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The Brisbane Bushwalkers Quarterly News is a selection of articles that have been posted on the Brisbane Bushwalkers web site over the past few months. This newsletter will be published quarterly - or thereabouts - depending on the number of articles that are posted.

<p style="text-align: center;">MEETINGS</p> <p>CLUB MEETING: 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.</p> <p>COMMITTEE MEETING: Committee meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm at 228 Stafford Rd. Stafford. (cnr Gamelin Cres). All members are welcome to attend. (Check for December and January in case meetings are rescheduled.)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EQUIPMENT HIRE</p> <p>The following equipment is available <i>for club activities</i>. The charge <i>between meetings</i> per item is:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr><td>Foam mat</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$2.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Self inflating mat</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$5.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Stove</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$5.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Tent or Pack</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$10.00</td></tr> </table> <p><i>Members can hire up to 4 items at one time for a maximum charge of \$10 per person.</i></p> <p>All equipment may be booked for hire by emailing the Equipment Officer. Pre-booking will ensure availability.</p> <p>PLB: The Club has several PLBs which Leaders may borrow, at no cost, for approved club activities only.</p>	Foam mat	\$2.00	Self inflating mat	\$5.00	Stove	\$5.00	Tent or Pack	\$10.00
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<p style="text-align: center;">MEMBERSHIP FEES</p> <p><u>Full Members:</u> Singles \$40 per annum Couples \$60 per annum</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Annual membership falls due 28th February.</p> <p><u>Probationary Members:</u> Singles \$20 per 6 month</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LIBRARY</p> <p>Free loan to members:- Books, Magazines, DVDs, CDs</p> <p>Free loan to leaders:- Maps and Rasters</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For Sale:- Snake bandages: \$10.00 Car stickers and badges: 3.00 Club T shirts, jackets, vests</p>								
<p style="text-align: center;">FIRST AID CERTIFICATES</p> <p>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 50% of cost upon completion.</p>									
<p style="text-align: center;">COVER PHOTOGRAPH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Crew enjoy the glory - Larapinta Falls by Amanda Johnston, December 2017</p>									

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PREPARING FOR AN ACTIVITY
<p>Information on the types of activities, their grading scales and the types of equipment you may need can all be found on the website at these places:</p> <p>Activities the Club Undertakes</p> <p>Brisbane Bushwalkers Club offers a wide range of activities for members' enjoyment. The main club activities are day walks, through walks and base camps. These are ...</p> <p>See full article at website: https://www.brisbanebushwalkers.org.au/club-activities</p> <p>Activity Grading System</p> <p>Brisbane Bushwalkers conducts activities over a wide range of skill levels. Consequently, we have evolved a grading and classification system which is designed to be ...</p> <p>See full article at website: https://www.brisbanebushwalkers.org.au/gradings</p> <p>Recommended Equipment</p> <p>Initially we recommend you spend little or no money until you discover which activities you enjoy. Discussion with experienced members will reveal the "pros and cons ...</p> <p>See full article at website: https://www.brisbanebushwalkers.org.au/equipment</p>

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Do you want to receive a BBW Magazine?

Posted by Chris Hall on Monday, 12th of February, 2018

The current quarterly magazine will be published towards the end of this month, but you need to ensure that your email preferences in your Profile are up to date, in order to receive the email notification. So I am re-posting a News article below that Julie VanDore did last September to help you: (Note - previous magazines can be found at: <https://www.brisbanebushwalkers.org.au/magazines>)



A note about email preferences

Posted by Julie Van Dore on Sunday, 24th of September, 2017

Hi Everyone,

We understand that not everyone received the link to the quarterly magazine that went out a few weeks ago. Please take a moment to double-check your email preferences.

While logged in, if you click your name on the upper right, you can select *Account Details*. From there, expand *Preferences*. You will see something like this.

The image is a screenshot of a user's profile preferences page. At the top, there is a dropdown menu labeled 'Preferences'. Below it, there is a section titled 'Subscribe me to the monthly magazine *'. Under this section, there is a dropdown menu with the text 'Send to my Email Address'. Below that, there are five checkboxes with labels and information icons: 'Don't email me about changes to my nominations', 'Don't email me about comments on things I post', 'Don't email me about nomination changes on my activities', 'Hide my activities from public view by default', and 'Subscribe me to the Leaders mailing list'. The 'Subscribe me to the Leaders mailing list' checkbox is checked.

Check your settings.

Note that regardless of these settings, you will receive communications from the Secretary in regards to the AGM and similar communications.

Pilgrimages History Project

Posted by Chris Hall on Wednesday, 28th of February, 2018

Bushwalking Queensland is collecting historical items and memorabilia for a special display at the 50th Pilgrimage to be held in 2019.

Do you have any photos, movies, videos, flyers, programs, signs, banners, letters, newspaper cuttings; anything at all related to the walks, competitions, games, meals, entertainment or bush dances held at past Pilgrimages?

We would like to borrow, copy, scan, or archive anything of historical interest related to federation Pilgrimages which have been held annually in south-east Queensland since 1970. In conjunction with the display we will be producing a commemorative photo book for sale to club members.

Any assistance with this project will be greatly appreciated. Please email or contact:

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John Marshall johnbne@bigpond.com mobile: 0474 480 056

List of Pilgrimages: http://www.bushwalkingqueensland.org.au/pil_history.php



Correspondence - Newsletters/Magazines Feb 2018

Posted by Lucy Guzman (Secretary) on Wednesday, 28th of February, 2018

Hi all,

Correspondence received during the month of February 2018

[Those items in *italics* have associated documents on the club web site. From the club web site, click on the item to view the doc.]

- **Clean up Australia day events** on Sunday 4th March 2018
Bushwalking Queensland has advised of three (3) events being advertised through the Club network. Those are:
 - * Glass House Mountains Advancement Network (GMAN). Mt Beerwah National Park & Mt Ngungun National Park.
 - * Glasshouse Bushwalkers Club Inc. Godwin Beach Mangroves.
 - * Bushwalking Queensland and Friends of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail (Brassall to Borallon section) - John Murphy Park.If you are interested in participating in any of the above events, click on the link and register your interest.
- **BVRT Trek 4 DQ in July 2018**
Brisbane Valley Rail Trail trek for Diabetes Queensland calling for registrations and volunteers.
Contact Gavin Dale (Bushwalking Queensland) or Tanya Smith (Friends of BVRT)
email: bvrt.trk4.dq@gmail.com
More information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/142263473085013/>
- **Bushwalking Queensland Summit and Party details on 17-18 Mar 2018.**
Following on Chris Hall's post from Dec 2017. Here is more information on the BWQ gathering of all bushwalkers.
Location: Ashgrove Library
Objective: discuss all topics about bushwalking. Keynote speakers will be talking about contemporary items and strategies.
Program: *Program details*
- News of the commencement of the **Caboolture - Wamuran rail trail** project.
- Flying Doctor issues **new snakebite advice** (Dec 2017). Thanks Tom Vaughan for bringing this to our attention.
- **Cycling – Samford to Ferny Grove Cycle Link.**
News for those using the Lanita rail trail for cycling.
- **Newsletter Footnotes** - Bushwalkers of South Queensland - Feb 2018.
- **Newsletter Footprint** - Toowoomba Bushwalkers Club - Feb 2018.
- **Magazine Jilalan** – Catholic Bushwalking Club - Feb 2018
Catholic Bushwalking Club – Annual Report 2017.
- **Magazine Protected** – National Parks Association Qld – Feb Mar 2018.
- **Newsletter Friends on Foot** - Gold Coast Bushwalking Club - Mar 2018
- **eBulleting Neck of the woods** - National Parks Association of Queensland - Issue 70

QPWS update for Lamington National Park

Posted by Chris Hall on Monday, 26th of February, 2018

This is the latest update from Lamington National Park provided by Wil Buch, Senior Ranger.

Ex Tropical Cyclone (XTC) Debbie repair work on the Caves Circuit and Gwongoorol track at Binna Burra is progressing with 100k spent removing tree falls, clearing 300 metre landslip and pulling down hung up and suspended trees and large rocks from cliff faces and over walking tracks. The actual walking track surface repairs will be going out to tender before the end of March and hopefully completed by contractors by the end of June or July 2018.

The dry half of the Illinbah circuit has been cleared of tree falls. Work to reopen the wet side will happen after the Commonwealth Games due to other work commitments.

The track to Yerralahla (Blue pool) on the West Canungra circuit has been open since Christmas and work is continuing to reopen the remainder of the circuit as soon as possible. Track surface repairs for West Canungra and Box Forest will also be tendered out to contractors before the end of March and the work undertaken during the winter of 2018.

All other walking tracks in Lamington National Park are open.



Box Forest Track repairs at Lamington NP



Lost World from Kerry Valley

There are increasing complaints from our western neighbours about disrespectful visitors from Brisbane and Gold Coast in 4WDs trespassing on private properties in Christmas Creek, Lost World and Kerry Valley areas adjoining Lamington National Park with Police needing to be called to remove people on a monthly basis.

There are increasing requests for high impact activities such as abseiling, canyoning, mountain bike riding and geo-caching.

700 hectare planned burn of open eucalypt forest west of Green Mountains was completed in January 2018. Stockyard Creek ridge and ridge below Pat and Lukes Bluffs unburnt since 2002 and Castle Crag ridge unburnt since early 1990s.

There have been three drone crashes in the National Park in last six months and this is becoming an increasing problem, along with large increase in people wanting to swim in the park with Killarney Glenn still closed.

Notable decrease in search and rescues this year (I should know better than to say this), but no identifiable cause apart from fact many tracks were closed for a period of time.

Current focus is completing funded asset and presentation works prior to the Commonwealth Games and end of financial year, along with getting a number of new ranger staff orientated and up to speed at Lamington.



Wil Buch, Senior Ranger, Lamington National Park

Walking activity over 2017

Posted by Chris Hall on Saturday, 17th of February, 2018

It doesn't take a minute to look at the Activities Calendar of BBW and ascertain that we are a very busy club. Our Web Administrator, Shaun Johnston and Ross Ernst, Outings Officer recently looked at the data behind the Activities Calendar for 2017 and here is the summary of what happened during those 12 months. Keep in mind that this data includes walks listed on our Standard Walks/Gradings list and excludes social, meetings, interstate, overseas and private trips that club members attended.

In terms of **activity grades (terrain and endurance)**, the following is an executive summary of the types of walking grades that members participated in, with over 2,000 individual walks by members completed:

- 3B is the most popular grade, with 594 nominees. 5C follows, with 368 nominees;
- 3 is the most popular terrain grade, with 799 nominees. This is followed by 5 with 477;
- B is the most popular endurance grade, with 961 nominees. C is next, with 710; and
- Of the non training / social activities, Medium 5C Day Walks are the most popular, with 148 nominees. They just edge out Medium 3B Day Walks, with 142 nominees.

An amazing **380 walking activities** were led by our great Leaders over the 12 months. A summary of where those walks took place is tabled below. Leaders were sent a detailed breakdown of these areas into walking tracks so that they could compare that to the list of Standard Walks and assess other walk areas, not currently being accessed.

Areas	Trips
Bellthorpe National Park	1
Boonah/Ipswich Peaks	24
Border Ranges & Environs	4
Brisbane & Nearby	1
Coastal Sandmasses	4
Conondale National Park & Sunshine Coast	23
Cunninghams Gap to Wilsons Peak	35
D'aguilar National Park - North	15
D'aguilar National Park - South	90
Glasshouse Region	14
Granite Regions, New England	6
Lamington North - Binna Burra	27
Lamington North - Green Mtns	27
Lamington South	12
Mistake Mtns & Environs	8
Mt Barney National Park	69
Springbrook, Tamborine & The Cougals	17
Sundown National Park	1



Happy walking in 2018, tread carefully, don't walk alone, hydrate, respect land owners/managers and have a great time with nature.

Capturing history of BBW

Posted by Chris Hall on Saturday, 10th of February, 2018

In June 2017 the club embarked on a partnership with the State Library of Queensland (SLQ) to digitise all of the BBW Magazines in their collection. This is being funded by SLQ as part of the **Community Heritage Digitisation Offer** which is about building the documentary heritage of Queensland, by capturing publications which relate substantially to the history of our state - and to its cultural, social, economic, political or scientific development. Ultimately, this will mean that not only can people access a hard copy of the magazines at SLQ but they **will be able to view and search any issue for keywords** for historical, personal or research purposes.

Currently the SLQ hold copies of our magazines back to February 1982 and have been doing **initial scanning** of every page into a format that can then be ready for the final stage where OCR (Optical Character Recognition) can be applied. A small team comprising Stephen Simpson (Vice President), Jeanette Simpson and myself are now volunteers for SLQ and we are helping with **quality checking** of the final scanned images. It is hoped that the project will be completed well before our 70th Anniversary dinner in July this year. Our thanks go to SLQ who have up to 4 work units devoted to this project, including Queensland Memory, Published Content, Collection Preservation and the Reformatting Unit (who we are currently working with at Cannon Hill).



Stephen Simpson, Chris Hall and Jeanette Simpson
quality checking

We are also hunting down **previous copies of the BBW Magazine between 1948 and 1982**. To that end I have been in contact with Leaders and past members of the club including Graham Jurrott (founding club member who passed away last year – talking with his son Lester), Ray Taylor (joined Sept 1958), Bob Williams (joined Jan 1953) plus other more recent members. I have had some success with Ray Taylor generously donating some magazines and other artefacts (pictured). I will also be meeting with other past members in March to discuss this project and other historical items and events.



Ray Taylor donating items to Chris Hall

This project is exciting as it suddenly provides a focus for documenting the history of Brisbane Bushwalkers Club Inc.. As soon as the success of this venture is proven later this year, I hope to progress towards other endeavours that will seek to preserve other documents and artefacts of our fantastic history.

Chris Hall, President

Choir Call-out

Posted by Chris Hall on Wednesday, 31st of January, 2018

Hi Briz Bushwalkers! As you know we are planning a 70th Anniversary dinner on 21st July 2018. To add to the fun of the night, I am organising a choir of volunteers to sing a few of the songs from the Brisbane Bushwalkers Songbook. The songbook is full of popular tunes from the 50s,60s & 70s as well as some lyrics penned by members.

If you can sing or have choir experience and are interested in joining us, please contact me on: - andersen.libby@gmail.com. I will be looking for a conductor and an accompanist or perhaps a few musicians to contribute to the fun.

Regards

Libby Andersen

Choir organiser

(Can't sing)



Correspondence - Newsletters/Magazines Jan 2018

Posted by Lucy Guzman (Secretary) on Wednesday, 31st of January, 2018

Hi all,

Correspondence received during the month of January 2018

[Those items in *italy*cs have associated documents on the club web site. From the club web site, click on the item to view the doc.]

- *Magazine Jilalan - Catholic Bushwalking Club - Dec 2017*
- *Newsletter Footnotes - Bushwalkers of Southern Queensland - Jan 2018*
- For those interested in the Camino de Santiago/Pilgrimage of Compostela/The Way of Saint James, we got news that pilgrims can also follow the Way to the south of Paris which is now well marked.
- *e-Bulletin Neck of the woods - NAPQ - 15Jan18*
- *Newsletter QORF - Jan 2018 | Note: Film and photo competition now open*
- *Walk calendar Glasshouse Bushwalkers Club - 2018*
- *Newsletter Footprint - Toowoomba Bushwalkers Club - Jan 2018*
- *News The Leaf - Greening Australia - Jan 2018*
- *Newsletter Friends on Foot - Gold Coast Bushwalkers - Feb 2018*
- Interested in walking the Great Scottish Coast to Coast in September 2018?

Hi Brisbane Bushwalkers,

The Gold Coast Bushwalkers have a small group walking the Great Scottish Coast to Coast in September, Mull of Kintyre to St Andrews 430km we are looking for one person (female) to join this wonderful adventure could I ask you to publish an expression of interest to your members. Detailed information available on request.

Kind Regards

Ron Layton - Walk Leader

Gold Coast Bushwalkers

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Correspondence - Newsletters/Magazines Dec 2017

Posted by Lucy Guzman (Secretary) on Saturday, 23rd of December, 2017

Hi all,

Correspondence received during the month of December 2017

[Those items in *italy*cs have associated documents on the club web site. From the club web site, click on the item to view the doc.]

- *Newsletter Greening Australia Dec 2017*
- *Newsletter QORF Dec 2017*
- *Newsletter Neck of the woods 18 Dec 2017*
- *Magazine Protected Dec17Jan18*
- *QORF Abseiling Climbing Public consultation*
- *Newsletter BOSQ Footnotes Dec 2017*

Christmas Greetings and other messages from the President

Posted by Chris Hall on Monday, 11th of December, 2017

Dear members,

I enjoyed the Christmas function on 1st to 3rd December. It was a great chance to catch up with people, share some walks, dinner, drinks and dancing. I'd like to add to that theme and wish all the best to you, your families and friends over this festive season.

A reminder that Ordinary **membership fees for 2018** can now be paid. You have up until the end of January 2018 but I ask that you do so over the coming weeks, to lighten the load on our Registrar and her team of helpers. The bank account and other information can be found on our web page by clicking here at *Membership Renewal*

Also you should have by now received an email on 25 November attaching the new **BBW Magazine for Sep-Nov 2017**. If you haven't received this email please check your Junk box, as it comes from this email address *magazine@lists.bbw.org.au* which may be new to your system. You might also want to **check your email preferences** in your BBW Account Details and Preferences to ensure that you have selected the Magazine option of 'Send to my email address'. Additionally, you can also find the magazine directly by visiting our webpage and visit the Magazines page via the Member Services menu.

Leaders, thank you for all your efforts over the year. The range and complexity of walks provided to members is astounding. It was great to see the new Abseil program in action this year and also see many people complete the Remote First Aid and Leaders courses. As usual our January to March intake of new members will be large, so I'd encourage you put on **Minimax walks** (we need 2+ per month). Also please feel free to put up some easier walks that are restricted to new members initially. If you put them on the weekends directly after the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, this allows new members to get their teeth into a walk straight away. You can still put other members on reserve until closer to the date of departure.

Oh, and can you all please take the time to update your **Profile and Photo** on the BBW webpage, so that we know who you are when we meet you at bushwalk meeting points and other events.

Note that the club will still be holding most meetings over this festive period except for the following changes:

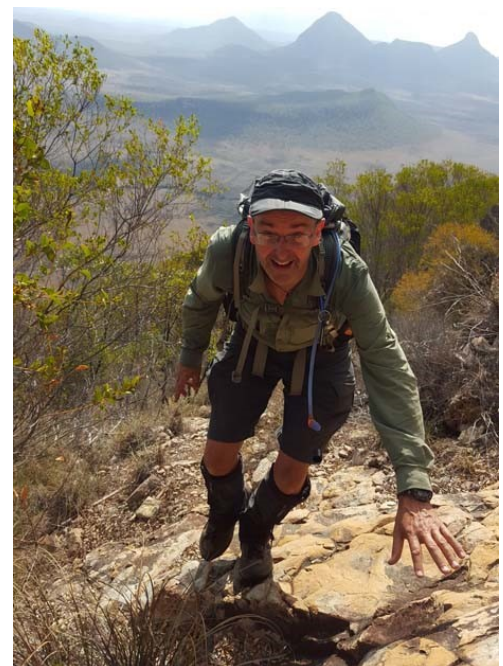
- No club meeting on 27th December 2017;
- No Committee meeting on 3rd January 2018;
- Slight change to the two club meetings in January ie. 11th and 25th. We will host the new members in the main hall for the first half hour from 7:30pm, rather than in the kitchen – due to an expected large intake at this time of year. Existing club members can take their time and arrive at 8pm when we will have presentations, notices and supper as per usual.

Please take care walking in the heat over summer and walk with someone to make the journey safer and more enjoyable. For those on holidays this is a great time to introduce others to walking.

Hopefully I'll see you at next Wednesday's club meeting where Tom Vaughan will be presenting on Adventures in Tasmania "Our First Overland Track and Maria Island", otherwise merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Yours faithfully

Chris Hall, President



Invitation to Combined Campout by Central Qld Clubs

Posted by Chris Hall on Monday, 4th of December, 2017

The bushwalking clubs of Capricornia, Gladstone and Bundaberg have invited other club members to their annual Combined Club Campout (CCC). This year the Bundaberg Bushwalking Club is the host club.

Planning is well underway for this years combined camp. To start the ball rolling this is some advanced notice for your calendars.

CAMP DATES: Friday 4th May-Monday 7th May

LOCATION: Mt Perry Showgrounds

PROGRAM:

Registration available from Friday night

Saturday afternoon: Walk program

Saturday evening: TBA

Sunday: Full day walk program

Sunday evening: Dinner on site and evening entertainment/raffles

Monday: ½ day walk program



CAMPING:

- Powered and unpowered camp sites will be available.
- Shower and toilet facilities available
- There are no units on site but there are cabins nearby if creature comforts are preferred

We look forward to catching up with you all, to reacquaint and make new friends.

Registrations will be out soon and will close 20 April 2018.

All showground bookings will be arranged through the club – not direct with the showground please. Further details to come.

Cheers

Cheryl Gargan, Bundaberg Bushwalking Club

Contact email: apaige1@bigpond.com

BWQ gathering of all bushwalkers - 17 & 18 March 2018

Posted by Chris Hall on Monday, 4th of December, 2017

Bushwalking Qld inc. (BWQ) would like input from club's members as to what to call the BWQ gathering to be held on 17 & 18 March 2018 where members from any club can attend Ashgrove Library and discuss all topics about bushwalking and have some keynote speakers in attendance talking about contemporary items and strategies.

Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QJBKZ25> to complete the survey. It will only take a couple of seconds of your time!

Thank you!

Gavin Dale

President

Bushwalking Qld. Inc.



Trip Report: Mt Glorious Barracks Working Bee

By Chris Hall on Monday, 5th February, 2018

A fantastic bunch of BBW members participated in this event with a very satisfying effort made by all.

The work completed was as follows:

1. Manorina

- cleared patches of lantana and cabbage palm fronds adjacent to track
- removed rocks and branches from the track

2. Western Window

- cleared vines and lantana encroaching on the track
- rocks and branches were removed from the track
- there is a new tree fall on the section going down to Joyners Ridge Road

3. Westside Track

- cleared rocks from track
- cleared vines and bushes along track
- removed branches

4. The barracks

- cleared grass around the perimeter with weed eaters
- removed 2 trailer loads of rubbish from around the barracks and shed
- removed regrowth from perimeter which was placed in piles on the grassed area
- repaired fly screens
- installed a lock on the toilet
- various other repairs
- cleaned the shed and building

As a reward, the weekend finished with a walk from Alex Rd down to the top of Love Creek Falls.



photo - Stephen Simpson



photo - Chris Hall



photo - Stephen Simpson



Dig 'n' Pull (photo - Stephen Simpson)

Tree Planting at Binna Burra (Sat 3-Feb 2018)

This activity was organised by the Rangers at the Binna Burra section of Lamington National Park in Rankin's Paddock. The aim was to plant 300 trees by lunch time, have a short break and then complete watering and mulching etc. In fact, the planting was finished much earlier.

Volunteers were sourced from several bushwalking clubs. BBW managed 19 volunteers - a great effort.



Photos by Josie Duigu: Our good deed for the day - And the rain just made it easier to dig into the ground and keep cool.

Minimax at Mt Gravatt (Sat 9-Dec)

By Chris Hall on Monday, 11th December, 2017

What a great group we had at this Minimax. Many of our new members already brought a good deal of experience to this walk, making it easy to add on the clubs perspective regarding safe and enjoyable walking. The weather was great, a little warm but we had plenty of rest stops along the way.

Some of the sights which we enjoyed included Federation Lookout, the cave at Mt Gravatt, a great lookout to the city on a northern spur and the lagoon located inside the Griffith University grounds. The Swamp Hens and the lilly flowers at the lagoon provided a great backdrop for our morning tea. We also came across a large goanna which seemed to be cornering a small possum, which we disturbed much to the relief of the possum.

The walk was completed with a light lunch and drinks at the Love Well Cafe at the summit of Mt Gravatt.

Shannon and I would like to thank the group for their attendance and attention throughout the morning and look forward to walking with you all in the future.

Trip Report: Deongwar SF Falls Survey (Filshie Falls)

By Bob Reid on Thursday, 11th January, 2018

This walk went ahead as planned and we reached the waterfall on Filshie Creek TRB in Deongwar State Forest west of Esk.

The start point was on a Forestry Road at 25330 80440 where Google Earth and (new) Queensland Globe imagery show a track of sorts heading towards the falls. We had planned to follow this with a possible deviation to the east from about 25010 81170 if necessary to avoid dense undergrowth.

The track we started on is long-disused. Going was fairly good for the first six or seven hundred meters then undergrowth, particularly lantana, and tree fall on and adjacent to the track increased rapidly so we decided to try the deviation to the east. Going turned out to be similar.

Nevertheless, we reached the unnamed creek at about 25040 81670 just upstream of the top of the falls at about 25010 81690.

There was a trickle of water in the creek, with some attractive shallow pools upstream of the falls. The crest of the falls is a narrow cut and the descent appears to be at least 10 m, not necessarily in a single step. There are a number of orchids of at least two species and a vantage point on the right bank (looking downstream) though we did not make full use of it because the rock appears highly weathered and possibly dangerous. Also, there is the hint of a pad just back from the vantage point that may lead to the base of the falls but the general impression is that going from top to bottom may be Grade 7 terrain or higher.

Imagery suggests there may be further falls or cascades in the approximately 300 m downstream to a creek junction but these were not identifiable from our viewing point

A quick inspection of the creek upstream showed easy creek walking for at least 400 m and examination of imagery suggests this may extend further.

We headed for the ridge crest on the return but undergrowth and tree regrowth prevented us from finding and following disused track line shown in imagery till we got very close to where we had deviated from it.

A GPS trace showed about 4.3 km and 180 m elevation gain/loss.

If Filshie Falls is to become a destination for Club walks, we need to find an easier route, probably by getting into the creek bed well upstream, and find a nearby add-on destination because it is hard to justify the long drive for a short walk though the falls are worth a visit.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Karrimor Women's Cheetah through-pack 50L-70L. Colour lilac. GC - \$80.

Sunbeam Food Dehydrator, 5 drying racks, fruit roll tray, manual with recipes. VGC - \$80.

Oztrail Active 4P tent. Used Once. Needs 2 people to erect. Excellent Condition - \$100.

PacSafe Exomesh Protector 70L (protects pack when travelling on planes, trains, etc). VGC - \$75.

Katmandu Tote 70L (protects pack when travelling on planes, trains, etc). GC- \$50.

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Trip Report: Christmas At Christmas Creek

(Larapinta Falls Day Walk, Sat 16 Dec)

Posted by Greg Kuss on Sunday, 17th December, 2017

It was the Christmas walk. Up Christmas Creek. To Larapinta Falls for a swim. It was a Shaun Johnston walk. A swim in a waterhole on a hot Summers day with a BBW group. Hey Ho! Lets go!

The first challenge was finding the current Fairfield Gardens car park meeting place. It was. Up a narrow side street. No, no, wrong! Return out onto the Fairfield road. No U turn at the lights. Drive into a building site. Road block. Return out onto the Fairfield road. Into another entrance. Up behind the building, beside the loading docks. Rail station in site. I see someone. Park. Wrong alley. Drive over one. Finally the correct car park.

Everyone arrived. Got their little bags out and stood them in a circle, greeting each other. Obviously no one was intending to drive. "OK, we need 3 drivers." Shaun commanded. I had a small 10 year old car and preferred not to drive. It was down to Liz Izquierdo and I for the 3rd driver. Both had small vehicles. We tossed a coin. I lost and had to drive. Fernando arrived late and jumped in the vacant seat in the back of my car. Hey Ho! Let's go!

I had selected "Fleetwood Mac Rumours" CD for the car drive that morning and kept it on repeat for the entire trip out to Larapinta Falls and back. We had memorised the words by the time we got home.

*Why are you right when I'm so wrong
I'm so weak but you're so strong
Everything you do is just alright
And I can't walk away from you
Baby, if I tried*

*Oh Daddy
If I could make you see
If there's been a fool around
It's got to be me
Yes, it's got to me
Yes, it's got to me
Yes, it's got to me*

Christmas Creek Valley closed in around us the further up we went. The road got rougher and rougher. Badly eroded. I inched my car along in first gear, avoiding pot holes, wash outs and cow pads. I got through without mishap. We pulled on our boots grabbed our packs and headed up the creek. Hey Ho! Let's go!

At first we all tried to keep our boots dry as is customary. Walking across logs. Stepping across stepping stones, some people even removing their boots to cross the creek. Co leader Annie Marlow worked us and worked us good. The humidity was near 100%. Sweat was pouring off our brows. Our shirts were saturated. The pace was fast. Oh God!

We reached our morning tea spot of Westrays grave. Reearr, Reearr, Reearr, Reearr, Reearr, Reearr, REEARR! REEARR! The deafening crescendo of the Summer cicadas totally controlled our minds. Drowning out the mere thought of a conversation with a fellow club member. REEARR! REEARR! REEARR! REEARR! The sound all but consumed us. I couldn't stand it any longer with my whole head in a sweat and the sound ear piercing. "Shut up, you Blastard insects!" I yelled into the towering trees as my city angst finally got the better of me. So much for a pleasant rainforest walk and cooling swim before Christmas.

From that point on the real rock hopping started. Logs, boulders, rocks, sticks, stumbling, falling. We abandoned keeping our boots dry and plundered knee deep through the creek in our relentless approach to Larapinta Falls. Annie Marlow worked us and worked us good!

The site of the waterfall loomed through the trees. Mist. Droplets swirled everywhere. Rainbows. Up draught currents. "Last one in is a rotten egg!" I shouted. "You got to be 5 years old to still use that saying," another walker teased. "And which country do you come from," I retorted "I'm all Aussie!" Stripping garments of clothing on my approach. But the water was very cold and the bottom of the pool rocky and uninviting. I stood knee deep shivering in the up draught mist and rainbows. Dabbed some droplets behind my ear and retreated to my pack and redressed. Settling down to my lunch of Christmas leg ham, pickles and avocado sandwich.

After 20 minutes we all got cold and had to start walking back. We crashed, thrashed and trashed through the creek abandoning all elegance and grace. A great little swimming hole back near the cars was great for us all to cool off in. A swim in a waterhole on a hot summers day dream was fulfilled.

Walking 10ft tall, once back in my very low clearance small car, I resembled an off road rally driver. At one point bottoming out, sending dust and gravel scattering everywhere. Woo.... I slowed. Just in time for the Christmas Creek coffee house, which I nearly shot past. A triple shot skinny flat white, with apple pie and ice cream, sitting on the verandah looking out into the trees capped off a rather humid but pleasant day.

Once back in the car Fleetwood Mac Rumours on repeat once again emanated.

Grid References for Bushwalkers (Historical Article)

These notes were prepared by a BBW member for a friend but he thought they might be of interest to a wider audience.

(1) In the beginning, when the World was younger and the Mountains were a tad higher, somewhere about the middle of the 20th Century, the "Inch-to-the-Mile" Army Topographics were de-classified, released to the public, and became the maps of choice for the Bushwalker. They were affordable, at 2/- each, and extremely accurate for that day and age. (Two shillings = Twenty cents, before inflation!)

They were printed to a Scale of 1" = 1 Mile, and they used an (x,y) Co-ordinate System based on a 1,000 Yard grid, repeating every 60 miles, which was not only handy for identifying positions and features, but also for managing Fall-of-Shot for the artillery.

The Grid Reference was a Six Figure number. It was sometimes prefaced by the Map Name. It began with a Grid Number which was read from the margin of the sheet, followed by an estimate in tenths of the distance into the next grid square. This gave three numbers for the Eastings, and three numbers for the Northings, and gave a reference accurate to the nearest 100 Yards. (Tenth of the 1000 Yard grid).

The First Attachment = "Army Grid", is a .pdf of part of the "Murwillumbah" map, and outlines the procedure, using "Glenroy" station as an example, with Glenroy at Grid Reference = 317854

"Glenroy" is off the page, but here is an example which is on the .pdf copy. Using the same procedure as used for finding Glenroy, we see that the isolated hut to the North of Lacks Creek Road is at Grid Reference = 639658. (This is 63.9 Grid Squares East, and 65.8 Grid Squares North) This reference is unique not only to the Murwillumbah map, but to all locations within a 60 mile radius.

(2) Bushwalkers used and quoted the Six Figure Reference for many years, and this practice continued across the metric revolution, when our 1:25,000 Topographics became the map of choice.

Exactly the same procedure was followed to generate a Six Figure number, but now used a 1,000 m grid, which did not repeat for 100 km.

See the Second Attachment = "Bangalora N Routes", and find the Waypoint VIEW, on the edge of Bangalora Knoll.

Full UTM Descriptor = 56J 0451307E 6882350N (Unpacked = 56J 04 51 307 E 68 82 350 N)

Six Figure Reference = 513824

(3) The 1 : 25,000 Topographic was to a much larger scale than the One Inch = One Mile Army Map (1 : 63,360), and when it was quickly realised that positions could be estimated to within 10 m, the Eight Figure Grid Reference was born, and this is now current practice.

Eight Figure Reference = 51318235

(4) The hand held GPS, with an EPE (estimated position error) of less than 5 m, permits more precise positioning still, so a Ten Figure Grid Reference is not silly!

Ten Figure Reference = 5130782350, or, more conveniently unpacked = 51,307 82,350

(5) So, in summary, for Wpt VIEW:

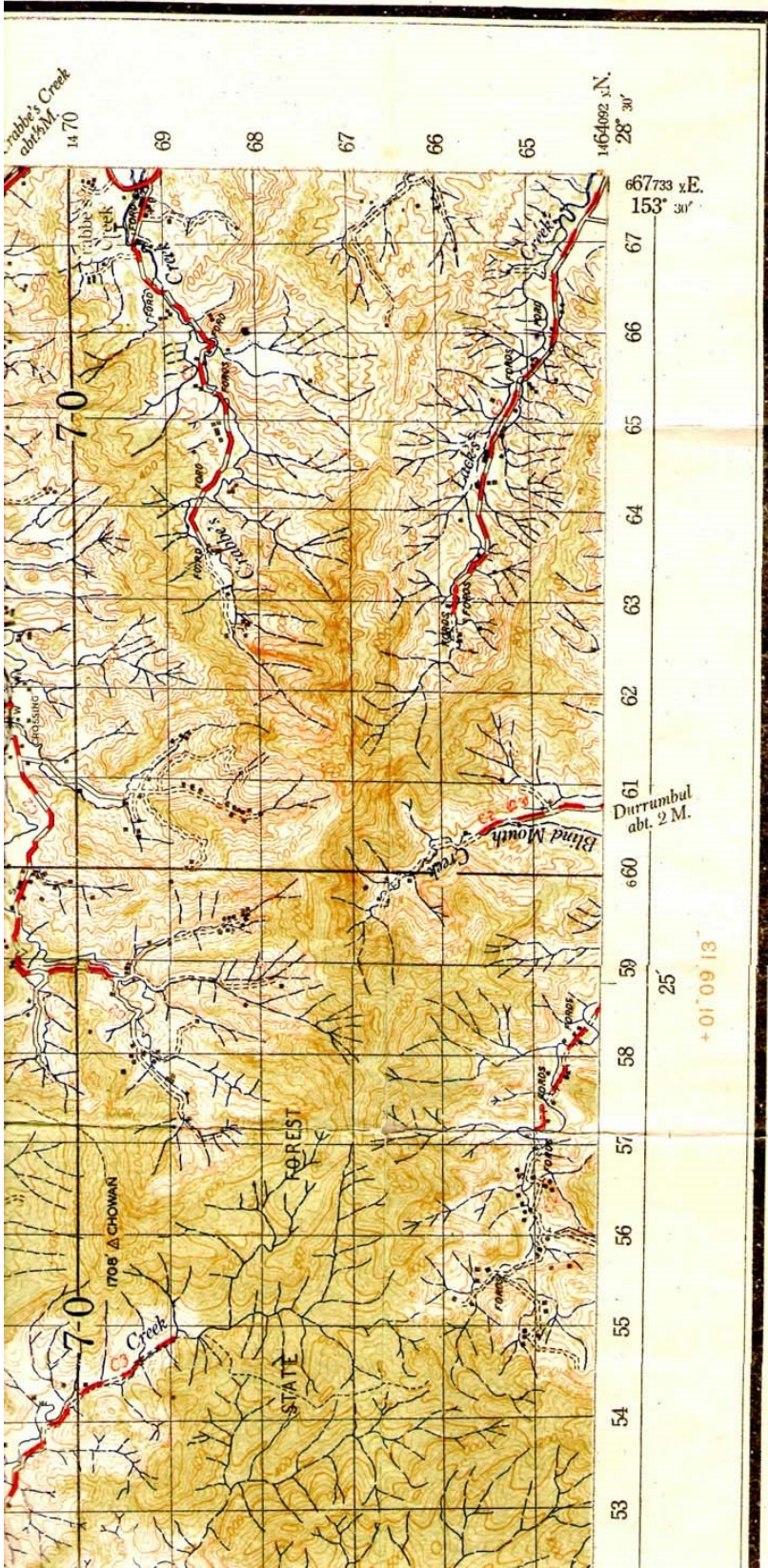
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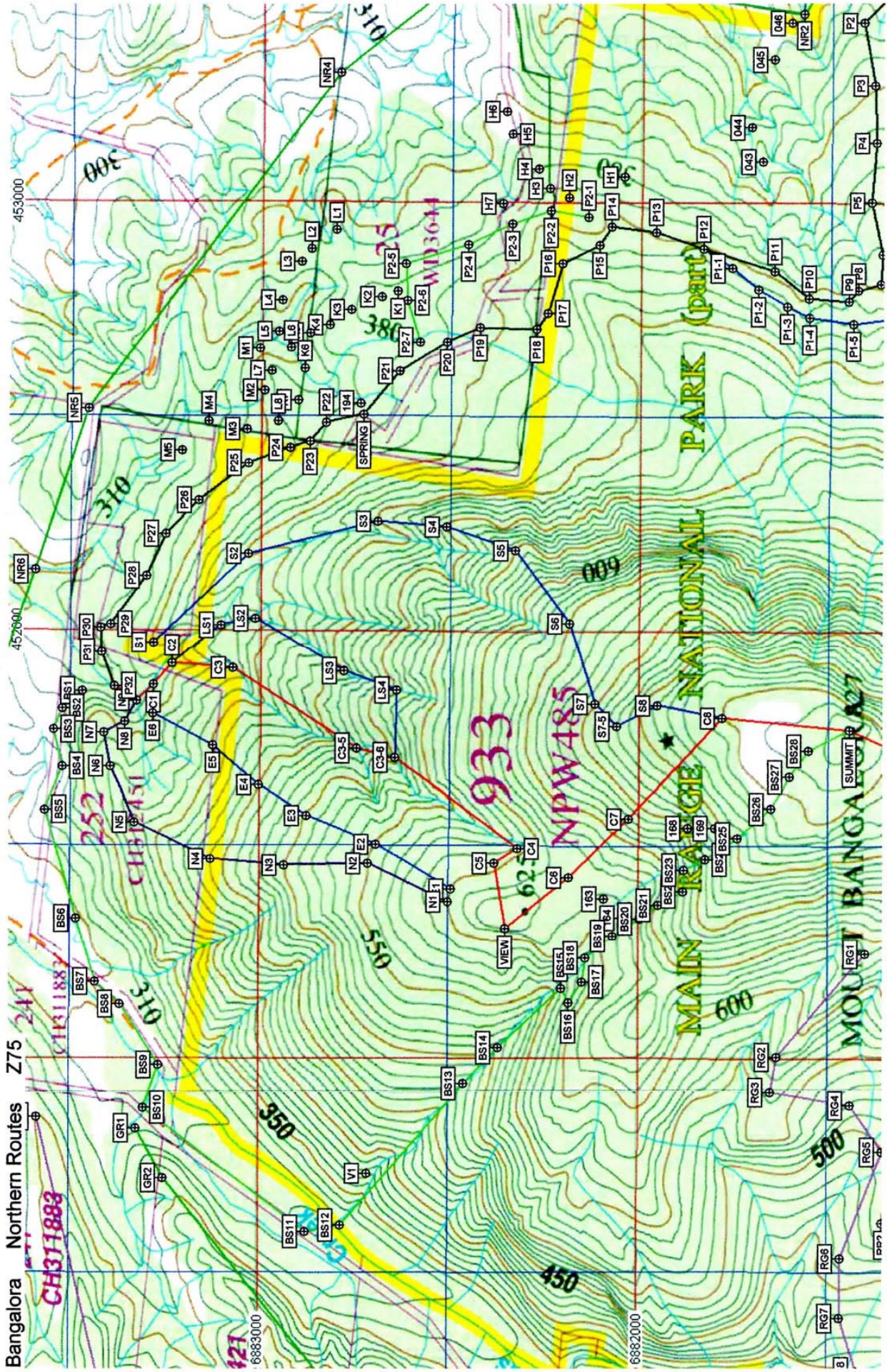
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<p>TO GIVE A GRID REFERENCE ON THIS SHEET Pay no attention to the smaller coordinate figures at the corners and in margins. They are for finding full coordinates: viz. 930</p>	
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Attachment 1 = "Army Grid"



Attachment 2 = "Bangalora N Routes"