SDW - 7C	Summer Creek falls	Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
	SOC	Sandgate Social Cycle	Elaine Beller	3356 4730
28		General Meeting		
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	3277 1842

April

1	MDW - 6D	Piper Comanche Wreck & South Kobble Ck	Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
3	MDW-6D	Mt Maroon - South Ridge	Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
6-9	MBC 3B	Bunya Mountains	Barry Culley	38904546
	7D	Main Range National Park	Joe Iriondo & Glenn Taylor	3394 0105
	MTW - 6D	Mt Ballow	Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
	XTW-4C	Moreton Madness Survey	Paul Cech	
6-13	KYK	Chandler River	Peter Lock	3351 1184
11		Open Meeting		
14	SOCIAL	Nepalese New Year	Burney	32699383
15	SDW-2A	Glasshouse Mtns-Mt Tibrogargen	John Shields	32646565
16	SNW-2A	Toohey Forest Night Walk	Ros Firster & Richard Lukacz	33249018
19	CYC	Boondal to Woody Pt	Peter Lock	33511184
21	SDW-5A	Mt Matheson Trail, Spicers Gap	Dawn Hendrick & Dawn Glancy	3277 1842
22	MDW-6D	Mt Maroon - South Ridge	John Dwyer	3844 9213 (a/h)
	SDW2B	Ewan Maddock Bushland Reserve	John Shields	
25		General Meeting		
	MDW-6D	Mt Barney for slow pokes	Peter Lock	33511184
28-29	MTW-2B	Moreton Island	Elaine Beller	3356 4730
29	MDW-6C	Mt Maroon Cave Route	John Dwyer	3844 9213 (a/h)
30	SNW-2A	Toohey Forest Night Walk	Ros Firster & Richard Lukacz	33249018



Coming Trips

GRIFFITH TO GRIFFITH

Night Ride Thu 15 Feb
 LEADER: Peter Lock 3351 1184
 MOBILE: 0419 496 837
 EMAIL: peter2007@lock.id.au
 GRADE: CYC
 LIMIT: 12
 BRING: Bike, Lights, Helmet

DEPART: 6:30pm Kangaroo Point Cliffs
 This ride follows the South-East Freeway Bike Way, all the way to the Nathan campus of Griffith University, which we will circumnavigate. Then we return along the same path, and on to the Southbank campus of Griffith University, where we will seek coffee. This ride is mostly on bike paths and back streets, and is suitable for the not-so-serious cyclist, provided that the bike has lights.

BASIC ABSEIL TRAINING DAY ONE KANGAROO POINT BABY CLIFFS

Training Sat 17 Feb
 LEADER: Greg Long & John Granat 38411720
 MOBILE: 0409474152
 EMAIL: longmg@netspace.net.au
 GRADE: S&T ABS-4C
 LIMIT: 7
 COST: \$20
 DEPART: 7:30am Meet at rotunda 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 Glancy 3277 1842 (new)
 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 rain-forest. 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.

STINSON WRECK SITE - 70 YEAR COMMEMORATION

Day Walk Sat 17 Feb
 LEADER: Ray Glancy 3343 8854
 MOBILE: 0419 719 480
 EMAIL: rayanddawnglancy@yahoo.com.au
 GRADE: MDW-5C
 LIMIT: 12
 BRING: Usual day walk gear, scunge gloves, long gaiters
 COST: car contribution - app \$20
 DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens
 CAR KMS: 220 kms
 MAP: Lamington - supplied by leader
 On February 19th, 1937, the 3-engined Stinson aircraft 'City of Brisbane' departed for Sydney and crashed in the Lamington National Park. Anecdotal accounts of its route led authorities to believe that it had crashed out to sea east of Lismore or off the coast north of Sydney. Because of the cyclonic conditions that prevailed at this time, communications with the Lamington Plateau and O'Reilly's Guesthouse were disconnected leaving Bernard O'Reilly, who operated the guesthouse with his wife, significant repair work after the cyclone passed. It was a week after the disappearance of the Stinson that Bernard O'Reilly discovered that the Stinson was

missing. He believed that it had travelled on its usual route and believed that it must have crashed in the Lamington area. He took his horse as far as the horse could manage, sent the horse home, and continued on foot to where he believed the plane may have crashed. He climbed a tree, saw a burnt tree 5 ridges across and through an astonishing piece of bush navigation found the 2 survivors 11 days after the crash. He descended the ridge down to Christmas Creek, raised the alarm and assisted in the rescue of these 2 men. This walk is intended to show how difficult it must have been for O'Reilly and the other rescuers to ensure the survival of these 2 men. We will retrace O'Reilly's footsteps up Christmas Creek, having morning tea at Westray's Grave (1 crash survivor who died trying to get help), up a steep ridge and then proceed to the wreck site. We will retrace our steps after lunch.

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: rayanddawnglancy@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 activity is full.

MT MITCHELL/MT CORDEAUX

Day Walk Sun 18 Feb
LEADER: Wendy Spiry 3353 3927
MOBILE: 0409890513
GRADE: LDW-3C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: See "Always take" P3 of Mag
COST: petrol contribution
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS: 200km
MAP: Main Range

Mt Mitchell is a 10.2km return track walk on the southern side of Cunninghams Gap. We pass through beautiful rainforest as well as open montane heath with plenty of grasstrees. We get some great views of the peaks of the main range. We have morning tea at the top. We descend, cross the road, and then ascend Mt Cordeaux. Again, we will see some beautiful rainforest and grass trees and some very nice views. Lunch is either at the top of Cordeaux or near the top, depending on how much shade we can find. There is a possibility, but just a possibility, that we could go on the Bare Rock, but this would depend on the fitness and wishes of the group, as it would add an extra 5 or 6 kms to an already long day. This walk is suitable for reasonably fit new walkers or more experienced walkers looking to get back into walking.

WESTERN WINDOW & GREENES FALLS

Day Walk Sun 18 Feb
LEADER: John Shields 32646565
EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au

GRADE: MDW-5C
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 feint 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. NB---We have upgraded the rating of this walk because additions to it include three sections which include both uphill and downhill scrambling on a small scale. If you would like to try your hand at scrambling and rock hopping on a small scale before committing your self to a much higher rated walk then this is the walk for you.

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 activity is full.

CEDAR/LOVE CREEKS FROM THE BOTTOM

Day Walk Tue 20 Feb
LEADER: Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
EMAIL: Lmdarven@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: MDW- 6C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Usual day walk gear, 3L water
DEPART: 6:30am Alderley
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30 000
 The plan is to start near the Sawmill on the Cedar Ck Road and rock hop up Cedar Ck to the junction with Love Ck. We will continue up Love Ck to where Annie's Ck comes in, then up this, over the ridge & down to Greenes Falls & back down Cedar Ck. There is a good swim near the cars plus smaller swims during the day.

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 Shopping Centre
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

Day Walk Sat 24 Feb
LEADER: Mary Comer 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

This activity is full.

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 4WD's only in the last

3 km 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 Creek, just upstream of Long Creek 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 Creek. 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 Creek, or Surveyors Creek, 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

This activity is full.

NEW MEMBERS BASE CAMP - BORDER RANGES NP NSW

Base Camp Fri 2 - Sun 4 Mar
LEADER: Eugene Hedemann 3359 3114
EMAIL: ehedemann@telstra.com
GRADE: LBC-3B
LIMIT: 22 probationary, 8 full members
BRING: Base camp gear, chair, warm clothes, stove, tent, food for weekend, usual day walk gear, water (6-10L each). Any queries please ask me.
COST: \$6 per person camp fees + \$7 per car/day + petrol contribution
DEPART: Email leader to pre-arrange car pooling
CAR KMS: approx 250km

MAP: Tyalgum 9541-3

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. We will be staying at the

Sheep Station Creek campground. (Toilets but no showers or tap water.) Because there is a NP fee of \$7 per vehicle/day, sensible car pooling is recommended. I intend to email a spreadsheet with contact details to everyone so you can organise your own car pooling. Some sections of the road are dirt but OK for 2WD. Drivers please contact me for detailed directions. 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 another info talk. During the night around 8:30 those who are interested can come with me along the track to see the glow worms. Sun will be some more information talks and shorter walks including Brindle Ck to Antarctic Beech picnic area. We should be packed and heading home by mid afternoon. Please note that ALL the activities on the weekend are mandatory for probationary members who are using this base camp to become full members. You should be capable of doing a 21km walk on Sat and a shorter walk on Sun. If you need information about equipment please contact me or talk to the Equipment Officer at the meetings. Full members please note the limits and be prepared to participate in all activities as your assistance will be valuable to the group.

MT WARNING

Day Walk Sat 3 Mar
LEADER: Sue Rogerson 3891 1684
MOBILE: 0400 784 745
EMAIL: bbwalks@yahoo.com.au
GRADE: SDW-4C
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Usual day walk gear, 2L water + member card
COST: \$25 (280km)
DEPART: 6:30am Fairfield Gardens Carpark
Mt Warning NP is in NSW near Murwillumbah. It is an ancient volcano that has weathered away to expose the main lava plug. We start by walking up 200 odd steps which is probably the hardest part of the walk. Most of the track is graded and easy but the last 50m will require you to climb up the volcanic plug using a chain fence. On top of the plug you have 360 degree views of the Lamington Plateau, Springbrook, Tweed Heads and numerous other towns in the surrounding area. We will have lunch at the top before making our way back down to the car park.

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Day Walk Sun 4 Mar
LEADER: Nick Brooking
MOBILE: 04 1972 4296
EMAIL: brooking@bigpond.com

GRADE: LDW-3B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Mag page 3 + 3l of water
COST: petrol contribution
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS:200km

This is a delightful 17km track circuit at Springbrook. It leads from the top of the escarpment down into a canyon. We will encounter waterfalls, creek crossings and attractive rainforest. If the weather is good, and at least four of us are up for it, we will make an optional 3km return side trip to 'the Pinnacle' at Morning Tea. This part is off-track and I have only done it once so it's a bit of a survey. After that back on the track with the rest of the party and down to the 'Meeting of Waters' where we can have lunch and a swim. After lunch we gradually walk up to the escarpment with more waterfalls to see. This walk is ok for new members, but don't underestimate 17km and the slog up after lunch. I work out of town during the week so neither the list, nor I, will be at meetings. Email or call me.

EWAN MADDOCK BUSHLAND RESERVE

Day Walk Sun 4 Mar
LEADER: John Shields 32646565
EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au
GRADE: SDW2B
LIMIT: 15
BRING: usual Page 3; +2lt water
COST: fuel contribution
DEPART: 7am Aspley Pick-N-Pay Hypermarket
[Aust Post sign]

CAR KMS: approx 85 km each way

We drive north from Aspley branching off along Steve Irwin Way then Mooloolah turnoff to the carpark in the park [toilets and picnic area]. We stroll [without packs] along the dam wall to the spillway and back to the cars for smoko[30 min return]. "On packs" [with lunch] along Tallowwood Walk[3][1.2km] onto the Main Track[1], past Fairy Wren rest area[4] to Banksia Walk[5][940m]past Kingfisher Lookout[6] back to TMT. Left turn into Paperbark Walk[7] then a short stretch to Scribbly Gum Walk[8][650m] through Scribbly Gum Link [10][100m]to TMT and left again into Blackbutt Loop[11][770m]. I did not find the next section Wallum Walk[12]so if we have time we will look for it. Anyway back onto TMT and Link 10 to do the balance of SGW[8]and around Rainforest Walk[9][270m]. Our lunch stop will be selected as required and as we find a nice spot. We return to the cars via the Main Track[1] and head to a well deserved coffee stop. This route has been selected to avoid the hilly section and give us a steady walk with a good variety of plant life and if we are lucky

some bird and wildlife. Recommended for new walkers and those who enjoy less hilly walks.

COOMERA GORGE

Day Walk Tue 6 Mar
LEADER: Ralph Chetham 3353 5571
GRADE: MDW - 7D
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Always take P3, 3 L water
DEPART: 6am Fairfield
CAR KMS: 210 km
MAP: Beechmont 1:25 000

This trip starts from Binna Burra in the Lamington National Park. The Coomera Gorge has many waterfalls along the side as well as the spectacular Coomera Falls at the end of the gorge. People have to be competent at rockhopping as well as being skilled at downclimbing steep exposed terrain. Boots will get wet, though there is the option of changing at the river into joggers etc and then putting the boots on again for the return climb out. One of the best day walks in SE Qld.

MT. CORDEAUX AND BARE ROCK

Day Walk Sat 10 Mar
LEADER: Dawn Hendrick &
Dawn Glancy 3277 1842 (new)
MOBILE: 0428 197 268
EMAIL: dawn_hendrick@hotmail.com
GRADE: MDW-3B
LIMIT: 16
BRING: page 3 and membership card
COST: \$21
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Carpark

CAR KMS:240km @ 9c per km

MAP: Main Range guide from EPA

This is a 12.4k walk on graded track which starts on the northern side of Cunninghams Gap in the Main Range NP. We will zigzag up the side of Mt. Cordeaux and enjoy morning tea from the ledge above Cunningham's Gap. We then walk along the ridge and across the saddle through rainforest and brushbox to another rocky outcrop for lunch where again there are fantastic views towards Lake Moogerah. This walk is suitable for new members, but it does include some elevation which we will take at a slow pace. For those who have time afterwards there is a nice cafe in Aratula. Preferred nomination is via email or on the website. Please include all the usual information. No list at meetings.

LEADER TRAINING - DAVES CREEK CIRCUIT

Safety & Training Sat 10 Mar
LEADER: Greg Long 38411720
MOBILE: 0409474152
EMAIL: longmg@netspace.net.au

GRADE: MDW-3B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Guide for Leaders; map and compass
DEPART: 7am Eight Miles Plains Park and Ride
(Bus Station) - Miles Platting Road behind the toilets UBD Map 201 M19
MAP: Beechmont 1:25 000

This leader training day is open to any member who is interested in leading walks. Experienced leaders will assist by giving short, informal talks during the day. Members can bring their own map and compass, or draw them from the equipment officer or librarian. Knowledge of navigation is not a pre-requisite. Topics covered will include club insurance, leader ethos, walk planning, walk surveys and walk promotion, and advice about leading a walk. The training programme will be sent to nominees by email or by other arrangements. You will need to obtain a copy of the Club's Guide for Leaders from the librarian. We start and finish the walk at Binna Burra. It is not a long or difficult walk - the emphasis will be on training.

STAIRWAY FALLS

Day Walk Sat 10 Mar
LEADER: Sue Rogerson 3891 1684
MOBILE: 0400 784 745
EMAIL: bbwwalks@yahoo.com.au
GRADE: MDW-4C
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Usual day walk gear, 2L water + member card + togs
COST: \$20 (225km)

DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Carpark
The walk is in the O'Reillys area of Lamington NP. Although this is "off track" there is a trail so you won't get caught up in vines. We descend down Bull Ant's Spur until we reach Yerralaha (Blue Pool) for morning tea. After morning tea we continue downstream on Canungra Creek following an old track, with a few creek crossings, to Stairway Falls for lunch and swim if you are game. We then retrace our steps to Yerralaha and return to O'Reillys via Bull Ants Spur. There is a descent amount of elevation and steepness to this walk.

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.

WATSONS CREEK ABSEIL

Abseil Day Walk Sun 11 Mar
LEADER: Tom Hulse, Anne Kemp 33512190
MOBILE: 0406972148
GRADE: ABSDW-5B
LIMIT: 8
BRING: Abseil and day walk gear, warm clothing
COST: \$18 car, \$5 rope (+\$5 equip if reqd)
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens
MAP: Mt. Clunie

Watsons Creek falls is situated between the White Swamp (Boonah) border gate and Mount Clunie. We go through the border gate and park in NSW, and the falls are only a short walk. It is a two stage abseil in a narrow waterfall canyon. The first abseil is about 25 metres to a rock ledge, and then a short distance to another 60 metres into a small pool. Expect to get wet and possibly cold, but packs can be left at the top. This day is only suitable for those who have completed BBW abseil training at Kangaroo Point. Come along for an exciting day. Please phone me if you have any queries or need to hire club equipment (\$5 hire) and don't forget warm clothing as we will be wet for as long as we want to continue abseiling.

WILSONS PEAK VIA THE VERANDAH

Day Walk Sun 11 Mar
LEADER: Paul Gorell
MOBILE: 0422 091 300
EMAIL: gorell@powerup.com.au
GRADE: MDW-6D
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Usual Day Walk Gear.
DEPART: 6:30am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS: Approx. 230km
MAP: Superbus, Teviot & Wilsons Peak

Wilson's Peak is located at the Southern end of the Main Range NP near Teviot Gap, SW of Boonah. We start by parking near a creek below the Verandah and then follow a track up to Kin-

nanes Falls via the Verandah. The Verandah is a ledge across a cliff face and is exposed. Once on the main ridge leading to Wilsons Peak, we move along a track through scrub then rainforest with occasional breaks in the vegetation providing views to the surrounding mountains - Mts Greville, May and Maroon and Moogerah and Maroon Dams. There's a small cliff break to negotiate near the top but nothing difficult. Lunch will be on top. We'll then go back along the rabbit fence, follow a ridge to the 'John Dwyer Lookout' and then back to the creek above Kinnanes Falls. Please note the 6.30am start to ensure we have plenty of light as well as time to get to Flavours at Boonah. Suitable for the reasonably fit as there are some long and steep slopes.

CYCLE OVER GREEN BRIDGE

Night Ride Thu 15 Mar
LEADER: Peter Lock 3351 1184
MOBILE: 0419 496 837
EMAIL: peter2007@lock.id.au
GRADE: CYC
LIMIT: 12

BRING: Bike, lights, helmet

DEPART: 6:30pm Milton Station

Now that the green bridge is open, there are a few more possibilities for bike rides. This time we'll leave from Railway Tce, Milton, near the entrance to the station, at 6:30pm. Then we follow the bike path up the river, and use a few back streets to get to the university and the green bridge. After crossing it, we'll find some back streets through Dutton Park to get to West End, then follow the river down to South Bank. Then we cross the Goodwill bridge, and proceed along the city reach to Story Bridge. After crossing that we'll make our way upstream past the cliffs, cross the Goodwill Bridge once again, and follow the cycleway back to Milton. We will seek coffee at Park Road. This bike ride will be mostly level, and mostly on bike tracks and back streets. It is suitable for the not-so-serious cyclist, provided you have lights on your bike.

NIGHTCAP NP

Base Camp Fri 16 - Sun 18 Mar
LEADER: Elaine Beller 3356-4730
MOBILE: 0417-069-366
EMAIL: embeller@gmail.com
GRADE: MBC-3C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: usual base camp and day walk gear including warm clothes
COST: \$6 camp fees & transport contribution
DEPART: 6pm car pooling arranged
CAR KMS: 400km
This base camp has to be regarded as a survey

as far as the walks go. I drove through this area recently and thought it would be a lovely spot for a base camp. We will camp at Rummery Park camping area in the Whian Whian Conservation Area, and will then have our choice of day walks in the national park from here. Some of them involve a short drive to the start of the walk. This national park is a fairly recent one, resulting from conservationist protests in the 1970s. It protects rainforest and several endangered birds and mammals. Access is from a dirt road, usually suitable for 2WD, but it can be a bit rough, so bear that in mind when answering the question about bringing your car. Don't forget warm clothing, as it can get cold in this area at night even in summer. Bring nibbles to share on Saturday night. Finally, you need to bring sufficient water for the weekend. As I will be away in the weeks prior to this camp, please send your nomination by email which I should have access to occasionally. I will reply and confirm your participation. Don't forget your suburb and phone number so I can arrange car pooling.

SEA KAYAK TRAINING COTTON TREE, SUNSHINE COAST

Kayak Sat 17 Mar
LEADER: Greg Long & 38411720
Qualified trainer
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.

TOOLOONA CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sat 17 Mar
LEADER: Barry Culley 38904546
MOBILE: 0412143269
EMAIL: barryculley@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: LDW 3B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: as per mag
COST: petrol contribution
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens pping Centre
CAR KMS: 200
MAP: Lamington

Tooloona Circuit is located at O'Reillys in Lamington National Park. It is an 18km track walk. We head out from Oriellys and walk through some fantastic rainforest and past a lot of waterfalls on our way up to the border. We then walk

through some antartic beech forests and take in some panoramic vews to New South Wales before heading back to O'Reillys for some well earned afternoon tea.

MT BARNEY CREEK

Through Walk Sat 17 - Sun 18 Mar
LEADER: Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
EMAIL: Lmdarven@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: MTW - 6C
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Through walk gear, pre dinner nibbles, waterproofing for pack, small day pack
COST: \$4.50 camp fees + car pooling costs
DEPART: 6am TBA
CAR KMS:210
MAP: Mt Lindsay 1:25 000

Starting from the Lower Portals carpark, the plan is to visit the Upper Portals on Saturday and camp at the Barney Gorge Junction Campsite on Saturday night. A small day pack to take essentials up to the Upper Portals would be a good idea, leaving the bigger packs at the campsite. Sunday we will rock hop down the creek, do a side trip to the top of the Barney Waterfall and then go through Lower Portals. Packs will have to be waterproofed to do this - it involves a jump into the pool and a roughly 30m swim. An option exists for anyone not happy about the jump through the Lower Portals & subsequent swim.

BACK CREEK ABSEIL

Abseil Day Walk Sun 18 Mar
LEADER: Anne Kemp, Paul Gorell 33712707
EMAIL: anneikemp@hotmail.com
GRADE: MABS-6C
LIMIT: 6
BRING: Abseil equipment, waterproofing and usual day walk gear.
COST: \$10 if hiring club equipment
DEPART: 6:30am Fairfield Gardens
MAP: Canungra 1:25000

Back Creek is located at Beechmont south of Canungra. This walk will involve five abseils at least one of which will be into deep water so packs need to be waterproofed. We'll be rock-hopping and scrambling downstream between abseils. The return route has steep up sections and is fairly strenuous. This really is an excellent day to practice skills (overhangs/water) for anybody who has recently completed the BBW Kangaroo Point abseil training. Please contact me if you need more information or wish to hire club equipment. Note please the earlier departure time.

COOMERA CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 18 Mar
LEADER: Kay Byrne 33971021
EMAIL: kby51515@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: LDW-3C
LIMIT: 15
BRING: See "Always Take" P.3 of Mag
DEPART: 7:00am Fairfield Gardens
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.

MT D'AGUILAR

Day Walk Sun 18 Mar
LEADER: John Shields 32646565
EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au
GRADE: SDW-4C
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Page 3 day pack; card;2litres water
COST: fuel contribution[\$8.00]
DEPART: 7am Albany Creek Centro Shopping Centre UBD108 F16
CAR KMS:80
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park

We carpool at Albany Ck and drive up the range past Mt Glorious and park at Mt Tennison Woods. This walk is approx. 9km return and does have some hilly sections. As usual we do not rush hills but take our time at a comfortable pace for the individual. The first section follows an old logging track then we get on to a barely visible track with a steady up grade till we reach the trig point at the summit. We return to an old loading bay. This is our lunch spot. We walk all the way in shade through rain forest with groves of Lepidozamia [Cycads] and wild ginger along with a relic of the old logging days and a Bower bird bower as well numerous other birdlife. Wet weather will not stop this walk as we are under a thick canopy. An interesting diversion down a side track with a short bumslide and a short scramble up a dry creek has been added to the previous route. Suitable for new walkers and includes a coffee stop at Samford on the way home.

BLACK CANYON

Day Walk Sun 18 Mar
LEADER: David Sydes 32178304
MOBILE: 0419871100
EMAIL: david.sydes@isoftaus.com.au
GRADE: MDW-6D
LIMIT: 8
BRING: Usual day walk
DEPART: 5am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS:220km

Black Canyon is a spectacular feature of the Albert River in Lamington National Park, and features a pair of waterfalls (Lightning and Thunder falls) which drop into a wonderful swimming hole at the top of the box canyon. Participants need to be comfortable with both scrambling and rock-hopping for this walk. This will be a long day, commencing with a brisk walk along the track system from Green Mountains towards the Albert River. We will drop off the track and scramble down a steep slope (with possibly loose rocks) into the canyon. We will then rock hop up the creek to the head of the canyon for lunch and a swim. If we have wet weather, we may need to consider alternative walks (e.g. Albert River circuit), as the rock hopping may be too slow and dangerous in slippery conditions. We return via the same route. As I will be away in NZ until 5th March, please email me to nominate for this walk.

STINSON WRECK

Day Walk Tue 20 Mar
LEADER: Ralph Chetham 3353 5571
GRADE: MDW - 5C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Usual day walk gear, 3 water
COST: Car pooling
DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS:220 Km
MAP: Lamington 1:25 000

The Stinson aircraft crashed in 1937 in Lamington National Park and 10 days later the wreck with 2 survivors was found by Bernard O'Reilly. Another survivor, Westray headed off for help but died of injuries after a fall on the way down. We will visit his grave on the way in along Christmas Ck, then climb up to what remains of the wreck and if time permits visit Point Lookout for a view into New South Wales.

MOUNT BARNEY CREEK

Through Walk Fri 23 - Sun 25 Mar
LEADER: Peter Lock 33511184
MOBILE: 0419496837
EMAIL: peter2007@lock.id.au
GRADE: STW-5B
LIMIT: 10

COST: \$10
DEPART: 6pm
CAR KMS:260
MAP: Mount Lindsay 1:25,000
This throughwalk will be easy going and relaxed, with lots of swimming opportunities and short walking distances. We will leave from Cleared Ridge on Friday night, walking in the cool and dark along a 4WD track to camp on a delightful knoll. On Saturday morning we follow the spur down to Barney Gorge and spend the rest of the day swimming and exploring Barney Creek. I expect to see some wonderful dessert cooking. On Sunday we head upstream to swim in the Upper Portals and then stroll back via Yamahra Creek. I'm expecting a late return, possibly after dark. I invite members who have not through walked before to attend this walk, because it's distance is short and pace is relaxed. However, you must be able to cope with off-track walking and rock hopping, as well as walking and pitching your tent in the dark. And we will be walking in the water, so your boots will get wet.

**BASIC ABSEIL TRAINING DAY ONE
KANGAROO POINT BABY CLIFFS**

Training Sat 24 Mar
LEADER: Greg Long and
John Granat 38411720
MOBILE: 0409474152
EMAIL: longmg@netspace.net.au
GRADE: S&T ABS-4C
LIMIT: 6
COST: \$20
DEPART: 7:30am Meet at rotunda above baby cliffs at Kangaroo Point
EQUIPMENT: Abseil equipment will be supplied

This activity is full.

MT GREVILLE

Day Walk Sat 24 Mar
LEADER: Sue Rogerson 3891 1684
MOBILE: 0400 784 745
EMAIL: bbwwalks@yahoo.com.au
GRADE: SDW-5C
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Usual day walk gear, 3L water + member card
COST: \$19 (210km)
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Carpark
Mt.Greville is 770m isolated peak near Aratula. We will ascend up Palm Gorge. As the name implies there are palms to keep us shaded while we climb up the gorge. It does get steep and it is tiring climbing over the rocks. Then we follow a track up SE Ridge to the summit for some great

views. We follow a rough track along the bottom of the cliff to a rocky outcrop near the top of Waterfall Gorge. There are great views here and this is where we will have lunch. The descent is via Waterfall Gorge.

UPPER BYRON CREEK - MT MEE STATE FOREST

Family Group Day Walk Sat 24 Mar

LEADER: John Hinz 3846 1432 (H/W)

EMAIL: johnhinz@optusnet.com.au

GRADE: FSDW-3A

LIMIT: 14

BRING: Swimming gear, morning tea during walk, plus picnic lunch for after walk

DEPART: 7:30am Alderley car park

MAP: Mount Byron 1:25000

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 the Gantry picnic area at Mt Mee Forest Park, we will walk along the start of the Somerset Trail. Old forestry roads will then lead us to our entry point to the upper section of Byron Creek, above the gorge. A great swimming hole awaits us. Some members of the group may wish to relax at this spot, while the more adventurous can explore further downstream. This option may be a grade 5 or 6, depending on how far we go, as scrambling and rockhopping is required. We will return via the same route to the cars, a total of about 8km. There is an open, grassy picnic area at Gantry and we will all enjoy a picnic lunch there at the end of the walk. Please remember to give me the names and ages of any children when nominating. Please note that young babies will be on this walk and there may be stops for feeding etc. All parents must accept total responsibility for their children's safety and wellbeing as a condition of nominating for this walk. Why not come along for what should be a good day.

STINSON STRETCHER TRACK

Through Walk Sat 24 - Sun 25 Mar

LEADER: Ray Glancy 3343 8854

MOBILE: 0419 719 480

EMAIL: rayanddawnglancy@yahoo.com.au

GRADE: LTW-6D

LIMIT: 8

BRING: usual through walking gear, scunge gloves, long gaiters, party food, capacity for 4 litres water (old wine bladder - I can supply some),

COST: \$4.50 camp fee + Car contribution

DEPART: 6am 24 Morialta Street, Mansfield

CAR KMS:220 kms

MAP: Lamington (supplied)

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

BASIC ABSEIL TRAINING DAY TWO - KANGAROO POINT CLIFFS

Training Sun 25 Mar

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.

SUMMER CREEK FALLS

Day Walk Sun 25 Mar

LEADER: Marion Darveniza 3378 4031

EMAIL: Lmdarven@bigpond.net.au

GRADE: SDW - 7C

LIMIT: 8

BRING: Usual day walk gear, swimmers. waterproofing for packs

COST: \$22 for car contribution

DEPART: 6:30am Alderley

CAR KMS:253 km

MAP: Mt Langley 1:25 000,

Borumba Dam 1:25 000

This trip will be a part survey. The plan is follow a tributary (unsurveyed) down into Summer Ck, then rock hop up the best part of Summer Ck to the usual climb out point where there is a good pool. We will climb out, then drop back into the creek above the waterfall and then swim through

the gorge and with a bit of rock scrambling, end up at the base of the falls. We will then climb the falls (have not done this before, but understand it is possible) and pick up a foot track that will lead us back to the cars.

SANDGATE SOCIAL CYCLE

Social Cycle And Swim Sun 25 Mar
LEADER: Elaine Beller 3356 4730
MOBILE: 0417069366
EMAIL: embeller@gmail.com
GRADE: SOC
LIMIT: 12
BRING: roadworthy bike and helmet, bike lock, swim togs, money
COST: pool entry \$3.80 plus coffee
DEPART: 7am Toombul Shopping Centre lower car park

A social morning with a reasonable amount of exercise thrown in! Meet at Centro Toombul Shopping Centre in the lower (creek-side) car park at 7am. We will cycle on cycle tracks and quiet back streets along the creek and through Boondall wetlands to Sandgate (approx 20km) where those who would like a swim can cool off at Sandgate pool. Afterwards, we'll have morning tea at a nearby coffee shop before cycling back to the cars. We should finish around 12 o'clock.

NAVIGATION TRAINING BRISBANE FOREST PARK

Navigation Training Sat 31 Mar
LEADER: Greg Long 38411720
MOBILE: 0409474152
EMAIL: longmg@netspace.net.au
GRADE: S&T MDW-3B
LIMIT: 15
BRING: "What to bring" p3 + 3lt water
COST: Fuel
DEPART: 7am Alderley Carpark
CAR KMS: Approx. 60 km
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30000
Both probationary & ordinary members are encouraged to attend navigation training. Basic training will be offered. There will be a number of hands-on activities to develop skills in map reading, compass bearings, and route selection. We will break into small groups so that everybody has a chance to lead for a while. If you are serious about learning to navigate, please consider attending several training camps, and finding opportunities to practice in between. The more you have a go, the better equipped you will become. We will combine the navigation bit with a walk up a creek, up a hill down a hill, through some scrub: probably be in the same locale as previous training sessions.

GREEN MTS PHOTOGRAPHIC

Day Walk Sat 31 Mar
LEADER: Elaine Beller 3356-4730
MOBILE: 0417069366
EMAIL: embeller@gmail.com
GRADE: SDW-2B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Usual day walk gear, photographic gear
COST: Transport contribution
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens car park
CAR KMS: 230km
This is one of the themed photographic walks for 2007 and has the title "foliage and fungi". Our guest photographic guide will be Peter Hunt, a regular winner in the BBW photographic competition. Although we will take all kinds of photos along the way, the main aim of the day is to enjoy and improve our photography of plants and fungi. The walk will be on Box Forest Circuit in the Green Mountains section of Lamington National Park. The pace will be very slow, with frequent stops for photos. Both new and experienced photographers are most welcome - you certainly don't have to be an expert! We will finish with coffee at Canungra, and a chance to ask Peter more questions while looking at his past photos from the nature category of the BBW competition.

MAPLETON THROUGHWALK

Throughwalk Sat 31 Mar - Sun 1 Apr
LEADER: Dawn Hendrick 3277 1842
MOBILE: 0428 197 268
EMAIL: dawn_hendrick@hotmail.com
GRADE: STW-2A
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Throughpack with food and gear for one night
COST: \$18 plus camping fees of \$4.50 per night
DEPART: 7am Alderley Shopping Centre
CAR KMS: 200km return (@ 9c per km)
MAP: Great Walk Sunshine Coast
Hinterland topographic map
Blackall Range park guide from EPA

This activity is full.

NEW ZEALAND 2007

We recently returned from 3 weeks in New Zealand. Our destination was Wellington to attend a family wedding & this created the opportunity for some tramping in the North Island. The weather this summer in NZ has been atrocious & after briefly visiting New Plymouth in pouring rain, we moved to Mt Ruapheu in Tongariro National Park.

We completed two walks i.e. (1) Around the Mountain Circuit (Mt Ruapheu, lasting 5.5 days, approx. 65 km) and (2) The Tongariro Northern Circuit (a NZ Great Walk, includes most of the Tongariro Crossing which is NZ's most popular & spectacular day walk, 3.5 days, approx. 50 km).

We last visited this area in 1982 with our two young children (at that time aged six & eight) introducing them to snow when we all climbed Mt Tongariro. Later we gave them a more extensive snow experience when we walked up to the Ruapheu crater-lake with upper part a sustained snow walk. Compared with our 1982 trip, this time snow was absent where we remembered it from before & also there were people everywhere. For example, we reckon perhaps 1000 people did the Tongariro Crossing on the fine day we were there where-as last time we saw nobody.

What a wonderful place is the Tongariro National Park with its special volcanic landscape including three active volcanoes, various craters and the outpourings from recent eruptions. We spent a day crossing a spectacular volcanic desert in a day of continuous rain; hurried through the 'lahar' danger zone; traveled through splendid patches of mountain beech & extensive tussock plains; saw numerous waterfalls & experienced swollen mountain streams; were humbled by spectacular volcanic scenery also featured in the Lord of the Rings movie; at one stage were both blown flat by 100km plus winds & were thankful we had walking poles enabling us to continue moving; met wonderful people in the huts where we stayed etc.

This is not a place to be missed. Also in bushwalking terms not to be taken lightly. Ruapheu is accessible & very easy to get to.

Lou & Marion Darveniza

South Passage Sailing 2006 now full

All places for the 2006 South Passage Sailing have been filled. Please contact Bev Ryan, editor of Brisbane magazine, Honestly Woman www.honestlywoman.com.au For information on next years team (ladies only), contact Bev at editor@honestlywoman.com.au

A Writers and Contact Centre is available for persons with descriptive interests of forest and landscape detail.

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VALE - Lionel Simpson 1926-2007

Lionel Foy Simpson, BBW's first president 1948-49 and 1949-50 died recently at age 80 after a long period of illness.

A surveyor by profession, he had been active in the National Parks Association (NPA) for a couple of years before BBW was set up. He joined at our inaugural meeting, receiving receipt No 15, and was elected BBW's first president, aged just 22, and led it safely through the formative years. He then concentrated on his work with the Council of the NPA in its many moves to improve the National Park estate and, on the retirement of its indomitable first president Romeo Lahey in the 1960s, became NPA's second president.

He continued working for National Parks for many years, but of recent years added sailing on Moreton Bay to his activities.

He is survived by his wife Shirley (née Everingham), whom he had married about 1951, two children plus grandchildren.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESIDENT

Association with the Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs

For several years, the BBW Management Committee has had serious issues with the level of accountability and effectiveness of the Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs (QFBC). An aim of the Federation is to act as a representative for all the clubs in Queensland and generally promote bushwalking activities throughout the state.

BBW has had several representatives with extensive experience in the management of both commercial and cooperative bodies attempt to assist QFBC to provide an appropriate level of accountability, service and support to its member clubs. In each case, these people have resigned their roles because of frustration with the QFBC committee's willingness to implement change that reflects contemporary club management practices.

Peter James spent almost 2 years discussing the issues with the individual clubs and formulating a set of changes which would address the concerns of the clubs. These recommendations were presented to the Management Committee of QFBC and it appears major recommendations will not be implemented.

The concerns are not ours alone. From previous participation in activities, BBW is aware that QFBC is in possession of a legal advice from a barrister stating their level of accountability requires review.

These issues were discussed at length at the last BBW Management Committee meeting. QFBC currently provides for BBW with insurance and it is considered that other benefits are very limited. We believe we are able to make alternative arrangements that will provide an equivalent insurance cover at no additional cost.

Although we would like to participate with other bushwalking clubs and similar organisations in the promotion and preservation of walking activities in Queensland, we feel our membership of

QFBC is not contributing positively to this outcome.

Greg Long and myself (Tom Cowlshaw) are currently preparing a proposal with supporting background information examining options that are available, including withdrawing from QFBC until such time as our issues with that organisation have been addressed.

You are invited to write or comment to either of member with your views or comments.

Tom

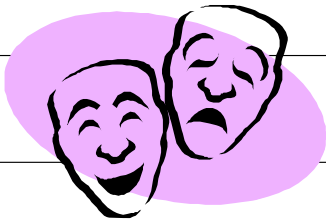
OUTINGS

The number of walks on the calendar has grown substantially in the new year: so thanks to those leaders putting on the activities. There are more than 60 activities planned for the next 3 months, about half of which are day walks. It is pleasing to see there are 9 through walks to choose from & 3 Base camps including the year's 1st New Members camp. Greg has organised plenty of training & it is nice to see a few Family activities appearing.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the Stinson crash & as expected there are a few walks on offer to what has become a bushwalkers pilgrimage - & well worth the scramble up.

We have a number of new leaders appointed in recent weeks: David Sydes; Brian Randal; Ian Kidd; Cheryl & Gary Curtis; Joe Iriondo; Glenn Taylor & Leslie Trotter - congratulations to each & we look forward to being led to interesting areas. According to out records, we have almost 80 leaders - which means quite a lot are not currently active. So if you have been contemplating dusting off the compass, put a walk or 2 on & maybe offer some of the lesser known destinations - while there is plenty on offer in the Sunshine Coast hinterland, Brisbane Forest Park & Lamington; there is very little on offer west of the Main Range or north of Cunningham's Gap.

Lynsey



Out & About

DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT

WHEN: 6.30pm Tuesday 06 March

WHERE: Toscani's, 164 Grey St,
South Brisbane

CONTACT: Peter Hunt 3351 3642

Toscani's offers a good range of Italian and Mediterranean cuisine. The menu includes light and main meals including steak, dish, chicken, pastas risottos, pizzas etc and the desserts are worth your attention as well.

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

NEPALESE NEW YEAR

WHEN: 6pm Saturday 14 April

WHERE: Marymac Reception,
616 Ipswich Road Annerley

CONTACT: Burney 3269 9383/0422 386 080

LIMIT: 20

Nepalese New Year Celebration. Enjoy a sumptuous Nepalese meal prepared from the chef from

Tibetan Kitchen. New Nepalese cultural entertainment program. View our Nepal aid projects. Join in the dancing afterwards! All funds are needed for 2 NAFA building projects which are underway - Tawal Village school and Prisoners Assistance Nepal Children's home. Admission \$30 includes meal/Children (12 and under) \$10. BYO wine only. Beer, spirits and soft drinks available at bar. Please pay in advance by March 28 to secure a place at our table.

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

NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations to the following who have been granted full membership in January:

John Perry

Jill Perry

Mikail Ruutu

Greg Parnell

Welcome to new members during November:

Vanessa Anderson

Michelle Aulsford-Jones

Sarah Beeby

Kim Bennie

Catherine Brown

Sara Buchanan

Barry Watson

Rex Trow

Elizabeth Burns

Angus Charlton

Helen Christensen

Des Cloake

Roxie Cooley

Narelle Elliot

Pauline Fedoriw

Steven Grant

Giorgis Hadzilacos

Ken Halvorson

Debbie Hansen

Kate Helsdon

Deanna Herbst

Scott Hoffmann

Greg Hyslop

Jessica Kane

Dee Lago

Katie Lee

Steve Lock

David Long

Kath Macleod

Claudia Marota

Tasha Mayne

Amanda McCrea

Jane McDonald

Nola McIntyre

Deb Metters

Joanne Murphy

Tracey Musch

Holly Patterson

Danny Pedri

Natasha Pelling

Imas Prahara

Diane Read

Toni Read

Helen Ross

Thomas Schmitz

Andrea Smith

Deborah Southwell

Peter Stojanovic

Ian Taylor

Karl Umlauff

Roland Vitelli

Tony Zandergiacomo

Stephen Woodroffe-Hill

Kimberley Anderson-deBake

MAGAZINE COLLATING

Collating for April magazine is at Bruce Marquis' at Camp Hill on Thursday 22nd March 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 0418 783 423 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:
Ken Shea—email: registrar@bbw.org.au; or phone: 07 3879 6211

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