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**BRISBANE BUSHWALKERS CLUB INC (EST. 1948)
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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 MEETING: NOTE NEW ADDRESS
The next committee meeting will be held at 7.00pm on **Wednesday 1st February** at 228 Stafford Rd. Stafford. (cnr Gamelin Cres). All members are welcome to attend.

MAGAZINE: Pre-trip descriptions are submitted via the Walks page on the web site. Articles from members, especially post-trip reports, are welcome. Lengthy articles may be edited to fit available space. The preferred method for article submission is email; for other methods please discuss with editor.

Deadline for the March magazine is the Meeting on Wednesday 8th February.

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

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



Members can hire up to 4 items at one time for a maximum charge of \$10 per person.

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

PLB: The Club has several PLBs which Leaders may borrow, at no cost, for approved club activities only.

LIBRARY

Free loan to members:-
Books, Magazines, DVDs, CDs

Free loan to leaders:-
Maps and Rasters

Duration of loan:- 2 weeks for Maps, 4 weeks for all other items. If unable to return items on time please put them in the mail.

For Sale:-
Snake bandages: \$10.00
Car stickers and badges: 3.00
Club T shirts, jackets, vests

COVER PHOTOGRAPH

Love Creek Falls Abseil (Xmas Party 2016)
Photo: Wade Chang

FIRST AID CERTIFICATES

To encourage members to maintain a current First Aid certificate, the Club will organise courses for Full members (not Probationary members). The Club will refund 70% of cost upon completion.

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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 -- **SDW-3B**
Short Day Walk (**SDW**)
Graded track with obstacles (**3**)
Easy (**B**)

ACTIVITY **ABS**eil; **Base Camp**; **Day Walk**; **Through Walk**; **Easy Through Walk**; **Night Walk**; **SOC**ial Activity; **KaYaK**; **CYCLE**; **Safety & Training**; **Federation Mountain Rescue**; **ROG**aine.

FAMILY Family — Family Group conditions; contact Leader

Note for Leaders when grading a walk: *The brief descriptions below are to help members match their ability to an activity. To grade your walk consult the Standard List of Graded Walks.*

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 from the BBW website).

- Nominate for an activity via the club website, or by phoning or emailing the leader. (Some leaders only accept phone or email nominations.) 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 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 \$6.15 per person per night. (The leader will provide details.) Many NSW National Parks also charge \$7 per vehicle per day.

ALWAYS TAKE: Lunch, snacks, spare food; water (at least 2 or 3 litres); first aid kit; hat & sunscreen; torch; whistle; pencil & paper; warm clothing (fleece jacket minimum, thermals if you have them); raincoat. Don't forget a change of clothing & shoes for after the walk and money for car pooling & coffee.

PROGRAM

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

January

25	Meeting		
25-30	M-BC-3C	Mt Kaputar National Park	Lou Darveniza
25-29	S-TW-7D	Guy Fawkes River	Annette Miller
28	S-MINIMAXS-3B	Mt Coot-tha for new members	Peter Lock
28	S-MINIMAXS-3B	New members sign-up day	Peter Lock
28	L-DW-4C	Stairway Falls & Box Forest	Mary Comer
28	S-DW-4B	D'Aguilar NP - Byron Creek - Upper Causeway Circuit	Lucy Guzman
29	S-MINIMAXS-3B	Mt Coot-tha for new members	Nick Brooking
29	L-DW-3C	Warrie Circuit [including Twin Falls]	Bernie Ryan

February

2	TRNG	Thursday Kangaroo Point - Pack Training	Pete Watson
3-5	S-DW-3A	Springbrook Lodge Basecamp 2: Dung Beetle Research Walks	Michele Cottrell
3-5	BC	Pasta Making Weekend	Ray Glancy
4	M-DW-6D	Byron Mountain & Gorge	Annette Miller
4	S-DW-5B	Kobble Creek the source	Kelvin Taylor
4	L-DW-3B	Toolona Creek Circuit	Mary Comer
4	S-DW-6C	Enoggera Gorge	Lou Darveniza
4	S-DW-5B	Northbrook Gorge from the Gravel Pit	David Haliczzer
5	S-MINIMAXS-3B	Mt Coot-tha for new members MINIMAX	Graham Marshall
5	S-DW-5B	Northbrook Gorge from Lawton Rd. via Eagles Nest..	Mark Houghton
5	X-DW-3C	Albert River Circuit	Elena Williams
5	M-DW-3B	Noosa National Park [Headland section]	Bernie Ryan
7	M-DW-7C	"Cedar Tree" Creek and Love Ck Loop	Annette Miller
8	Meeting		
10-12	L-TW-7D	Lost World/Black Canyon	Tim Easton
11	S-DW-4A	Lower Portals	Marge Henry
12	SOC	SUGARSPIN at GOMA	Anna-Lena Moore
12	M-DW-3A	Jolly's Lookout	Mark Houghton
12	S-DW-7C	Kel's Creek	Kelvin Taylor
12	M-DW-5C	Kilcoy Creek (Survey)	Peter Hunt
18	M-DW-5C	Lower Portals - Barney Gorge Campsite Circuit	David Haliczzer
18	S-DW-3B	Mt Mitchell	Lawrence Schumacher
18	M-DW-6D	Around Mt Bangalora	Jarrah Gard
18	ABS	Watson Creek Falls Abseil	Lynley Murtagh
18	M-ABS/DW-5B	Back Creek Gorge Abseil	Shannon Bratton
19	X-DW-3C	Sunshine Coast Hinterland Great Walk Stage 1 - Lake Baroon to Kondalilla Falls and return	Bernie Ryan
19	M-DW-2A	Daves Creek Circuit	Bob Reid
22	Meeting	Bring & Buy	
25	S-MINIMAXS-3A	Chermside Hills Reserve - New Members Mini Max	Steve Cockburn
25	S-DW-5B	Northbrook Gorge from Lawton Rd. via Eagles Nest.	Neill Butler
26-28	M-TW-4D	Lake Angelus Basin: New Zealand	Anthony Logan

March

2-6	L-TW-3D	Heaphy Track - Great Walk: New Zealand	Anthony Logan
3-5	S-BC/TRNG-4B	Navigation Training Weekend	Peter Lock
4	S-MINIMAXS-4B	MiniMax for new members - Glasshouse Mountains	Dan Cirsky
5	M-DW-4C	Mt D'Aguilar and Hanging Valley	David Haliczzer
5	L-DW-3C	Sunshine Coast Hinterland Great Walk Stage 2 - Flaxton to Gheerulla Circuit	Bernie Ryan
5	M-DW-5C	Mt Barney Waterfall	Marion Darveniza
8-12	L-TW-3C	Abel Tasman Coastal Track - Great Walk: New Zealand	Anthony Logan
10-12	BC	Mt Mee & "Summers End" Base Camp	Dwan Moore
11-12	M-TW-3B	Echo Point	Mary Comer
11	M-DW-3A	Artists Cascades	Neill Butler

12	M-DW-5C	The Cougals via Boyds Butte	Glenis Bradley
18	L-DW-3B	Coomera Circuit	Mary Comer
18	M-DW-3B	Noosa Nat Park (Headland section) MINIMAX follow up walk	Dan Cirsy
19	X-DW-3C	Sunshine Coast Hinterland Great Walk Stage 3 - Gheerulla Circuit	Bernie Ryan
25	M-DW-6C	Mt May east circuit	David Haliczzer
25-26	M-TW-3B	Echo Point	Mary Comer
25-26	TRNG	Remote First Aid Training Base Camp - Mt Glorious Barracks	Andy Mauger
25	S-MINIMAXS-3A	Chermside Hills Reserve - New Members Mini Max	Steve Cockburn
26	M-DW-6D	Around Mt Bangalora	Marion Darveniza
26	S-DW-7C	Flinders Peak Creek Adventure	Shaun Johnston
28	M-DW-6C	Cedar & Love Cks from Cedar Ck Rd	Lou Darveniza

April

1-2	S-NW-5C	Mount Maroon by Starlight	Shaun Johnston
1-2	ABS/TRNG	Kangaroo Point Nursery Cliffs	Lynley Murtagh
2	S-DW-4B	Cainbale Falls (O'Reillys) Survey	Peter Hunt
8	ABS/DW	Redcliffs Abseil	Lynley Murtagh
8-9	M-TW-3B	Echo Point	Mary Comer
9	SVY	Flinders Peak Alternate Ridge SURVEY	Shaun Johnston
9	M-DW/SVY-5C	Flinders Peak via Mount Blaine SURVEY	Bernie Ryan
14-17	M-TW-7D	Sundown Circuit	Marion Darveniza
14-18	M-BC-3B	EASTER: Moreton Island Basecamp 5 day Long Weekend	Michele Cottrell
16	M-DW-5C	Neurum Ck (Survey)	Peter Hunt
22-25	M-TW-4C	Moreton Island North	Greg Kuss
23	SVY	Flinders Peak Creek Adventure MK II SURVEY	Shaun Johnston
23	M-DW-5B	Mount Blaine via Bernie's Bluff	Bernie Ryan

\$\$\$ ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES \$\$\$

A reminder to all **Full Members** that annual membership fees are due by **31st January 2017**.

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

\$\$\$ PAY ONLINE \$\$\$

Avoid the long queues at the Club meetings and pay your annual membership fees online.

Bank details are:

Account Name: Brisbane Bushwalkers Club Inc
 BSB: 124 021
 Account: 1041 4419
 Reference: your name

Many of the internet banking sites allow you to enter one reference to show on your account and another to show to the payee. In these cases put your name in the Payee Reference field.

Note: Club membership cards are not issued. A plain card (no member name or date) will be available for those who want it to get discounts etc.

On request, a 50% discount will be offered to members with 10-20 year membership and a 100% discount for over 20 years membership.

*However, this discount **must be requested**; it is not automatic.*

If you are eligible, and wish to take advantage of the 100% discount, please email registrar@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au so that Anna Bransden can update your status accordingly.

Please also advise the registrar when you pay if you intend to take up the 50% discount.



.....Coming Trips.....

GUY FAWKES RIVER

Through Walk Wed 25 - Sun 29 Jan
 LEADERS: **Annette Miller** 0418 791 841
 GRADE: S-TW-7D
 LIMIT: 6
 BRING: Page 3, water tablets, waterproof pack liner
 COST: \$120.00 - \$120 pp car contribution
 MEET: TBA
 DEPART: 7:00AM
 CAR KMS: 1000km

If you don't enjoy rock hopping/scrambling with a through pack, read no further!! This will be a 4 day trip down the Guy Fawkes starting at Ebor below the falls. We will rock hop, scramble and swim our way down the river and plan to exit at Native Dog Creek. (a car shuttle will be required). The entire walk will be rock hopping and apart from the first day, there will be many compulsory swims. (which we will do with our walking clothes and boots on - too many to change each time)

MT KAPUTAR NATIONAL PARK

Base Camp Wed 25 - Mon 30 Jan
 LEADERS: **Lou Darveniza**
Marion Darveniza 0438 481 186
 This walk is full.

D'AGUILAR NP - BYRON CREEK - UPPER CAUSEWAY CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sat 28 Jan
 LEADERS: **Lucy Guzman** 0438 760 531
Tom Vaughan 0407 283 106
 This walk is full.

MT COOT-THA FOR NEW MEMBERS

MiniMaxS Walk Sat 28 Jan
 LEADERS: **Peter Lock** 0419 496 837
Anna Lock 0438 052 411
 This walk is full.

NEW MEMBERS SIGN-UP DAY

MiniMaxS Walk Sat 28 Jan
 LEADERS: **Peter Lock** 0419 496 837
Anna Lock 0438 052 411
 GRADE: S-MINIMAXS-3B
 LIMIT: 10
 COST: \$25.00 - Membership fee
 MEET: Mt Coot-tha car park near roundabout
 DEPART: 8:00AM

The usual way to join the club is to come to a meeting, meet the people, ask questions, and decide if you really want to join. This walk is our first trial of a sign-up day where you can join the club in the morning and go for a walk the same day. If you want to join the club at this event,

please email your request to membership@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au. We will send back some detailed instructions about where and when to meet. And also how to make your payment via internet before the day. (Hint: It is somewhere on Mt Coot-tha, fairly early in the morning. You should bring your lunch in a back pack, as the walk will take most of the day.) If you are not sure about joining the club, then don't come to this event. This one is for people who already know they want to join.

STAIRWAY FALLS & BOX FOREST

Day Walk Sat 28 Jan
 LEADERS: **Mary Comer** 0427 446 000
 This walk is full.

WARRIE CIRCUIT [INCLUDING TWIN FALLS]

Day Walk Sun 29 Jan
 LEADERS: **Bernie Ryan** 0432 907275
 This walk is full.

MT COOT-THA FOR NEW MEMBERS

MiniMaxS Walk Sun 29 Jan
 LEADERS: **Nick Brooking** 04 1972 4296
Mary Comer 0427 446 000
 GRADE: S-MINIMAXS-3B
 LIMIT: 16
 MEET: J.C.Slaughter Falls
 DEPART: 8:00AM

This walk is intended to introduce new members to bush walking and to the Brisbane Bushwalkers club in particular. The MinimaxS is a good option for your first walk. We will be mainly walking on a track and stopping at regular intervals to discuss a number of topics such as Clothing, Equipment, Safety and First Aid and Environmental Impact. There will be an optional bit of off track walking to get an appreciation of the clubs walk grading system. Bring your day pack, morning tea, and lunch. Also bring clothes and equipment that you would intend to use on a club walk for comparison and discussion.

THURSDAY KANGAROO POINT - PACK TRAINING

Training Walk Thu 2 Feb
 LEADERS: **Pete Watson** 0400 706 493
Laura Grogan 0402 255 204
 GRADE: TRNG
 BRING: Exercise gear, joggers
 MEET: Rotunda on River Terrace (southern end of KP cliffs opp the fancy marble church
 DEPART: 6:00PM

This session is for those walkers looking to improve their pack carrying fitness - not a free replacement for gym training. Whilst we do walk

along the beautiful Brisbane River, the primary aim is a fitness session for walking. The session includes a weighted back pack (between 5-15 kilos), stairs, bridging, lunges, stretching etc.. Car parking is available in the streets opposite and give yourself a little extra travel time given that this starts around peak hour.

PASTA MAKING WEEKEND

Base Camp Fri 3 - Sun 5 Feb
LEADERS: **Ray Glancy** 0419 719 480
David Sydes 0419 871 100
Anne Kemp 0411 327 704
Anna-Lena Moore 0423 779 266

This walk is full.

SPRINGBROOK LODGE BASECAMP 2: DUNG BEETLE RESEARCH WALKS

Day Walk Fri 3 - Sun 5 Feb
LEADERS: **Michele Cottrell** 0427 579 069
GRADE: S-DW-3A
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Page 3 items & as listed, Day pack, 3L water
COST: \$66.00 - \$66 Accom; plus fuel \$20
MEET: TBA - car pooling to be arranged
CAR KMS: 200km

[N.B. Weekend activities MAY change...]
As a personal reward, and a thank you for our value-for-money accommodation, we will assist researchers in laying, and the following day, collecting dung beetle traps. This will require walking within the Springbrook National Park area. There will be a short instruction session about setting up the traps and then we walk and lay out the traps on Saturday afternoon after 3pm and then collect them again late on Sunday afternoon. *Saturday morning walk: *4km Purling Brook Falls walk from Gwongorella Picnic Area. *Saturday afternoon walk: * Set Traps. *Sunday morning walk: *8km: Part of Gold Coast Great Walk Numinbah Valley to Apple Tree Park. This will require a car shuffle. *Sunday afternoon walk: *Collect Traps. After the morning's walk, we will return to the Lodge for a yummy lunch of leftovers - there are ALWAYS leftovers :). We will also clean the Lodge, pack up and then collect the traps and return to Brisbane, leaving late afternoon. For Saturday night please bring one dish per person of your speciality - either nibbles, main course or dessert for a shared dinner on Saturday night. Please bring other meals for the weekend - Friday dinner, 2 x breakfasts, Saturday lunch. (Usually Sunday lunch is yummy leftovers from Saturday night :). We have a well appointed kitchen with crockery, cutlery, glassware, pans and utensils. Fridge, stove, microwave and electric kettle are also provided to result in an easy base camp and light packing. Accommodation: is in a Lodge with bunk beds and some normal type beds so will be on a shared room basis. Please bring either a

sleeping bag or sheets, quilt cover + pillow slip. (Quilts & pillows available.) We will car pool to reduce the number of cars needed.

NORTHBROOK GORGE FROM THE GRAVEL PIT

Day Walk Sat 4 Feb
LEADERS: **David Haliczzer** 0432 901 030
GRADE: S-DW-5B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Dry sac, day hike gear
COST: \$10.00 - If carpooling from Brisbane
MEET: Samford bakery
DEPART: 7:30AM
CAR KMS: 100km

This is a route I lead annually for Duke of Edinburgh Bridge Level hikes. We will need to have a car shuttle organised first and we will begin from the gravel pit which is near the Alex Rd turnoff. The walk begins with a nice ridge walk that we follow to get to the creek high enough to enjoy the best features yet low enough in the creek not to make an overly long day. This walk includes swim-through sections so dry sacks to store equipment for the swims is essential. A mandatory visit to Samford Bakery for afternoon tea is included in the package.

BYRON MOUNTAIN & GORGE

Day Walk Sat 4 Feb
LEADERS: **Annette Miller** 0418 791 841
GRADE: M-DW-6D
LIMIT: 8
BRING: Page 3
COST: \$15.00 - Vehicle cost
MEET: Alderley Station Car park (South Pine Road side)
DEPART: 6:00AM
CAR KMS: 150km

We will travel to the Gantry and then on further to park on a forestry road. We start off following the Somerset Trail for a short distance and then follow forestry roads and pads to the summit of Mt Byron for great views. Continuing south, the Ridge is a little scrubby until the turn off to the ridge which leads us down to Diana's Bath. This is a wonderful, large swimming hole and we will have morning tea and a swim here. Moving on, we follow a forestry road for about 20 mins to the entrance to Byron Gorge. We then have a couple of hours of strenuous rock hopping through spectacular Creek scenery, with many large boulders to pull over. A high level of fitness is required to keep up a good pace in this terrain! Unless we are slower than I hope, we will have lunch at a lovely pool with a slabby waterfall at its end. We then continue up the creek for a short distance before exiting back to the cars via a steep forestry road. Total elevation gain is about 600m. This is a longer and rather more strenuous loop of Byron Gorge than the usual one on the

program, please consider this before nominating.

KOBBLE CREEK THE SOURCE

Day Walk Sat 4 Feb
LEADERS: **Kelvin Taylor**
This walk is full.

TOOLONA CREEK CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sat 4 Feb
LEADERS: **Mary Comer** 0427 446 000
This walk is full.

ENOGERA GORGE

Day Walk Sat 4 Feb
LEADERS: **Lou Darveniza**
Marion Darveniza 0438 481 186
This walk is full.

MT COOT-THA FOR NEW MEMBERS MINIMAX

MiniMaxS Walk Sun 5 Feb
LEADERS: **Graham Marshall** 0409 449 017
GRADE: S-MINIMAXS-3B
LIMIT: 10
MEET: Simpson's Fall's picnic area - first
carpark from the entrance
DEPART: 8:00AM

This walk is intended to introduce new members to bush walking and to the Brisbane Bushwalkers club in particular. The MinimaxS is a good option for your first walk. We will be mainly walking on a track and stopping at regular intervals to discuss a number of topics such as Clothing, Equipment, Safety and First Aid and Environmental Impact, and gaining an appreciation of the clubs walk grading system. Although this is not a long walk, bring your day pack, morning tea, and lunch. As for equipment, many new members will not have everything mentioned on page 3 of the member's handbook or on the 'recommended equipment' link on the website. The list is normally compulsory however it is OK if you are missing some gear for this particular walk, and you will likely benefit from discussing different types of equipment before you buy. However it is likely to be hot, so you will need as a minimum 2 to 3 litres of water, good walking shoes, light clothing that protects from the sun (preferably not cotton), a hat and sunscreen, and a raincoat if it looks like rain. Please remember the club protocols regarding nomination; only nominate if you definitely want to walk, and if you must withdraw please do so as early as possible.

NORTHBROOK GORGE FROM LAWTON RD. VIA EAGLES NEST..

Day Walk Sun 5 Feb
LEADERS: **Mark Houghton** 0417 025 182
GRADE: S-DW-5B
LIMIT: 14
BRING: As per P.3 of Magazine & waterproof
pack.

COST: \$5.00 - \$5.00
MEET: John Scott Park
DEPART: 8:00AM
CAR KMS: 55km

Northbrook Gorge is in the South D'Agular National Park near Mt. Glorious. After doing a car shuttle leaving some cars at 'hairpin bend' we walk down Lawton Road (forestry dirt road) to a turnoff to Eagles Nest. We ascend Eagles Nest, have morning tea at the top, and then descend the other side of Eagles Nest to Northbrook Creek. From here we walk/rockhop down the creek to Northbrook Gorge which is a compulsory 'swim through'.

ALBERT RIVER CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 5 Feb
LEADERS: **Elena Williams** 0439 873 311
GRADE: X-DW-3C
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Day walk gear
COST: \$20.00 - Car pooling
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 6:30AM
CAR KMS: 200km

This is a beautiful rainforest walk from Green Mountains/O'Reilly's into Lamington NP. The walk starts at O'Reilly's. We walk about 5km along the Border Track then branch off to the Albert River Circuit. We walk along branches of the Albert River through beautiful rainforest alongside creeks and waterfalls. This is rainforest walking at it's best! We walk to Echo Point lookout where we will lunch and enjoy the splendid views of the Tweed Valley and Mount Warning. After lunch we continue along the Queensland and New South Wales border enjoying the views before turning in to the rainforest to reconnect with the Border Track back to O'Reilly's.

NOOSA NATIONAL PARK [HEADLAND SECTION]

Day Walk Sun 5 Feb
LEADERS: **Bernie Ryan** 0432 907275
This walk is full.

"CEDAR TREE" CREEK AND LOVE CK LOOP

Day Walk Tue 7 Feb
LEADERS: **Annette Miller** 0418 791 841
This walk is full.

LOST WORLD/BLACK CANYON

Through Walk Fri 10 - Sun 12 Feb
LEADERS: **Tim Easton** 0421 139 022
GRADE: L-TW-7D
LIMIT: 7
BRING: Page 3, through walk gear
COST: \$25.00 - \$25 fuel, \$12.30NPWS
MEET: Green Mountains camp site
DEPART: 6:00AM
CAR KMS: 250km

This is a challenging two day walk so you will need a very good level of fitness; each day we descend/ascend 900m and in places a good level of scrambling/climbing skills will be required. Having said that, it is one of the most beautiful wilderness walks of Lamington NP and I thoroughly recommend it. ***Due to the likelihood of some hot weather this time of year I am suggesting as an alternative we start from O'Reilly's at mid-day on the Friday; our objective to camp Friday night at the waterfall campsite on Lost World. This would mean we could camp Saturday night in the Albert River where the glow worms abound. It would just make the whole trip less rushed. Please let me know your thoughts and work flexibility. Kind regards, Tim

LOWER PORTALS

Day Walk Sat 11 Feb
LEADERS: **Marge Henry** 0413 337 530
GRADE: S-DW-4A
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Page 3 gear,
COST: \$25.00 -
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 7:00AM
CAR KMS: 250km

This walk is just an excuse/bludge to have a swim in the bush. I don't plan to walk fast - will take just around 80 minutes from the carpark going up and down 5 gullies on a sometimes rough track. The only tricky part is just near the end when you need to be able to hoist yourself up through a rock crevice/shute. The Lower Portals is a wonderful swimming hole and we'll spend as long as we like there before heading back. If any of us feel a bit more adventurous, we may climb the hill at the end of the walk for views. And then come back for another swim.

KILCOY CREEK (SURVEY)

Day Walk Sun 12 Feb
LEADERS: **Peter Hunt** 0431 652 083
Lisa Fleming 0421 038 021

This walk is full.

SUGARSPIN AT GOMA

Social Sun 12 Feb
LEADERS: **Anna-Lena Moore** 0423 779 266
See description on p.19

JOLLY'S LOOKOUT

Day Walk Sun 12 Feb
LEADERS: **Mark Houghton** 0417 025 182
GRADE: M-DW-3A
LIMIT: 14
BRING: As per P3 of Mag.
COST: Petrol Contribution \$4.00
MEET: The (new) Gap Park & Ride,
Waterworks Rd, The Gap.
DEPART: 8:00AM

CAR KMS: 36km

Jolly's Lookout. Jolly's Lookout is on Mt Nebo Road, giving access to D'Aguilar National Park, with great views across the Brisbane Valley and to the coastline. We will walk on track through some beautiful sub-tropical rainforest and more open eucalyptus forest, using the Thylogale Track to Boombana where we will have a short break and optional morning tea before continuing on to the Pitta Circuit. From here we take a short track to Bombana Cafe at Mt. Nebo for coffee and/or snacks.

KEL'S CREEK

Day Walk Sun 12 Feb
LEADERS: **Kelvin Taylor**
GRADE: S-DW-7C
LIMIT: 7
COST: 10
MEET: John Scott Park
DEPART: 8:00AM
CAR KMS: 30km

This creek is a tributary of England Creek Right Branch in The D'Aguilar National Park. It's main claim to fame is the exit, which consists of 6 or so waterfalls of varying degrees of difficulty, ranging to high 7. We will start the walk on the Mt Glorious road and walk down to England Creek via a forestry road. The creek is very pleasant in these lower reaches. We will walk up stream and take a couple of offshoots before arriving at Kel's creek. Then up the falls, emerging back near the cars. Please be aware that we intend to go up the falls, weather permitting, not work around them, with the possible exception of the last one, which requires really dry conditions. If wettish, a very steep grassy hill will be used. The walk is not overly exposed or difficult, but is a 7 and you will need a suitable BBW history before being accepted. The walk will be cancelled if wet weather is expected.

LOWER PORTALS - BARNEY GORGE CAMPSITE CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sat 18 Feb
LEADERS: **David Haliczzer** 0432 901 030
This walk is full.

MT MITCHELL

Day Walk Sat 18 Feb
LEADERS: **Lawrence Schumacher** 0404 876 868
GRADE: S-DW-3B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: P3
COST: \$20.00 - car pool
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 7:00AM
CAR KMS: 200km
Mt Mitchell is the mountain on the left of Cunninghams Gap. Great starter walk for

beginners and for walkers that like to take it easy. Our walk begins at the carpark and we make our way through rainforest and open forest to the West Peak, which affords great views over the valley towards Brisbane. This is an easy up hill most of the way and a distance of approx 5kms. We return back the way we came to the carpark. Total distance around 10 kms. We will stop at Aratula on the way back for a coffee.

AROUND MT BANGALORA

Day Walk Sat 18 Feb
LEADERS: **Jarrah Gard** 0422 371 188
This walk is full.

WATSON CREEK FALLS ABSEIL

Abseil Sat 18 Feb
LEADERS: **Lynley Murtagh** 0414 631 115
GRADE: ABS
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Page3, waterproofing,thermals,large pack
MEET: TBA
DEPART: 6:30AM

Watson Creek Falls are about 2km south of the Boonah border gate north of Mt Clunie. The falls are in two sections 35 metres and a 60 metre drop split into two separate abseils. These falls are quite spectacular especially after rain. We'll abseil three separate drops to reach the bottom. Should be very exciting. A short walk in and a longer and initially steep route out will complete the day. The abseils are not particularly difficult although the first drop does have a short overhang however confidence is required.

BACK CREEK GORGE ABSEIL

Abseil / Day Walk Sat 18 Feb
LEADERS: **Shannon Bratton** 0408 070 528
Chris Hall 0498 051 811

GRADE: M-ABS/DW-5B
LIMIT: 8
BRING: Abseil equipment - Pack
waterproofing - Usual Page3/day walk gear

COST: \$20.00 - Fuel contribution
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 6:30AM
CAR KMS: 186km

Back Creek Gorge is located at Beechmont south of Canungra, in the Gold Coast Hinterland. The walk involves two to five abseils, with some dropping into deep water, fully clothed, so packs must be waterproofed. There are short distances of rock hopping and scrambling to access each abseil downstream and the return exit route is mostly off track, fairly strenuous and includes steep ascending sections. This really is an excellent day in a beautiful environment to practice abseiling skills (overhangs/water). There will also be plenty of time to swim and stay cool

making this walk a great summer BBW day out. Participants will need to have completed the two day BBW abseil training at Kangaroo Point. As we will be carrying ropes and additional gear please bring a larger pack to assist if possible. Contact the Leader if you require more information or wish to use club abseil equipment.

DAVES CREEK CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 19 Feb
LEADERS: **Bob Reid** 0412 625 944
Mary Comer 0427 446 000

GRADE: M-DW-2A
LIMIT: 12
BRING: All Day Walk items from Page 3 of Magazine

COST: \$20.00 - Car contribution
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 7:00AM
CAR KMS: 200km

This is a 12 km return walk, heading south along the Border Track from Binna Burra, then to the east around a circuit overlooking Daves Creek, and the Numinbah Valley. There are spectacular views over both areas in clear weather. We will pass through several distinct vegetation types, including cool subtropical rainforest, eucalypt forest and mountain heath. We will lunch at Surprise Rock, where there is plenty of shade at the base, before returning to the Tea House at Binna Burra for coffee. The walk is suitable for new members and we will take it easy so that we can enjoy areas of interest and any wildlife along the way.

SUNSHINE COAST HINTERLAND GREAT WALK STAGE 1 - LAKE BAROON TO KONDALILLA FALLS ... AND RETURN

Day Walk Sun 19 Feb
LEADERS: **Bernie Ryan** 0432 907275
This walk is full.

NORTHBROOK GORGE FROM LAWTON RD. VIA EAGLES NEST.

Day Walk Sat 25 Feb
LEADERS: **Neill Butler** 0413 077 572

GRADE: S-DW-5B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: As per P.3 of Magazine & waterproof pack.

COST: \$8.00 - \$8.00
MEET: Cnr. Pratt. St. & Glenalva Tce.
Enoggera. UBD. Page;139. A10.
(Entrance to Enoggera Train Station P & R.

DEPART: 7:30AM
CAR KMS: 80km
Northbrook Gorge is in the South D'Aguiar National Park near Mt. Glorious. N.B.: You will get totally wet swimming through the gorge.

CHERMESIDE HILLS RESERVE - NEW MEMBERS MINI MAX

MiniMaxS Walk Sat 25 Feb
LEADERS: **Steve Cockburn** 0438110249
GRADE: S-MINIMAXS-3A
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Usual day walk gear including P3 items, 2L water
MEET: Chermeside Hills Reserve Picnic Shelter Trouts Road Entry .Cnr Trouts and Hamilton Rd .
DEPART: 7:00AM

This activity is an induction to this wonderful club and is designed to introduce new members to bush walking and to the Brisbane Bushwalkers club. This Minimax is on a Saturday am and is being held locally in Brisbane and is designed for those new to the club or who might not feel too confident at this point to hit the more isolated track systems. All are welcome to attend but as this activity is on local bush walking tracks and off shoots, this activity would suit those who might be keen but feeling a little under confident and beginning the journey into bush walking . Please note we will still be doing hills, some off track bits, different walking surfaces and environs and will cover a fair amount of territory and topics as we move through the Reserve. We will not go above any walk gradings of Terrain 4. Being a Minimax, this activity is an induction into the club so there will be lots of info to discuss and share: we will be discussing safety, clothing, club protocol, minimal environmental impact, first aid, the clubs grading system etc. We expect to finish before lunch so bring your morning tea and the "always take" items on p3 of the Magazine. Additional Information * I will bring tea and coffee making supplies for our initial meeting and the afterwards debriefing if desired. MEET Chermeside Hills Reserve Picnic Shelter Trouts Road Entry .Cnr Trouts and Hamilton Rd . * There are no toilets at this site !

LAKE ANGELUS BASIN: NEW ZEALAND

Through Walk Sun 26 - Tue 28 Feb
LEADERS: **Anthony Logan** 0427 729 805
GRADE: M-TW-4D
LIMIT: 6
MEET: Nelson - NZ
DEPART: 7:00AM
Experience an alpine area of New Zealand. Day 1: Meet in Nelson, NZ and then travel to the Nelson Lakes N.P. The walk commences at Mt Robert carpark, follows Speargrass Track / Speargrass Creek Route then up the climb to Lake Angelus. We will stay at the magnificent Lake Angelus hut set in the Lake Angelus Basin. Day2: Spend a day exploring the area: Mount Cedric track, Sunset Saddle and Mt Angelus are options. Day3: From Lake Angelus follow the Pinchgut Track/ Robert Ridge Route back to Mt

Robert carpark before returning to Nelson.

HEAPHY TRACK - GREAT WALK: NEW ZEALAND

Through Walk Thu 2 - Mon 6 Mar
LEADERS: **Anthony Logan** 0427 729 805
GRADE: L-TW-3D
LIMIT: 6
MEET: Nelson - NZ
DEPART: 7:00AM
Varied and rugged landscapes with mountain views. Pass through tussock downs, lush forests and nikau palms before reaching the roaring seas of the west coast. Retrace the steps of the early Maori seeking pounamu (greenstone) and the european settlers seeking gold. Day 1: Meet in Nelson and travel to Brown Hut. Walk to Perry Saddle. Day 2: Perry Saddle to Saxon Hut. Day 3: Saxon Hut to James Mackay Hut. Day 4: James Mackay Hut to Heaphy Hut. Day 5 Heaphy Hut to Kohaihi Shelter. Travel to Nelson

NAVIGATION TRAINING WEEKEND

Base Camp / Training Walk Fri 3 - Sun 5 Mar
LEADERS: **Peter Lock** 0419 496 837
Anna Lock 0438 052 411
GRADE: S-BC/TRNG-4B
LIMIT: 20
COST: \$50 to stay in the house (max 12), or \$25 to stay in camp ground
MEET: Ferny Grove
DEPART: 4:00PM
CAR KMS: 200km

Two days of relaxing in the bush, along with some navigation training. The site is private property 200m downstream from Diana's Bath on Reedy Creek. It's about 100km from Brisbane. There are some beautiful swimming holes in the creek, as well as the actual Diana's Bath pool. The terrain is good for navigation practice, as there are knolls, spurs, saddles, ridges and creeks all with minimal undergrowth and within a short walk. There are 2 accommodation options. The luxury bush house with bunk beds for 12, flushing toilet, running water, gas stove, crockery, pots and pans. And the camp site has grass, long drop toilets, water tank, bush shower, BYO everything else. Navigators with some experience can work on the practice exercises. (The first exercise is to help setup the rest of the exercises!) Beginners are encouraged to start with the structured training course, which starts with lectures on Saturday morning. We meet at 4pm, at my house, 8 Greenfern Place, Ferny Grove. Cars may be left here, or organise your own car sharing by contacting members on the list. It takes about 90 minutes to travel. We finish with lunch, pack up, and swim, departing at 3pm Sunday. Stay tuned for details of other activities on the weekend. And perhaps we will organise catering as well.

MINIMAX FOR NEW MEMBERS - GLASSHOUSE MOUNTAINS

MiniMaxS Walk Sat 4 Mar
LEADERS: **Dan Cirsy** 0417 623 729
Tom Vaughan 0407 283 106
GRADE: S-MINIMAXS-4B
LIMIT: 20
BRING: Use page 3 of the Magazine and Car
Pooling Money - ALSO SEE NOTES
COST: \$10.00 - Car pooling costs
MEET: Bald Hills Train Station-CULLIMORE
ST
DEPART: 7:30AM
CAR KMS: 120km

This walk is intended to introduce new members to bush walking and to the Brisbane Bushwalkers club in particular. The Minimax is a good option for your first walk. We will be mainly walking on a track and stopping at regular intervals to discuss a number of topics such as Clothing, Equipment, Safety and First Aid and Environmental Impact. There will be a sample of OFF TRACK walking to get an appreciation of the clubs walk grading system.

SUNSHINE COAST HINTERLAND GREAT WALK STAGE 2 - FLAXTON TO GHEERULLA CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 5 Mar
LEADERS: **Bernie Ryan** 0432 907275
This walk is full.

MT D'AGUILAR AND HANGING VALLEY

Day Walk Sun 5 Mar
LEADERS: **David Haliczr** 0432 901 030
This walk is full.

MT BARNEY WATERFALL

Day Walk Sun 5 Mar
LEADERS: **Marion Darveniza** 0438 481 186
Lou Darveniza

GRADE: M-DW-5C
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Day walk gear waterproofed, 3L
water
COST: \$20.00 - Car pooling
MEET: Fairfield Gardens
DEPART: 6:00AM
CAR KMS: 210km

From the Lower Portals car park we will walk into Lower Portals and have a good swim. Then it is up the track towards the gorge for some distance before striking out cross country on a flattish ridge. A steepish descent brings us back to Mt Barney creek and a great pool close to the waterfall. Climbing to the top of the waterfall is optional - this is graded Terrain 6. After lunch, a siesta in the shady spot, and/or another swim and a play on the waterslides, we will rock hop down the creek towards Lower Portals.

ABEL TASMAN COASTAL TRACK - GREAT WALK: NEW ZEALAND

Through Walk Wed 8 - Sun 12 Mar
LEADERS: **Anthony Logan** 0427 729 805
GRADE: L-TW-3C
LIMIT: 8
MEET: Nelson - NZ
DEPART: 7:00AM

Walk the Abel Tasman Coastal Track along golden beaches and through coastal native bush. The track includes a climb of 600m and a compulsory tidal crossing. Day 1: Meet in Nelson and travel to Marahu; walk to Anchorage. Day 2: Anchorage to Bark Bay. Day 3: Bark Bay to Awaroa. Day 4: Awaroa to Whariwharangi Bay. Day 5: Whariwharangi Bay to Winui Bay; then catch shuttle to Nelson. At the end of this walk Julie Marsden will have completed the 9 NZ Great Walks - we'll celebrate!

MT MEE "SUMMERS END" BASE CAMP

Base Camp Fri 10 - Sun 12 Mar
LEADERS: **Dwan Moore** 0402 884 220

GRADE: BC
LIMIT: 10
BRING: Base camp gear, Day Walk gear inc
"page 3" Swimmers
COST: \$12.30 - Camping fee, Fuel
contribution TBA
MEET: TBA - car pooling to be arranged
DEPART: 4:00PM
CAR KMS: 160km

Officially summer ends on the 28th February in Australia but there are some who believe the seasons change at the Equinox/Solstice. To hedge my bets I am going to celebrate the end of summer on the 11th March at the beautiful little Neurum Creek drive in bush camp in the Mt Mee section of the D'Aguiar National Park - www.npsr.qld.gov.au/parks/daguiar/pdf/neurum-campground-map.pdf

Those who can will arrive Friday afternoon/evening to set up camp (I have reserved 4 sites and each site has room for 2-3 tents). After a leisurely start Saturday morning we will head off and walk the Somerset trail (a 13k 3B walk that I will post on the BBW site closer to the day), stopping for lunch at the Somerset lookout. Then we will head off to "Rocky Hole" for a refreshing swim before returning to camp and a relaxing afternoon finishing that last chapter of the summer novel or completing the monster crossword or just snoozing in the sun followed by the obligatory pre dinner wine and nibbles. Sunday morning and after coffee and the Sunday newspapers in bed we break camp and visit a few of the other falls and lookouts in the area on our way home (these are only 1-2 k walks so don't constitute a BBW listing).
www.npsr.qld.gov.au/parks/daguiar/pdf/mount-mee-trail-map.pdf

The Tale Of The Misbehaving PLB

Recently I was on a walk that involved a swim through the Lower Portals. I had my day-pack “waterproofed” the way I usually do – with a dry bag and, inside this, two used Aust Post plastic postal bags. My PLB was inside one plastic bag, which was inside another plastic bag, which was inside the dry bag. After the swim, it was a one hour walk back to the car then a drive to Brisbane.

About half-way between Rathdowney and Beaudesert (when my mobile had reception?) I received a call from my mother asking if I was OK. It turns out, she had received a phone call from AMSA (Australian Maritime Safety Authority) because my PLB had been activated. My brother had also received a call from them.

I went to the car boot and opened my pack, got the “dry bag” out and, on opening it, I could hear my PLB beeping and saw it was flashing. Inside the dry bag everything was saturated and the PLB was clearly wet. Fortunately, on the label that AMSA send you when you register your PLB, is a contact phone number. I called this number only to be greeted by a message saying it was out of hours but, after sitting through what seemed like 5 minutes of message, I was given an emergency phone number to call. When I called this number I was answered by a person who knew that my PLB had been activated. Interestingly, though, they had received no information about where I was. Probably because the PLB antenna hadn’t been extended.

Once I explained that the activation had been accidental, she asked me to deactivate the PLB. The first approach was to reset the PLB by pressing the Test Button. This had no effect, so the next attempt was to actually Activate the PLB then de-Activate it. This also didn’t work. Finally, she told me to dismantle the PLB and disconnect the batteries. This involved rummaging around in the car until I found a suitable screw-driver, removing 3 screws, then removing the battery lead. Finally, the PLB stopped beeping and flashing!

The last step, when I got home, was to log on to the AMSA website and change my PLB status from “active” to “disposed”. As the PLB was virtually at the end of its battery life anyway, having to replace it was no issue.

The PLB was a GME AccuSAT, model MT410G. The specs claim: “Waterproof – Submersion to 1m exceeds IP67”. Obviously this doesn’t cover swimming through the Lower Portals. My new PLB states: “Immersion – Watertight to a depth of 3 metres for 1 hr”. I have yet to check the waterproofing specs for my dry bag and used Aust Post plastic bags as these failed dismally.

Joanne Luke



DEPARTURE TIME

Walkers, please be at the meeting point 10-15 mins before the departure time so that car pooling can be organised. Actual departure will be EXACTLY at the stated departure time.

Sunrise At Mt Warning - led by Dan Cirsky

It would seem that on this trip two walkers (Heather Wigham and Julie VanD) were left behind at the Summit of Mt Warning. It seems Heather was so distraught from the experience that she felt compelled to commit it to poem, and Terry (part of the other seven) felt compelled to respond. Heather's comments: "Thought you might enjoy reading it, although I can assure you that Terry used poetic licence, and that I was NOT led gently down the mountain by Dan but did indeed plummet down, barely touching the chains! It was a great weekend."

On Top Of Mt Warning (With apologies to Old Smokey)

On top of Mt Warning
All covered with trees
I lost my bushwalkers
They went like the breeze.

We made it for sunrise
The eggs were just fine
But somehow my leader
Could not count to nine.

A quick clockwise circle
And back anti-way,
It was not 1st of April
Or Assumption Day.

So I herded up Julie
And her camera at pace,
We ran round yelling "Hey Bob"
'til we were blue in the face.

They thought we were crazy
They thought we were fey
Those other good people
On the mountain that day.

Then of course my mate Julie
Had forgotten her phone
And when I looked at my 'contacts'
I felt very alone.

As we charged down that mountain
I'm happy to say
Our leader climbed upwards
For the third time that day.

I'd risen too early
And stayed up too late
My tether had shortened
Then snapped with the weight.

I ran down that rock face
Barely touching the chains
And I called them all bastards
With nothing for brains!

Now hear me, bushwalkers:
Wherever you go
Just stick to your leader
Like a leech on his toe.

And never profane him
Just bite on your tongue
'Cause hitchhiking from New South
Is not so much fun.

Heather Wigham

The Walk from Mt Warning's Summit

With apologies to A.B. 'Banjo' Paterson

There was movement at Mt Warning for the realization came
that two walkers from our group had gone astray.
They were still with sunrise-seekers at the million-dollar view
while the inattentive Slack Ones walked away.

Seven tried and trusted walkers had to halt in deep disgrace.
We paused in our descent at different heights.
Even though we knew the system – "Stick together all the time"
it seems this time we didn't get it right.

So Dan went – he gripped the heavy chains and scrambled to the top,
heading up toward the brooding mountain peak.
Our leader gave the order, "Walkers, wait here where you stand!"
We nodded 'Yes' and hardly dared to speak.

When he reached the mountain summit, Fearless Leader caught his breath.
He looked about with trepidacious frown.
It was then he saw the duo – they were safe and fit and well.
Over slippery rock, he meekly led them down.

Our worried hearts were racing as we waited by the chains
not knowing what had happened out of sight.
But our spirits quickly lifted as we saw, through lifting mist,
three colleagues scrambling down from upper heights.

All nine, at last, were face to face. Emotions overflowed.
Then Heather aired her clear, concise refrain.
Her "Bastards! You're all bastards!" seared our hearts and minds,
as it echoed through the beautiful terrain.

Though chastened walkers promised: "We won't do that again"
Not once, nor twice, but triple-spoke we'd hear
a seething Heather still ensure, with amplified resolve, that
"You bastards" still reached every walker's ear.

As calm, unruffled Julie kept her ever-steady pace,
we counted 'Nine' and started our egress.
Though muscles ached, our spirits rose as we neared our waiting cars,
each walker rightly proud of our success.

Now down by ancient Wollumbin where basalt ridges raise
their jagged slopes that challenge us each time,
we Seven Woeful Walkers still hear ringing in our ears
"Bastards! You're all bastards!" when we climb.

Terry Sullivan

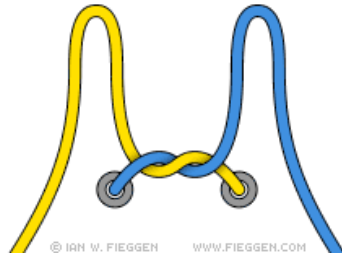
Tying Shoelaces so they do not become undone

Taken nearly verbatim from Ian's Shoelace Site at www.fieggen.com/shoelace/secureknot.htm
Richard Duczmal

"Double Slip Knot" is a secure shoelace knot with a simple, symmetrical method of tying: Cross two loops and pass them both through the "hole" in the middle. Great for serious sports or for securing slippery laces.

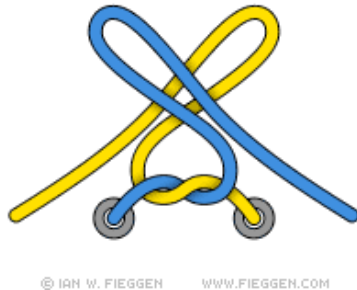
Step 1:

Tie a Left-over-Right Starting Knot as shown, then make both laces into "loops" by simply doubling them back onto themselves. People often refer to these as "Bunny Ears".



Step 2:

Cross the two loops over each other so that the right (blue) loop ends up in front and the left (yellow) loop ends up behind. The yellow loop is now the right loop.



Step 3:

Begin to wrap the right (yellow) loop around the left (blue) loop to end up in front.



Step 4:

At the same time, begin to wrap the left (blue) loop around the back. You will end up with the ends of both loops on opposite sides of the "hole" in the middle.



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Step 5:

Feed both ends of the loops through the hole in the middle. The right (yellow) loop goes out the back and the left (blue) loop comes out the front.



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Step 6:

Now, simply pull the loops to tighten the knot. The whole twisted mess of the previous drawing will rearrange itself into a neat finished knot. Trust me, it works!



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Finished Knot

The finished knot should be a tight, closed knot with a symmetrical, double wrap around the middle.

NOTE: If your finished knot looks uneven or twisted, it may easily be "worked" into a neat result as follows: Pull on the loose ends slightly as though untying the laces; this will bring the outer wraps of the knot together. Then, pull on the loops once again to re-tighten the knot; this will neaten up the inner parts.



Notice To All Members

"Bring and Buy" Table Club Meeting - Wednesday 22 Feb

Many of us have become gear junkies, buying the newest or lightest or most gadgety items when it comes to bushwalking.

Now is the time to get rid of some of those impulse purchases, or items that you may just no longer need. And a chance to possibly pick up something that you never knew you needed till you saw it!

Therefore bring any items you wish to sell to the meeting - clearly labelled with your name and a desired price.

This is not an auction - you will be responsible for your own bargaining & sales.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Carlene Alford	Nick Alford	Bert Allard	Virginia Anstice
Anna Brackenridge	Ilse Broekaert	Christie Brosnan	Ellen Burkett
Wan Cheng	Peter Climo	Susanna Conchin	Jennifer Corrish
Stephen Corrish	Kylie Crase	Georgina Carter	Carmen Cheong
Jim Clinch	Cathie Close	Bryan Gadd	Dianne Goodison
Philip Goodison	Bec Graham	Dianne Hendry	Denise Holley
Stuart Holley	Dorothy Harkins	Jackie Hunter	Andrew Hurst
Daniel Irwin	Diana Keefer	Peter Keefer	Lindy Kirkby
Harish Kumar	Usha Kumar	Silja Leskinen	Rita Manning
Phillip McClure	Robyn McDonald	Sheila Mack	Rebecca Masters
Scott Masters	Fiona McCallum	Zoe Marsden	Annita Nugent
Brendan Nugent	Ferdinand Pachernegg	Sherree Price	Steve Pritchett
John Rayner	Patricia Riley	Felicity Radcliffe	Nicole Rahaley
Suzanne Sandral	Jo Soothill	Robert Taylor	Cass Thornton
Andrew Ward	Thomas Wagner	Nick Weijers	Katie Zhukov

Congratulations to the following who have become Full Members:

Sharyn Andersen	Linda Beaver	Albert Bowden	Helen Beard
Christine Ebert	John Evans	Wayne Evans	Nancy Fitzgibbon
Kym Gall	Kate Gilchrist	Julie Jeffries	Amanda Lugton
Helen Maitland	Annie Marlow	Nigel Morris	Jen Nguyen
Megan Oliver	Roshini Randeniya	John Redfern	Lise Robertson
Katherine Sweeney	Marissa Todkill	Annette Walker	Ryan Windish
Donnie Wilkes	Bec Yit	Neda Zitelli	

Upcoming Rogaine Events

Bushwalkers who would like to practice or improve their navigation skills might like to try out some of the rogaie events offered by the Queensland Rogaine Association for SE Qld.

- Sat 11 Mar 8hr "Upside Down" Night/Day Rogaine, Kholo and Mt Crosby area
- Sat 8 April Training Day, Bunyaville State Forest, Brisbane
- Sun 9 April 3 Hour Mini Rogaine, Bunyaville State Forest, Brisbane

Nerang Navigation Practice Course

- **Until 31 Jan** Need a bit of navigation practice this January? QRA has set up a practice course for you in Nerang State Forest! From the QRA website you can download and print:
 - Participant Information Document
 - Training Course Map

For further information and more event dates visit the QRA web site at www.qldrogaine.asn.au



Out & About

SUGARSPIN AT GOMA

Social Sun 12 Feb
LEADERS: **Anna-Lena Moore** 0423 779 266
LIMIT: N/A
BRING: Money for Lunch
MEET: Outside GOMA's main entrance
DEPART: 10:00AM

SUGARSPIN is headlining GOMA's summer program. It features over 250 contemporary artworks exploring light, space, architecture and senses. It also marks the return of much loved works, for example Céleste Boursier-Mougenot's musical installation of live finches and the Left/Right Slide 2010, which spirals visitors from the top floor of GOMA to the bottom - why not go for

an exciting ride! It should be a very entertaining morning and we can also utilize the free guided tour at 11am if we wish. After the tour we will take in more of the gallery exhibits and then for those that are interested, have lunch at the GOMA Cafe Bistro.

Meals at the GOMA Bistro range from Light meals from \$16 and Mains from \$26.

Magazine Collating

Magazine collating will be at Peter Hunt's at Ferny Hills on **Thursday 16 February** at 6:30pm. There is only about 1½ hours work involved. If you would like to help out while enjoying an easy social night with dinner please email, or phone 0431 652 083, to confirm.



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WALK WITH A CLUB.



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