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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 December** is at Tom Cowlshaw'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 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 **Feb 09** magazine is the Open Meeting **Wednesday 14th February**
Pre-trip descriptions for all activities please!

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Cover Photograph

'Crossing West Canungra Ck in Lamington NP'
(Photo Comp Winner) - Peter Hunt

EQUIPMENT HIRE

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

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

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

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

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

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

LIBRARY

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

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Fees include magazine subscription.

Full Members: Singles \$40 per annum
Couples \$60 per annum

Annual membership falls due 31st January.

Probationary Members:
Singles \$25 per 6month
Couples \$40 per 6 month

FIRST AID CERTIFICATES



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

Club Officials

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ABBREVIATIONS & GRADING

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

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

FAMILY Family — Family Group conditions; contact Leader

TERRAIN GRADING — 1 to 9

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

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

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

INFORMATION FOR WALKERS

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

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

TRANSPORT COSTS: Passengers are asked to pay a contribution to the driver for their share of car expenses. 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.

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

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

November

26 Meeting - Winter walking - Overland Track & others

| | | | | |
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| 27 | LDW6D | K2 Equipment Show ISOLATED PEAK via TOMS TUM | Picnic Pete Brian Randle | 3351 1184 32662932 |
| 29 | MABS-6C LDW-3B XDW-3B LDW-4C | Back Creek Abseil Coomera Circuit Albert River Circuit Junction of East & West Canungra Creeks | Anne Kemp, Danny Mullins Jenny Campbell Greg Long Mary Comer | 3371 2707 3871 0787 3841 1720 3844 6231 |
| 30 | SDW 1A MDW3B MDW3C | Lake Samsonvale Birdwalk Mt. Cordeaux/Bare Rock Greene's Falls / Western Window | Julie Moore Deniz Clarke John Shields | 3353 5641 32646565 |

December

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|-----|--------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| 2 | SOCIAL | Cinema Cafe, 158 Oxford St, Bulimba | Peter Hunt | 33513642 |
| 5-7 | SOCIAL | Bunya Mountains | Carrol Helander | 3396 8652 |
| 6 | MDW3C MDW3B MDW-3B | Bunya Mtns Paradise to Kiangarow Daves Creek Circuit Peregian Beach, Coolum, Point Arkwright, and Coolum Mountain | Peter Hunt Malcolm Crabtree & Adam Clarke Greg Kuss. | 33513642 0410 408 620 37208245 |
| 7 | MDW-5/6C MDW3C | Mt Barney Waterfall Piper Commanche wreck & Mt D'Aguiar Track | Lou Darveniza John Shields | 3378 4031 32646565 |

10 Meeting - Light-weight Bushwalking

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| 12 | CYC | Christmas Lights Bike Tour | Picnic Pete | 3351 1184 |
| 12-14 | FBC3C | Mt Glorious Family Base Camp | John Shields | 32646565 |
| 13 | MDW-3B | Under 40s Springbrook & Swim | Deniz & Adam Clarke | 0412 007 360 |
| 14 | MDW 5C MDW-3B SDW-5B MDW4B | Lobster Creek - survey Caves Circuit & Gwongoorool Pool Northbrook Gorge Greene Falls/Annies/Western Windows | Jon Beer Peter Mrzyglocki Danny Mullins Dennis Fishlock | 3865 1808 33252601 32840551 |
| 20 | LDW-6C | Black Canyon | Ray Glancy | 3343 8854 |
| 21 | MDW-3C | Noosa North Shore | Eddie Chappel | 32619337 |

24 NO Meeting (Xmas Eve)

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|-------|---------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 27-26 | LTW-6D | Tasmania 4 Walks | Julie Moore | 3353 5641 |
| 28 | MABS 5C | Love Creek Falls Abseil | Anne Kemp, Danny Mullins | 3371 2707 |

January

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| 2-4 | MBC 4C | Boonoo Boonoo NP | Jon Beer | 3865 1808 |
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| 4 | XDW3C | Ships Stern Circuit | John Dwyer | 3844 9213 (a/h) |
| 9-11 | SBC-5C | Mt Glorious | Picnic Pete | 3351 1184 |
| 10 | MDW-3B | OVER 40's Springbrook National Park | Peter Mrzyglocki | |
| 11 | MDW 5C? MDW-3A | Little Nerang West Creek Circuit - Survey Box Forest Circuit | Jon Beer Deniz Clarke | 3865 1808 0412 007 360 |
| 14 | Meeting | | | |
| 17 | LDW-3C | Illinbah Circuit | Greg Kuss. | 37208245 |
| 17 | MDW-2B | Daves Creek Circuit | Dawn Glancy & Deniz Clarke | 3343 8854 or 0412 007 360 |
| 18 | SOCIAL | The Boo, Newstead | Burney | 0422386080 |
| 23-26 | KYK | Paddy's Flat | Graham McLeod | 3200 8149 |
| 28 | Meeting | | | |
| February | | | | |
| 7 | SOCIAL | The Old Museum, Cine Retro | Burney | 0422386080 |
| 8 | MDW4C | Larapinta Falls | John Dwyer | 3844 9213 (a/h) |
| 11 | Meeting | | | |
| 14 | SDW-3B SDW-4C | Stairway Falls Picnic Point and Table Top Toowoomba | Mary Comer Greg Kuss. | 3844 6231 37208245 |
| 20-22 | | Mt Glorious WORK 'n WORK QPWS VOLUNTEERS ONLY | John Shields | 32646565 |
| 22 | MDW5C BIRD | England Creek Right Branch Bribie Island | John Dwyer Burney | 3844 9213 (a/h) 0422386080 |
| 25 | Meeting | | | |
| 28 | MDW-3C | Wishing Tree & West Cliff | Mary Comer | 3844 6231 |

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.



Coming Trips

K2 EQUIPMENT SHOW

Gear Night Thu 27 Nov
LEADER: Picnic Pete 3351 1184
EMAIL: peter@lock.id.au
LIMIT: 70
DEPART: 6pm K2 Base Camp
ADDRESS: 140 Wickham St Fortitude Valley

Learn all about bush walking gear at the K2 Base Camp shop. Doors open at 6pm, with nibbles provided, giving you time to browse around, and discuss gear with the shop staff or other BBW members. There will be a sit-down presentation at 7pm showing the kind of gear you might like to take bush walking. And then plenty of time to browse around and ask questions. There is no obligation to buy anything. But if you do the price will be reduced by 20% when you show your membership card! (GPS, Watches, EPIRB not reduced.) This is for BBW members only. The shop is not open to the public. Please nominate online, or on the clipboard so we know how many will be coming.

ISOLATED PEAK VIA TOMS TUM

Day Walk Thu 27 Nov
LEADER: Brian Randle 32662932
MOBILE: 0408744542
EMAIL: leogem@powerup.com.au
GRADE: LDW6D
LIMIT: 8
BRING: 4lt. water, Page3
COST: Petrol
DEPART: 5am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS: 200k
MAP: Mt.Lindesay 1:25 000

We will park at the Lower Portals car park and follow the track towards Lower Portals for about 45 mins then head up a ridge to the left which will take us to Toms Tum for morning tea. The views from here are spectacular. We are now on Eagles Ridge which eventually leads us to the top of Isolated Peak for lunch. We then drop down from the peak in a North Easterly direction which leads us back to the cars. If this is a stinking hot day we can cut this walk short at any time. NO LIST AT MEETING PLEASE

BACK CREEK ABSEIL

Abseil Day Walk Sat 29 Nov
LEADER: Anne Kemp, Danny Mullins 3371 2707
MOBILE: 0411327704
EMAIL: anneikemp@hotmail.com

GRADE: MABS-6C
LIMIT: 7
BRING: Abseil equipment Waterproofing and usual day walk gear
COST: \$10 rope hire, \$10 harness and hardware hire if required. Petrol.
MAP: Canungra 1:25000
This activity is full.

COOMERA CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sat 29 Nov
LEADER: Jenny Campbell 3871 0787
MOBILE: 0488 410 762 (day of walk only)
EMAIL: karyljennifer@hotmail.com
GRADE: LDW-3B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Usual day walk gear, 2L water
COST: \$20 petrol money
DEPART: 7:00am Fairfield Gardens
MAP: Lamington NP
PREFERRED NOMINATION: By website or email
The Coomera Circuit is a very scenic 17.5km graded track walk beginning from the Binna Burra car park. The walk passes mainly through rain forest and provides excellent views of the Coomera falls, which descend into the 160m deep gorge. At last count, the circuit crosses the Coomera creek ten times, so come prepared for some very minor rock hopping. There is also the possibility of a swim at lunch time at one of the many swimming holes along the way, if the weather is warm. This is a very beautiful walk with lovely trees and cascades, and it would be very suitable for new members of the club.

ALBERT RIVER CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sat 29 Nov
LEADER: Greg Long 3841 1720
MOBILE: 0408 264 763
EMAIL: longmg@netspace.net.au
GRADE: XDW-3B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Day walk gear and swimmers
DEPART: 7am Eight Miles Plains Bus Station Park and Ride - Miles Platting Road behind toilets
MAP: Lamington NP
START TIME : 7am sharp
This walk is in the Green Mountains (O'Reillys) section of Lamington NP. The distance is just over 20kms all in the rainforest. We start and finish the walk along the Border Track but the middle part is on a circuit following the headwaters of the Albert River. This is very beautiful with many waterfalls and we should get a chance to cool off

in one of the many rock pools. Lunch will be taken at Echo Point on the escarpment with views down into NSW. The walk is not difficult and suitable for new members as long as you are prepared to walk the distance. Preferably you should have done at least a 17km walk with the club. Preferred nomination is by self registration or email. Please remember to provide full nomination details.

JUNCTION OF EAST & WEST CANUNGRA CREEKS

Day Walk Sat 29 Nov
LEADER: Mary Comer 3844 6231
MOBILE: 0427446000
EMAIL: mco71878@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: LDW-4C
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Usual day walk gear and swimmers
DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens
MAP: Lamington NP

This activity is full.

LAKE SAMSONVALE BIRDWALK

Birdwalk Sun 30 Nov
LEADER: Julie Moore 3353 5641
MOBILE: 0402722871
EMAIL: anymoore@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: SDW 1A
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Binoculars, hat, sunscreen. Thermos and MT.
6am Gold Scrub Lane
MAP: UBD 86 F11

This activity is full.

MT. CORDEAUX/BARE ROCK

Day Walk Sun 30 Nov
LEADER: Deniz Clarke
MOBILE: 0412 007 360
EMAIL: denizclarke@gmail.com
GRADE: MDW3B
LIMIT: 15
BRING: 3L Water and all items on Page 3 of magazine
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. Online nominations preferred.

GREENE'S FALLS / WESTERN WINDOW

Day Walk Sun 30 Nov
LEADER: John Shields 07-32646565
MOBILE: 0447824988 [walk day only]
EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au
GRADE: MDW3C
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Day pack as page 3 / 2 lit water
COST: Car contribution \$10
DEPART: 7am Albany Ck Centro Shopping Centre [Westpac Sign]UBD 108F16
CAR KMS: 70 return
MAP: BFP
SELF-SERVE ONLINE PREFERRED
NO LIST OUT AT MEETINGS /
SPEAK TO LEADER

We depart the meeting place at 7am and drive to Maiala Pk where we leave the vehicles. Walk to Greenes Falls via Rainforest walk and Cypress Grove. Smoko at the Falls, we ascend a not too steep ridge and over the plateau and descend an easy ridge to Annies Ck with its palm groves. A track then leads up another NTS ridge via Alex Rd to Lawton Rd and the start of Western Walk. A fairly level formed track back to the cars via Western Window. We will travel half on made tracks and half semi made off tracks. Not a difficult walk but plenty of rainforest and palm lined creek beds through out. OK for newer walkers of reasonable fitness and those who like a comfortable pace. Stops for photos and viewing in the rainforest are part of this walk and ascent of ridges is done with rests. Please advise leader early if you have to withdraw so reserves can be notified. A COFFEE STOP AT SAMFORD WILL END THE DAY. ALL WALKERS ARE ADVISED THAT THIS LEADER IS RENOWNED FOR ON THE SPOT P3 PACK INSPECTIONS ENSURE THAT YOU CARRY THE MUST TAKE ITEMS AS PAGE 3

PEREGIAN BEACH, COOLUM, POINT ARKWRIGHT, AND COOLUM MOUNTAIN.

Day Walk Sat 6 Dec
LEADER: Greg Kuss. 07 37208245
EMAIL: gregorydk@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: MDW-3B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Beach/sports wear, hat, water
DEPART: 6am Alderley
MAP: not required
This activity is full.

DAVES CREEK CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sat 6 Dec
LEADER: Malcolm Crabtree & Adam Clarke
MOBILE: 0410 408 620
EMAIL: crabtreeapple@hotmail.com

GRADE: MDW-3B
LIMIT: 15
BRING: All items on page 3 daywalk gear
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS: 220kms
MAP: Beechmont
MEMBERSHIP CARD: Membership cards required.

This is a 12km return walk, heading out along the Border Track from Binna Burra. It is especially suitable for new members and we will take it very easy so that we can enjoy areas of interest and any wildlife along the way. We will pass through several distinct vegetation types, including cool subtropical rainforest, eucalypt forest and mountain heath. There are spectacular views over Numinbah Valley and we will lunch at Surprise Rock, there's plenty of shade at the base, before returning to the cafe for coffee.

BUNYA MTNS PARADISE TO KIANGAROW

Day Walk Sat 6 Dec
LEADER: Peter Hunt 33513642
EMAIL: peterjameshunt@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: MDW3C
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Page 3

DEPART: 8:00am Bunya Mtns Accommodation
This is a walk for those who are joining the BBW Christmas weekend at the Bunya Mountains. It is along a formed track that runs along the western escarpment of the mountains with great views and a range of forests from rain to open. A car shuffle will take us to our commencement point of Paradise with cars left at Burton's Well where we finish. We enjoy such places as Westcliff Lookout, Koondali Lookout, Bottle Tree Bluff and Mt Kiangarow for the best view along our walk.

MT BARNEY WATERFALL

Day Walk Sun 7 Dec
LEADER: Lou Darveniza 3378 4031
EMAIL: louandmarion@gmail.com
GRADE: MDW-5/6C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Usual day walk gear, swimmers, 3L water
DEPART: 6:30am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS: 210
MAP: Mt Lindsay 1:25 000

From Lower Portals car park we will walk into Lower Portals and have a long cool swim. Then start up the track towards the gorge for some distance before striking out on a flattish ridge, before dropping down to Mt Barney Ck for another swim near the waterfall. Climbing to the top of the waterfall will be optional. This part is graded 6C. After lunch, siesta in the shady spot and/or an-

other swim or play on the waterslide, we will rock hop down the creek to Lower Portals. If conditions are suitable, there will be an option to "jump" through the Portals, otherwise it is a short climb out to the track back to Lower Portals with yet another swim. The walk out to the cars will be in the cooler part of the afternoon. Jumping through the portals will require that one's pack is waterproofed. It does also involve clambering over some huge boulders. Whether the water levels make this a safe option will be assessed in the morning. Waterproofing of packs can be done after lunch. This trip is a great way to spend a hot day

PIPER COMMANCHE WRECK & MT D'AGUILAR TRACK

Day Walk Sun 7 Dec
LEADER: John Shields 07-32646565
MOBILE: 0447824988 [walk day only]
EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au
GRADE: MDW3C
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Day pack as page 3 / 2 lit water
COST: Car contribution \$12
DEPART: 7am Albany Ck Centro Shopping Centre [Westpac Sign] UBD 108F16
CAR KMS: 84 km return
MAP: BFP

SELF-SERVE ONLINE PREFERRED - NO LIST OUT AT MEETINGS / SPEAK TO LEADER
Leaving promptly at 7AM we drive to Tenison Woods Mtn where we leave the cars. Traveling along the Mt D'Aguilar Track we have smoko at the big log. Following the ridge past the bower birds lovenest and the decaying jinker, we drop down a ridge to the wreck. Following a rest/photo stop we proceed up the side of the ridge to a peak halfway out to Mt D'Aguilar. A change of direction takes us over to the old Trig Point to follow the track back to the cars. A WELL DESERVED COFFEE STOP AT SAMFORD ON THE WAY HOME WILL BE OUR REWARD. on the spot page 3 pack inspections can apply.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS BIKE TOUR

Night Ride Fri 12 Dec
LEADER: Picnic Pete 3351 1184
MOBILE: 0419 496 837
EMAIL: peter@lock.id.au
GRADE: CYC
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Money for supper and donations.
Cake for Santa.
DEPART: 6:30pm

By popular demand, the Christmas Lights Bike Tour! This year we meet at the corner of Childs St and Woodland Cl in Bracken Ridge. Please be

ready to ride at 6:30pm. We will follow some back streets around bracken ridge to take in the Christmas lights displays. Navigation will be by the stars! Hopefully we will get supper (including sausage sizzle) at the church we went to last year, but it's a good idea to bring some extra Christmas food as riding can be hungry work, and we never know if we might meet reindeer. Don't forget your bike lights - it will be dark!

MT GLORIOUS FAMILY BASE CAMP

Family Base Camp Fri 12 - Sun 14 Dec
LEADER: John Shields 07-32646565
MOBILE: 0447824988[on walk day only]
EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au
GRADE: FBC3C
LIMIT: 10 families
BRING: daywalk pack /base campgear
COST: \$5-50 pp/pn camping fees plus \$ 2
Insurance
MAP: BFP

SELF SERVE NOMINATIONS PREFERRED
NO LIST AT MEETINGS CONTACT LEADER
DIRECT

I have been advised that it is permissible to take my two grandsons on a family base camp so I have booked the Mt Glorious Barracks for the first weekend of the state school Xmas holidays which is 12-14 Dec. Families, single parents and children along with other grandparents with their grandkids are invited to join us. Two bedrooms are available on a first in basis. The large garage can also be used if you have stretchers or wish to set up in there . The water supply is tank water so some may wish to bring their own drinking water. Facilities include hot shower; septic toilet; electric kitchen with fridge and the camping area is grassy. No camping permitted on the helipad. There is a campfire so if you can bring firewood it will help. It can also be used for cooking. Any suggestions for children's entertainment will be appreciated. Bushwalks will be arranged when we arrive; so you can request. I will be walking with my boys on the Saturday. The gate is 700m past the Pine Shire information board which is opposite the Maiala Park picnic ground and must be kept closed at all times except when driving through it. I will arrive after lunch on the Friday to unlock and set up the fire. The \$2-00 Insurance applies to children.

UNDER 40S SPRINGBROOK & SWIM

Day Walk Sat 13 Dec
LEADER: Deniz & Adam Clarke 0412 007 360
EMAIL: denizclarke@gmail.com
GRADE: MDW-3B
LIMIT: 15
BRING: all items on page 3 including 3L of

water, swimmers

DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens

MAP: Springbrook

For under 40s, two short walks in Springbrook - western part of Purlingbrook Falls and the Twin Falls Circuit. We will start at the Gwongorella picnic grounds and complete the western part of Purlingbrook Falls, through eucalypt forest, down to Warringa Pool where we will have morning tea and a swim. We will then drive to Canyon Look-out for the Twin Falls circuit, walking behind the double waterfall and have another opportunity for a swim. Come along for a fairly easy day of walking, swimming and coffee afterwards. We'll hopefully have good waterfalls again so bring cameras.

LOBSTER CREEK - SURVEY

Day Walk Sun 14 Dec
LEADER: Jon Beer 3865 1808
GRADE: MDW 5C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: 'the usual' and togs
DEPART: 6:30am Alderley
CAR KMS: 260?
MAP: Conondale 1:25000 topographic
NOMINATE: direct to leader

Lobster Creek is located in the Conondale NP north northwest of Brisbane via Maleny. The walk will take the form of a circuit. Starting high in the range on the Bouloumba Creek road we follow an upper branch downstream to the main creek through pretty rainforest and past some great swimming holes, some of which we'll 'indulge' in. After lunch we'll take a tributary away from the main stream before going up a spur to the road and back to the cars. There is also the option of leaving a car at the bottom at one of the carparks adjacent to Bouloumba Creek camping areas, but this will be discussed on the day. I have done this walk before but not for some years so this is effectively a survey, and the rock hopping from memory wasn't too difficult?!?!??? . I'm hoping that rain in the last 12/18 months has left plenty of water in the swimming holes. Regardless of this Lobster creek is well worth a look.

CAVES CIRCUIT & GWONGOOROOL POOL

Day Walk Sun 14 Dec
LEADER: Peter Mrzyglocki
MOBILE: 0419746305
EMAIL: peter.mrzyglocki@ausenco.com
GRADE: MDW-3B
LIMIT: 15
BRING: P3 + bathers
COST: 10-15c/km
DEPART: 7:00am Fairfield Gardens
MAP: Beechmont 1:25000 topographic

This activity is full.

NORTHBROOK GORGE

Day Walk Swim Sun 14 Dec
LEADER: Danny Mullins 33252601
MOBILE: 041869154
EMAIL: dannymullins@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: SDW-5B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: dry bag waterproof pack
DEPART: 7am Alderley
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park

This activity is full.

GREENE FALLS/ANNIES/WESTERN WINDOWS

Day Walk Sun 14 Dec
LEADER: Dennis Fishlock 32840551
MOBILE: 0419577360
EMAIL: fyshies@bibpond.com.au
GRADE: MDW4B
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Day Pack as page 3/2lt water
COST: Car Contribution \$10 per person
DEPART: 7am Albany Ck Centro Shopping Centre[Westpac Sign]UBD108F16
CAR KMS: 76km return
MAP: Samsonvale ED 1 1971
SELF-SERVE ONLINE PREFERRED
NO LIST OUT AT MEETINGS/
SPEAK TO LEADER

We will depart the meeting place at 7am and drive to Maijala Park where we leave the vehicles, walk to Greene Falls via Cypress Grove, then ascend a ridge, at the top we will stop for smoko. We will then travel along the ridge stopping at intervals for photo's and looking at different vegetation (it is recommended you wear gloves which you can get from Bunnings as we will come across plenty of WAIT-A-WHILE). We will then descend down the head of creek, up another ridge then down into Annie's Creek, walk along the creek then up a ridge and out onto Alex Road. From here we will walk along Alex Road onto Mt Glorious Road, onto Lawton Road and enter Western Windows track. The pace will be steady with plenty of stops for photo's and lunch break, we will finish back at the cars at Maijala Park, a Coffee Stop at Samford will end the day. The walk is suitable for New Members with a reasonable level of fitness. PLEASE ADVISE LEADER EARLY IF YOU HAVE TO WITHDRAW SO RESERVES CAN BE NOTIFIED. All walkers are advised that a spot check of page 3 items will be done to ensure that you carry the MUST TAKE ITEMS AS PAGE 3

BLACK CANYON

Day Walk Sat 20 Dec
LEADER: Ray Glancy 07 3343 8854
MOBILE: 0419 719 480
EMAIL: rayanddawnglancy@yahoo.com.au
GRADE: LDW-6C
LIMIT: 10
BRING: usual day walk gear
DEPART: 5am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS: 200
This activity is full.

NOOSA NORTH SHORE

Day Walk Sun 21 Dec
LEADER: Eddie Chappel 32619337
MOBILE: 0432 733 847
EMAIL: edwin.chappel@bigpond.com
GRADE: MDW-3C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: As per Mag, 2 litres water
COST: Petrol Money + Barge Fare \$1
DEPART: 6:30am Aspley hypermarket Aust Post Sign
MAP: UBD Noosa North Shore

We will start this walk from the Noosa River Ferry (\$1 Walk on-return) at Tewantin. We then walk down along the Noosa River north Shore riverbank in the national park as far as possible & then on some of the dirt roads to the rivermouth. We will then walk around the Frying Pan sandbank on the north shore. This will be followed by a 3km walk along Teewah Beach to the 1st official 4WD beach exit. The group will have lunch somewhere in the frontal dunes along this section & perhaps a paddle in the surf. We cannot go too far out into the surf as it is unpatrolled. The return back to the ferry is via a horse/walking track past the North Shore Resort. The length is unknown but it is probably of Medium Length. Please nominate by e-mail, home phone or at meetings.

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. There is room for one more on the Overland Track and would be

happy to talk to anyone interested in any of the walks as things could change between now & January.

LOVE CREEK FALLS ABSEIL

Abseil Day Walk Sun 28 Dec
LEADER: Anne Kemp, Danny Mullins 3371
2707
MOBILE: 0411327704
EMAIL: anneikemp@hotmail.com
GRADE: MABS 5C
LIMIT: 7
BRING: Abseil gear, waterproofing and usual day walk gear.
COST: \$10 rope hire, \$10 equipment hire if required plus petrol.
DEPART: 7am Alderley car park
MAP: BFP 1:30,000
LIST KEPT PRIVATELY BY LEADER:
This activity involves an excellent day of rockhopping, scrambling and swimming in Brisbane Forest Park following the usual Love and Cedar route ie down Love Creek and up Cedar Creek. At Love Creek Falls we abseil three pitches down to and over the falls finishing in the water hole below. Our packs will need to be waterproofed. Anybody who has completed the two day BBW abseil training at Kangaroo Point is very welcome to come along. Please contact me if you need more information or wish to hire club abseil gear.

BOONOO BOONOO NP

Basecamp Fri 2 - Sun 4 Jan
LEADER: Jon Beer 3865 1808
GRADE: MBC 4C
LIMIT: 8
BRING: hat sunscreen, togs and party food!
COST: transport, and camping fees - \$10/ person /night
DEPART: 6pm
CAR KMS: 560?
MAP: Bookookoorara 1:25000 topo NSW
NOMINATE: direct to leader
TRANSPORT: Pre-arranged leaving Friday 2nd Jan. pm
Boonoo Boonoo NP is located in the Granite regions southwest of Brisbane and is accessed from the Mt Lindesay Highway via Stanthorpe connection road. The NP is located on the Boonoo Boonoo river and this is the main feature. On the weekend we'll explore up the river on one day and downstream below the falls on the other. Depending on the temperature we may go away from the river to explore Mt Prentice which gives distant views to the scenic rim features in SE Qld. Expect a lot of stops for swimming, and be prepared to have wet footwear. This is a good place for a generally easy weekend with much water to

enjoy and the falls are very spectacular.

SHIPS STERN CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 4 Jan
LEADER: John Dwyer 3844 9213 (a/h)
MOBILE: 0408077491
EMAIL: bbw@mountainmojo.info
GRADE: XDW3C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Usual Gear as per Mag.
DEPART: 6:30am Fairfield Gardens
MAP: Beechmont 1:25000
This track walk commences from Binna Burra in the Lamington National Park. With the side trips it will be just over 20kms. The walk has varied terrain and a variety of short side trips. Options include the overhangs below Picnic Rock, Ballanjui Falls (Lower) and Charraboomba Rock. NO LIST AT MEETINGS. E-mail nominations preferred.

MT GLORIOUS

New Members Weekend Fri 9 - Sun 11 Jan
LEADER: Picnic Pete 3351 1184
MOBILE: 0419 496 837
EMAIL: peter@lock.id.au
GRADE: SBC-5C
LIMIT: 25
BRING: Tent, mattress, sleeping bag
COST: \$15 + transport
CAR KMS: 80km
This is a new members weekend, which probationary members can use to qualify for ordinary membership of the club. It involves a base camp from Friday night to Sunday afternoon, with a day walk on each day. There will be discussions and presentations interspersed through the weekend on topics relevant to bush walking and to our club in particular. Ordinary members are also welcome to attend, subject to campground capacity. The terrain for the walks will be grade 5. This is unusual for a new members weekend - they are usually grade 3. Please be sure you are ready for a grade 5 walk before you nominate. We will be walking up Northbrook Gorge on Saturday which requires you to swim through pools with your pack. On Sunday we will explore Love Creek, which will require you to climb some steep sections and to walk on rocks which might be uneven or slippery. These walks will be short and slow, but do have technical challenges at the grade 5 level. Please try to arrange car pooling to minimise our environmental impact. You need to arrive at the venue between 4pm and 8pm on Friday night. It will take about one hour to drive there from Newmarket. Our campsite has a single shower and toilet. Tank water is available. There is a kitchen with microwave and fridge, and two bedrooms. However I encourage participants

to cook and eat outside if possible - that's what camping is supposed to be about!

OVER 40'S SPRINGBROOK NATIONAL PARK

Day Walk Sat 10 Jan
LEADER: Peter Mrzyglocki
MOBILE: 0419746305
EMAIL: peter.mrzyglocki@ausenco.com
GRADE: MDW-3B
LIMIT: 20
BRING: P3,camera,bathers
COST: 10-15c/km fuel contr'n.
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Shopping Centre
CAR KMS: over 200
MAP: Springbrook
OVER 40'S FUN

For OVER 40's; two short walks in Springbrook - western part of Purlingbrook Falls and the Twin Falls Circuit. We will start at the Gwongorella picnic grounds and complete the western part of Purlingbrook Falls, through eucalypt forest, down to Warringa Pool where we will have morning tea and a swim. We will then drive to Canyon Lookout for the Twin Falls circuit, walking behind the double waterfall and have another opportunity for a swim. Come along for a fun day of moderate level walking, swimming and coffee afterwards. Coffee will be taken at the cosy Rosella's Cafe at Canyon Lookout.

LITTLE NERANG WEST CREEK CIRCUIT - SURVEY

Day Walk Sun 11 Jan
LEADER: Jon Beer 3865 1808
GRADE: MDW 5C?
LIMIT: 12
DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS: 220?
MAP: Springbrook 1:25000 topographic
NOMINATE: direct to leader

Little Nerang West Creek is located in the Springbrook NP on the Gold Coast Hinterland. This walk is a copy of a walk put on at the 2008 Pilgrimage by the Gold Coast Bushwalkers so it is effectively a survey. Below is their description. "We leave our cars at the new camping ground in Carricks Road, Springbrook and join up with an old track leading along the Gwongorella Range. This historic track, which has been rarely visited for some decades, was the original road to Springbrook used before the Little Nerang Dam was built, and runs between Little Nerang East and West Creeks. The first two hours is flat or gently downhill. Nearing the Little Nerang Dam, we head down a steepish ridge for an hour, threading our way to the mouth of Little Nerang West Creek. We then follow up this beautiful shady creek, negotiating many pools and water-

falls on the way. Considerable rock hopping in this section. Further up we get on to an old track system with some tree-falls before meeting up with the "Great Walk" track which takes us to Warringa Pool. We then follow up the Purling Brook track and connect up with the new NP track that takes us back to the camping ground. Suitable for fit persons with scrambling ability. Expect wet boots. Gloves and leg protection required. Long sleeves are also recommended..." I can't add much to this really, except to say that swimming is possible (if not highly desirable!?!), so come along if interested.

BOX FOREST CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 11 Jan
LEADER: Deniz Clarke 0412 007 360
EMAIL: denizclarke@gmail.com
GRADE: MDW-3A
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Min 2L water, togs, page 3 must brings

DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Carpark
This beautiful 11km rainforest walk is in the Green Mountains (O'Reilly's) section of Lamington National Park. It is on graded track with a couple of crossings of West Canungra Creek. From the Border Track we descend down towards West Canungra Creek and have morning tea at the junction. We will do the circuit in a clock-wise direction. Box Forest circuit has many waterfalls and we will stop at one of these to have lunch and a swim. From Elabana Falls we ascend back up to the Border Track and back to the cars. This walk is suitable for new members and the pace will be slow. Please nominate by email or phone. No list at meetings. Note change of start time from 6.30am to 7am.

DAVES CREEK CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sat 17 Jan
LEADER: Dawn Glancy & Deniz Clarke 3343 8854 or 0412 007 360
EMAIL: rayanddawnlancy@yahoo.com.au or denizclarke@gmail.com
GRADE: MDW-2B
LIMIT: 15
BRING: All items on page 3 daywalk gear
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS: 220kms
MAP: Beechmont
MEMBERSHIP CARD: Membership cards required.

This is a 12km return walk, heading out along the Border Track from Binna Burra. It is especially suitable for new members and we will take it very easy so that we can enjoy areas of interest and any wildlife along the way (no Olympic record

setters please). We will pass through several distinct vegetation types, including cool subtropical rainforest, eucalypt forest and mountain heath. There are spectacular views over Numinbah Valley and we will lunch at Surprise Rock, there's plenty of shade at the base, before returning to the cafe for coffee.

ILLINBAH CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sat 17 Jan
LEADER: Greg Kuss. 07 37208245
EMAIL: gregorydk@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: LDW-3C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Hiking boots, togs
DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens
MAP: Binna Burra walking map
This activity is full.

PADDY'S FLAT

River Through Paddle Fri 23 - Mon 26 Jan
LEADER: Graham McLeod 3200 8149
GRADE: KYK
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Boat, paddle, life jacket, helmet, shoes to walk in water
COST: \$10 + car share
CAR KMS: approx 450
This is a paddle from Paddy's Flat to Hootens Crossing on the Clarence River NSW. We will meet at Paddys Flat and camp with the cars on Friday night then take our tents in the boats for the Saturday and Sunday night camps. The trip can be done in a weekend, but will be much more leisurely done over 3 days, arriving at our end-point around lunchtime on Monday. There are numerous small rapids on this river, which are not extreme white water, but they do add a little excitement to the trip. Canoes or kayaks (without rudders) would be suitable. Be prepared for your boat to have some little bumps against the rocks. This is a good introductory trip to learn the skills of easy fast water paddling, ready for Picnic Pete's Chandler River trip planned for March. Ask Picnic Pete if you need assistance with hiring and transporting your boat. Unfortunately this trip depends on sufficient water in the river. If it is too low, we will divert to a different location, possibly the Nymboida Canoe Centre.

LARAPINTA FALLS

Day Walk Sun 8 Feb
LEADER: John Dwyer 3844 9213 (a/h)
MOBILE: 0408077491
EMAIL: bbw@mountainmojo.info
GRADE: MDW4C
LIMIT: 8
BRING: Usual Gear as per Mag.

DEPART: 6:30am Fairfield Gardens
MAP: Lamington 1:25000
Larapinta Falls is located in the Christmas Creek section of Lamington National Park and is one of the highest waterfalls in the park. We drive past Stinson Memorial Park to the end of the road. Last year there was very heavy rain in this area and Christmas Creek has really been cleaned out because of the flooding. From where we leave the cars we follow the creek up to Westray's Grave and have morning tea at this picturesque spot. From here we head further up the creek to reach the falls where we will have lunch and a swim. This walk is suitable for those looking to start off track walks. There are many creek crossings, some rock hopping and beyond Westray's Grave there is no route to follow. NO LIST AT MEETINGS.

STAIRWAY FALLS

Day Walk Sat 14 Feb
LEADER: Mary Comer 3844 6231
MOBILE: 0427446000
EMAIL: mco71878@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: SDW-3B
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Day walk gear & swimmers
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens car park
MAP: Lamington NP
This walk is in the O'Reillys area of Lamington NP. We leave the cars at the end of Duck Creek Road and follow the trail down Bull Ant Spur to West Canungra Creek. Morning tea will be here at Yerralahla (aka Blue Pool, which isn't blue !). This is a fabulous swimming hole. We then go downstream following an old track, with 6 creek crossings, to Stairway Falls. There is also a lovely swimming hole here so it will be our place for a leisurely lunch stop. We return to the cars on the same route. NB I will be away in January so please nominate either before or after then. Thanks.

PICNIC POINT AND TABLE TOP TOOWOOMBA

Day Walk Sat 14 Feb
LEADER: Greg Kuss. 07 37208245
EMAIL: gregorydk@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: SDW-4C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Day Walk gear
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens
CAR KMS: 250
MAP: not required
Toowoomba in late summer is often dry and warm as the last days of summer burn themselves out, but sometimes can be wet. The walk starts at the bandstand, Picnic Point lookout. We

take the Firetrail walk which branches off the Pardalote walk. It zigzags down the Toowoomba range escarpment. It has views over the Lockyer Valley and forest birdlife abounds. We link up to the Table Top mountain trail at the bottom of South St. There is a minor rocky bit and some scree to negotiate but nothing too difficult. Lunch at the flat top of Table Top which has great views of the surrounding valleys. We return via the same trail and back up the South St hill. We cut across parkland to Torbrook Memorial Dr. Then link back up to the Pardalote walk, before coming out at the kiosk. Afternoon tea will be at the Waterfall Cafe Picnic Point. Where on a clear day you can see forever.

MT GLORIOUS WORK 'N WORK QPWS VOLUNTEERS ONLY

Basecamp Fri 20 - Sun 22 Feb
LEADER: John Shields 07-32646565
MOBILE: 0447824988 [walk day only]
EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au
GRADE: WHATEVER
BRING: GLOVES;EYE PROTECTION;LONG PANTS AND SLEEVES
COST: CAMPING FEES
QPWS VOLUNTEERS ONLY

Well fellow volunteers it is on again with more lantana and weed clearing to be enjoyed along with your mates. We are going to open up the view to the valley wider and we do not anticipate it to be as hard going as the last camp. There will be 4 new volunteers in our group so the ear bashing will get spread more. Saturday only are OK. Hope you can make it.

ENGLAND CREEK RIGHT BRANCH

Day Walk Sun 22 Feb
LEADER: John Dwyer 3844 9213 (a/h)
MOBILE: 0408077491
EMAIL: bbw@mountainmojo.info
GRADE: MDW5C
LIMIT: 8
BRING: Usual Gear as per Mag.
DEPART: 7:00am Alderley
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30000

This is a walk to the not often visited right branch of England Creek. The off track part of the walk commences with a steep drop off Joyner's Road. We then rock hop along this beautiful creek and will have a few swims on the way. Eventually we will climb out of the creek and follow an old road back to Maiala. NO LIST AT MEETINGS.

BRIBIE ISLAND

Day Walk/drive Sun 22 Feb
LEADER: Burney 0422386080
EMAIL: burnicestarkey@hotmail.com

GRADE: BIRD
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Bino's, bird book, Scope if you can, Insect repellent, sunscreen, morning tea and lunch, chair
DEPART: 7am Buckley's Hole, Bongaree
MAP: UBD map 63 E4

BIRD WATCHING ON BRIBIE:

This will be a full day visiting a number of areas on the island. Previous outings have produced 100 species for the day. Meet at 7am at cnr of McDonald St. and The Boulevard. We start at the sandbar near Buckley's Hole, which may have a variety of roosting wader species as High Tide is at 8am. Then we will view the water birds on the lagoon and visit the hide. After walking down Red Beach Road where various bush birds are, we will return to Buckley's Hole via the beach for morning tea at the cars. Other areas we will cover include the high tide roost at Kakadu Circuit, Banksia Beach (Map 52 J6) and Wrights Creek at White Patch (Map 42 H19). We may lunch at the picnic area near here, lunch will be close to the cars (You may wish to keep food cool in a esky). Thereafter a quick drive and visit to the entrance to the National Park.

WISHING TREE & WEST CLIFF

Day Walk Sat 28 Feb
LEADER: Mary Comer 3844 6231
MOBILE: 04276000
EMAIL: mco71878@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: MDW-3C
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Usual day walk gear
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens
MAP: Lamington NP

This walk is in the O'Reillys area of Lamington NP. It is about 11kms in a variety of vegetation. We start in the rainforest behind the Guest House walking down hill to the Wishing Tree and Morans Creek. Following the creek downstream we have some open 4WD track before we get to the top of the Falls. This is where probably we will have morning tea in a clearing with good views. We then walk up the Morans Falls track to the road where there is the junction to Python Rock. After following this track we go to West Cliff where on a clear day there are good views to Main Range. From here we return via Lukes Farm and a short road walk to the cars. This is a suitable walk for new members who are unsure of their fitness for longer walks. NB I will be away in January so please nominate either before or after then. Thanks.

A few photos submitted in 2008 that didn't make it to the magazine cover.



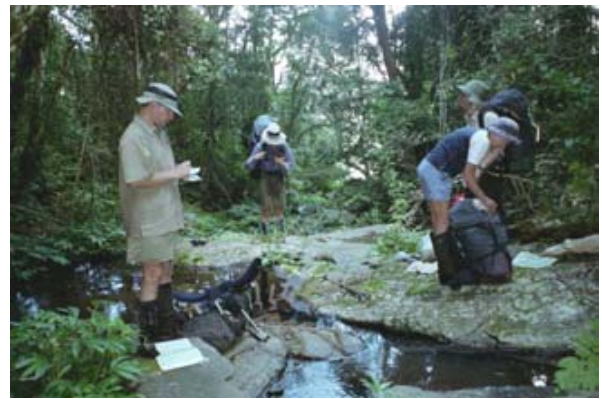
Joe Iriondo shows the signal for “No route this way” (Fountain Falls - Ray Glancy)



Morning Tea No.1 on the way up Mt Zahel (Don Rose)



David Sydes shows everyone the “easy route” he has found.
(Morans Creek survey - Ray Glancy)



John Hinz makes a note to make more notes in future (Jon Beer - Pt Pure)



Time-out on a Maijala basecamp walk - Marg Sykes.

(Jeanette, in future editions this photo will be printed increasingly larger until you pay for it to be stopped.)

Larapinta Falls with some serious water (Jon Beer)



THE SIERRA HIGH ROUTE

Marion and I have recently returned from the US completing the major part of Steve Ropers, fabulous Sierra High Route (SHR) in The Sierra Nevada, California. The time period was late July to second week in September chosen to coincide with the usual optimal summer walking weather. This trip was a culmination of our Sierra walking experience. We now have been there 4 times in the last 5 years.

The Sierras of course is a heavily utilised high alpine mecca for walkers with almost endless possibilities for the extent & types of trips. For us, this last trip was an ultimate walking adventure (400km, 6 walk sections, 30 major passes, spectacular high altitude vistas/landscapes above 10000 ft, mostly trackless, pristine, isolated, a testing navigation exercise).

We recommend the Sierras as a must visit walking destination. Following are just a few pointers for intending visitors.

It is a simple matter to fly into Los Angeles or San Francisco. This is the major cost element for such a hiking trip. Items such as car-hire, food, public transport, gear are all comparatively cheap in California. The wilderness areas do not involve camping fees but are all quota-controlled requiring permits. There are excellent hiking trail maps and lots of published information available.

For first time visitors it is easy to use high altitude trail heads plus loop trips of 4 to 6 days to pick off the very best places. There are many trail heads from the eastern side accessed from the Owen Valley and the towns of Bishop and Mammoth. From the west side access is via Sequoia NP, Kings Canyon NP, Yosemite NP. It is best to get the hang of the Sierras before embarking on trips such as the John Muir Trail or the SHR.

After the Labour Day weekend (first Monday in September) the crowds disappear, the weather is cooler but there is a higher risk of storms. The SHR being mainly off track does not have the problem of too many walkers.

People always ask us about bear danger. If the rules are followed, they are not a problem. The mandatory bear-proof containers can be hired from Ranger Offices at \$5 per week.

The weather for the most part is superb. However, high altitude storms (including lightning, snow, hail, rain, cold winds) do occur and it is just common sense to be well equipped. We had two such storms on our SHR trip.

Lou Darveniza



Trekking pole information

The web site below is a very good one for information on the use of and how to use trekking poles. We thought it would be worth putting in the next issue of The Brisbane Bushwalker.

<http://www.personal.dundee.ac.uk/~pjclinch/poles.htm>

Tony and Christine Everett

Mountain Top Melbourne Cup Adventures & Horny Bugs

As I'm not really into the Melbourne Cup theme, I wasn't going to celebrate it much except to have the usual Cup lunch at work. I was checking out the BBW website and noticed that Cheryl was leading a walk up to Mt Maroon to celebrate it in style. As Maroon is my second favourite mountain after Barney I was drawn into the thought of squeezing in Maroon for my fifth time this year (& ever); I decided it was too good to pass up. I was a bit concerned about the heat, as most people who know me know that I fall apart in the heat & worse the humidity...but if there's cold temps & snow involved...well...I'd bounce up the mountain with hyperactivity lol... After reassurance from Cheryl that it wasn't gonna be a fast walk, I was happy to still be on the walk.

The forecast for the day was for afternoon storms so I was a bit apprehensive about being caught out on top. As the conditions didn't look like a HUGE day compared to about a month ago, I pushed the thought to the back of my mind & kept an eye on the sky all day. Most of the day there was a big cloud bank on the coastal areas but nothing defined & patchy cumulous out west (read later that conditions got too dry out west, hence no real big activity).

After some confusion about meeting times in the morning we arrived at the base of the mountain & hankered into some chicken & champagne. Now I must admit the thought of chicken for brekky sounds a bit weird but jeez did it taste goooooood. We started getting ready with our packs & I must admit I was dreading the walk. Everyone had to bring something & I chose my signature dish of Orange Pancakes with Grand Marnier Custard Centres. Now for those who know me well know that I take food safety very seriously, so what seemed like a good dessert idea (plus I couldn't think of anything else to make at the last minute) quickly became a weighty one with the weight of the actual dessert & many ice bricks later. As I was expecting cold & rainy conditions extra clothes etc were packed. I decided to ditch the 4th litre of water & only carry 3L (had to ration the last litre of water coming down). I weighed my pack before I left home & found that it weighed about 18-19kg. Now even my through walking pack (where you carry tent, mat, sleeping bag, food, stove etc) doesn't get THAT heavy (well maybe a bit close...but hey I'm only new to this type of camping lol) let alone going UP a mountain in the HEAT. Now for those who haven't done Maroon it's no easy walk in the park by any means !!!!! needless to say I found it relatively easy to what I thought it was. Think my legs knew the path so well that it didn't try & fight me lol PLUS I had my poles...LOVE my poles :):)

Anyway with a few stops on the way we were nearing the summit. A ladybeetle landed on my arm, which I thought was cute (girly moment). Thought quickly disappeared when we were surrounded by a SWARMING mass of ladybeetles & Plague Soldier Beetles. The Plague Soldier beetles are normally seen on the summit but nobody had seen THIS amount before. I was talking to an Entomologist at work & he said some beetles congregate on mountain tops at certain elevations to mate in what's called "Hill Topping". So while we were sipping champagne & enjoying fine food & company we were surrounded by beetles getting their rocks off lol...

After the tarp was put up we all changed into our finery & managed to pose for a few pics before the bugs drove us back under the tarp. Lucky for us they didn't come under & harass us :)

After some excellent entrees (must get recipe off you Cheryl), mains & dessert we listened to the races (via portable radio) & hoped our horse would come in (earlier we pulled horses out the hat)...

As our time at the top was nearing the end I noticed a lovely storm cell go up. I knew the wind shear wouldn't send it our way so was able to watch in safety :):) We all started to get changed back into our hiking gear (mind you would've loved to take some action shots of going down the steep rocky sections in dresses & heels) & walked back down to our cars. Cheryl (& I'm not sure who else got there early) had hot coffee, tea & cake all waiting for us; how spoilt were we, pity it can't be like that for every BBW walk ;):):)

Had a bit of rain on the way down & an in cloud flash & a few rumbles of thunder at the cars. Suffice to say that was the end of the storm "chase" for me. Headed back via Boonah to see what else was around & hoped for something to develop a bit later, which of course nothing did.

Anyway a HUGE thanks to Cheryl for organising a GREAT day out & to everyone else for the food & company.

Christina Dott

A new trusted leader (A largely true story)

A new Leader for the Club emerged on Saturday 1st November being Peter Mrzglycocki. The destination for his first walk was Purlingbrook Falls Circuit and Warringa Pool. Twelve members commenced the walk.

New members catch on fast as cries of “how far to go” and “are we there yet” projected from the back of the group. ‘Trust Me Pete’ came back with the suspiciously comforting words - “not far now, trust me”; “only 20 minutes”. 40 Minutes later his newfound name was carved in stone by a frustrated walkers teeth.

We finally arrived at the truly spectacular Purlingbrook Falls under the encouragement of Tail End Charlie who had now been aptly re-named Whip Me Charlie. Our mouths opened and closed, gasping for air as we viewed a massive eel in the water hole. We thought perhaps a metre long, though by the end of the walk we had a consensus - 4 metres. “*I wonder what they eat*” was cried from the back of the pack. T.M.P. did his Eel Risk Management strategy and came up with - “*I would like a new member to volunteer to dip their big toe in the water*”. We lost our first member though we now know Long Finned Eels are carnivorous.

The air cracked around our ears as whip birds spurred us on and Whip Me Charlie joined in the lashing. We withdrew along the track only to find something distinctly fishy. T.M.P assured us it was a Land Mullet (glossy black skink). The sheer black shiny scales of the mullet glistened in the deep dark forest. A thrill for some though bottom lips quavered and hearts pounded for others. Has anyone seen Amanda?

Further on, we were fortunate enough to come across a Yellow Faced Whip Snake. They are known as the greyhounds of the snake world, though they had Buckleys against the lightening speed of certain members’ panicked retreat. As it devoured it’s skink lizard lunch, T.M.P. did his Snake Risk Management Assessment. “*Get a closer look!*” he says. The remaining members crooned over the snake. BIG mistake. What was her name again?

The remnant group slithered past in a deathly silence.

At the top of the escarpment, we went to the viewing platform from where our previous Herculean efforts could be viewed. We were proud of ourselves and felt peaceful and calm as we watched small children step into the ‘4 metre eel’ water hole way below. If only they knew what we knew, we mused quietly to ourselves. On a nearby branch, a crimson rosella displayed its magnificent scarlet and navy blue plumage.

We thought the *aaaaarrgghhh* was the cry of the sulphur crested cockatoos gliding majestically over the gorge but, alas, it was not. A member was jammed between the iron bars on the viewing platform. I looked at our leader and T.M.P. was staring fixedly at the horizon. If he didn’t care, why should I? Linda seemed like a nice person.

After all the pain and suffering, T.M.P. cheerily suggested a refreshing dip in Warringa Pool to rekindle our spirits. We had the privilege of enjoying the rare company of an Icelander though when even he displayed goose bumps, many decided ‘refreshing’ was not their thing. It truly had nothing to do with the previous eel sighting. Trust me.

Newer members seized the opportunity of revenge on Whip Me Charlie. On the world wide web you may find a photo of the deceased in his togs plus the visible weights tied to his feet - ie. heavy boots and socks. T.M.P. did a Club Membership Risk Assessment and decided his loss was no loss.

The sea of rapt faces said it all at the cosy Rosellas Coffee House with its brass tea pots; 3 plates on the wall and prerequisite art and craft display. “*We were expecting more*” squawked the waitress. “*Numbers are down*” retorted T.M.P. as he speared his black forest gateau.

‘A survivor’ - Gael Paul



A Fine Leader



Tail End Charlie displays the new look in swimming attire



I am publishing this photo in good faith but I don't understand how the 4 metre eel got from the pool at Purlingbrook Falls up to the road at the top of the hill and why it looks so much like a carpet snake. ...Ed.

Committee News

PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORT

Your 'new' Committee (with several familiar faces) has now taken over the reins of the club for another 12 months. Many thanks to the outgoing Committee for all their efforts. We also welcome Committee first-timers Adam Clarke (Outings) and Catherine Lowry (Equipment).

BBW will be organising the walks programme at the Bushwalking Queensland 2009 Pilgrimage, 21-23 August, at the Lake Maroon Holiday Park. Mark that date in your diary folks for a substantial BBW attendance. Ray Glancy will be the walks programme co-ordinator and he will need 15 to 20 leaders on Saturday the 22nd August. The official Pilgrimage site is <http://au.geocities.com/qldpilgrimage/>

We welcome Jenny Campbell as a leader and thank her for volunteering.

Membership Officer Peter Lock has made several changes to the procedures for prospective and new members that hopefully improve their introduction to the club.

Bushwalking Australia Inc are having their AGM in Brisbane on 21-23 November. It has been called a 'face to face' meeting. Tom Cowlshaw is a Bushwalking Queensland delegate; Alan Pryor and Greg Long will also attend as BBW observers.

Leaders organising new member and other overnight camps who make venue bookings nearly always have to provide a non-refundable deposit themselves. When members withdraw late or do not turn up the leader is unable to recover costs and is left out of pocket. Often these sums are substantial. Consequently leaders will now be asking for a \$20 non-refundable deposit at the time of nomination.

Adam Clarke, our Outings Officer, will be looking at the walks bookings system to see if it needs modifying to meet the changing needs of members.

Tom Hulse

GUEST SPEAKERS

WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER— WINTER WALKING - OVERLAND TRACK & OTHERS

Presentation by Ray Glancy & Elaine Beller on some trips they have done in the winter season.

WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER—LIGHT-WEIGHT BUSHWALKING

Presentation from Greg Toman on his light-weight bushwalking experiences. Greg is from Multi-Sport Imports which has a range of GoLite equipment such as tents and packs that are specifically targeted at those who want to go light-weight to make their bushwalking more enjoyable.

Narelle

Committee News

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Renewals

It's renewal time! If you are an ordinary member of the club (aka "full" member) then your membership falls due on 31st January each year. You don't have to wait until the last minute - you can renew now. Fees for 2009 are \$40 for singles or \$60 for couples. (That's cheaper than last year.)

Extra People on Walks

Long-standing club members may recall that visitors were allowed on walks up to 2002. But since early 2003 visitors are no longer welcome, and every participant has to be a member. I think this change has largely been a good thing, because it's a much better feeling to organise walks for people who are members rather than unknown visitors. However, from a leader's point of view, there are times when I would like to bring an extra person on a walk. For example, I could invite a photographic expert on a photographic walk. Or I could invite a paddling expert to show us some kayaking tips. Or I could organise a through-walk in the Blue Mountains and invite a local to show us around. And if my friend decides to visit from Sydney at short notice, I won't have to cancel the BBW walk I have organised - I can bring him along.

In general, I like to see a wide variety in our activity program, and I like to give leaders as much flexibility as possible to organise interesting things. (And I do include myself when I say "leaders!")

I have given the committee two proposals for inclusion of extras. One is to bring extras as visitors for no charge. The other is to sign-up the extras as members for \$5. This would be a special membership that lasts only for that activity, has no membership card, and no magazine subscription. But it would still have proper paperwork and insurance.

Under each of these models, I am suggesting that a leader will have the right to bring an extra when he/she wishes. This is not a facility for the general public to attend our activities without joining, nor even for general club members to bring their friends. This is only for a leader to bring an extra on his/her own walk.

Do you have views on this topic? Do you prefer for extras to come as visitors, or as temporary members? Or would you prefer that we continue to prevent leaders from doing this? Or perhaps you have an even better idea! I would love to hear it before the December committee meeting.

Perks for Leaders?

I am looking for ideas to reward or recognise leaders for the fantastic contribution they make to our club. This was mentioned briefly at the last two committee meetings, but no resolution has been adopted yet. One suggestion was free membership for leaders. Do you have an idea? We can afford to spend a little money if a good idea comes along. Please send your ideas to me or another committee member.

Picnic Pete



CHRISTMAS PARTY

BUNYA MOUNTAINS

Fri 5 - Sun 7 Dec

LEADER: Carrol Helander 3396 8652

MOBILE: 0401 150 615

EMAIL: carrolh@optusnet.com.au

LIMIT: 40

BRING: I will organise a list of nibbles to bring. Self-cater breakfasts, lunches and one dinner. Saturday night will be a catered dinner. Bunk style accommodation.

COST: \$80pp

This is the Club's annual Christmas get together. It is usually well attended so book early. We like to have a theme every year and this year it's come as your favourite song/singer or musical group. In past years people have come up with some pretty creative ideas. I'm sure this year will be fantastic. There will be some walks, I hope so I will be looking for a few leaders to organise those please.

Carrol



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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

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A reminder to all **Full Members** that annual membership fees are due by 31st January 2009.

Single membership: \$40.00 per annum Couples: \$60 per annum.

(No, its not a misprint - fees have been reduced! This was discussed and voted on at the AGM.)

You can avoid the lengthy queues at the Treasurer's table by paying before the deadline.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Kim Anderson
Ashley Burnett
Hayley Dwyer
Kim Harburg
Susan Jensen
Murray Perrin
Kamini Singh
Amy Wong

Wayne Beal
Jacqui Clarke
Steve Eames
Mia Harris
Megan Mackenzie
Vik Reid
Phil Spence
Helen Yan

Jonathan Bowers
Nicolette Cleary
Leonie Elphinstone
Ktima Heathcote
Tanja Mackenzie
Jan Rodwell
Rachel Trigger

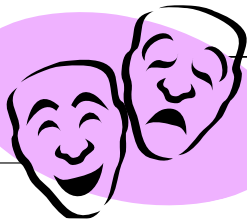
Neville Bryant
Teri Daly
Gail Fitzgibbon
Beverley Hutchinson
Stephen Norwood
Peter Roelofs
Rita Walsh

Congratulations to the following who have been granted Full Membership:

Peta Brennan

Mal Crabtree

Helen Sitcheff



Out & About

DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT

CINEMA CAFE

WHEN: Tue 2nd Dec, 6:30pm
WHERE: CINEMA CAFE,
158 OXFORD ST, BULIMBA
CONTACT: Peter Hunt 3351 3642
EMAIL: peterjameshunt@optusnet.com.au

The Cinema Cafe offers a good range of high quality meals and desserts at reasonable prices. It is ideally situated a few doors from the Balmoral Cinemas. This is the final dinner and movie night for the year so do not miss it. You are welcome to come to the dinner only as the movie sessions can be a little late. Movies screening at the time will be discussed over dinner.

Peter

BAREFOOT MUSICBOWL AND BBQ

WHEN: Sun 18 Jan, 12:30pm
WHERE: The Boo, cnr Breakfast Creek Rd & Edmonstone St Newstead.
LEADER: Burney 0422386080
EMAIL: burnicestarkey@hotmail.com
LIMIT: 20
BRING: New Year smile + \$
COST: \$30 p.p + drink\$

The New Year is here and lets start with a bit of fun!! Welcome to the Booroodabin Bowls Club, established in 1888, The Boo is Queensland's oldest bowls club, centrally located in the historic Breakfast Creek precinct. We will gather at 12.30 so eat something before you come. Bowling between 1pm-3pm. Live Music starts at 3pm and

BBQ at 4pm. For just \$30 per person you get two hours of bowls plus a BBQ meal which includes your choice of either a 210g Rib Fillet; a chicken breast; a barramundi fillet; or a vegetarian option. The meal is served buffet style to your table and includes a fresh tossed salad, bread rolls and French fries. Please inform me of your meal choice in the comments column when nominating. Pay direct to Burney on Wed 14th Jan, pls.

Burney

THE OLD MUSEUM, CINE RETRO

SHOWCASE EVENING FILM

WHEN: Sat 7 Feb, 6:30pm
WHERE: Gregory Terrace gate entrance, Bowen Hills
LEADER: Burney 0422386080
EMAIL: burnicestarkey@hotmail.com
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Picnic dinner, wine, chair
COST: \$14 + \$ for coffee

A Cine Retro Showcase Evening featuring The Film: Mildred Pierce (1945) Starring: Joan Crawford earning her 1st Oscar is a gripping portrayal brimming with rage and betrayal, melodrama and music. Preceded by a selection of period 35mm ads, newsreels and a cartoon! It's more than a movie night so bring along a picnic dinner and wine to share before the screening. Seating is table style. Please ensure I know how many places to hold. A comfortable camp chair for the movie viewing which starts at 7.30pm \$ for coffee and home-made delights for supper at interval. With the feature film at 8.30pm. See www.cineretro.org for more details.

Burney

Magazine Collating

Magazine collating is at Peter Hunt's at Ferny Hills on Thursday 22nd January at 6:30pm. There is only about 1 1/2 hours work required. If you would like to come along for an easy social night with take-away dinner please phone 3351 3642 to confirm.



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NEVER WALK ALONE...
ALWAYS TELL SOMEONE...
WALK WITH A CLUB.

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Shirley Peadon—email: registrar@bbw.org.au; or phone: 07 3892 4641

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