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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 4th April** 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 or CD (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 **May** magazine is the Open Meeting **Wednesday 11th April**
Pre-trip descriptions for all activities please!

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"A Mt Mee Creek" by Tim Hill

EQUIPMENT HIRE

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

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

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

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

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

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

LIBRARY

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

MEMBERSHIP FEES

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

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

Probationary Members:
Nomination fee \$30.00 per 6mth



FIRST AID CERTIFICATES

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

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.

March

28 General Meeting

31	S&T MDW-3B	Navigation Training Brisbane Forest Park	Greg Long	38411720
	LDW 3B	Toooloona Circuit	Barry Culley	38904546
	SDW-2B	Green Mountains 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	0403 290770 after 6pm
6-13	KYK	Chandler River	Peter Lock	3351 1184

11 Open Meeting

14	MDW - 5C	Neglected Mountain	Cath Carkeet	3357 5607
15	MDW - 8D	Logan's Ridge - Mt Barney	Ralph Chetham	3353 5571
	SDW-2A	Glasshouse Mtns-Mt Tibrogargen	John Shields	32646565
	CYC S4	Bunyaville State Forest	danny mullins	33252601
16	SNW-2A	Toohey Forest Night Walk	Ros Firster Richard Lukacz	07 33249018
17	MDW - 6C	Love Creek Descent	Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
19	CYC	Boondal to Woody Pt	Peter Lock	33511184
21	SDW-5A	Mt Matheson Trail, Spicers Gap <i>note new phone no.</i>	Dawn Hendrick Dawn Glancy	3277 1842
21-22	KYK M	Lime Pocket Bribie Island	Danny Mullins	33252601
22	MDW-6D	Mt Maroon - South Ridge	John Dwyer	3844 9213 (a/h)
	SDW2B	Ewan Maddock Bushland Reserve	John Shields	
	SDW5C	Mt Greville	David McAully	38623504

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

25	General Meeting		
	MDW-6D	Mt Barney for slow pokes	Peter Lock 33511184
27-29	MBC-4B	New Members Base Camp - Girraween NP	Eugene Hedemann 3359 3114
	MTW-4B	Girraween	Ryan Langley
	STW5C	Goomburra	David McAully 38623504
28	MDW2A	Bribie Island, Southern Tip	Kay Byrne 33971021
28-29	MTW-2B	Moreton Island	Elaine Beller 3356 4730
29	LDW-3B	Illinbah Circuit	Mary Comer 38446231
	MDW-6C	Mt Maroon Cave Route	John Dwyer 3844 9213 (a/h)
30	SNW-2A	Toohey Forest Night Walk	Ros Firster Richard Lukacz 33249018

May

1	MDW - 6C	Stoney Creek - Bellthorpe State Forest	Ralph Chetham 3353 5571
5-7	XLTW-5C	Green Mountains to Border Ranges and Reverse John Dwyer, Lynsey Moore, David Sydes	Ray Glancy, 3343 8854
	FSTW-4B	Girraween Tunnel of Doom and Celestial Palace	Siobhan Mouncey 3393 0382

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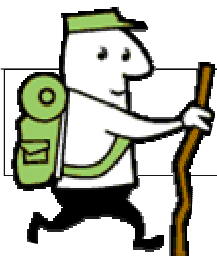
Open Meeting

12	SDW-5C	Flinders Peak	Mary Comer 38446231
13	MDW-3B	Daves Creek Circuit	Mary Comer 38446231
	MDW-5C	Western Window & Greenes Falls	John Shields 32646565
	SOCDW-1A	Mothers Day Classic <i>note new phone no.</i>	Dawn Hendrick 3277 1842
18-20	SOCIAL	Stacey's at the Gap	Burney 32699383

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General Meeting

25-27	LBC-7E	Mt Barney for First Timers Weekend	Drew O'Brien 38563336 Lynsey Moore 33666135
27	SDW-4C	Mt D'Aguilar	John Shields 32646565
	MDW-5C	Lizard Point	John Dwyer 3844 9213



Coming Trips

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.

TOOLOONA CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sat 31 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 Car park
CAR KMS: 200
MAP: Lamington

Toooloona Circuit is located at O'Reillys in Lamington NP. 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 views to NSW before heading back to O'Reillys for some well earned afternoon tea.

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 DW 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 NP. 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: Throughwalk food & gear for 1 night
COST: \$18 + camping fees \$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
We will meet at Alderley Shipping Centre on Saturday morning and car pool to the Mapleton Day Use Area just outside the sleepy town of Mapleton in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland. Here we will secure the cars and walk into the Ubajee Walkers Camp along the loggers track. We will set up camp in the early afternoon and for those who are energetic there will be a short walk (3.1km) down to Gheerulla Falls and back by sunset. The camp has been refurbished by the EPA with wooden tables and logs to sit on. There is also a bush toilet but no running water. We will break camp on Sunday morning and walk back to the cars. We can then drive around to the Mapleton Falls Picnic Area and admire the view of the waterfalls and rainforest. A short drive further on is

the Kondalilla NP where the Rock Pools walk (3.2km return) descends into the valley below. Unusual vegetation types (Piccabeen palms, Pink ash and Bunya pines) make this a spectacular area to visit all year round. This would be an ideal first time throughwalk. I will need to book the campsite in advance. Bookings will only be accepted from those people who pay in advance when nominating. Preferred nomination is via email or the website. Please include all the usual information. No list at meetings.

PIPER COMANCHE WRECK & SOUTH KOB- BLE CK

Day Walk Sun 1 Apr
LEADER: Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
EMAIL: Lmdarven@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: MDW - 6D
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Usual day walk gear, 3L water
DEPART: 6:30am Alderley carpark
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30 000

Starting from the Tennison Woods carpark, this trip will visit the Piper Comanche Plane wreck, then follow the nearby gully down until it becomes Muscat Ck. On reaching the junction with South Kobble Ck, we will then go up South Kobble, climbing a number of waterfalls and eventually climb out to a track back to the cars.

MT MAROON - SOUTH RIDGE

Day Walk Tue 3 Apr
LEADER: Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
EMAIL: Lmdarven@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: MDW-6D
LIMIT: 12
DEPART: 6:00am Fairfield Gardens
MAP: Maroon 1:25 000

This is a great way to climb Mt Maroon(965m) particularly for those who enjoy going up rock. The views are excellent on the way up as well as from the summit. After an early lunch on the summit, we will descend through a small gorge and follow a creek (sometimes called Maroon Ck) down to Paddy's plains. We will have afternoon tea there, then continue around the mountain back to the cars. It is a fairly long day, hence the early start.

BUNYA MOUNTAINS

Base Camp Fri 6 - Mon 9 Apr
LEADER: Barry Culley 38904546
MOBILE: 0412143269
EMAIL: barryculley@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: MBC 3B
LIMIT: 15
BRING: usual base camp + party gear
COST: \$18

DEPART: 7am pre arranged
CAR KMS: 400
MAP: Bunya Mountains

Bunya Mountains are close to Kingaroy. We will be camping at Dandabah with hot shows and toilets. The weather could be cool so bring some warm gear. We will be enjoying some of the relatively easy walks through the forest and the views as well. You will need to book your camp site by logging on to www.qld.gov.au and in the services on line box on the top right hand side click on camping permits and follow the prompts. Don't forget the party food!

MAIN RANGE NATIONAL PARK

Ltw Fri 6 - Mon 9 Apr
LEADER: Joe Iriondo, Glenn Taylor 3394 0105
MOBILE: 0438 056 354
EMAIL: jli@mts.net.au
GRADE: 7D
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Through walking pack
COST: \$25 car, \$13.50 camping
DEPART: 6:30am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS: 250 kms
This activity is full.

MT BALLOW

Through Walk Fri 6 - Mon 9 Apr
LEADER: Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
EMAIL: Lmdarven@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: MTW - 6D
LIMIT: 6
BRING: TW gear, containers for 6L water
COST: \$13.50 National Park camping
DEPART: 6am TBA
MAP: Mt Lindsay 1:25 000,
Mt Clunie 1:25 000

This trip needs at least one 4WD to avoid the 2hr walk up to Cleared Ridge (and down at the end of the trip). Without a 4WD we will leave Brisbane at 6am. If there is a 4WD coming, we will leave Brisbane at 7am and the first and last day will be much easier. From Cleared Ridge, there will be a descent into Yamahra Ck, then a climb to Monserrat Lookout with superb views of Mt Barney. We then contour around Focal Peak and camp at Cedar Pass. On Saturday we go over Durramlee Pk, Double Peak and then camp on Junction Peak (Mt Ballow). Sunday involves dropping off the ridge between Junction Pk & Nothofagus Mt and climbing up to Big Lonely with its great views, then descending to the Junction of Ballow Ck & Mt Barney Ck. Monday will be a rock hop down Mt Barney Ck to the Upper Portals, then back to Cleared Ridge. Getting water on the first two nights will involve a significant descent (15 to 20mins) from the campsite. This means carrying

up enough water for the evening meal, breakfast next morning plus water for the day - a minimum of 6lt, so bring winebladders, water bottles etc to allow for this.

MORETON MADNESS SURVEY

Thru Walk (survey) Fri 6 - Mon 9 Apr

LEADER: Paul Cech

MOBILE: 0403 290770 after 6pm

GRADE: XTW-4C

LIMIT: 8

BRING: Thru walk provisons, party food & AT LEAST 4L WATER capability

COST: \$4.50 / night camp fees + ferry

DEPART: 8:30am MyCat Ferry (for Tanga-looma)

A wonderful way to spend Easter. Surf (so bring your togs), sand, sunsets, fantastic sand island forest & great company. This is a survey so there are not too many details - so you will need to contact me to find out what's in store.

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.

NEGLECTED MOUNTAIN

Day Walk Sat 14 Apr

LEADER: Cath Carkeet 3357 5607

GRADE: MDW - 5C

LIMIT: 12

BRING: usual daywalk gear, 3l water

DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens car park

CAR KMS: 230

MAP: Lamington 1:25000

Neglected Mountain is a 739 m peak in Lamington NP, which we access from Christmas Ck Rd via Beaudesert and Laravale. We leave cars at Stinson Memorial Park and approach the mountain from the south-west. A walk along Gap Ck Rd leads to the main ridge, with open forest, grass trees and some loose rocks underfoot. There is an undulating climb to the summit with good views along the way of the peaks of the scenic rim. We retrace our route back to the cars. Reasonable fitness is required for the ups on this walk. Suitable for fit newer members who've comfortably completed some long track walks and are ready to launch into "peaks and views" walking..

LOGAN'S RIDGE - MT BARNEY

Day Walk Sun 15 Apr

LEADER: Ralph Chetham 3353 5571

GRADE: MDW - 8D

LIMIT: 10

BRING: Always take P3, 3 L water

DEPART: 5am Fairfield Gardens

MAP: Mt Lindsay 1:25 000

Logan's Ridge is the outstanding climbing route to the east Peak of Mt Barney. It is a bushwalking classic including climbing steep rock, exposure and fabulous views. The down route will either be Rocky Ck or South East depending on the conditions. This occasion is itself rather special as it will culminate in the Trip Leader's 75th birthday celebrations at the summit. His 70th birthday celebration was at the same spot. Stay tuned for Ralph's 80th!

GLASSHOUSE MTNS-MT TIBROGARGEN

Day Walk Sun 15 Apr

LEADER: John Shields 32646565

EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au

GRADE: SDW-2A

LIMIT: 15[reserves accepted]

BRING: usual p.3 + 2 lt water

COST: \$10 petrol contribution

DEPART: 7am Aspley hypermarket
[Aust Post SIGN]

CAR KMS: 100

MAP: Glasshouse Mtns

This is an easy walk for new members and those who prefer a slower pace. We follow Tibrogargen and Trachite circuits which are around [NOT UP] Mt Tibrogargen. The walk is only 9km with smoko and lunch on the walk. The lunch spot has great views and we may see mountain climbers in action and possibly the peregrine falcon. Both these tracks are new with the

Trachyte track still being built but easily trafficable. Coffee stop on the way home. Should you have to cancel please advise leader so that reserves can be notified. An interesting section of off track has been added to this walk. SELF SERVE ONLINE NOMINATIONS OK

BUNYAVILLE STATE FOREST

Short Day Ride Sun 15 Apr
LEADER: danny mullins 33252601
EMAIL: hilyarmullins@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: CYC S4
LIMIT: 8
BRING: 2l water, morning tea, mountain bike and helmet spare tube
DEPART: 7am Entrance to Bunyaville car park UBDM9

just a two or three hour ride around the park on open tracks and mountain bike tracks Your bike needs to be well maintained with good brakes.

TOOHEY FOREST NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Mon 16 Apr
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

Due to popular demand, we are putting this on again. 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.

LOVE CREEK DESCENT

Day Walk Tue 17 Apr
LEADER: Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
EMAIL: Lmdarven@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: MDW - 6C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Always take P3 + 3L water, waterproof packs
DEPART: 6:30am Alderley
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30000

From Tension Woods car park we will drop into the headwaters of Love Ck and follow it down to Love Ck Falls. There will be a number of climb-downs into pools of water (not very deep), so packs have to be waterproofed and boots will get wet. From the Falls we will back track a short distance & then go up a tributary as far as the track that descends from the end of Alex Rd. Good rock scrambling skills will be needed

BOONDAL TO WOODY POINT

Night Ride Thu 19 Apr
LEADER: Peter Lock 33511184
MOBILE: 0419 496 837
EMAIL: peter2007@lock.id.au
GRADE: CYC
LIMIT: 16
BRING: Bike, lights, helmet
DEPART: 6:30pm Aberdeen Pde, south west side of Boondal Station

This ride will be about 35km, almost entirely level, and mostly on bike tracks. We'll start at Boondal Station and take bike tracks beside the Gateway Motorway and Deagon Deviation. Then across the Hornibrook Viaduct to Pelican Park and Woody Pt. Our return follows the coast to Shorncliffe, where we'll pause to watch the Moonfest party. Then a few more km of back streets & bike tracks to Boondal station. No cafe tonight.

MT MATHESON TRAIL, SPICERS GAP

Day Walk Sat 21 Apr
LEADER: Dawn Hendrick & Dawn Glancy 3277 1842 (new)
MOBILE: 0428 197 268
EMAIL: dawn_hendrick@hotmail.com
GRADE: SDW-5A
LIMIT: 16
BRING: Usual day walk gear, + 2lt water.
LUNCH TO BE LEFT IN CARS
COST: \$16
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens carpark
CAR KMS: 170kms @ 9c

We will car pool from Fairfield Gardens to the Pioneer Graves picnic area at Spicers Gap. We then walk up the road, passing through a bell-bird grove with whip birds too. We will admire the fantastic view from the Governor's Chair Lookout, which overlooks the Fassifern Valley and Lake Moogerah. The walk then continues as the Heritage Trail with examples of the road building techniques used by the pioneers who carted wool over the range at this point in the 19th Century. Information Boards along the way tell the story. The Trail then continues to Mt Matheson, which overlooks the Cunningham Highway as it climbs between Mt Cordeaux and Mt Mitchell. There is a loose rocky area that we descend for about 100m where gloves may be useful to protect your hands. We will take this slowly for those who haven't done any scrambling before. We return to cars at the picnic site for lunch. Those who have the afternoon free can head back to Aratula for cake and coffee at their leisure. Access to Spicers Gap is via an excellent dry weather gravel road. This road will close in wet weather. If rain is forecast please call leader to discuss alternative plans. Website or email nominations are

preferred providing all the required information please (no list at meetings).

LIME POCKET BRIBIE ISLAND

Overnight Kayak Sat 21 - Sun 22 Apr
LEADER: DANNY MULLINS 33252601
EMAIL: hilarymullins@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: KYK M
LIMIT: 12
BRING: KYK, PFD, 8l water, camping gear
food: 2 days + party bugspray, togs.
COST: \$4.50 camp fees
DEPART: 8am Boat Ramp, Marine Pde, Bribie
Meet at Marine Pde, Bribie Island to begin at 8am. Paddle with incoming tide past Gallagher's Pt and Poverty Ck. We will have views of the Glasshouse Mts all the way. Stop for morning tea and swim at Mission Pt (toilets available). On to Lime Pocket Campsite which has no facilities. Make camp and, depending on time, make our way North or investigate Tripcony Bight Protection Zone. Day 2. Mid-morning we will make our way back in a leisurely fashion to Marine Pde. Any queries about your ability-see me.

MT MAROON - SOUTH RIDGE

Day Walk Sun 22 Apr
LEADER: John Dwyer 3844 9213 (a/h)
MOBILE: 0408 077 491
EMAIL: jgdwyer@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: MDW-6D
LIMIT: 8 (including leader)
DEPART: 6:00am Fairfield Gardens carpark
MAP: Maroon 1:25000
The sth ridge of Mt Maroon (965m) has good rock scrambling near the summit and superb views along the way. An early lunch on the summit, then we will descend through a small gorge and follow a creek on the southwest side down to Paddy's plains. From there we will skirt around the base of the mountain along tracks and creeks back to the starting point. It is a great trip-much diversity-a bit longer than most-but worth every bit of it. Allow some snacks for mid afternoon.

EWAN MADDOCK BUSHLAND RESERVE

Day Walk Sun 22 Apr
LEADER: John Shields
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 & wildlife. Recommended for new walkers and those who enjoy less hilly walks. SELF SERVE NOMINATIONS OK

MT GREVILLE

Day Walk Sun 22 Apr
LEADER: David McAully 38623504
MOBILE: 0418794421
EMAIL: davemcaully@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: SDW5C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Usual Day Walk gear + 2l Water min.
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens carpark
CAR KMS: 210Kms
Mt Greville is an isolated peak overlooking Lake Moogerah. We will ascend via Waterfall Gorge and take morning tea on the slabs overlooking the lake, we will then continue our ascent to the summit for lunch and views of the main range. We will descend via Palm Gorge, another cool gorge. We will be taking our time with plenty of stops to rest and enjoy the scenery. This walk would suit members who are fit enough to do some uphill and would like to experience some "off track walking". It is an interesting walk with lots of variety considering it's short distance.

MT BARNEY FOR SLOW POKES

Day Walk Wed 25 Apr
LEADER: Peter Lock 33511184
MOBILE: 0419 496 837
EMAIL: peter2007@lock.id.au
GRADE: MDW-6D
LIMIT: 10
DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens carpark
CAR KMS: 250Km
MAP: Mt Lindesay 1:25000
We will walk up Mt Barney via South East Ridge and descend via Barney Saddle and South

Ridge. These are two of the least technically challenging routes up the mountain. However there is still a climb of 1100m, with some steep and loose sections, and a little exposure. Expect a long day requiring some sustained exertion. Slow walkers and Barney first-timers are invited to attend, as we will not be in a rush. We will take our time to enjoy the views and explore a little, and get back to the cars around 7pm. That means we will finish the walk in the dark, and miss the club meeting. Don't forget to bring plenty of food, water, a torch, thermals and rain coat.

NEW MEMBERS BASE CAMP - GIRRAWEE NATIONAL PARK

Base Camp Fri 27 - Sun 29 Apr
LEADER: Eugene Hedemann 3359 3114
EMAIL: ehedemann@telstra.com
GRADE: MBC-4B
LIMIT: 22 probationary, 8 full members
BRING: Base camp gear, chair, warmclothes, stove, tent, food for weekend, usual day walk gear, water (6-10L each).
COST: \$9 per person camping fees + petrol
DEPART: Email or phone leader at least 1week before to pre-arrange car pooling
CAR KMS: approx 520km
MAP: Girraween & Bald Rock NP (HEMA)
NOMINATION: Phone or email only

Before nominating for this activity, please be aware that campsites will be pre-booked and pre-paid. If you nominate and then cancel too late for a replacement to be found, I will still expect payment from you. Girraween NP is approximately 3hrs from Brisbane located south of Stanthorpe in an area with fabulous granite outcrops. For those who get there before me, please camp at the distant (southern) end of the Castle Rock campground so we can all be in reasonable proximity. There are toilets and showers - but they have been turning off the hot water when water levels get low. There are fireplaces but strictly BYO firewood. Water is available but they suggest boil it first or BYO. Be prepared for either warm or cold weather as it can vary no matter what time of year. As always, sensible car pooling is recommended. I intend to email a spreadsheet with contact details to everyone so you can organise your own car pooling. Please email or phone me at least one week before the camp so I can include you on the car pool spreadsheet. Sat morning at 8am we will have talks on safety, ethics, etc. We will then do a medium distance walk with a small amount of off-track and a few uphill bits returning via Mt Norman. Climbing to the top of Mt Norman will be an option. Sat night will be drinks, nibbles and social around a campfire if we all bring a bit of firewood. Sun will be some more

information talks and a walk up the first Pyramid. 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 the walks on both days. 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.

GIRRAWEEEN

Throughwalk Fri 27 - Sun 29 Apr
LEADER: Ryan Langley
EMAIL: rrlaust@yahoo.com.au
GRADE: MTW-4B
LIMIT: 8
BRING: Usual TW Gear
COST: \$9
DEPART: 6:00pm Pre-arranged
MAP: Girraween 1:33000
Girraween NP is located approximately 3hrs west of Brisbane. We will drive out Fri night departing Brisbane at 6pm, meeting for dinner along the way. We will commence the throughwalk Sat morning and return to the campground Sun afternoon, and will explore the eastern section of the park. The terrain at Girraween is predominantly flat, however the area has very large granite boulders, which we will climb without packs to enjoy some great views of the park. The area is open eucalypt forest, and there is plenty of bird life and kangaroos. There is an extensive track network, but there will also be a small amount of off-track walking. Nominations by email please.

GOOMBURRA

Through Walk Fri 27 - Sun 29 Apr
LEADER: David McAully 38623504
MOBILE: 0418794421
EMAIL: Davemcaully@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: STW5C
LIMIT: 6
BRING: Warm clothes
COST: \$9 camp fees
DEPART: 7:30pm BP Aratula
CAR KMS: 380
MAP: Townson & Glen Rock 1:25000
We will meet at the BP Aratula at 7:30pm on Fri night before driving up through Cunninghams Gap and onto the Goomburra Section of Main Range NP. We will camp at Manna Gum on Fri night. On Sat a short drive to Sylvesters Lookout carpark where we start the walk along the eastern escarpment to Laidley Falls. After dropping our through packs and putting up tents, we will

visit Hole in the Wall and then cross the razor-back ridge before the final climb to the summit of Mt Castle for lunch (day Pack required). The razorback ridge is exposed so you need to be OK with heights. Laidley Falls camp site is small but offers some great views of the escarpment. On Sun the plan is that we are back at the cars for lunch. This is a short walk suitable for members who are starting out throughwalking.

BRIBIE ISLAND, SOUTHERN TIP

Day Walk Sat 28 Apr
LEADER: Kay Byrne 33971021
MOBILE: 0429924726
EMAIL: kby515152bigpond.net.au
GRADE: MDW2A
LIMIT: 16
BRING: Usual day walk gear p.3
DEPART: 7:30am Alderley Carpark

This beach walk will begin at McMahan St, Bribie Is. after leaving most of the cars at our end point at Bongaree. We start walking along a 4WD track through Wallum Heathland to reach the picnic ground and World War 2 bunker north of Woorim Beach. After morning tea we will walk south along the beach past Woorim and Skirmish Pt for views of Moreton Is. We will have the opportunity to spot sea birds and dolphins while resting in the shade of banksia and casurina while the more intrepid may enjoy a dip in the sheltered waters of Woody Bay at lunchtime. We will continue past Bald Pt along Red Beach to Buckley's Hole and the bird hide before emerging from the beach at Bongaree and the lively Bribie Is. cafe precinct for afternoon tea. This walk is a flat walk on sand, most of which will be firm except for the 4WD tracks. It will be necessary to wear sand shoes for the tracks but the beach can be done barefoot. This walk would be suitable for beginners who have reasonable fitness and anyone who enjoys beach walks, bird watching or if you have never seen what beautiful Bribie has to offer.

MORETON ISLAND

Through Walk Sat 28 - Sun 29 Apr
LEADER: Elaine Beller 3356 4730
MOBILE: 0417069366
EMAIL: embeller@gmail.com
GRADE: MTW-2B
LIMIT: 10
BRING: usual through walk gear
COST: \$4.50 camp fee, \$45 ferry, \$5 secure parking
DEPART: 8am for 8:30am depar MiCat,
14 Howard Smith Dve, Lytton

This activity is full.

MT MAROON CAVE ROUTE

Day Walk Sun 29 Apr
LEADER: John Dwyer 3844 9213 (a/h)
MOBILE: 0408 077 491
EMAIL: jgdwyer@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: MDW-6C
LIMIT: 8 (including leader)
DEPART: 6:00am Fairfield Gardens
MAP: Maroon 1:25000

Mt Maroon is located in Mt Barney NP SSW of Brisbane off the Boonah-Rathdowney Rd. This walk starts at the usual place for Mt Maroon walks but quickly departs from the normal route. Once 'off track' we traverse a gully or 2 before going up a ridge to the cliffs. Here we follow around until directly under "the cave" (it's really a big overhang-quite big!). From the cave we get interesting views of surrounding country as we enjoy our morning tea. Following this break we descend out of the cave then contour/climb around the mountain until on a rocky spur which takes us up to the northern rim. From here the going is more open and views abound. Depending on how we are travelling for time we'll either stop somewhere here for lunch or we may go all the way to the main summit. Descent is via the 'tourist track'.

TOOHEY FOREST NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Mon 30 Apr
LEADER: Ros Firster
& Richard Lukacz 07 33249018
MOBILE: rosfirster@hotmail.com
GRADE: SNW-2A
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Torch, water & a smile
DEPART: 6:30pm QE11 Hospital carpark;
Cnr Kessels & Troughton Rds

Due to popular demand, we are putting this on again... & again! 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.

STONEY CREEK

- BELLTHORPE STATE FOREST

Day Walk Tue 1 May
LEADER: Ralph Chetham 3353 5571
GRADE: MDW - 6C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Always take P3 + 3L water
DEPART: 6:30am Alderley
MAP: Bellthorpe 1:25 000, Neurum 1:25 000
Bellthorpe State Forest is not far from Woodford and the trip will start from the Stoney Ck Day

Use area. The plan is to go up Stoney Ck and one of its tributaries. This trip is partly exploratory. There is a good pool near where the cars are parked for those brave enough

GREEN MOUNTAINS TO BORDER RANGES AND REVERSE

Through Walk Sat 5 - Mon 7 May
LEADER: Ray Glancy, John Dwyer, Lynsey Moore, David Sydes 3343 8854
MOBILE: 0419 719 480
EMAIL: rayanddawnglancy@yahoo.com.au
GRADE: XLTW-5C
LIMIT: 16 (including leaders)
BRING: Usual through walk gear inc. cold weather, capacity for 4l water total - I will explain, party food for 2 nights (please be conservative), long gaiters or long trousers, scunge gloves, compass, camera strongly suggested
COST: \$9 camp fees PAYABLE ON NOMINATION, car and vehicle contribution - approx \$26
DEPART: 5am 24 Morialta Street, Mansfield - carpooling intended
CAR KMS: 220 to 280 kms
MAP: Lamington, Tyalgum, Bray's Ck NSW
Last year, 2006, Julia Wain, Lynsey Moore, Greg Long and I led this 2 way classic rainforest, escarpment hugging walk which follows the border between NSW and QLD over the May long weekend. It was the second time I had done this walk and found it as enjoyable as the first time so I'm offering it again on the May long weekend this year Sat 5th to Mon 7th May. Who the other leaders will be hasn't been finalized yet but some of last year's leaders have expressed an interest in doing it again. It is a walk especially suited to members looking to do a longer through walk requiring some navigation skills. If this is you, read on. One group will leave Green Mts on Saturday morning and the other group will leave Border Ranges. On Saturday and Sunday nights, we will camp at Point Lookout or Rat-a-Tat campsites. Which campsite you sleep at on which night will be determined by the direction you travel. Both these campsites rank very highly as examples of rainforest sites with great views over Mt Warning from Pt Lookout and Rat-a-Tat site being at the headwaters of the Albert River and having glow-worms directly at the site. We will group together and leave Brisbane at 5am sharp and travel to Jimboomba where we will swap vehicles. This is to ensure that owner/drivers collect their own car at the end of the walk therefore, you need to BRING AN EXTRA SET OF CAR KEYS, this is VERY IMPORTANT. At approximately lunchtime on Sunday, the two

groups should meet and car keys will be returned to their owner. Please be aware that if you take your car someone else will need to drive it to the starting point. As National Parks place a limit of 8 per campsite per night nominations for this walk will ONLY be accepted with the payment of \$9.00 camping fees. Please be aware of this when you nominate. Also, NSW Parks & Wildlife charge a vehicle access fee of \$7 per day per vehicle. This cost will be split amongst the group.

GIRRAWEE TUNNEL OF DOOM AND CELESTIAL PALACE

Through Walk Sat 5 - Mon 7 May
LEADER: Siobhan Mouncey 3393 0382
MOBILE: 0428 930382
EMAIL: pmouncey@ozemail.com.au
GRADE: FSTW-4B
LIMIT: 10
COST: \$15
CAR KMS: 480km
MAP: Girraween
The Tunnel of Doom is a passage between two huge granite outcrops, around 4m wide, 50m deep and 200m long. It is covered with large chunks of granite, which we will scramble over, around and under. We expect to find enclosed spaces, darkness, dirt and water. (It's the kind of place your mum wouldn't let you go.) This little bit of the walk should really be graded 7 for the scrambling, but we'll have plenty of time so there will be no rush. The rest of the walk will be quite easy and leisurely. We'll explore the western slopes of Mt Norman, the underground river, the pyramid, and spend a night in the Celestial Palace-a very comfortable and majestic camping cave. We will depart on Friday afternoon, and return on Monday afternoon.

WESTERN WINDOW & GREENES FALLS

Day Walk Sun 13 May
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 Cnt
CAR KMS: 70km
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park
SELF SERVE NOMINATIONS OK

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. 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.

MOTHERS DAY CLASSIC

Social Day Walk Sun 13 May
LEADER: Dawn Hendrick 3277 1842 (new)
MOBILE: 0428 197 268
EMAIL: dawn_hendrick@hotmail.com
GRADE: SOCDW-1A
BRING: BBW T Shirt, hat, sneakers, water bottle and plenty of enthusiasm
COST: \$23 for adults

DEPART: 6:15am South Bank Forecourt
This is a very special event which is run every year on Mothers Day. The Classic Walk or Run is held in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide & Hobart. All funds raised go to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. The walk is 8km along a route beside the Brisbane River and starts at 8:10am. Prior to the walk starting there are also 4 and 8 km running events, but the final event and most enjoyable one is the walk. The whole thing is over by 10:30am allowing plenty of time for participants to be somewhere else by lunchtime! Alternatively you can enjoy a leisurely brunch with the group from BBW at one of South Banks many cafes. Registrations are completed on the website at <http://www.mothersdayclassic.org> Registrations close on the website on the 2nd May - after that you have to register on the day and the queues are usually LONG:

STACEY'S AT THE GAP or BURNEYS 50TH BIRTHDAY BASH

Base Camp Fri 18 - Sun 20 May
LEADER: Burney 32699383
MOBILE: 0422386080
GRADE: SOCIAL
LIMIT: 40
BRING: Glad rags and mask, BYO drinks, day walk gear, warm clothing, lunches and morning-teas.
COST: \$100 for catering and accommodation paid by April 11th
CAR KMS: 210km

Please join in for a weekend away and help me cope with turning 50!! (No presents, pls) Kamp Stacey is now open as "Stacey's at the Gap". It's location is a 2.5kms passed Cunningham's Gap

on the right (direction Warwick). We arrive Fri night to a simple meal of Curry & Rice This will be available in the dining hall, where there is also a woodfire and couches. Each hut has a bar fridge and heater, single beds with linen, towels and pillows provided. A simple warm breakfast for sat. morning is included but you'll need to bring morning tea and lunches for your walks. There will be 3 possibilities over the weekend: Mt Mitchell and Mt Cordeux as easy trackwalks or an off-track ascent of Mt. Cordeaux. Saturday's soiree will commence with pre-dinner hors d'oeuvres (provided) then a main course and cake. Please come dressed to party and a mask would be fun!! (Mine is body length to cover the wrinkles.) There's room to dance, so be there!! Sunday will be a light breakfast and possibly an easy walk before departing. Please notify me ASAP if there are special dietary requirements.

MT BARNEY FOR FIRST TIMERS WEEKEND

Day Walk/social Weekend Fri 25 - Sun 27 May
LEADER: Drew O'Brien 38563336
Lynsey Moore 33666135
MOBILE: 0409 725843 (L)
EMAIL: moorealjac@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: LBC-7E
LIMIT: 15 (Incl Leaders)
BRING: Always take p3, +3.5/4.5l water + torch (compulsory) for climb, food & drink for the weekend (including party food), sleeping bag & pillow (ear plugs also suggested for people allergic to zeds in the night).
COST: Approx \$60 - tba
DEPART: Own arrangements (phone if needing transport)
CAR KMS: Approx.200 km
MAP: Mt Lindesay (1:25000)

It's on again, in the tradition so wonderfully established by Rob Leavy: Mt Barney for First Timers offers those who are ready to do the 1100m climb & 20k round trip of this SE Qld centrepiece, the opportunity to combine that wonderful experience with a very social weekend. Arriving Fri evening, we will be overnighing Fri and Sat nights in the bunk style accommodation of Forester's and Henry's Hut at Mt Barney Lodge. The huts have full crockery, cutlery and fridges and gas stoves. There is a separate amenities block, containing communal toilets and HOT showers. On Sat, we climb to the East Peak via the South East Ridge. After lunch on top, our descent will depend on how everyone is travelling & on prevailing conditions - it will be either down Rocky Creek between Logans & North Ridge; or down to the East-West saddle and then via South (Peasants') Ridge. Although there is not much exposure on

the climb, there are a couple of tricky and steep sections and so those who have a significant fear of heights should not nominate. (If in doubt, discuss with Drew or Lynsey.) Sat night is post-climb celebration, so bring your munchies etc and your choice of beverages. No walks are planned for Sun but, for those with some surplus energy left, there is an interesting climb up Mt Gillies behind the Lodge. Check out time is 11am on Sun. Booking Conditions: Fitness: You must have climbed at least one of Mt Maroon, Mt May or Mt Greville (or equivalent) without ill-effects to your health, fitness or concerns with the terrain. Cost: Approx \$60 per person, payable on signing up, by cash or by cheque made payable to Mt Barney Lodge Country Retreat. AND SORRY: there can be no Sat morning arrivals - we need a precision start for a big day; & you have to pay for both nights, as we have booked accommodation for the weekend.

MT D'AGUILAR

Day Walk Sun 27 May
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. SELF SERVE NOMINATIONS OK

LIZARD POINT

Day Walk Sun 27 May
LEADER: John Dwyer 3844 9213
MOBILE: 0408 077 491
EMAIL: jgdwyer@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: MDW-5C
LIMIT: 12 including leader
DEPART: 6:00am Fairfield Gardens
MAP: Mt Superbus 1:25000

Lizard Point is a scenic spot offering panoramic views of the peaks of the Main Range and Mt Barney. Most of the walk is in rainforest. After leaving the cars at Teviot Gap we ascend one of the spurs of Mt Superbus along the site of the old rabbit fence. The track is steep and slippery and involves some scrambling. Once on top, we follow the escarpment north to the summit of Mt Roberts, then onto Lizard Point where we will have lunch. We return via the same route. The walk is suitable for fit and experienced walkers.

LAKE MANCHESTER

Day Walk Sat 2 Jun
LEADER: Dawn Hendrick 3277 1842 (new)
MOBILE: 0428 197 268
EMAIL: dawn_hendrick@hotmail.com
GRADE: SDW-2B
LIMIT: 16
BRING: Usual daywalk gear, 2l water, morning tea. Lunch left in the car for later.
COST: own transport
DEPART: 7:00am Fairfield Gardens
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park Info Map

Lake Manchester is on the southern boundary of Brisbane Forest Park to the west of Brisbane. The lake was formed in 1916 when the Dam wall was finished capturing Cabbage Tree Ck. There is no boating so birdlife is abundant. We will park in the recreational area (UBD p172 Q1) and walk along the track to the dam wall. We then walk beside the lake to the Log Cabin. We will have morning tea here then stroll back at a leisurely pace, stopping whenever we find a suitable spot to admire the view or to identify the many different water birds that inhabit the lake edge. There are a few steep hills on the way but we will take these slowly so that everyone gets there in the end! For those who don't have to rush off we will enjoy a picnic lunch in the recreational area which has (wood fired) BBQ facilities. Preferred nomination is by email or on the website. When nominating please include the following details (as on the nomination sheet): car, no. of passengers, phone number, suburb, membership status (full or probationary). No list at meetings.

A Report from Vietnam

The greying global nomads reporting in from Vietnam to the Brisbane Bushwalking Club - our first report on our first trek. Great if the magazine can publish it (feel free to edit it ruthlessly and also send it on to anyone contemplating trekking in Vietnam). Sapa Trek (Vietnam) We booked our trekking tour from the Kangaroo Cafe (thanks to the recommendation from Julia and Glenn Wain who recommended them or Hand span Travel - you get what you pay for with both of these groups - otherwise it is pot luck in Vietnam). Whilst we paid for an organized tour and guide (\$107 US for the lot), you can travel independently to Sapa and book a guide and local transport there - however good trekking maps are few and far between.

Day 1 We traveled via the overnight train (soft sleeper) to Lao Cai where we were met by the local bus. We weaved our way to Sapa in the hills where we got our first view of the stunning mountain scenery filled with rice paddies and the minority ethnic groups (H'mong, Dzai, Tay etc) that populate the valleys. We stayed in Sapa one night at the Cat Cat Hotel) with fantastic views and good food. We explored the town including Cat Cat Falls close to Sapa - always followed by a group of women in ethnic costume wanting to sell local jewellery or handicrafts.

Day 2 We met our guide Sui, a 22 year old H'mong woman from a village 4 hours away. She turned out to be very cheeky and teased Jim mercilessly (and he gave plenty back!). We started trekking along the road from Sapa, once again followed by the H'mong and Dzai sellers ("You buy from me."). After a few kilometers we left the road and descended sharply into the valley with views of Sapa above us. The track is clay based and very slippery. We walked through the rice paddies, piglets, chicken and water buffalo for three hours until lunch at a local village. We then continued on for another two hours to Ta Van where we stayed overnight at a local house. Jim and our trekking partners Lothar and Regi indulged in some rice wine with the family - four shots (one for each foot and each hand!). Then off to bed on a comfy mattress.

Day 3 We awoke to the sight of the local villagers crowded around a dead man right outside of our house! Apparently the man was a stranger about 40 years of age and had died overnight. The villagers very efficiently placed the body in a casket and proceeded to bury the man (no police investigation or autopsy here..). That morning we trekked through Bamboo forest (again followed by local villagers wanting to sell their goods) across a bamboo swing bridge onto a more established road which we followed to a small village where we had lunch. We then descended the valley again into Ban Ho for the night. This area was a bit more developed than our previous home stay - the government is building a dam to service Sapa and blasting was taking place. We bathed in hot springs (which the local use as a daily bath) and explored the village where the women were spinning hemp for material for their ethnic garb. Our bed that night was in a bamboo hut on a mattress.

Day 4 We walked to the river just outside town - big boulders reminiscent of those in Byron Gorge). Then it was all up hill - We walked for one and a half hours up the mountain in the heat of the day to the road where we were met by a jeep. At the village a young boy had cut his hand and it was obviously infected - we offered to take him to the local hospital and pay for him to be treated but his grandmother would not let us. Reluctantly we had to leave the boy to his fate. On the way back to Sapa, we passed a dead water buffalo that the locals were chopping up for meat - blood everywhere. We arrived back in Sapa at lunch for a very welcome shower and a real western style toilet.

We left on a local bus at 5pm to catch the overnight train from Lao Cia - saw a bad motorbike accident on the way - a common sight given the lack of road rules in Vietnam. Arrived back in Hanoi at 5am.

More later.. the Walkers.

Photos for the Front Cover

First of all thanks everyone for all the great photos we receive for the front cover. However some are a bit small for publication. I'm not talking about how many cm wide and high they are but rather the pixel size. For a lot of us this is pure double dutch, so to briefly explain:

Shoot your photos in the largest format your camera can do and supply to us in jpeg format. No need to resize or adjust colour. This gives us the best chance of producing a good print for the magazine.

If anyone needs help with their photoshop editing, or has some handy hints send us an email.

Keep that trigger finger busy.

cheers, Jenz

RALPH TURNS 70

*So Ralph Chetham has at last hit the big 7-0
Ralph's friends are thinking, will Ralphie now walk slow?
Ralph thought, "I'd better put an end to all of this hushed talk.
I'll show them I've still got it. I'll take them for a walk!"*

*He led a birthday walk, up Mt Barney's southern slope
He went up South Ridge so we lesser mortals could cope
Eight went up South Ridge. Six came up from North
We all met up on top, and the birthday cakes came forth.*

*We had plenty to share with the other groups on East.
The oldest walker amongst them must have been 25 at least.
We introduced them to our Birthday boy and told them of his age.
They all stood open mouthed. (As near as I could gauge).*

*Another group of BBW's had gone up Mt Lindsay that Sunday.
And sent us birthday greetings, made up of pure Sun-Ray
Their message flashed across to us, over the empty space
We flashed our message back, using mirrors face to face.*

*Their message said: "Happy Birthday Ralph, see you at the Café."
Ours said: "The cakes all gone, hope you have a nice day."
And so we headed down South East ridge with 2 lost youngsters in tow.
How they'd have got down without us, is something we'll never know.*

*We met back at Petronella's, where bushwalkers go to eat
And have a proper sit-down, and rest their weary feet.
Then Ralph made an announcement, to those who were still alive
You're all invited back to do it again, when I'm 75*

BRI\$SIE BILL

SHINY LEAF STINGING TREE

I was recently mildly stung by a Shiny Leaf Stinging Tree in the Watson Ck area near the NSW border. I did not initially recognize this tree as a stinger. The leaf shape & appearance was different to the familiar Giant Stinging Tree & also the NQ variety. The sting was as potent as the NQ species.

I recalled some innate rules regarding stinging trees & these are:-

- The best way of dealing with stinging trees is NOT TO GET STUNG.
- The best way not to get stung is for AUTOMATIC RECOGNITION & AVOIDANCE.
- The optimum way to learn recognition is to GET STUNG A FEW TIMES.

I now have three of the six species imprinted.

Lou Darveniza

Committee Notices

GUEST SPEAKERS

EVACUATION—28 MARCH

Frank Bowling is a member of QBW who was walking in the Eastern Arthurs in Tasmania recently when his group came across another party with an injured walker. Fortunately, he was carrying an EPIRB. He will give a presentation on his experiences on this trip including the medical evacuation and a fire evacuation a few days later. It's a good bushwalking adventure story.

CAREFLIGHT—11 APRIL

Staying with a similar theme to the last meeting, Katrina Cutler from Care Flight will give a presentation on what's happening with the rescue service. Over the years, the Care Flight helicopter and medical staff have been a very comforting sight for a few of our members. We haven't needed them often, but it's great to know they're around when emergencies do arise.

25 APRIL

Being Anzac day, we haven't arranged a guest speaker for this night, but if anyone has a short presentation or slide show they would like to put on, just let me know.

COLD AND COSY—13TH JUNE

Picnic Pete will discuss what makes us cold in the bush, and what keeps us warm. What clothes should we carry in our day packs, through packs and snow packs? How does this high-tech clothing work? How should we use it? This is essential information for bush walkers, people who "feel the cold," and anybody going on the cross country ski trip

If there are any topics you would like to see covered at the meetings, let me know and I'll see if I can organize them. If you don't tell me what you want, you'll have to put up with what I want.

Ian Marlow

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members during March 2007

Katie Aitchison	David Baker	Gavin Byrne	Peta Cassells
Dorrit De Nooy	Denise Downham	Ray Downham	Stephano Gillespie
Joe Greenwood	Claire Hendrie	Peter Hottes	Carmen Keating
Jay Marshall	Gudrun Meyer-Boehm	Jenny Neumann	Geoff Oliver
Linda Pankhurst	Bruce Parsons	Debbie Rankin	Loretta Ryan
Harry Shortt	Paul Sleswick	Jolie Smoothy	Margaret Sykes
Audrey Van Beusichem	Marcelle van der Merwe	Jess Wassenberg	Darryl West
Ian White	Liz Woodgate	Peter Worthington	9/03/2007

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

Cheryl Mock

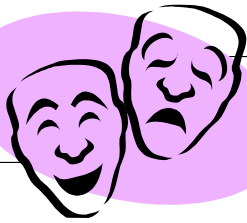
David Gwyther

MAGAZINE COLLATING

Collating for May magazine is at Anne Kemp's at Auchenflower on Thursday 19th April 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 3371 2707 to book.

FOR SALE

Scarpa Sherpa (SL-M3) Size 43 Men's boots. View at <http://www.scarpa.com/scarpa.php>
Cost 399.00. Perfect condition, worn only briefly, never been to the bush. Sell for 299.00 ono.
Call Geoffrey H. 38443111 W 32235300



Out & About

DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT

WHEN: 6.30pm Tuesday 3 April
WHERE: Otello, 1/180 Oxford St, Bulimba
CONTACT: Peter Hunt 3351 3642

This restaurant is definitely Italian as confirmed by the menu. There is a good range of meals to suit all tastes and the prices are reasonable. The only challenge is to make a choice from the menu.

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 Rd. Annerley
LIMIT: 20
CONTACT: Burney 32699383 0422386080
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.

Burney

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

Cross Country Skiing

Saturday 1st - Sunday 9th SEPTEMBER 2007

GRADE: MDW-5C - LIMIT: 20



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.

I will book accommodation on 1st May, so I need \$300 from you by 30th April. (This is a revision from the previously advertised dates.) I estimate you will spend another \$300 on food, ski hire, park entry fees and car pooling. And another \$300 on travel from and to Brisbane.

Please contact me for more details Peter Lock 3351 1184 0419 496 837 peter2007@lock.id.au

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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