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MEETINGS: The Brisbane Bushwalkers Club meets every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Newmarket Memorial Hall, cnr Enoggera Rd. & Ashgrove Ave., Newmarket. Except for December when the only meeting is on the 2nd Wednesday. All welcome.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The next committee meeting to be held at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 4th December** is at Tom Cowlshaw's at 116 Alderley Ave. Alderley. Ph: 3856 4050. All members are welcome to attend.

MAGAZINE: *It is preferred that leaders submit pre-trip descriptions via the leaders page on the web site.*

Articles may also be submitted by e-mail, CD or 3.5" floppy discs (RTF format). Typed or clearly printed copy is acceptable. Articles may be given to the Editors at any meeting, or mailed to: Editor, Brisbane Bushwalkers Club Inc. GPO Box 1949 Brisbane 4001 or Fax 3274 6782.

Pre-trips will be given first priority, then articles in order of receipt (subject to available space). The editor reserves the right to edit or reject copy where necessary.

DEADLINE for the **February** magazine is the Open Meeting **Wednesday 8th January**
Pre-trip descriptions for all activities please!

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Melbourne Cup Party Mt. Maroon by Richard Lukacz

EQUIPMENT HIRE

The following equipment is available *for club*

activities. The charge *between meetings* per item is:

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

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

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

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

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

LIBRARY

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

MEMBERSHIP FEES

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

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

Probationary Members:
Nomination fee \$30.00 per 6mth

FIRST AID CERTIFICATES

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



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ABBREVIATIONS & GRADING

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

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

FAMILY Family — Family Group conditions; contact Leader

TERRAIN GRADING — 1 to 9

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

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

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

INFORMATION FOR WALKERS

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

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

TRANSPORT COSTS: Passengers are asked to pay a contribution to the driver for their share of car expenses. These may vary depending on several factors, but for the average car you should expect to contribute 9c/km per person. Trips needing 4WD or extra space for gear tend to cost more. If you are unhappy with the contribution amount, you are always free to take your own vehicle.

CAMPING FEES: National Park or State Forest camping fees are \$4.50 per person per night. (The leader will provide details.) NSW National Parks also charge \$7 per vehicle per day.

ALWAYS TAKE: Membership Card; Food & Water*; First Aid Kit; Sunscreen; Torch; Whistle; Paper/pencil; Warm Clothing; Raincoat; Sun Hat. Don't forget a change of clothing & shoes for after the walk.

*Water allowance, where noted, is the minimum the leader recommends.

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

PROGRAM

Gradings approximate only (subject to trip leaders' survey)

Members are responsible for ensuring they are capable of doing the walks for which they nominate.

ALWAYS TAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU

Refer to previous page for a list of the minimum items required to take on a Day Walk

November

22 General meeting

24-26	LBC-2B	New Members Base Camp - Bunya Mountains	Julia Wain	3201 2013
25	MDW-6D	South Kobble Creek via 560	Mary Comer	38446231
26	LDW-3B	Coomera Circuit	Sue Rogerson	3891 1684
	MDW4C	Lepidozamia Track 560&474	John Shields	32646565
28	SDW -5B	Northbrook Gorge	Ralph Chetham	3353 5571

December

2	MDW-1A	New Farm - South Bank - Teneriffe	Deniz Turak	
	MDW-6D	West Canungra Creek	Mary Comer	38446231
3	ABS-4C	15 Mile Creek Abseil	Anne Kemp, Tom Hulse	3351 2190
8-10	LDW-2A	Mt. Springbrook Christmas Party	Burney	32699383
9	MDW-2A	Jolly's Lookout to Boombana	Dawn Hendrick & Dawn Glancy	3818 3687
10	MDW - 5C	Barney Waterfall	Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
	MDW-3B	West Canungra Creek	Mary Comer	38446231
12	MDW-6C	Best of Byron Gorge	Marion Darveniza	3378 4031
	CYC	The Gap Christmas Lights	Peter Lock	3351 1184

13 Open Meeting

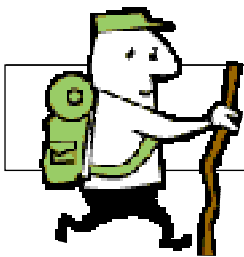
16	S5B	Northbrook Gorge	danny mullins	33252601
17	LDW-3B	Coomera Circuit	Burgi Wagner	33250629
	CYC S4	Gap Creek Reserve	Danny Mullins	(07) 3325 2601
27	MDW-6C	Love & Cedar Creek	Nick Brooking	04 1972 4296

January

1	MDW-4B	Stairway Falls	Mary Comer	38446231
6	MDW-1A	New Farm - South Bank - Teneriffe	Deniz Turak	
7	LDW-3B	Caves- Lower Bellbird Circuit	Burgi Wagner	33250629
13	MDW-2A	Morella and Maiala Track Walks	Dawn Hendrick & Dawn Glancy	3818 3687

February

3	LDW-3C	Coomera Circuit	Ros Firster, Richard Lukacz	3324 9018
5	SNW-2A	Toohey Forest Night Walk	Ros Firster, Richard Lukacz	07 33249018
17	SDW-2A	Ravensbourne National Park	Dawn Hendrick & Dawn Glancy	3818 3687



Coming Trips

NEW MEMBERS BASE CAMP - BUNYA MOUNTAINS

Base Camp Fri 24 - Sun 26 Nov
LEADER: Julia Wain 3201 2013
EMAIL: glenwain@bigpond.com
GRADE: LBC-2B
LIMIT: 22 probationary, 8 full members
BRING: base camp gear, long gaiters/
trousers, warm gear, chair, stove,
tent, water (10lt p/person)
COST: \$9 per person camp fees (2 nights,
pay leader) plus petrol contribution
DEPART: 6pm contact leader
CAR KMS: approx 480 km
MAP: Mowbullen 9244-3, Bunya 9244-34
This activity is full.

SOUTH KOBBLE CREEK VIA 560

Day Walk Sat 25 Nov
LEADER: Mary Comer 38446231
MOBILE: 0427446000
EMAIL: mco71878@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: MDW-6D
LIMIT: 14
BRING: Day Walk Gear + Swimmers
COST: Petrol money
DEPART: 7am Alderley Car Park
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30,000
This walk in Brisbane Forest Park starts and finishes on Forestry Tracks. We ascend the knoll 560 on a trail then descend steeply to South Cobble Ck. There is a beautiful swimming hole here where we will have morning tea. We then follow the creek upstream with some rock hopping and scrambling in and around waterfalls. Lunch will be taken in the creek with possibly another swim. After leaving the creek we complete the circuit on a track back to the cars. This is a beautiful walk but is quite demanding so you must be reasonably fit.

COOMERA CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 26 Nov
LEADER: Sue Rogerson 3891 1684
MOBILE: 0400 784 745
EMAIL: bbwwalks@yahoo.com.au
GRADE: LDW-3B
LIMIT: 16
BRING: Usual day walk gear, 2L water +
member card + togs
COST: \$19 (210km)
DEPART: 6:30am Fairfield Gardens Carpark
The Coomera Circuit is a very scenic 17.5km walk beginning from the Binna Burra carpark. We begin on the Border Track before branching off on the Coomera circuit. We pass through

rainforest and giant brush box until we get to the brilliant view of the Coomera falls. The gorge itself has a depth of 160m. We will swim at one of the waterfalls at lunchtime. The circuit crosses the river several times before rejoining the Border Track. The walk is suitable for beginners with reasonable fitness. Note earlier departure time since it's summertime.

LEPIDOZAMIA TRACK 560&474

Day Walk Sun 26 Nov
LEADER: John Shields 32646565
EMAIL: johnshields@netspace.net.au
GRADE: MDW4C
LIMIT: 10
BRING: usual day walk essentials;card ;2l
water
COST: fuel
DEPART: 7am Albany Centro Shopping centre
Albany Ck Rd

CAR KMS: 80 approx
MAP: Brisbane Forest Park
We leave Albany Ck and drive through Samford & Mt Glorious to park at Tenison Woods. We walk Lepidzamia Track through rainforest and branch off down a fire trail and up to 560. Depending on how long this has taken and group opinion we could follow a spur through open forest to 474. This section is about a km and is not surveyed so I do not expect to find a track so we will proceed with caution. It is a slope down and a lesser slope up since 474 is lower than 560. This is not a hard walk and would be suitable for new walkers with reasonable fitness and walked at a reasonable pace to absorb our bush surrounds. There is a variety of walking from flat open road in rainforest to finding our way through open dry forest with unknown undergrowth. There are sections of the tracks that are prolonged up slopes so speak to John if you have doubts as to your fitness. This walk requires a little more durability than my normal walks. The finish will be by mid afternoon to enjoy a coffee stop at Samford and home before dark.-N.B. The limit is 10 as a larger group would be too many to do the unsurveyed section so if you have a spirit of adventure join us. Prospective new leaders would be ideal on the unsurveyed section.

NORTHBROOK GORGE

Day Walk Tue 28 Nov
LEADER: Ralph Chetham 3353 5571
GRADE: SDW -5B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Usual day walk gear, 2L water,
waterproofed packs
DEPART: 6:30am Alderley Shopping Centre

MAP: Brisbane Forest Park 1:30000
Northbrook gorge has 5 pools which require swimming through so packs need to be water-proofed. After leaving a car near the end of the trip we will drop down into a gully near the Wivenhoe lookout, then follow Northbrook Ck to the Gorge. After swimming through the gorge there is a short climb out to the road. A very pleasant, cool day assured.

NEW FARM - SOUTH BANK - TENERIFFE

Day Walk Sat 2 Dec
LEADER: Deniz Turak
MOBILE: 0412007360
EMAIL: denizturak@yahoo.com
GRADE: MDW-1A
LIMIT: 16
BRING: 2lt water, sunscreen, lunch and chair to be left in cars
COST: \$2.60 ferry + \$'s for refreshments
DEPART: 7:30am New Farm Park - park on ring road as close to Brunswick St and Citicat Terminal as possible

We start and finish this walk in New Farm Park. We walk along the Brisbane River for most of the walk, with views of the city (we may see people climbing the Story Bridge). We walk through Merthyr Park, pass Riverside, through Botanic Gardens, over Victoria Bridge and back to South Bank where we will have morning tea (money needed for anyone wanting to buy something for morning tea). We then catch the City Cat to Bulimba and the cross river ferry to Teneriffe where we walk back to New Farm Park for lunch. There are barbecues for those who want to cook - bring along a chair and your lunch (which will be left in cars while we walk). This is a lovely relaxing walk around town.

WEST CANUNGRA CREEK

Day Walk Sat 2 Dec
LEADER: Mary Comer 38446231
MOBILE: 0427446000
EMAIL: mco71878@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: MDW-6D
LIMIT: 16
BRING: Usual Day Walk Gear + Swimmers
COST: Petrol Money
DEPART: 6am Fairfield Gardens Car Park
MAP: Lamington National Park
This activity is full.

15 MILE CREEK ABSEIL

Abseil Day Walk Sun 3 Dec
LEADER: Anne Kemp, Tom Hulse 3351 2190
MOBILE: 0406 972 148
EMAIL: tomhulse2@hotmail.com
GRADE: ABS-4C
LIMIT: 6

BRING: Abseil equipment + usual day walk gear
COST: \$10 if hiring equipment, \$18 transport
DEPART: 6:30am Fairfield Gardens Carpark
MAP: Murphys Creek 1: 25000
The abseil area is a short length of cliffs in the Helidon Hills. We will do a number of 50-60m abseils, at least one of which is all overhang. (Kangaroo Pt is about 12m). The area is dry and could be hot so bring plenty of drinking water. The walk there and back is not strenuous. Contact me if you want to hire club abseil hardware and bring \$ change to pay for its hire and the rope hire. Restricted to members who have undertaken abseil training.

JOLLY'S LOOKOUT TO BOOMBANA

Day Walk Sat 9 Dec
LEADER: Dawn Hendrick & Dawn Glancy 3818 3687
MOBILE: 0428 197 268
EMAIL: hendrick@iprimus.com.au
GRADE: MDW-2A
LIMIT: 16
BRING: Usual daywalk gear, 2 lt water, morning tea. Lunch to be left in car. WARM CLOTHING for lunch area which is exposed to winds.
COST: nil - own cost of transport
DEPART: 7:30am Park & Ride, Cnr Illohra & Waterworks Rd, The Gap. (opp. Settlement Rd intersection)
MAP: Brisbane Forest Map

This is combination of three beautiful track walks totalling 10.6km. We car pool at the Park & Ride Bus facility and drive up to Jolly's Lookout (where there are Public Toilets). From here we do the Egernia Circuit then the Thylogale Walking Track and finally the Rainforest Track to Boombana. We will walk through open eucalypt woodlands and some rainforest beside creek beds. If we are quiet we should see a good variety of birdlife. Lunch will be at Jolly's Lookout (which has BBQ facilities) with a return to the Coffee Club at the Gap for those who have a free afternoon. Preferred nomination is by email or on the website. When nominating please include the following details (as on the nomination sheet): car, no. of passengers, phone number, suburb, membership status (full or probationary).

BARNEY WATERFALL

Day Walk Sun 10 Dec
LEADER: Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
EMAIL: Lmdarven@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: MDW - 5C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Usual day walk gear, swimmers, 3L water
DEPART: 6:30am Fairfield gardens
CAR KMS: 210

MAP: Mt Lindsay 1:25000
This activity is full.

WEST CANUNGRA CREEK

Day Walk Sun 10 Dec
LEADER: Mary Comer 38446231
MOBILE: 0427446000
EMAIL: mco71878@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: MDW-3B
LIMIT: 16
BRING: Day Walk Gear + Swimmers
COST: Petrol money
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Car Park
MAP: Lamington National Park

This 14km walk on graded tracks is in the O'Reillys area of Lamington NP. We start the day by gently descending to Blue Pool (Yarralahla) where we will have morning tea and the bravest of us can have a swim in the cold water! From here we continue upstream with some creek crossings. We will probably have lunch at either Box Log Falls or Elabana Falls after which we go to Picnic Rock and follow the track up to the Border Track and so back to the car park. This is a beautiful rainforest circuit and most suitable for new members to the club.

BEST OF BYRON GORGE

Day Walk Tue 12 Dec
LEADER: Marion Darveniza 3378 4031
EMAIL: Lmdarven@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: MDW-6C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Usual day walk gear
DEPART: 6:30am Alderley
MAP: Mt Byron 1:25000

This trip combines many favourite elements - rock slabs, waterfalls, rock hopping, rock scrambling, huge overhanging cliffs, caves, swimming, interesting vegetation changes, some scunge and isolation. This trip is in the Mt Mee State forest and is ideal for this time of the year.

THE GAP CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Night Ride Tue 12 Dec
LEADER: Peter Lock 33511184
MOBILE: 0419 496 837
EMAIL: peter2007@lock.id.au
GRADE: CYC
LIMIT: 16
BRING: Bike with lights, helmet
DEPART: 6:30pm Enoggera Creek

Meet at footbridge over Enoggera Ck, near corner of McLean Pde and Kinnaird St in Ashgrove. UBD reference A17 on page 139. Please be ready for a 6:30pm start. This will be a leisurely-paced ride of about 25km, exploring the bike tracks to and around The Gap. We'll start by following an off-road track up Enoggera Ck. When it Peters out we'll use a few back streets and loop back to The Gap Coffee Club. Then

back on the saddle to ride back to the cars. These bike paths can be dark and scary, so make sure you have adequate lighting. We'll make a few excursions off the main track to look at some Christmas lights displays, including last year's winner.

NORTHBOOK GORGE

Day Walk Sat 16 Dec
LEADER: Danny Mullins 33252601
EMAIL: hilarymullins@optus.net.au
GRADE: S5B
LIMIT: 16
BRING: day wark gear water proof packs two plastic bags will do 3litres water
DEPART: 7am alderley car park
MAP: brisbane forest park 1;30000

This is a delitefull trip in the western part of Brisbane forest park. From wivenhoe lookout we drop down into the gully which joins northbrook creek and follow it to the gorge. We swim through five pools where we stop for lunch and have a swim to relax. Further down we will leave the creek and climb down to the road where we have left some of the cars. The trip is sutable for those who are comfortable with the old 4/4 and are comfortable with rock hopping. It is not a difficult walk and should take about 5 hours. It is all down hill! Phone me if you have any questions.

COOMERA CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sun 17 Dec
LEADER: Burgi Wagner 33250629
MOBILE: 0428851222
EMAIL: burgi@wagner.id.au
GRADE: LDW-3B
LIMIT: 12
BRING: see ALWAYS TAKE p3, swimmers
COST: petrol contribution
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens carpark
CAR KMS: 210km

This 17.4km walk is the most scenic one at Binna Burra. First we will walk along the Border track for 1.9km then branch off and descend gradually through forest containing some giant brush box. The track then narrows and runs along the edge of Coomera Gorge (160m). The views from the Coomera Lookout are breathtaking! We then continue through an exceptional beautiful rainforest area to the creek crossings. We continue to cross the creek a few times as we gradually climb up to the top. There are numerous small waterfalls along the way and we will find an opportunity to swim. At the top the circuit joins the Border track again. From there it is 7.6km back to Binna Burra. Some of the creek crossings could be tricky as rocks may be slippery. Expect to get wet boots too. This walk is suitable for new members with reasonable fitness.

GAP CREEK RESERVE

Mountain Bike Sun 17 Dec
LEADER: Danny Mullins (07) 3325 2601
EMAIL: hilarymullins@optusnet.com.au
GRADE: CYC S4
LIMIT: 16
BRING: Mountain bike, helmet, 2l water,
morning tea
DEPART: 7am Gap Ck Reserve CarPark (157
g15)

A short morning ride around the park on various mountain bike tracks. No real huge ups, we follow the contours around the hills. This activity will still go ahead in the rain.

LOVE & CEDAR CREEK

Day Walk Wed 27 Dec
LEADER: Nick Brooking 04 1972 4296
EMAIL: brooking@bigpond.com
GRADE: MDW-6C
LIMIT: 12
BRING: Usual day walk gear p.3. + 2lt water.
DEPART: 7am Alderley Car Park

This is a 'recovery' walk after the seasonal excess. It's in Brisbane Forest Park. We start at the end of Alex Rd, descend a short ridge to a tributary of Love Ck, rock hop and scramble downstream past Love Creek Falls to the junction of Cedar Ck. After lunch up Cedar Ck scrambling up or around the waterfalls to the base of Greenes Falls, then walk through the rain forest back to the cars. It's a rugged and beautiful area of the park, suitable for anyone reasonably fit, comfortable with rock hopping and scrambling. It gets harder if there is lot of water flowing or it's raining - call me if you get worried. The walk list isn't out at meetings as I'm working out of town. Nominate by email, SMS or call me on the mobile.

STAIRWAY FALLS

Day Walk Mon 1 Jan
LEADER: Mary Comer 38446231
MOBILE: 0427446000
EMAIL: mco71878@bigpond.net.au
GRADE: MDW-4B
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Usual day walk gear, swimmers &
afternoon tea for sharing
COST: Petrol money
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Car Park
MAP: Lamington NP

What a way to start the New Year! Think of those new resolutions! This walk is yet another combination of the other West Canungra Ck walks I am leading in December and I hope it will suit those of you who maybe haven't walked "off track" before and anyone else who wants to start the New Year in a beautiful place with some exercise and good company. The walk is in the

O'Reillys area of Lamington NP. We will do a car shuttle then start walking down Bull Ant Spur. Although this is "off track" there is a trail so you won't get caught up in vines. We will have morning tea, and a swim, at Yerralaha (Blue Pool) after which we continue downstream on Canungra Ck following an old track, with a few creek crossings, to Stairway Falls for lunch and another swim. We then retrace our steps to Yerralaha and return to O'Reillys via the graded track. The pace will be leisurely. Afternoon tea will be shared at a picnic area.

NEW FARM - SOUTH BANK - TENERIFFE

Day Walk Sat 6 Jan
LEADER: Deniz Turak
MOBILE: 0412007360
GRADE: MDW-1A
LIMIT: 16
BRING: 2l water, sunscreen, lunch & chair to
be left in cars
COST: \$2.60 for ferry + money for
refreshments
DEPART: 7:30am New Farm Park - park on
ring road as close to Brunswick St
and Citicat Terminal as possible

We start and finish this walk in New Farm Park. We walk along the Brisbane River for most of the walk, with views of the city (we may see people climbing the Story Bridge). We walk through Merthyr Park, pass Riverside, through Botanic Gardens, over Victoria Bridge and back to South Bank where we will have morning tea (money needed for anyone wanting to buy something for morning tea). We then catch the City Cat to Bulimba and the cross river ferry to Teneriffe where we walk back to New Farm Park for lunch. There are barbecues for those who want to cook - bring along a chair and your lunch (which will be left in cars while we walk). This is a lovely relaxing walk around town.

MORELLA AND MAIALA TRACK WALKS

Day Walk Sat 13 Jan
LEADER: Dawn Hendrick & Dawn Glancy 3818
3687
MOBILE: 0428 197 268
EMAIL: hendrick@iprimus.com.au
GRADE: MDW-2A
LIMIT: 16
BRING: morning tea, hat, sunscreen, insect
repellant, 2 litres water, the usual
magazine page 3 must take. Lunch
to be left in the car so bring an esky!
COST: Nil - own transport
DEPART: 7:30am Park and Ride area, Corner
Ilowra & Waterworks Road, The Gap
UBD Ref 137 P20 (we will do a car
shuffle from here to avoid taking too
many cars up the hill).

These are two short track walks (total 10.2km) in the Brisbane Forest Park Area. We will car pool from the Park & Ride, making a quick stop at Jolly's Lookout first to use the toilet facilities there. The first walk starts from the Manorina car parking area where the toilet block has closed (unfortunately!). The walk climbs gently through initially a rainforest area, then out onto more open eucalypt forest ending at some granite boulders, which is the Mt Nebo Lookout. From here there is an uninterrupted view down Samford Valley to Moreton Bay in the distance which we can enjoy during morning tea. We return to the cars via the same route hopefully seeing a goanna along the way. We will then drive up to the Summit of Mt Glorious and park at the Maijala Picnic area. The Maijala Circuit track starts from here and we follow it for 1.5km and cross an unsealed road then descend to Greene's Falls. Much of this walk is on boards and there is a viewing platform over the Falls. We return to the Circuit Track via a loop, which passes through a grove of native cypress. The 2.5km return track passes through areas of vines and many palm trees, ferns and strangler figs. Overall the tracks are clearly marked and well graded with plenty of birdlife both seen and heard. Binoculars would be an advantage if you have them. We will have a relaxing picnic lunch in the Maijala Picnic Area and those who want to can then adjourn to The Coffee Club at the Gap for afternoon tea. Nominations by email are preferred

COOMERA CIRCUIT

Day Walk Sat 3 Feb
LEADER: Ros Firster, Richard Lukacz 3324 9018
EMAIL: rosfirster@hotmail.com
GRADE: LDW-3C
LIMIT: 15
BRING: See "Always Take" P.3
DEPART: 7am Fairfield Gardens Car Park
CAR KMS: Approx 200 km
MAP: Beechmont

This walk takes us along the edge of the escarpment looking across towards the Middle Ridge and further on to Green Mountains. We will take in the views as we proceed along and ultimately find our way to the viewing platform over the Coomera River falls, always spectacular. We cross the river numerous times and it is expected that we will get our feet wet as I don't plan to stop each time to remove our boots and socks. Hopefully this will give new members a feel for walking with wet boots which will happen at some time in the future. Please don't let this put you off, as this is probably one of the nicer track walks in the Lamington NP.

TOOHEY FOREST NIGHT WALK

Night Walk Mon 5 Feb
LEADER: Ros Firster, Richard Lukacz 33249018
EMAIL: rosfirster@hotmail.com
GRADE: SNW-2A
LIMIT: 15
BRING: Torch, water & a smile
DEPART: 6:30pm QE11 Hospital carpark; Cnr Kessels & Troughton Rds

This will be a 1.5-2 hour walk through the university and Toohey Forest. A pleasant way to get a little exercise after a hard day at the grindstone. As I have done this previously we will take a different route each time. Mystery Walk in Toohey Forest!!! We will finish with coffee locally.

RAVENSBOURNE NATIONAL PARK

Day Walk Sat 17 Feb
LEADER: Dawn Hendrick & Dawn Glancy3818 3687
MOBILE: 0428 197 268
EMAIL: hendrick@iprimus.com.au
GRADE: SDW-2A
LIMIT: 16
BRING: Must take p.3 +2lt water. Lunch to be left in cars so bring an esky.
COST: \$22.50 (250km @ 9cents per km)
DEPART: 7:30am Redbank Railway Station UBD 216 B9
CAR KMS: 250km return from Brisbane
MAP: Ravensbourne NP Guide (download from EPA website)

Ravensbourne NP is situated on a spur of the Great Dividing Range between Toowoomba and Esk. The park was declared in 1922 and preserves a variety of Eucalypts in a pocket of rainforest. We will meet at Redbank Railway station and car pool to the Ravensbourne area to cut down on the number of cars and reduce costs. We will be walking on a number of tracks including the Palm Ck Circuit, Caves Circuit and down to Buaraba Ck (which will hopefully have some water in it by then!) A side-track will also be included to check out an area called the Caves which has some interesting geology. During the walk we may see a variety of different birds including Rainbow Lorikeets, Red-tailed Black Cockatoos and Red-backed Fairy Wrens. At the end of the walk (which is less than 10km) we will return to the cars and drive up to Gus Beutel's Lookout to admire the view down the Lockyer Valley and eat lunch in one of the many picnic areas. Wood-fire BBQs are also available for those so inclined. We should be back in Brisbane by the mid-afternoon. Preferred nomination is by email or on the website. When nominating please include the following details (as on the nomination sheet): car, no. of passengers, phone number, suburb, membership status (full or probationary). No list at meetings.

Cross Country Skiing

SUN 2 - MON 10 SEP 2007

GRADE: MDW-5C; LIMIT: 20; COST: approx \$600; CAR KMS: 3000km

This is the 2nd annual BBW snow trip! You will have a choice of cross country skiing or snow shoes, with a couple of day trips on offer each day. Either way, you can play in the snow and see some spectacular Australian wilderness quite unlike that of SE Qld. Igloo construction will be practised, and you may sleep in it if you are keen. BBW does not have a grading system for skiing or snow shoes. The activities will be suitable for first timers and intermediate skiers, with fitness around BBW level C. We'll hire a unit (or two) for a week at Jindabyne and take day trips from Perisher, Guthega and Thredbo.

We will book the accommodation on 1st March, so your final decision and money are required in February. \$600 buys one week's accommodation, all meals, ski hire, daily transport to snow, and national park fee. (This does not include transport from Brisbane.) Please contact me for more details.

TREKKING IN THE ALPS

We have recently returned from a trekking trip in the Alps. We walked three of the classic Alpine walking routes in the area where the Swiss, French & Italian borders meet. The routes were Tour of Mont Blanc (TMB), Walkers Haute Route Chamonix to Zermatt (HR) & Tour of Monte Rosa (TMR).

Despite advice from a number of people & after consulting readily available information such as the Cicerone Guides, we were uncertain about what to expect. Accordingly, we went prepared for full camping mode (allowing for wet/cold/snow weather) but planning to mostly source food as we travelled. We wisely chose the non busy time of year mid-August to mid-September.

The experience was magic. For bushwalkers & across a wide spectrum of capabilities, these trips are a must, definitely to be added to ones list of "TTD B4 U XSPIRE".

This note is intended as general information to list some of the methods of trekking we encountered.

For our method, we found that we camped 'wild' & in commercial camping grounds about 60% of nights with 40% spent in the numerous mountain refuges (also called rifugios & cabanes depending on the country). We achieved our desired flexibility, kept costs lower for the long time period involved, camped in 'wow' places and suffered with heavy packs while crossing the numerous passes. Although almost there for 'lite-weight trekking' our packs, we think, weighed about 16 & 18 kg.

We did meet two couples who camped the whole way, one pair on the TMB & one on the HR. These were young tough people with packs much heavier than ours.

We met two slightly older pairs of people (both on the TMB) who



bivvied (normal all-weather bivvie bags) sleeping out as much as possible in good weather, in one case finding sheltered spots even for foul weather, but obtaining most meals at the refuges. The two blokes said their packs each weighed about 11 kg. The second pair, girls, had swags of climbing gear.

Just about everybody uses the refuge or low cost hotel systems – perhaps 99.9% of the roughly 10000 people who are said to walk the TMB each year. These people ranged through individuals, couples, parties, commercial guided parties with support vehicle shifting luggage, commercial donkey party one animal carrying bulk of the gear etc. The European trekkers do not seem to camp.

The absolute stoics can, of course, participate in the TMB Ultra Trail annual event – 160 km continuous in times ranging from 17 hours to the maximum of 45 hours.

Next time, we will mostly ‘rifugio’ as this can also be a separate wonderful cultural experience. We would still consider taking a light-weight tent/shelter to camp out in fine weather.

Louis Darveniza 14-Oct-06



MELBOURNE CELEBRATIONS 2006 REACH NEW HEIGHTS

CUP

The celebrations commenced with an early morning champagne breakfast near the parked cars.

Next stage involved 12 mild BBW inebriates indulging in a session of masochism lasting two hours as the summit of Mt Maroon was conquered.

Next a magnificent Emirates marquee was erected by a gleeful group of lads using sundry bits of climbing rope, cords, silnylon, polytarp, walking poles, sticks etc. Unfortunately the especially prepared large definitive Emirates logo designating the number one marquee tent was left behind.

Then a fashion photo shoot took place as an assorted bizarre array of clothing & accoutrements (for the summit of a mountain) were donned & paraded against the magnificent back drops of Barney & Lindsay.

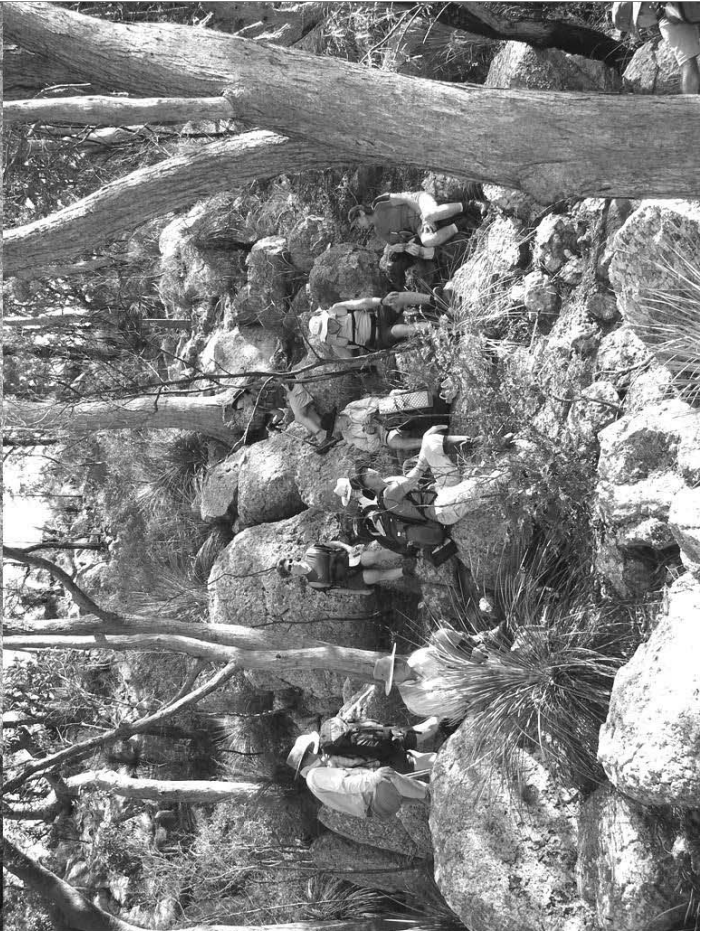
A severe feasting orgy then ensued!

The Master of Ceremonies arranged a gambling spree for the broadcast running of the cup ending with cries of “rigged” as he took first prize, arranged for one of his assistants to achieve second prize and the trip leader to get the third horse.

A descent to the hot steamy lowlands had to be made, briefly enhanced by a further late afternoon feast followed by the enforced return to humble normality. A celebration reaching new heights making all & sundry envious but to be talked about into eternity.

The REVELLERS





MT. SPRINGBROOK CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday 8 December to Sunday 10 December

The BBW Xmas party is on again and with your help will be another great event!

This time the theme is "**Back to School Days**" so come dressed in your old uniform, or a tattered St. Trinian's version, be a Gym teacher or Head Mistress and be prepared for some theme music throughout the evening.

Koonjewarre Accommodation & Activity Centre is on Mt. Springbrook just 300m from the Tallabana picnic area.

Take exit 69 - Hwy 1 through Nerang and travel south towards Numinbah taking the Springbrook Rd east shortly after the bridge at Advancetown OR take exit 79 - Hwy 1 at Mudgeeraba.

This year it is fully CATERED. That means there will be a simple meal on Friday night. Breakfasts will be provided as well as lunch items to take on your walks.

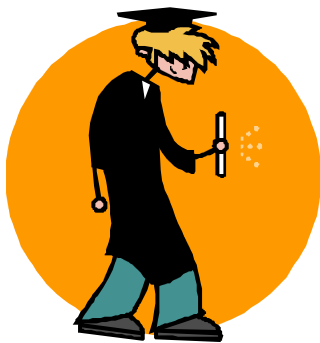
Saturday night after our BYO party nibbles we can retire to the dining hall for a 3 course Christmas dinner. We have use of a central recreation room for our Party Time!!

Please bring along an old class photo for the notice board. See if you can recognize anyone?

Accommodation is in double bunk dormitories. You will need your own pillow and sleeping bag.

There is a soccer field, cricket pitch, basketball dunk court and Table Tennis room, so bring along some sporting gear and form some teams.

Walks include Warrie and Purlingbrook Falls Circuit. Usual day walk gear required.



Cost \$85 per person
Bookings are essential.
Full payment is required by
25TH OCTOBER
to secure a place. Limit 80.
Contact Burney on
3269 9383 / 0422 386 080
or look for list at the meeting.

Please bring a unisex



PRESIDENTS REPORT

We approach the festive season with hot weather on the way and a Christmas party. Social Secretary Bernie and her support team have put in a big effort to arrange a good weekend, so please come along and enjoy the fellowship

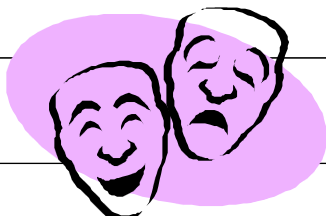
This year we are planning to involve more support teams for your club committee members. So if you have some ideas and can spare a few minutes, please don't hesitate to volunteer rather than wait to be asked. This club is a big organisation and more willing hands make the job that much easier.

We are still in search of someone to fill the Membership Officer's role. Again it is not a job to be done alone so please give it some thought.

Even in summer walking in rainforests and creeks can be pleasant. If you want to visit somewhere which is not on the outings programme then Lindsey Moore, the Outings Secretary would welcome the idea and will probably be able to arrange a trip.

It is becoming increasingly obvious that day walks are in more demand than overnight activities. For whatever reasons, the club can accommodate this trend and therefore is focusing on recruiting more leaders to cover the greater demand for a variety of walk locations. Again please volunteer because the more you get involved, the more you will enjoy being a member of the Brisbane Bushwalkers.

Faternally THOMAS COWLISHAW



Out & About

DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT

WHEN: 6.30pm Tuesday 05 December
WHERE: Cinema Café, 158 Oxford St,
Bulimba

CONTACT: Peter Hunt 3351 3642

The Cinema Café offers a good range of meals, desserts, coffees etc and all at reasonable prices. It is ideally situated a few doors from the Balmoral Cinema. This is the final dinner and movie night for this year so do not miss it.

You are welcome to come along for the dinner only. The movie sessions are a little late and there is no obligation to join in for this part of the evening.

Movies screening at the time will be discussed over dinner.

Peter

THE BLUES WITH LIL' FI & MARGRET ROADKNIGHT

WHEN: Sat 2 December
MEET: 6.45pm-doors open 7pm
WHERE: Judith Wright Centre,
420 Brunswick St Valley

COST: Unreserved theatre seating \$23/\$25

BOOKING: To book tickets phone 38729000 or
www.judithwrightcentre.com

CONTACT: Burney or Carol 3325 0671

A tribute to the Blues Mamas - a sellout last year, so be quick for tickets. Lil'Fi and Margret Road

Knight present an evening of wild and sassy, powerful and remarkable music from the classic eras of women's blues.

Carol

THURSDAY NIGHT WALK

GRADE SNW-1

WHEN: 6.10 sharp—don't be late.

WHERE: Good Will Bridge, Southbank side.

BRING: Membership Card, Water, \$'s

CONTACT: Jenny Zohn. No need to book.

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

Jenz

GUEST SPEAKERS

22ND NOVEMBER

Mary Comer will give us a presentation on her recent camel trip in Central Australia. Great photos of course, and lots of information on this unusual way of exploring our country.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Annual membership falls due 31st January.

Fees include magazine subscription.

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

Probationary Members: Nomination fee \$30.00 per 6mth

NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations to the following people who have been granted full membership in October.

Julie Morris Kaye Spark Bob Bristow Barbara Garrett Ian Downie

MAGAZINE COLLATING

Collating for February magazine is at David Sydes at Taringa on Thursday 16 January at 7.30pm. There is only about 1½-2 hours work required – If you would like to come along for an easy social night and supper please phone 3217 8304 to book.

***For your Bushwalking Safety
NEVER WALK ALONE...
ALWAYS TELL SOMEONE...
WALK WITH A CLUB.***

If you have recently changed your address, phone number (home or work) or email please advise the Membership Register Officer so that the club records can be kept up to date:
Ken Shea—email: registrar@bbw.org.au; or phone: 07 3879 6211

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