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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 3rd September** is at Tom Cowlishaw's at 47 Samford Rd. 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 <u>clearly printed</u> 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 **October** magazine is the Open Meeting **Wednesday 10th September** Pre-trip descriptions for all activities please!

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Cover Photograph
"Training for Larapinta" at Sentinel Point
Rosemary McConnell

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	
Tent or Pack	\$10.00

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

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

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

All equipment may be booked for hire by phoning the Equipment Officer.

Pre-booking will ensure availability.

LIBRARY

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

MEMBERSHIP FEES

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

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

Probationary Members:

Nomination fee \$30.00 per 6mth



FIRST AID CERTIFICATES

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

Club Officials

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Equipment	Greg Long	3841 1720		Greg Long	3841 1720

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

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. Each passenger should expect to contribute 10-15 cents per km. Large cars and 4WDs obviously cost more to run than small cars. If there are 3 or more passengers then 10c/km is probably a reasonable contribution. 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 \$4.85 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.

PROGRAM

ALWAYS TAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU

Refer to Page 3 for a list of the minimum items required to take on a Day Walk

Augu 26	ist MDW 7D	NORTH PEAKMt.BARNEY	Brian Randle	32662932	
27	Meeting - Stove Wars				
29-31 31	MBC-2B MTW-6C LDW-3C MDW-4C MDW-5D	Goomburra New Members Base Camp Steamers and Lizard Point Aracuria Lookout - Lamington NP Northbrook Mtn Mowburra Peak (Mt Ballow Range)	Ray Glancy Ryan Langley Jenny Zohn John Shields John Stevens 04	3343 8854 32646565 31 929 466	
Septe	ember				
2 2-25 6	SOCIAL LTW-5C MDW-2A	Jakarta - Dinner and Movie Night Tasmania - Overland Track & Others Toohey Forest	Peter Hunt Ray Glancy Nick Brooking	33513642 3343 8854 3262 5244	
6	soc	60th Anniversary Dinner	Carrol Helander	3396 8652	
6-7 7	S&T ABS-40 MDW-6C? MDW3C	C Basic Abseil Training weekend Kangaroo Point bab Mt Clunie and Stags Head - Survey Mt D'Aguilar	oy cliffs Kay Byrne Jon Beer John Shields	3397 1021 3865 1808 32646565	
10	Meeting - B	rian & Julie Moore - Kilimanjaro			
12-14	LBC-4C	Straddie Social	Jenny Zohn	22040505	
	MDW-3A LDW-6D MBC-5C LTW-3C	ALK Mt Glorious Base Camp Venman & Tingalpa Creek Circuits Mt Ernest Traverse Mt Castle & The Ampitheatre Fraser Island, Southern Lakes Gree	John Shields Dawn Glancy Greg Long John Dwyer 384 g Kuss, Al Hewson	32646565 3343 8854 3841 1720 4 9213 (a/h) 37208245	
14 19-21	MDW 3B SDW-5C MDW-6C KAYAK BC	Coomera Circuit Mt Greville Cabbage Tree Creek - Brisbane Forest Park	Mary Comer Janine Hope	3844 6231 3397 7706 31 929 466	
21	SETW-5C FSOC MDW-4C MDW-6C FSDW-5B	Mt May and Mt Maroon Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Love & Kobble Cks [DRY WEATHER ONLY] Mount Maroon via South Ridge Tabletop - Toowoomba	Picnic Pete Marion Crowther John Shields Paul Gorell Marion Crowther	3351 1184 33517832 32646565 3882 2489 33517832	
24 Meeting - Storm Danger Presentation					
26-28	B MTW-7D	Barney Gorge Through Walk	Lou & Marion Darv	eniza	
	SLTW-6C SDW-5C MDW-6C	Stinson Stretcher Track Through Walk Flinders Peak Flaggy Creek - Glen Rock Regional Park	Ray Glancy Eddie Chappel	3343 8854 32619337 31 929 466	
Octo	ber				
4 5	MDW-2B MDW 4C SDW-1A	Mt.Cordeaux/Bare Rock for Under 40s Border Gate to Binna Burra Bird Watching Walk And Breakfast	& Adam Clarke 04 Mary Comer Ray Glancy	12 007 360 3844 6231 3343 8854	
8	8 Meeting - Photographic Competition				

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	2 MBC-5B 9 MBC-3B LBC-5D SDW5A	Girraween Janine Hope & Pe NEW MEMBERS BASE CAMP - Brisbane Forest Bald Rock Sortie Mt Matheson	eter Hunt 33977706 Park Ray Glancy Greg Kuss Janine Hope	& 33513642 3343 8854 37208245 3397 7706	
22 General Meeting and AGM					
26	MDW-6C	Lost World & Albert River Circuit	Paul Gorell	3882-2489	
Nove	November				
2	LDW 3C	Binna Burra to O'Reillys	Mary Comer	3844 6231	
14-16	6 KYK	Moreton Island	Jenny Zohn		
22	MDW-3C	Noosa NP and Sunshine Beach	Greg Kuss.	37208245	
December					
27	LTW-6D	Tasmania 4 Walks	Julie Moore	3353 5641	

INVITATION

60TH Anniversary Celebrations

BRISBANE BUSHWALKERS CLUB INC

When: Saturday, 6 September 2008- 6:30 pm for 7 pm

Where: Newmarket Memorial Hall (cnr of Enoggera Rd & Ashgrove Ave) Newmarket

Cost: \$15 per person Partners welcome

Three course dinner with complementary wine, soft drinks tea and coffee BYO drinks (if you wish)

Entertainment

RSVP by 29 August 2008 (this is necessary for catering purposes)

Payment to Club Treasurer by 29 August 2008

For further information contact Carrol Helander on 3396 8652 or 0401 150 615



Coming Trips

.NORTH PEAK--MT.BARNEY

Day Walk Tue 26 Aug LEADER: Brian Randle 07 32662932

MOBILE: 0408744542

EMAIL: leogem@powerup.com.au

GRADE: MDW 7D

LIMIT: 10

BRING: usual day walk gear DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens

CAR KMS: 200k

MAP: Mt.Lindesay 1:25000

We will park at Mt.Barney Lodge and walk up Logans Ridge for about 45min then cross Rocky Creek onto North Ridge. Lunch will be on top of North Peak and our descent will be via Rocky Creek.

GOOMBURRA NEW MEMBERS BASE CAMP

New Members Base CampFri 29 - Sun 31 Aug LEADER: Ray Glancy 07 3343 8854

MOBILE: 0419 719 480

EMAIL: rayanddawnglancy@yahoo.com.au

GRADE: MBC-2B LIMIT: NO LIMIT

BRING: BASE CAMP GEAR, THERMALS,

FLEECES, FIREWOOD, CHAIR, 10

LITRES WATER,

COST: \$9 per person (2 nights) camping +

car contribution

DEPART: See leader CAR KMS: app 200 kms

MEMBERSHIP CARD: A current Membership

Card must be carried on this activity.

The Goomburra Campground is situated in the Goomburra State Forest adjacent to parts of the rainforest Main Range. Goomburra is approximately 2 1/2 hours drive west of Brisbane just over Cunningham's Gap. Directions can be obtained from me. PROBATIONARY MEMBERS MUST ARRIVE ON FRIDAY NIGHT. Friday is arrival day and due to the fact that people may have work commitments till late in the day there will be no organised evening meal so members should either plan to eat before they leave Brisbane though I will have tables and a stove set up for those who wish to cook when they get there. AT 8AM SHARP on Saturday morning we will have discussions on club ethics and behavior, and first aid. PLEASE DON'T BE LATE. After the discussions, we will split into groups doing various track and off track walks. Please note the

grading, though there are footpads to all the lookouts and places of interest it follows the natural terrain so some walks may be slightly outside the range of some members. Please don't let this put you off (do a little training before hand) as the views from the Hole-in-the-wall and various lookouts are some of the best in south-east Queensland. Saturday night there will be demonstrations on equipment and we will be have party food and a glass of something. It is a good chance for new members and full members attending to get to know each other and relax around a campfire. Sunday morning will be further discussions on equipment, food and then we will set off on a shorter track walk which will complete the New Members Base Camp weekend. We will pack up and head back to Brisbane early afternoon with maybe a coffee stop at Aratula. PROBATIONARY MEMBERS MUST COM-PLETE ALL THE WALKS AND ATTEND ALL THE TALKS TO USE THE BASE CAMP TO QUALIFY FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP. DON'T FORGET YOUR COLD GEAR (last time I was there the temperature dropped to Minus 6 deg.)

STEAMERS AND LIZARD POINT

Throughwalk Fri 29 - Sun 31 Aug

LEADER: Ryan Langley

EMAIL: rrlaust@yahoo.com.au

GRADE: MTW-6C

LIMIT: 8

BRING: Usual TW gear

COST: 9.70 National Park fees DEPART: 6pm Pre-arranged

This walk is located in the Main Range, south of Cunningham's Gap. Initially, there is a steep elevation gain as we follow the same route as the Steamers throughwalk, stopping to take in the great view of the Steamers from the Stern. We then head to Lizard Point for another classic view before camping a short distance away at Lizard south. Water is near the campsite. On Sunday we head south to the Lincoln bomber site, before heading back to the cars. Reasonable fitness is required and a second 4WD vehicle would be good. Come along for great Main Range views. Please nominate by email.

NORTHBROOK MTN

Day Walk
LEADER: John Shields 07-32646565
MOBILE: 0447824988[on walk day only]
EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au

GRADE: MDW-4C

LIMIT: 15

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BRING: MUST TAKE P3/2I WATER

COST: FUEL \$12

DEPART: 7am Albany Ck Centro Shopping

Centre UBD 108 F16

CAR KMS: 40 MAP: BFP

SELF SERVE ON LINE PREFERRED

NO LIST AT MEETINGS CONTACT LEADER

DIRECT

Parking at the Lawton Rd gate we proceed down the road to pick up the track up Northbrook Mtn to enjoy smoko and views from the first peak. We follow the track along the ridge through the orchid coated rocks with views all the way . We may lunch up there or if time permits walk out to Eagle Hawks Nest. The return to the cars could be back along the road or possibly along a track that I am yet to survey. The usual Samford Bakery Coffee stop will be partaken. This is a lovely walk." TRUST ME".SELF SERVE ON LINE BOOKINGS PREFERRED OR CONTACT LEADER DIRECT. NO LIST AT MEETINGS

MOWBURRA PEAK (MT BALLOW RANGE)

Day Walk Sun 31 Aug LEADER: John Stevens 0431 929 466

EMAIL: johnpstevens@hotmail.com

GRADE: MDW-5D

LIMIT: 8

BRING: usual day gear, at least 3 litres of

water

CAR KMS: 240 kms

MAP: Mt Maroon 1:25,000

MT. BARNEY 1:25,000 DEPARTMENT OF FOR-

ESTRY, EDITION 4: Mt Lindesay

1:25,000

This activity is full.

TASMANIA - OVERLAND TRACK & OTHERS

Through Walks Tue 2 - Thu 25 Sep LEADER: Ray Glancy 3343 8854

MOBILE: 0419 719 480

EMAIL: rayanddawnglancy@yahoo.com.au

GRADE: LTW-5C

LIMIT: 8

BRING: Usual through walk gear with an em-

phasis on cold and wet (possible

snow)

COST: Air fares, internal transport, hostel

accommodation approx 5 nights, Na-

tional Parks Pass

DEPART: TBA

MAP: Tasmania

As I've done the Overland Track in nearly perfect conditions, I thought it would be good to check out the Overland Track (8 days) when Mother Nature's got her nasty face on SO this walk will

be at the end of Winter but with a real possibility of snow which will make the walk significantly more challenging than the usual duck board walk it is. Please don't underestimate how difficult this could be and be well prepared with waterproof coats and pants and a waterproofed pack. If we survive the Overland Track, I plan to celebrate by doing the Tasman Trail (6 days) walking down to Cape Pillar and then up the coast to Waterfall Bay. This walk along the cliffs above Cape Pillar and Cape Huay has stunning views out over the ocean and then does a meander along the beaches of the northern Tasman Peninsula. If time permits, we'll check out Port Arthur. Should we have any time left before departure, my plan is to do either Freycinet Peninsula (Wineglass Bay, Mt Graham, Cooks Beach) or Maria Island. If you're interested, please contact me as I don't plan to have a Nomination List at meetings.

TOOHEY FOREST

Day Walk Sat 6 Sep LEADER: Nick Brooking 3262 5244

MOBILE: 04 1972 4296

EMAIL: brooking@bigpond.com

GRADE: MDW-2A

LIMIT: 15

BRING: See Page 3 in Mag
DEPART: 10am Fairfield Gardens

To coincide with the 60th birthday of the club, reminiscent of days gone by, this walk is set in Toohey Forest in the suburb of Nathan, less than 10km from the City centre. The walk starts and finishes in Mt Gravatt Cemetery; let us hope happily. We follow established bitumen and dirt tracks up to Griffith University, down through the southern part of the park, over Toohey Road and up to Pegg's Lookout where we'll have lunch. Then back along the track system and down to bottom of the hill east of the University. It's a little over 10km hence the Medium length rating and there are a few hills, but you don't get much easier than this. It should give us an appetite for the birthday dinner in the evening.

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Social Sat 6 Sep LEADER: Carrol Helander 3396 8652

MOBILE: 0401 150 615

EMAIL: carrolh@optusnet.com.au

GRADE: SOC LIMIT: 200

COST: \$15 per person

DEPART: 7pm

This is the year that Brisbane Bush Walkers celebrates 60 years as a club. To mark the occasion the Club is sponsoring an Anniversary Dinner. The dinner will be held at the Newmarket Hall.

Partners are invited. There will be a three course dinner with complementary wine and soft drinks, tea and coffee. BYO wine beer spirits etc. Music and dancing For catering purposes it is essential to book and pay before 29 August 2008.Invitations will be sent out with the next magazine. Time 6:30pm for 7pm

BASIC ABSEIL TRAINING WEEKEND KANGA-ROO POINT BABY CLIFFS

Training Sat 6 - Sun 7 Sep LEADER: Kay Byrne 3397 1021

MOBILE: 0429924726

EMAIL: kby51515@bigpond.net.au

GRADE: S&T ABS-4C

LIMIT: 8

BRING: Water, Suncreeen, hat, sunglasses

Morning tea

COST: \$20 each day

DEPART: 7:30am Meet at rotunda above baby

cliffs at Kangaroo Point

EQUIPMENT: Abseil equipment will be supplied This activity is a two day (Saturday and Sunday) basic abseil course conducted by John Granat (BBW Abseil co-ordinator) and assistance from other qualified members of BBW. The Saturday training must be completed before the Sunday training can be attempted. Please note that you will be required to contribute \$20 each day towards the cost of the training (\$10 rope use and \$10 equipment hire -if you do not have your own equipment) Be quick for this great opportunity, as numbers are limited. We will probably be finished around 1330hrs on both days. Any enquiries please ring my home number or email me.

MT CLUNIE AND STAGS HEAD - SURVEY

Day Walk Sun 7 Sep LEADER: Jon Beer 3865 1808

GRADE: MDW-6C?

LIMIT: 8

BRING: a sense of adventure! and don't for-

get torches, warm clothing and spare

food!

COST: transport

DEPART: 5:30am Fairfield Gardens

CAR KMS: 250?

MAP: Mt Clunie 1:25000 topographic

NOMINATE: direct to leader

Mt Clunie is right on the border between Qld and NSW out near Boonah. In fact the walk will start from the Boonah Border Gate which is on the White Swamp Road. The intention of this walk is to climb Mt Clunie without going via any of the infamously steep rabbit/border fences. Our ascent ridge starts 'down the road' from the border gate and goes all the way to the summit and on the map it looks 'ok'. Once on top of the mountain

we'll go along the plateau and navigate to Stags Head a feature I've never been to before. From here we'll try to follow a series of saddles and knolls back to the lower section of the border fence (and over Watson's creek) back to out vehicles at the gate. A lot of the mountain is covered in rainforest so I'm not sure what views might be had, but just finding the way is going to be the fun part!

MT D'AGUILAR

Day Walk
LEADER: John Shields 32646565
MOBILE: 0447824988[on walk day only]
EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au

GRADE: MDW3C

LIMIT: 15

BRING: Day Pack [as page3] 2litre WATER

COST: \$13 fuel contribution

DEPART: 7am Albany Ck Centro Shopping

Centre, UBD IO8 F16:

CAR KMS: 84 MAP: BFP

NOMINATE: Online, phone or email bookings /

No booking list at meetings

Parking at Tenison Woods Mtn we walk out and down to the Piper Commanche wreck having smoko on the way. From the wreck we follow the contour line around to Mt D'Aguilar where we ascend to the 3 peaks . THIS SECTION IS UNSURVEYED so there could be a treat in store. Lunch stop will be spent at the highest peak. We return to the trig point off track to follow along the ridge past the antique jinker and the bower to the cars. A coffee stop at Samford on the way home will be the finale.

STRADDIE SOCIAL

Base Camp/social Fri 12 - Sun 14 Sep

LEADER: Jenny Zohn GRADE: LBC-4C LIMIT: 8 inc. leader

BRING: Base camp & day walk gear, chair,

extra sunscreen & swimmers. There

are hot showers!

COST: approx \$60, camping, ferry, taxi,

meals

MEET:: 6.45pm for 7.15pm depart Stradbroke

Is Ferries, Cleveland

NOMINATE::Online bookings. No list at meeting

This activity is full.

MT GLORIOUS BASE CAMP QPWS VOLUN-TEERS ONLY

Base Camp Fri 12 - Sun 14 Sep LEADER: John Shields 32646565

MOBILE: 0447824988

EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au

GRADE: WORK'N'WALK

LIMIT: 15

BRING: usual tools gloves etc COST: \$10.50 camp fee DEPART: Meet at Barracks

CAR KMS: 80KM

More of the same as last time. Contact John if any queries or if you would like a bed [FIFS] I will order no rain this time. I could try cooking cinnamon and currant scrolls for a change on Saturday night.

VENMAN & TINGALPA CREEK CIRCUITS

Day Walk Sat 13 Sep LEADER: Dawn Glancy 3343 8854

MOBILE: 0418 778 369

EMAIL: rayanddawnglancy@yahoo.com.au

GRADE: MDW-3A

LIMIT: 12

BRING: P .3 'must take', + 2lt water, morning

tea, lunch to be left in cars for after

walk

COST: Own Transport

DEPART: 8am Venman Bushland NP, UBD

Map 244 E3

MEMBERSHIP CARD: You must carry your Mem-

bership Card on this activity.

These two walks are in Venman Bushland NP, West Mt Cotton Rd, Mt Cotton. The first part of this walk passes through a significant area of open eucalypt forest and smaller areas of lowland rainforest. The second part meanders beside Tingalpa Ck. The walk will take between 3 to 4 hrs depending on what we stop to look at. There are several steep ups and downs, but the pace will be SLOW. If you want to set an Olympic Record, please don't nominate for this walk. Lunch will be left in cars till after our walk. There are wood barbecues for anyone wanting to cook.

MT ERNEST TRAVERSE

Day Walk Sat 13 Sep LEADER: Greg Long 3841 1720

MOBILE: 0419 719 480

EMAIL: longmg@netspace.net.au

GRADE: LDW-6D LIMIT: 10

BRING: Usual day walk gear, minimum 2 li-

tres water, cold weather gear, long

gaiters

DEPART: 5:30am Fairfield Gardens

CAR KMS: 210 kms MAP: Mt Lindesay

PREFERRED NOMINATION: Self register or

email

DEPARTURE TIME: 5:30am sharp

This activity is full.

MT CASTLE & THE AMPITHEATRE

Base Camp Sat 13 - Sun 14 Sep LEADER: John Dwyer 3844 9213 (a/h)

MOBILE: 0408077491

EMAIL: john@mountainmojo.info

GRADE: MBC-5C

LIMIT: 8

BRING: Usual plus camping gear. COST: Camp Fees + Car Costs

DEPART: 6:00am TBA CAR KMS: 350kms

MAP: Townson & Glen Rock 1:25000

My annual pilgrimage to see the giant spear lilies in flower. On Saturday morning we will drive to the Goomburra section of Main Range NP and then walk to Mt Castle. The walk goes to Hole in the Wall, where we have morning tea, and then across a long ridge to Mt Castle where we scramble to the top for lunch. Sunday is an easier day. We walk along the Winder Track before turning off to the western escarpment where we will locate the Amphitheater and Blackfellow Falls. Some remnants of the forestry days may also be locatable. Expect to be back at the cars about 2:00pm. NO LIST AT MEETINGS. Preferred nomination is by e-mail.

FRASER ISLAND, SOUTHERN LAKES.

Through Walk Sat 13 - Tue 16 Sep LEADER: Greg Kuss, Al Hewson 37208245 EMAIL: gregorydk@optusnet.com.au

GRADE: LTW-3C

LIMIT: 8

BRING: Through walk gear. COST: ~\$75 + petrol contrib

DEPART: 7am Brisbane, transport prearranged.

CAR KMS: 500 k's

MAP: Sunmap Fraser Island, Fraser Is

Great Walk

World heritage listed Fraser Island is the largest sand island in the world. It is known for its pristine fresh water lakes of which we will visit 8, and the purest strain of dingoes remaining in Aust. Itinerary: DAY 1: 7am leave Brisbane and regroup at the log cabin roadhouse Gympie for coffee/breakfast. 10:30am we leave the cars at Inskip Point, Rainbow Beach and catch the ferry to Hook Point. Walk on free. 11am prebooked island 4WD taxi to One Tree Rocks. Lake Wabby/sand blow (deepest is. lake) for swim & lunch. Camp, Lake McKenzie. 15k's. Day 2: Basin Lake, lunch Central Station. Lake Jennings, Lake Birrabeen, Barga Lagoon, camp Lake Benaroon hikers only camp. 14k. Day 3: Lake Boomanjin (world's largest perched lake) lunch, Wongi sandblow, Dilli Village camp, private camp ground with hot show-

ers. 13.5k. Day 4: Relaxed morning. 12 midday (low tide) island 4WD taxi Dilli Village to Hook Point. Ferry to Inskip Point. Cars. Lunch Rainbow Beach. Travel to Brisbane. This through walk is suitable for members with less TW'ing experience as long as one TW has been completed. The hike is all on track. As long as you can carry everything you need for 4 days on your back and keep the weight of your pack down with little complaint. Fraser in Spring has fine clear days and crisp nights. Warm enough for lake swimming. The cost of the island taxi will vary depending on the number of participants. Cancellation at short notice after nomination will incur a fee. Speak to Al or Greg for more information.

COOMERA CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 14 Sep LEADER: Mary Comer 3844 6231

0427446000 MOBILE:

EMAIL: mco71878@bigpond.net.au

GRADE: MDW 3B LIMIT: 15

BRING:

Usual day walk gear

DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Car Park

Lamington NP MAP:

Starting in the car park at Binna Burra in Lamington NP this 17.4km graded track is mainly in rainforest. We have excellent views to the Coomera Falls and then follow the creek upstream, with several creek crossings, to near the escarpment. Our return is on the Border Track. This is a very beautiful walk with wonderful trees, cascades, mosses and ferns. It is a suitable walk for new members to the club. At Binna Burra the temperature is 5 degrees colder than Brisbane so please bring warm clothes with you.

MT GREVILLE

Day Walk Sun 14 Sep 3397 7706 LEADER: Janine Hope

MOBILE: 0417707663

EMAIL: j hope@bigpond.net.au

GRADE: SDW-5C

LIMIT: 12

BRING: Usual day walk gear +2 litres water

min.

DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens carpark

CAR KMS: 210

We will climb this peak via Waterfall Gorge and have morning tea on the slabs overlooking Lake Moogerah. The ascent from here on to the summit is largely off track and you will need to be fit enough for the uphill sections. Lunch is at the summit where there are great views of the main range. After lunch we will descend via Palm Gorge which has interesting palms and rock features. This walk is a good introduction to some off track walking, with an interesting variety of vegetation and views.

CABBAGE TREE CREEK - BRISBANE FOR-**EST PARK**

Day Walk Sun 14 Sep LEADER: 0431 929 466 John Stevens

johnpstevens@hotmail.com EMAIL:

GRADE: MDW-6C

LIMIT: 8

DEPART: 6:30am Alderley

CAR KMS: 70 kms

MAP: Brisbane Forest Park

The walk will start 1 km south east of Mt Nebo and will initially follow forestry roads. The final descent to Cabbage Tree Creek will be down a reasonably step grassy slope. We will come down near a large swimming hole. From there on, we will walk up Cabbage Tree Creek. There are a number of swimming holes along the way. We will come out of the creek up a steep forestry road that will take us back to our cars. This walk involves approx. 3 hours of rock hopping.

NOOSA RIVER

Base Camp Fri 19 - Sun 21 Sep

LEADER: Janine Hope & Peter Hunt

33977706&33513642

EMAIL: peterjameshunt@optusnet.com.au

GRADE: **KAYAK BC**

LIMIT: 15

BRING: Must take P3, kayak & all kayak

safety gear

COST: \$4.85 per night camp fees plus fuel

DEPART: Pre arranged MAP: Cooloola

The Noosa River flows very gently through health forest that will be in full flower at this time of year. The reflections in the still waters are mirror like for great viewing and photography. We are starting from Harry's camping area and paddling to camp site 3 where we will setup camp and have lunch. During the afternoon we can paddle up stream for more great viewing or do some bird watching at camp. Sunday we can walk to the Cooloola Sand Patch for great views and then paddle back to Harry's. Please bring nibbles for Saturday night. You will also need to bring your own kayak (river, estuary or sea are all suitable types). Kayaks can be hired from Rosco, Goodtime or other suppliers that you will find on the net. PFD's are essential and are usually supplied with the kayak hire. You will not be allowed on this trip without your PFD as it is an essential safety device. CAMP FEES MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE TO THE LEADERS.

MT MAY AND MT MAROON

Through Walk Fri 19 - Sun 21 Sep LEADER: Picnic Pete 3351 1184

MOBILE: 0419496837 EMAIL: peter@lock.id.au

GRADE: SETW-5C

LIMIT: 10 COST: \$10

DEPART: after work Friday

CAR KMS: 270 MAP: Maroon

Fri night we will camp at Mt May camping ground, after leaving a car at the other end. On Sat morning we climb Mt May for great views of Mt Barney, then follow the ridge towards our camp site at Paddy's Plain. On Sun we'll climb a picturesque slabby gully up the back of Mt Maroon. Lunch on the summit, with more great views. We descend via the north-east ridge to our patiently waiting cars. I welcome first-time through-walkers on this trip, and I have labeled it "easy", because it is short, slow, and has a great campsite with water nearby. But be aware that some of the track is steep, and you still have to climb a mountain each day. (People who don't like steep tracks might still enjoy this walk, but they would not call it easy.)

LOVE & KOBBLE CKS [DRY WEATHER ONLY]

Day Walk Sun 21 Sep LEADER: John Shields 07-32646565 MOBILE: 0447824988[on walk day only]

EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au

GRADE: MDW-4C

LIMIT: 15

BRING: DAY PACK [As per P3] COST: \$13 fuel contribution

DEPART: 7am Albany Ck Centro Shopping

Centre, UBD 108 F16

CAR KMS: 44 MAP: BFP

NOMINATE: Online, phone or email bookings /

No booking list at meetings

We must have a month of dry weather prior to doing this walk or we will go to PLAN "B". We follow Love Ck from the carpark rock hopping through the Palm groves and gorges until we reach a tributary on our left which takes us up the ridge. Walking back along the track we then drop down a ridge to Kobble Ck which will be rock hopping up to the point where we can rejoin the track for a short walk back to the cars. The coffee stop at Samford will be our reward on the way home.

MOUNT MAROON VIA SOUTH RIDGE

Day Walk Sun 21 Sep LEADER: Paul Gorell 3882 2489

MOBILE: 0422 091 300

EMAIL: gorell@powerup.com.au

GRADE: MDW-6C LIMIT: 12

BRING: Pg 4

DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gdns

CAR KMS: 220km

MAP: Maroon 1:25000

Mt Maroon is located in the Scenic Rim of South-East Qld. The south ridge of Mt. Maroon (965m) offers superb views while going up the ridge and good scrambling near the summit so confidence on rock is required. Lunch will be at the summit. After lunch, we will follow a creek on the south-west side which descends first through a small gorge and then becomes open and slabby and so down to Paddy's Plain. We then skirt around the base of the mountain along tracks and crossing creeks back to the cars at the end of Seidenspinner Rd. Please note the 6am start. Please nominate via the web site or phone leader. No list at meetings. Thanks.

BARNEY GORGE THROUGH WALK

Through Walk Fri 26 - Sun 28 Sep

LEADER: Lou & Marion Darveniza
EMAIL: louandmarion@gmail.com

GRADE: MTW-7D

LIMIT: 6

BRING: Usual through walk gear, party food

COST: \$9.70 camp fees +fuel costs

DEPART: 6pm TBA CAR KMS: 210km

MAP: Mt Lindsay 1:25 000

This activity is full.

STINSON STRETCHER TRACK THROUGH WALK

Through Walk Sat 27 - Sun 28 Sep LEADER: Ray Glancy 3343 8854

MOBILE: 0419 719 480

EMAIL: rayanddawnglancy@yahoo.com.au

GRADE: LTW-6C

LIMIT: 8

BRING: usual through walk gear, must take

P3 in magazine, gaiters, scunge

gloves

COST: \$5 camp fee + Car contribution
DEPART: 6am 24 Morialta Street, Mansfield
MEMBERSHIP CARD:You must bring your Mem-

bership card on this walk

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 traveled 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. 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 for a late lunch. After lunch it is on to Point Lookout to set up camp and take in the great views over the Scenic Rim and Mt Warning. Sunday sees us exiting back to Stinson Memorial Park via the Stretcher Track which is nearly invisible today. We will be battling the usual rainforest vines so gloves and long gaiters/pants are necessary. The Stretcher Track is reasonably flat but is approximately 13 kms which makes the day guite long and we will all be pleased to see the cars. After a clean up, and if time permits, we will have coffee at Beaudesert RSL late Sunday.

FLINDERS PEAK

Day Walk Sun 28 Sep LEADER: Eddie Chappel 32619337

MOBILE: 0432733847

EMAIL: edwin.chappel@bigpond.com

GRADE: SDW-5C

LIMIT: 12

BRING: As per Mag. 2 litres water DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens

Flinders Peak is a prominent 679 metre peak to the south of Ipswich near Peak Crossing. We start the walk from a picnic area which we access from Mt Flinders road. The climb follows a ridge which is rocky in patches & there is a short section of scrambling which is not too difficult. There are excellent views from the top of the surrounding countryside & there is also a helicopter pad which services the Telstra station on top of the mountain. Reasonable fitness is required but it should suit newer members of the club who may be looking for their first grade 5 walk. As I am not aware of any local coffee shops for coffee afterwards, we will have self catered afternoon tea at the picnic area so it is important to bring something for afterwards. It should be an early finish as the walk is not a long one. Please nominate by phone, e-mail or at meetings.

FLAGGY CREEK - GLEN ROCK REGIONAL PARK

Day Walk Sun 28 Sep LEADER: John Stevens 0431 929 466

EMAIL: johnpstevens@hotmail.com

GRADE: MDW-6C

LIMIT: 8

BRING: usual day gear and at least 3 litres of

water

DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens

CAR KMS: 245 kms

Glen Rock Regional Park is located to the north of the Main Range National Park. It is reached through Gatton. We will leave the cars at Casuarina day use area and walk up the valley to the cattle yards at the junction of Shaddy Creek and Blackfellow Creek. We will then walk up Flaggy Creek for about 2 kms. We will then walk up a spur until we reach the top of the main ridge line at approx. 1,000 metres altitude. We will then follow the ridge line westwards until we reach Glen Rock (altitude 828m) From Glen Rock, it is only a short, steep walk down back to the cars, o nomination sheet will be available at the meetings. Walkers who have already been on some of my walks are welcome to nominate on line. Everyone else must contact me outside work hours on 0431 929 466 before nominating.

MT.CORDEAUX/BARE ROCK FOR UNDER 40S

Day Walk Sat 4 Oct LEADER: Deniz & Adam Clarke 0412 007 360

EMAIL: denizclarke@gmail.com

GRADE: MDW-2B

LIMIT: 15

BRING: Usual day walk gear DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens

This is a 12km walk from Cunninghams Gap. We walk through rain forest to Mt Cordeaux where we will probably have morning tea. Then continuing gently uphill we will take a short side track to Morgans Lookout before we get to Bare Rock for lunch. We return via the same route. We have a variety of vegetation, views and the remains of

mining ventures. It is a walk suitable for new members.

BORDER GATE TO BINNA BURRA

Car Swap Sun 5 Oct LEADER: Mary Comer 3844 6231

MOBILE: 0427446000

EMAIL: mco71878@bigpond.net.au

GRADE: MDW 4C

LIMIT: 20

BRING: Usual day walk gear DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens

MAP: Lamington NP

Eddie Chappel is leading this walk with me. One of us will start at the car park at Binna Burra in Lamington NP and follow the Border Track to Mt Hobwee where we will meet the group who started walking at the Border Gate in the Numinbah Valley. From the border fence the track goes into the wonderful and huge Bushrangers Caves. From there it is a scramble up a steep earthy bank, hanging onto tree roots and then a rough rocky track through rainforest to the track system at Wagawn. From here this group will follow the track to Mt Hobwee for lunch and swapping car keys. If you indicate that you can drive please be aware that from the Binna Burra junction in the Numinbah Valley someone else will drive your vehicle to the start of the walk. Please bring an extra set of car keys just incase we do not meet on the track! This can happen! If you have done a number of track walks with the club and want something a little more demanding this walk may suit you. NB This walk has been changed from Sat 4 Oct to Sun 5 Oct

BIRD WATCHING WALK AND BREAKFAST

Day Walk Sun 5 Oct LEADER: Ray Glancy 3343 8854

MOBILE: 0419 719 480

EMAIL: rayanddawnglancy@yahoo.com.au

GRADE: SDW-1A

LIMIT: 12

COST:

BRING: Binoculars, Usual day walk gear, 1

litre water, short gaiters, chair, plate, knife, fork, teaspoon, cup, glass

Breakfast cost approx. \$3.50 per per-

son

DEPART: 6am F R Catterson Park, Mansfield

Place, Mansfield UBD Map 201 R4 &

UBD Map 202 A4

CAR KMS: Own transport MAP: Not available

This walk will hopefully discover some birds in their breeding plumage - binoculars are a must -We meander alongside Bulimba Creek down from the picnic ground and follow the creek along the river flats. We will return to the picnic ground via another track on the river flats. There will be expert birders on hand - also bird books available as we determine what bird we are looking at. This walk does not count towards full membership. Breakfast (between 8.30 and 9.00 a.m.) will be juice following by croissant with bacon and egg and coffee/tea. Come along if you want a relaxing walk and are interested in birds.

GIRRAWEEN

Base Camp Fri 10 - Sun 12 Oct LEADER: Janine Hope & Peter Hunt33977706

& 33513642

EMAIL: peterjameshunt@optusnet.com.au

GRADE: MBC-5B LIMIT: 15

BRING: Page 3 & BBQ & salad or Nibbles

COST: NP camp fees & fuel

DEPART: 6pm Pre arranged transport

MAP: Girraween NP

This activity is full.

NEW MEMBERS BASE CAMP - BRISBANE FOREST PARK

New Members Base CampFri 17 - Sun 19 Oct LEADER: Ray Glancy 3343 8854

MOBILE: 0419 719 480

EMAIL: rayanddawnglancy@yahoo.com.au

GRADE: MBC-3B LIMIT: 25

BRING: Base camp gear, tent, sleeping bag

etc. PLUS 'Must take Page 3'

COST: \$11 per person

DEPART: tba

MAP: Brisbane Forest Park

MEMBERSHIP CARD: A current Membership

Card must be carried on this activity

The club has been offered exclusive weekend use of the old Ranger's Station just past the Maiala Day Use area and we are having another New Members Base Camp here. The area offers secure (locked) camping areas so members' cars and equipment should be safe at this venue. The walks haven't been decided yet but there is scope for different levels of walks. Members are required to arrive on Friday night but as the venue is only an hour from the outskirts of Brisbane, this shouldn't be a problem. Saturday morning will be the usual talks on ethics, first aid etc., after which we will do a walk in the area. Late Saturday afternoon will be a discussion on equipment while we have nibblies and wine. Sunday morning will be talks on safety and training, through walking etc. and another short walk. Sunday afternoon by 3pm we will head home. The venue has a large grassed area, covered

spaces for outdoor meals etc. plus a fully equipped kitchen (fridge, stove, microwave etc.), shower and toilet. As probationary members will presumably be using this base camp to qualify for full membership, completing all the walks and talks on this weekend is necessary. Please bring 10 litres of water for drinking if you are not comfortable with tank water.

BALD ROCK SORTIE

Base Camp Fri 17 - Sun 19 Oct LEADER: Greg Kuss. 07 37208245 EMAIL: gregorydk@optusnet.com.au

GRADE: LBC-5D

LIMIT: 12

BRING: Base camp, Day walk gear, food and

drink for happy hour.

COST: ~\$45 + petrol contrib.
DEPART: 6pm prearranged

MAP: Hema Girraween and Bald Rock, and

topographic.

Bald Rock is the largest exposed granite rock in Australia. The N.P. is across the boarder near Stanthorpe. Transport prearranged. We regroup at Caltex Roadhouse Warwick for dinner. Camping in the camping area Fri and Sat nights. We start our hike early Sat morning. We will visit, Bald Rock, little Bald Rock, South Bald Rock, West Bald Rock and Middle Rock. Most of the day will be on fire trails, but we venture off to visit the rocky outcrops and encounter some scunge and rocky minor scrambles. We travel at a medium pace to cover the distance. Saturday evening food and drinks encouraged for happy hour. Sunday we pack up early and drive to Girraween N.P. via a short cut (if I can find it). We do the Sphinx and Turtle Rock track walk with some minor scramble up Turtle Rock. Sunday arve if enough interest is shown we will visit the Bramble Patch 15k S of Stanthorpe for berry icecream, coffee and wine tasting; if not, afternoon tea Warwick roadhouse. Endurance will be required for this weekend with early starts and long days. Mostly on tracks. Punctuality expected. Great photography in this area, mononchrome, and Spring wild flowers, plus views.

MT MATHESON

Day Walk Sun 19 Oct LEADER: Janine Hope 3397 7706

MOBILE: 0417707663

EMAIL: j hope@bigpond.net.au

GRADE: SDW5A

LIMIT: 12

BRING: Usual day walk gear COST: Petrol contribution DEPART: 8am Fairfield Gardens

CAR KMS: 170 klms

We will leave Fairfield Gardens at the later time of 8am and have coffee at Aratula. From here we will proceed to the Pioneer picnic area at Spicers Gap. This is a relatively easy walk requiring basic fitness but there is a little scrambling over a rocky steepish section. The views from Governor's Chair are magnificent and we will stop for lunch there. After lunch the walk continues as the Heritage Trail and there are some interesting features of early pioneering days. Back at the carpark we can visit grave sites of early settlers in the area. The road in is a dirt road but it is acceptable for 2 wheel drive vehicles. Website nominations preferred.

LOST WORLD & ALBERT RIVER CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 26 Oct LEADER: Paul Gorell 3882-2489

MOBILE: 0422-091-300 EMAIL: gorell@powerup.com.au

GRADE: MDW-6C

LIMIT: 10

BRING: Always Take - Page 3

COST: Petrol

DEPART: 6:30am Fairfield Gardens

CAR KMS: Approx. 250km

As Ray's walk in August is full, I thought there may be others who'd like to do this fantastic walk. Lost World is part of the southern section of Lamington NP. We'll access it from the Kerry Valley south of Beaudesert. The initial ascent to the ridge is fairly steep and slow. Sections of the razorback are narrow and exposed and require good balance. There are spectacular views all along the razorback. We will have morning tea at the waterfall campsite. We'll then traverse the top of Lost World before dropping steeply into the Worendo Saddle for lunch. To return, we'll descend south into the right branch of the Albert River and rock hop back to the cars. This is a strenuous and longish day requiring good stamina and we'll need to maintain a fairly brisk pace to exit in daylight. This walk is not suitable for those who are nervous about heights. Please note the 6.30am departure. Please nominate via the web site or phone leader. No list at meetings. Thanks.

MORETON ISLAND

Base Camp/kayak Fri 14 - Sun 16 Nov

LEADER: Jenny Zohn

GRADE: KYK

LIMIT: reasonably open

BRING: Basecamp & Kayak Gear, Night

Lights, Party food, Extra Water, Snor-

kelling.

COST: TBA

DEPART: 6pm 14 Howard Smith Dve, Lytton

NOMINATE::Online bookings. No list at meeting

The Plan is to catch the ferry to Tangalooma Wrecks on Fri Night and paddle north up the beach and set up base camp. Sat we will paddle to Bulwar and return. Sun will see us paddle back to the wrecks for snorkelling and a further paddle to Tangalooma Resort and return before the Ferry arrives to take us back to Bne. Its a full moon mid-week so the light should be good for the night paddle, Sea Kayaks are recommended, your nightlights & PDF are compulsory and additional lights are advised. Paddlers should be competent in basic skills, inc wet entry and small surf launch. This trip is not suited for first time paddlers. You will need to book your own ferry/ camping spot after being accepted. Please include email address in nomination, I will send further details closer to the date

TASMANIA 4 WALKS

Through Walk Sat 27 Dec - Mon 26 Jan LEADER: Julie Moore 3353 5641

MOBILE: 0402722871

EMAIL: anymoore@optusnet.com.au

GRADE: LTW-6D

LIMIT: 8

BRING: Full TW gear COST: ?\$1000
DEPART: TBA
CAR KMS: Flight

The plan is to walk the Overland Track, then the South Coast Track, followed by Maria Island and Freycinet Island. The South Coast is the most challenging of these but all require good fitness and previous TW experience. The weather maybe cold wet & windy or as last years travelers found the Islands were very hot for walking in January. The scenery should be spectacular at all destinations. It is possible that there will be different walkers on some sections. We will have a day in Hobart between the first 3 walks. Please contact me for further information.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

BBW walk leaders will need to see your membership card at the start of all walks, so PLEASE have it with you! You may be refused participation in an activity if you cannot prove your membership status.

WANTED STACKABLE OUTSIDE CHAIRS

The Mt Glorious Barracks could use some stackable outside chairs. If anybody has any lying idle [and also a table if possible] that they do not use, then they would find a good home at the Barracks. A couple of folding tables for use in the big garage for when New Member Base Camps are held would also come in handy.

Please contact John Shields at 32646565 or email johnshields@netspace.net.au. if you can assist.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Entries are now invited for the 2008 Competition

There are 3 Categories

Pictorial: Photographs of any broad natural scene. Pictorial photographs can include eg:

creeks, seascapes, waterfalls, mountains, rocky outcrops, clouds, etc.

Nature: Photographs depicting flora or fauna, excluding domestic animals. This category

should also exclude evidence of man. Examples of nature photographs are birds,

animals, native flowers, forest, fungi, reptiles, insects etc.

Club Character: Photographs showing one or more people participating in a bushwalking type of

activity.

- CONDITIONS -

Photographs must have been taken during the past 12 months on a bushwalking related activity.

- Entries must be on 'Digital Media' images CD-ROM as JPG files. These may be produced from a digital camera, or a scanned image of a print or slide.
- All entries are to be marked with your name and the category, each image filename should consist
 of your name, category and photograph number e.g. Joe_Walker_pictorial_1.jpg.
- There is a limit of 10 entries per person.
- Entries attract a fee of 50c each.

The Grand Champion will be selected from one of the winning entries

Photographs will be selected from amongst all entries to appear on the club's monthly magazines

The winning entries will be displayed as the feature at the 22th October General Meeting

Closing date -

All entries must be submitted to the Photographic Officer (Joe Iriondo) by the September Meeting (24th September 2008)

- Competition Presentation Night -

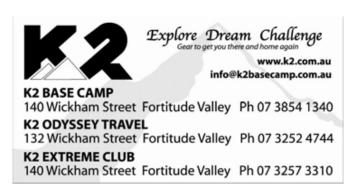
October Open Meeting 8th October 2008
All entries will be on display

Enquiries to Joe Iriondo on photographic@bbw.org.au or 3394 0105 or 0438 056 354.

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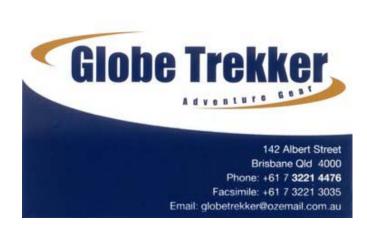




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Committee News

GUEST SPEAKERS

WEDNESDAY 27 AUGUST

STOVE WARS—PRESENTED BY PICNIC PETE



One of the all time favourite conversation topics on through walks is the merits of the various camp stoves. On 27th August we have the chance to see them side by side in a battle of speed, weight and fuel efficiency. We'll find out just how many grams of fuel can be saved by using a Rocket instead of a Trangia. There will also be a Jet Boil, Whisperlite and Hexamine in the fray.

Of course we don't expect anybody to change their stove preference based on the results. Hopefully we can add some more fuel to the fiery debate.

Picnic Pete

WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

BRIAN & JULIE MOORE—KILIMANJARO

Brian & Julie give us some highlights of their trip to Africa including a successful ascent of Kilimanjaro. Come along for an inspirational and humorous evenings entertainment.

WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

STORM DANGER PRESENTATION - ANTHONY CORNELIUS

This will be a presentation to help walkers identify storm potential/activity on the day & how to try & stay safe especially when in remote areas. Topics include: thunderstorm forecasting & safety; using basic methods to forecast thunderstorm days; how to identify potential thunderstorm activity; identifying potential severity and staying safe when caught out in the open.

Anthony Cornelius is a Meteorologist for Weatherwatch. He has been a Meteorologist for six years and specialises in thunderstorm forecasting. Anthony has also been involved in the Australian Severe Weather Association (ASWA) and is currently the Queensland coordinator.

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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following New Members who joined during the last month:

Janet Angel Jen Bell Jane Booty Leanne Daniels Gary Dumbleton Davei Eaglestone Jodie Feltham Karen Fess-Uecker Sue Fitch Steven Fitch Andrew Gibbs Rebecca Harwood Marcelle Holdaway Jenni Hutchings Amanda Kean **Dominique Maxwell** Ruth Phillips Wil Uecker Bruce Tracey Greg Turner

Lauren Whitefield Soumini Vijayasarathy

Congratulations to the following who have been granted Full Membership:

Carol Shekell Cathy Stewart Garry Graham Mich Phillipson

Thomas Schmitz

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Notices

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

NOMINATION FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2008

Nominations are called for all positions on the Management Committee for the 2009 club year. All nominations must be in writing from fully qualified financial members. The form must have the consent of the member nominated and the signature of a nominator and a seconder. Nominations close 9pm on 8 October 2008 (Open night). Nominations, must be given to the returning officer. David Thorpe.

As stated in the club rules, any member may nominate for several positions but can only be elected to one position. No member can be elected to a specific position for more than two consecutive years. All positions fall vacant and they are:-

President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer

Outing Secretary Safety & Training Officer Membership Officer Social Coordinator

Equipment Officer Photographic Officer Librarian

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008

The Annual General Meeting of Brisbane Bushwalkers Club Inc is to be held immediately after the October General Meeting on Wednesday 22th October, 2008 at Newmarket Memorial Hall, corner Enoggera Road and Ashgrove Avenue, Newmarket, where the business of the meeting will be limited to the following:-

- Receiving Annual Reports and Financial Statements;
- Receiving the Auditors Report;
- Election of Members to the Management Committee;
- · Appointment of an Auditor; and
- The Setting of Fees.

Please note: Only fully qualified financial members are eligible to vote at the AGM elections.

Appointment of Returning Officer

The Committee wishes to thank David Thorpe for accepting the appointment as Returning Officer for the election of BBW office bearers at the annual general meeting to be held on Wednesday 22 October 2008.

Spinifex and Stone

I was privileged to be part of a group of 7 people to walk the Larapinta Trail during July. This is a 230km track from the Old Telegraph Station at Alice Springs to Mt Sonder in the West MacDonnell Ranges. Like many other groups we went the opposite direction, starting at Mt Sonder and walking east to Alice Springs. I could fill the page with adjectives describing this walk and show you the 1000+ photographs taken by our group, but neither my words nor the pictures could do justice to the splendour of this trip.

It is not an easy walk by any stretch of the imagination; most of the time you are walking on hard, uneven, sharp or loose rock that will test your boots, feet and ankles. Your pack will be heavier than normal with four or more days of food and up to two days of water. You are exposed to the hot afternoon sun, cold winds and freezing nights. [The lowest temperature we recorded was -1 while the highest was around 35, while most days had a range between about 5 and 25].

So why would anyone want to spend their holidays lugging a heavy pack through the harsh and unforgiving Central Australian desert? As the title above implies, the common features across most of this walk are the Spinifex and the stones, but there is so much more to this trip than that:

- The views from the numerous ridges and lookouts just go on 'forever' at times it seems like you can see all the way from Perth to Sydney and Darwin to Adelaide [well, almost anyway].
- The layers of different colours as you look across the valley from the ridge you are on past the dry, sandy river bed to the next ridge and beyond that to the next and on to the distant horizon.
- The lushness and colour of the vegetation in the gullies and gorges which is such a contrast from the low. spindly, grey-green growth high on the ridges.
- The huge River Red Gums and striking Ghost Gums, with their stark white trunks and bright green foliage, in and around the river beds.
- The vastness of the night sky with more stars visible than you have seen in ages.
- The small but infrequent flowers you find growing near the side of the tracks
- The excitement in the eyes and faces of other walkers you meet on the track

The list just goes on and on.

This is a harsh and ancient area full of contrast and variety, and certainly worth the sore feet and aching muscles I had after 15 days of walking through it ... No, it was more than just 'walking through it', it was more like being a part of it.

As the man from Nike says: "Just do it". The experience is so much more than I can describe. All it takes is a moderate level of fitness; good sturdy comfortable boots; a sun hat that will stay on your head in a brisk wind, the stamina to carry a heavier than normal pack for 15 to 20 days and a bit of planning.

Thanks to Rosemary, Desma, Jenny, Sue, Kay and Mary for your great company leading up to and during this trip and a special thanks should go to the NT National Parks service for preparing and maintaining this trail and the Arente people for allowing the many walkers to cross their country and experience just a small part of it.

Ian Marlow

Mount Barney for Slow Pokes- Aug 9 2008

This was a pretty civilized walk, without rush and under ideal weather conditions, timed to perfection to be off the steep parts of the track before dusk. It was one of those rare days when just everything got together.

It is hard to beat walking in good company on a mild, dry winter's day, when the reward at the top is a magnificent, clear view of surrounding mountains and valleys through to the horizon.

A perfect picnic, Pete

Bill Gale

Another Larapinta Trail Story

In recent years there has been a fair bit of interest in the Larapinta Trail within BBW and this year another two groups completed the trip. (See lan's "Spinifex and Stone" article on the previous page.)

Given this, I couldn't resist re-printing an article from the May 1997 edition of this magazine covering a trip by Annette & Ross Miller and Laurie & Les Williams. Their trip actually covered more than the current Larapinta Trail as they started at Mt Zeil and also did a bit of a detour to Mt Giles. Note that their trip was done before the Larapinta Trail was completed and water tanks had not been installed along most of the trail's length. Also, just for a challenge, the group did the walk in April - well before the winter season favoured by most of the walkers.

Eugene

Central Australia The West MacDonnell Ranges National Park

In April last year, Les, Laurie, Ross & I did a 20 day, 300 klm walk in the West Macdonnell Ranges, including the entire proposed 220 klm length of the Larapinta Trail. (Only about 75klm was constructed at that time.) We arranged 2 food drops, on Day 5 & Day 16, so that we carried a maximum of 11 days food at one time. This turned out to be good foresight, as it was very hot, particularly during the first half of the trip. We had been advised to carry a minimum of 4 litres each drinking water per day (excluding meals, etc.), & this truly turned out to be a minimum in the extreme temperatures. As we had many dry camps, our packs were constantly overloaded with copious litres of water.

We started in the extreme NW comer of the West Macs National Park, walking in from the road to the foot of Mt Zeil, at 1531 metres the highest mountain in the Territory, and also the highest west of the Great Divide. From here it was 2.5 days walk to Redbank Gorge [and Mt Sonder], where the western end of the Larapinta Trail will begin, & where our first water was available. We walked in carrying up to 14 litres water each & 6 days food, including a spare day. Laurie's pack was over 20kg, enormous for her size; mine at least 25kg, whilst the men carried closer to 30kg.

In the first half of the walk, the afternoon temperatures usually reached 35-38 degrees, with at least 2 days being over 40C. Our plan of attack was therefore to rise at 5am, in the cool predawn, & be walking by 6.30, maximising the coolest time of the day. (By 10am it would already be 30C). We would continue walking until about 1.30pm, when we would attempt to find some reasonable shade & have an extended lunch break until 4pm during the hottest part of the day, then walk on for another hour or two before finding a suitable campsite.

We were delighted to arrive at Redbank Gorge after 2.5 days over harsh, arid terrain. It truly seemed an oasis in the desert. Arriving at the northern end, we ducked into shade at the gorge mouth for lunch and checked out the first few pools. Our camp lay at the southern end, which meant up and over, ... or swim through the 550m long gorge. Rather than face another 40C afternoon, Ross & I swam through. This was a real highlight of the walk, with the gorge often "too narrow for breast-stroke". In the early afternoon the red rock walls reaching up to 30 metres above us glowed in the sunlight like embers in a fire; in the shade the smooth rock, polished by millennia of water-flow, gleamed all shades of purple, brown & beige. Truly spectacular. A 5 metre sheer drop into a deep pool confounded us until we spotted the chain. This we used to lower our packs & ourselves before heading off for the next "beach". With swimming, pack handling, and photos, the passage through the gorge took about 1 1/2 hours.

The next day was another overnight water carry, including the 500 metre ascent of Mt Sonder. This was a slog, & a difficult descent on broken rock & scree during the hottest part of the afternoon. We were pleased to arrive at Rocky Bar Gap to camp. During the night some feral horses wandered through looking for water (none). We arose early to obtain splendid views of the sunrise on Mt Sonder, then we were off to Glen Helen Gorge to pick up our food drop. There is a hotel of sorts there & we filled up with normal food & drinks before departing early next morning for Ormiston Gorge, arriving at lunch time.

Ormiston Gorge & Pound were in my opinion, the most interesting part of the walk. As we found with so many of the other gorges or gaps accessible to tourists, most would go as far as the first waterhole or rock wall before returning to their coach/car, whilst there was usually so much more to see if a

little more time were invested. After picking up water for the day from the Ranger's station, we headed through the Gorge towards the Pound. Spectacular & very high red rock walls lined the gorge, which at times had a beautiful sandy floor, at other times filled with the most amazing coloured rocks. Through the hot afternoon we trudged into the Pound, following the dry creek bed & inspecting each waterhole for a likely campsite. Many were dry, others varying shades of green. Reaching the final one, it was no better, and we gagged at the thought of drinking the water from it. This water was to last us that night, all the next day, and the following morning - not a pleasant thought. We used it that night (after boiling & treating) but it had an unpleasant taste.

Our next day was to have been a base camp & day walk, however we elected to return to the Rangers station instead & pick up some good water. This was an 8klm return trip, and took all morning as on the way back through the gorge we were loaded up with another 12 litres water each. Not for a long time will I forget that afternoon where we tried to shelter from the searing heat behind a few spindly trees near the creek bed. Setting off further across the Pound at 4prn it was still extremely hot, & we were glad to reach a suitable camp spot close enough to our next day's destination by about 5.30pm.

Another overnight water carry awaited us the next day. These were the rule rather than the exception. We eventually found water in a gully at the base of Mt Giles, which we loaded up (about 10 litres each for overnight) and proceeded up the steep 550 metre ridge. It was a varied ridge with scree, spinifex, & rocky bluffs to bypass. With day packs it would have been an interesting and straightforward scramble. With 9 days food & 10 litres of water each, plus the heat, it became a heart and back breaking slog. Reaching the summit, there was little wind, and even less shade. We managed to string our ground sheets up to wires supporting the trig, to provide enough shade to keep 4 people sane until sunset. Here we sat, recovering & drinking cups of tea during the remainder of the afternoon. The views from the summit were spectacular - all of the walk we had done so far, and most of it to the east we still had to go. The summit area was rocky & uneven & unsuitable for tents, however we managed to fashion a couple of suitable bivvy platforms & enjoyed the warm, starry night, followed by a spectacular sunrise lighting up Ormiston Pound & Gorge to our west. We agreed that the effort of climbing Mt Giles had been worth it.

One more night carrying water, then we were into a finished section of the Larapinta Trail with water tanks (bliss!) and on the track to Serpentine Gorge. The track climbed 300m up onto the Heavitree Range, from where there were superb views of the rugged Chewings Range to the north, of which Mt Giles is a part. Serpentine Gorge itself was very pretty, with the inner gorge area very narrow like Redbank Gorge, & lined with crystal clear aqua coloured water. Apparently this was a sacred aboriginal site where swimming & hunting were prohibited. Obviously feral animals had also not found their way in, hence the pristine state of the water. Here we had our only rain on the trip, steady overnight cover, which was gone by morning but provided a turning point in the weather. For the rest of the walk the daytime temperatures reached a maximum of only $28 \square 30$, while the nights became steadily cooler.

Ellery Big Hole was a disappointment. The large swimming hole is a murky brown colour and the sandy beach full of cattle tracks & droppings leading straight to it. Alas no water tanks, so we had to load up 2 days "cow water" for our traverse of the Alice Valley back to the Chewings Range, in search of Hugh Gorge.

Hugh Gorge was another highlight, less well known as it is more remote & fairly inaccessible. Cattle tracks into the first waterhole were abruptly cut off by some convenient thickish scrub & rocks underfoot just past it, rendering the rest of the Gorge, thankfully, a cattle free zone. We wandered through the gorge for about an hour, enjoying the red rock walls and the many cycads and other wetter type plants, until we found a good waterhole and some nearby sandy campspots. Exploring the northern end of the gorge in the afternoon, the towering red rock walls gradually closed in until the gap was only a few metres wide, and blocked by several pools of water. We bouldered around the first few pools, then swam through several others, with the walls closing in further all the time. This led to more scrambling & a huge chockstone blocking progress. The gorge continued narrowing for some further distance, but we had run out of time to explore further. A remarkable place.

Several more days via Birthday Waterhole in Stuarts Pass, probably our most attractive campsite of all, back up onto the range via Brinkleys Bluff, and we arrived at Standley Chasm & our second food (Continued next page)

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Out & About

DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT

WHEN: Tue 2nd Sept, 6:30pm

WHERE: JAKARTA,

2/702 Brunswick St New Farm

CONTACT: Peter Hunt, 3351 3642 EMAIL: peterjameshunt@optusnet.com.au

Indonesia is the theme for this month. The advertising states that this is authentic Indonesian cuisine and the menu looks interesting. Please join me for the survey of this restaurant that is new to me. Movies will be discussed over dinner. You are welcome to come to dinner only as the movie sessions are a little late.

Peter

THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

GRADE SNW-1

WHEN: 6.10 sharp - don't be late.

WHERE: Good Will Bridge, Southbank side. BRING: Membership Card, Water, \$'s CONTACT: Jenny Zohn. No need to book.

Join us for a very brisk midweek walk in our fair city as we explore the walking tracks along the river, as well as city parks. Bring a few dollars for coffee and possible city cat fares. (S'bank to The Powerhouse, Newfarm is approx 12km return, walks will average 9km & 2-2.5hr) Occasionally another member may be substitute leader. This walk does not count towards full membership.

Jenz

(West MacDonnell Ranges National Park... continued from p.22.)

drop. Although we had had lunch before arriving, we each managed to down a Lotburger, chips & various sweet things without them even hitting the sides. Standley Chasm is another place where most tourists don't go beyond the much photographed split in the rock walls. Loaded up with overnight water again, we headed through into a further smaller, smooth water polished canyon beyond, pack hauling several times up steep sections, camping at the northern track junction. From here we were on the finished sections of the Larapinta Trail all the way back to Alice Springs (60 klm). The next day we did a high traverse up onto a ridgeline via a gully full of cycads with red rock walls, and excellent views from the top. The afternoon was spent at Fish Hole, a beautiful swimming hole, just short of the campsite at Jay Creek (water tanks again). Then it was along the track, past Simpsons Gap & Wallaby Gap, under the Sturt Highway bridge, & the end of the Trail at the Alice Telegraph Station.

We took with us Wildlife & Plant Identikit booklets (obtained from the Tourist Office) & found these invaluable in identifying the local flora & fauna. We saw a lot of bird life, especially near water holes, and would recommend sections of the Larapinta Trail to anyone interested in bird watching. Particularly common were the bright green & yellow Port Lincoln Ringneck parrots, Zebra Finches, and the White Plumed Honeyeaters. Kangaroos & wallabies were often seen, also a few dingoes who serenaded us on several nights. Although we found the off track walking very physically demanding due to the quantities of water which had to be carried, it was an experience of a lifetime.

Annette Miller [May 1997]

Magazine Collating

Magazine collating is at Brian & Julie Moore's on Thursday 18th September at Everton Hills at $6:30\,\mathrm{pm}$. There is only about $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours work required. If you would like to come along for an easy social night and supper please phone $3353\ 5641$ to confirm.



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