



THE LOGAN AND BEAUDESERT BUSHWALKERS



A P R I L 2 0 0 7 N E W S L E T T E R

Meeting Report

- 10 persons at the meeting including 2 Visitors BRIAN ISAAC. ROSLYN VAUGHAN
- Planning of walks for April / May / June.
- Discussion about other trips away. See planned walks. – especially with long weekends coming up.

WE STILL SEEK SUPPORT for some Through walks

- Mt Ballow to Mt Lindesay Tick Gate
- Gwyala Peak, Barrabool, and Burrajum Peaks
- Black Snake Ridge, Mt Nungulba, Point Lookout
- Point Lookout to Border Ranges.

MAY CLUB MEETING is on Tuesday 8th MAY 2007 at the Community Centre, Wharf Street, Logan Village, - 7.30 pm. Cuppa afterwards. *Members and visitors are welcome*

FIRE ANTS discussion by DPA – learn identification now.
Also walks **SLIDESHOWS**.

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MOST IMPORTANT NOTE:
Some walks may be changed at last minute due to weather or other conditions. **PLEASE** ensure you contact coordinator before your chosen walk

PILGRIMAGE 2007 we are co-hosts at Kalbar August 25 – 27th

WALK GRADINGS

Grade	DESCRIPTION
†1– 1½	Suitable for beginners with a basic level of fitness.
†2– 2½	Also suitable for beginners with a good basic level of fitness (some walks include steep hill-climbs and rock hopping).
†3– 3½	Requiring good levels of fitness and agility, usually involving scrambling and navigational problems.
†4– 4½	<u>ALWAYS</u> requiring high levels of fitness and agility with good navigational and scrambling skills.
5 +	HARD WORK- skill required

BALLOON RIDE – we want to get a group booking together so we have some say in where the flight goes (over local And walking areas of course)

ARE YOU KEEN. Only \$200 per person and completely refundable if called off. (which can happen in fickle weather.)
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OUTBACK TREKS

We have more potential passengers than vehicles so if there are drivers out there who were thinking of going out West, please give me a call **ROBIN LABAN 0415535718**.

FIRE ANTS

D.P.I. representative will be special guest at our May meeting.

FIRE ANTS

Learn how to identify these aggressive invaders, how to avoid spreading them and what to do if you do find them - COME ALONG !

PLEASE NOTIFY THE WALK CO-ORDINATOR BY THE THURSDAY BEFORE ANY WEEKEND WALK YOU ARE GOING TO ATTEND.

SUNDAY WALKERS FUTURE WALKS & EVENTS

Some walks will not be open to new or non-members subject to fitness levels. This is at that walk coordinators discretion.

21 & 22 April 2007 – Camp at Mt Huntley Saddle – arrive Lemon Tree Flat during the afternoon and 4-wheel drive as far as possible, to shorten the distance to carry an overnight pack to Huntley Saddle and camp overnight. Views are to die for. Great opportunity for those keen for a first experience of through-type walking. (Marion to coordinate – Ph: 3805 3300)

29 April – Lost World / Worendo / Worendo Saddle (Grade 5) For details contact Julie (55460381). Lynne to coordinate (0407643375) Meet at Jubilee park, Beaudesert 6am.

6 May – Neglected Mtn. meet at Jubilee park, Beaudesert to car pool by 7-30am. Julie Shera to coordinate (5546 0381)

5/6/7 May – CAMP (Sat Group .) Whian Whian Forest park NSW , Minyon falls, etc. Sue Simpson (5546 8781) for details

5/6/7 May – Trip & CAMP (Coffs Harbour area.) Dorrigo NP , NSW , falls, etc. Johnno (3200 8271) for details

13 May – Leaning Peak, Mt Barney - Robin Watt coordinating (5543 2655) Hard Walk and 1000 metres climbed. Meet 5am.Rathdowney.

13 May – Up SE Ridge / down South Ridge (Peasants Ridge) (Mt Barney) Marion (3805 3300) to coordinate. Easier than the Leaning Peak walk, but still full days effort. Meet Rathdowney 7am.

20 May – Turtle rock / Egg Rock from Binna Burra,

27 May – Mt Maroon (caves circuit)

3rd June – Mt Barney (more info later)

9/10/11 June (Queens birthday long weekend)CAMP south branch Emu Creek.



DAY- WALK ESSENTIALS

make sure these are in your pack !!!!!
every week... every walk

- hat
- sunscreen
- raincoat
- jumper
- lighter or matches
- whistle
- watch
- first-aid kit
- togs
- food
- 1–2 L of water
- paper & pencil
- map & compass
- insect repellent
- torch

From the office of the PRESIDENT

Once again we hear of walks where some got so far ahead they lost contact with the group. Group walks need each person to keep others in sight ahead or behind – its too easy to lose the track if you don't know where to turn at forks etc.

Handy Hints:

What should you have in your BACKPACK?

A raincoat (preferably lightweight) should always be in your pack. You never know when you may need it, otherwise you may just find yourself suffering from hypothermia!! You may only wear it once in the year, but if it's not in your pack when you need it, that's too bad! **Don't learn the hard way.**

Long sleeved warm top (and pants – optional). Thermal gear weighs next to nothing and is excellent to always carry in your pack and can be purchased from any reputable camping or bushwalking store.

Hat – wide brim is best, but any hat is better than no hat at all. A hat with a cord, is best for windy days, or if you're scrub bashing – cord keeps you from losing it.

Sunglasses – essential protection for eyes – eye poke injuries statistically being the most prevalent injury suffered by bushwalkers. If you wear prescription glasses for distance, it is recommended they be worn as good vision means less chance of misjudging your footing and falling over etc.

First Aid Kit essentials:

- Pressure bandage – for snakebite

- Painkillers
- Anti-histamine – for allergic reaction to bites or stings etc.
- Tweezers with rubber band – for removing ticks
- Band-aids – in case of blisters, or minor cuts and scratches.
- Insect Repellent (cream or spray). Repellent is good sprayed on before dressing in the morning (ie.under your clothes) to help ward off ticks at the times of the year ticks are prevalent.
- Sunscreen – recommended especially on walks where there is little shade or overcast days.
- Spare set of clothes in the car – to change into after walk, if needed.
- Extra food on long walks, in case unforeseen circumstances dictate spending longer in the bush than anticipated. This can be sachets of tuna, snacks foods etc that are less perishable (and can be kept indefinitely in your pack should the need arise to use it).
- Mobile phone - Even if you don't have reception, text messages and the emergency calls number can be used in case of an emergency.

As with all of these items, the secret is "light-weight". The trap to avoid, is keeping your pack "light-weight" by leaving essential items out.

WALK REPORTS

Running Creek Falls

11.03.2007

By Robin Watt

We had a large turnout for this walk with 12 walkers meeting at Maccas at Beau at 7.30am. Our walkers were:

Lynne, Julie, Marion, Malcolm, Paul, Nicholas, Justin, Johnno, Ken Dave, Herbert and Robin W.



We parked several cars down near Jubilee Park and drove out to the Drynan's place in the three 4 x 4's for the 4 to 5 kilometres drive in.

We started walking at 9am and the temperature was hot already. As we walked towards the creek crossing, Ken was in front of me when he stopped for a breather – little did I know this was the last I would see of Ken until we got back to the 4 x 4's.

We crossed the creek and eventually located the track as the ribbon had been covered by branches. The track was hard to find in places, I guess mainly due to lack of use. At one point on the track we realised Malcolm, Lynne and Ken were not in sight so we stopped. Malcolm had been behind me only five minutes beforehand. After much hey! bobbing and waiting for fifteen minutes plus, we moved on, assuming the other three may have taken another route or maybe Ken was crook and they had to walk him out.

As it turned out they had lost the track completely at the palm grove and decided to go via the creek. We arrived at the campground next to the creek at 10.55am and took a well earned rest. We were still concerned for our fellow walkers and had an extended smoko in the hope they would catch us up. At 11.25am we moved on for the last rock hop leg of our journey to the falls, still with no contact with the other trio.

The falls looked fantastic as we arrived at 12.05pm with lots of water coming over, no doubt due to the very recent storm.

Herbert, Paul and I took a swim which brought the core temperature way down, whilst the rest sheltered

in the shade and had lunch. Soon after exiting the water Malcolm joined us and informed us what had happened to them. Ken and Lynne were still at the campground awaiting Malcolm's return. Apparently the rock hop up the creek was very strenuous due to debris and scunge and Lynne and Ken decided to conserve their energy for the return journey.

At 1.04 pm we were off on our return journey reaching the campground at 1.45pm. At 2pm we left the campground headed for the 4 x 4's and managed to lose the track on a number of occasions. We reached the 4 x 4's at 4pm and all 12 of us were a complete unit once again. We had a farewell chat to Ken Drynan as we passed his homestead and then it was off to Rad's Café for refreshments and well-earned delights

Cheer's M.O.A.B.

Mezzanine Ridge

(Mt Barney)

25.03.2007

By Robin Watt

We had nine walkers put their hand's up for this big day, our walkers being:- Lynne, Kirsty, Malcolm, Peter, Dave, Paul, Herbert, Johnno and Robin W.

We met at Jubilee Park at Beauy at 5.30a m. From here we traveled to Yellow Pinch in the cars of Peter, Lynne and Herbert.

We started walking at 6.30am reaching the Peasant's Ridge sign at 7.20am . A quick snack and drink here then off again 7.30am At 7.45am we reached our ridge on the right which is just before the sharp bend in the logging road, as the road heads close to the creek. We now start the climb and the sweat soon arrived in bucket loads due to the heavy humidity. After the initial steepish pull up, the ridge flattens for a big and this is a good spot to catch the breath and also allows the slower walkers to catch up. Down into the big waddle now then a short pull up to the long rocky razor back. At 8.20am we reach the razor back

and after a quick break beginning the long roller coaster ridge with a few hairy bits thrown in for good measure.

The views East and South are fantastic with Mt Lindsay and the Mt Earnest traverse looking most prominent. The snatch strap and ropes are used on a number of occasions as this walk is not for the faint hearted. Kirsty seemed to really enjoy the climbing, at times giving her father Peter some anxious moments. At 10am we reached the end of the razor back and now dropped down into the deep short saddle. Last time we skirted the huge rock mastiff ahead, however this time as it was dry Malcolm decided to tacked the said mastiff head on. This did not prove too fid\\difficult and we were all soon an top and making our way on flatter territory. A track began to become evident along here and about this time the rain we had seen coming in from the East began to arrive. Very light at first but soon the rain was heavy enough to don raincoats and pack covers. Eventually we came out at a rocky outcrop and this looked familiar so we knew exactly where we were. The rain was quite steady now and the wind was starting to get up. Low cloud was making its way in as we started our climb up the chimney to the saddle where we had lunch at 12.30pm.

Lunch was short due to the conditions now deteriorating rapidly. There was talk of going right to the summit of East Peak but this was aborted and at 1pm we started down to Rum Jungle. We traversed down and to the right as we made our way down into what we hoped was our creek. The wind was very strong now with the odd extra gust ready to bowl you over if you weren't prepared. We finally got down to the creek and followed it down to Rum Jungle arriving at 2.15pm We had a welcome rest and snack here but were soon starting our descent as the cold was setting in on our walkers with wet socks and boots and shorts etc. The drip down was a little slow due to the slippery conditions with a number of walkers having slips, none serious thankfully. The further down the

mountain we went the better the conditions became which we didn't mind one little bit. We reached the cars at 5.15pm where most walkers had a dry change of clothes. Then it was off to Beauy for some hot beverages and hot snacks.

Hopefully it will be third time lucky weather wise next time for this walk and we will make it to the summit of East Peak.

Cheers..... M.O.A.B.

Point Pure **07.04.2007** **By Marion Laban**

This was an exploratory walk, none of us ever having done it before.

Malcolm studied the bushwalking book and the map etc etc the evening before.

We had 6 walkers, Malcolm, Lynne, Robin W, Herbert, Johnno and Marion.

We left at 7.00am for the drive up from the Manna Gum campground, Goomburra to the end of the road. It was pleasant to find bitumen on some of the steeper stretches of road. We parked at the end, and commenced our walk along the Winder Track. Luckily for us this had just recently been slashed by the Ranger. I guess we strolled along her for about 5 kilometres. At first it sloped downhill, and then sloped uphill, (a very long uphill), then it leveled out for about ½ a km or so. Our point to leave the winder track is when it starts to slope downhill again.



Malcolm waiting for satellites on the Winder Track

We cut into the bush on the left hand side and followed a long way

along this ridge, generally traveling west.

At one stage we found some vines that made great swings and took great delight in videoing ourselves on our digital cameras swinging like little children in the vines. This was a smoko break.

We kept traveling west. Now I have to say, this was not easy going – it was like a jungle, constantly being tripped up by vines not easily seen etc.

We also kept stopping to take GPS positions, checking the map etc. As the rainforest canopy was so thick etc, it was hard to tell when you neared the end of the ridge, but we did and had to veer right and downhill for a while to get onto another ridge, where we also kept heading west. We found a huge tree with huge upright buttresses.

Eventually we came to the end of this ridge, where the foliage changed from rainforest to more open forest with grass trees etc. This was where we started to descend, still going in a westerly direction. Also at this point (the start of the descent) there was wild raspberry everywhere to be avoided.

We soon came to a huge valley, and we veered slightly north and followed along keeping the valley on our left. A couple of times we thought we'd reached Point Pure only to realise we had a little further to go.

Lunch was spent at Point Pure. We looked for a shady place to sit as it was quite hot in the sun. Then we started back.



View from Point Pure



I must say, the whole of this day, we all kept very close together (which was very important on this walk where there was no track and we totally had to rely on our navigation skills etc).

We got back to the rainforest at the top of a ridge much quicker than expected. We also reached the vines and had another swing much quicker than I expected. This all led me to believe it wasn't that far back to the Winder Track, but it just kept going, going, and going. We did get their eventually, all the time keeping our direction of travel in an easterly direction.

Once we got back to the Winder Track, I can tell you the final 5 kms or so seemed to drag on and on, but we did get there eventually. I was most surprised to see Mt Castle side on from the Winder Track. It has cliffs all around, so it was good to work out which way we walk to the top when we come from Hole in the Wall. The other thing was the cliffs were glowing in the setting sun.

Thanks to Malcolm for navigating us in the right direction on this long walk.

Fountain Falls **(key swap)** **01.04.2007** **ie. April Fool's Day**

By Marion Laban

We had 11 walkers for this walk. Lynne, Malcolm, Johnno and Herbert agreed to walk from Binna Burra, and Robin W., Marion, Julie, Peter and Kirsty, Nicholas and Justin were walking from the Binna Burra.

The climb up to Middle Ridge from Blue Pool was easier this time round (but I put that down to the weather being cooler). We found our way quite easily the cairn where we took a break before descending to Blue Pool. We lock the track early on, but Peter and Kirsty kept us travelling in the right direction as they had been reading the GPS regularly and used the compass also. About three quarters of the way down, we crossed across the track, and picked it up again and were soon at Fountain Falls.

Now how's this. As we walked in from one side to Fountain Falls, our other group was walking in from the other side. As it turns out we both arrived at the exact same time.



Peter had a good April's fools joke ready, which really had Lynne going for a while.

We took our friends advice about climbing up the Darlington earlier, ie leaving the track due to the track being so damaged and overgrown. We had a little difficulty finding our descent point, but with perseverance and patience soon found it.

There was a swinging vine to hold onto as we descended the difficult cliff break. Watching those ahead and below me, unnerved me a little, but Robin W. was very good standing below to guide our feet etc and generally provide confidence that we weren't going to fall. Nicholas was eagerly filming.

We ended up on the wrong side of Gwongoorool Pool, but we soon negotiated across that, and started off

on our steady track climb up the Binna Burra lower car park.

I had a bit of difficult working out how to adjust the driver's seat in Lynne's limo, Initially, I couldn't even work out how to open the boot.

As it turned out we were the first back to Canungra, so while we waited for the others, we had coffee at "old Gibbo's" (it has a new name now).

Thanks everyone for a good walk. Glad it all turned out well.

Marion.

ROSEWOOD LOOP
Border Ranges National
Park - N.S.W.
Saturday, 14 April 2007
By Denise Karnilowicz

The Saturday group set out from Sheepstation Creek in the Border Ranges, NSW, to walk the Rosewood Loop. It was a glorious sunny day with a wonderful chill in the air, just the sort of day to put a spring in any bushwalker's step.

Frank & Carole, Betty, Marie M, Joy, Michelle, Karen, Marie R, Ron and Denise did the walk and were also joined by Marie's grandchildren Georgie (6) and Mathew (9). Georgie was unfortunately stung by a stinging plant and had to be generously plastered with Calamine Lotion. Both children managed the walk beautifully and were a pleasure to have along.

One very sleepy carpet snake was sighted on the path, also a large lizard checking out the camping ground. The bell birds were numerous and noisy in the trees above the camping area, but not easy to see from under the trees.

It was a refreshing 7.2 k walk through many tall palms and lots of soft moss on rocks and tree trunks.

Denise Karnilowicz



HOLE IN THE WALL
& BEYOND
08.04.2007
Easter Sunday
By Marion Laban

Our walkers for this walk consisted of Ken, Robin W, Herbert, Johnno and Marion. We had 3 tagalong walkers consisting of Kerry, Paul and William, ie 8 all up.

We set off the initial 450 metres to Sylvester's Lookout. You wouldn't believe, it was blowing a gale. It just wasn't pleasant to spend much time at the lookout.



View from Sylvester's Lookout

We soon set off for the 2 uphill climbs along the track, and then the downward section to the campground. This was a fist-time experience for Kerry, Paul and William. Paul and William came with me to take in the view of Mt Castle and the valley between Mt Castle and the Winder Track. Upon our return to the campground we began our short climb down to the cliff break so we could walk along below the cliff line to "Hole in the Wall". Kerry gave up at the bottom of the cliff break, preferring to sit and wait until our return. He was told under no circumstances to go anywhere and that we would return shortly.

Not surprisingly, the falls were completely dry, the only shiny stuff being cobwebs glistening in the sun.

Paul and William were suitably impressed by Hole in the Wall, exclaiming they had imagined it to be very small?



Ken and I returned with our visitors to ensure their safe return, whilst Johnno, Herbert and Robin continued along the razor back from Hole in the Wall to Mt Castle and return much later in the day.

Ken, Kerry, Paul, William and I all returned, and Paul gave us a lift in his 4-wheel drive back to camp.

Hope the guys enjoyed their walk out to Hole in the Wall... Marion

Box Fox Forest Circuit **31.03.2007** **By Marie Roberts**

Walkers for the day: Ron, Frank, Kay, John, Peter, Denise, Sue, Bev, Redencion & Marie R.

West Canungra track was closed due to fallen trees. The Box Forest Circuit was thirsty and heavy winds had brought down branches, piccabeen palms and crows nests. The huge brush box trees with their gnarled base never cease to amaze, Peter visited the hollow brush box where he found "A recently deceased marsupial of some sort." – his comments, as he held it up by the tail.

The group appreciated the abundance of running water after the long period of dry weather wished they had some in their back yards. Redencion's walking pole slipped from her hand as she was about the cross the creek, all eyes followed it as it floated off down the stream. Peter was quickly on the trail, rock hopping across the creek and down to where the pole had come

to rest, held under water by a leafy weed. Pole and owner were soon reunited – thank to Peter.

We continued the circuit and drove to Kamarun Lookout for lunch. Thanks for your interesting company... Marie R.

FUTURE WALKS & EVENTS - SATURDAY WALKERS

21 April – Albert River Circuit – 20.6km (Gr 2) Excellent views of McPherson and Tweed Ranges can be had from Echo Point (lunch stop). *Starting time at O'Reillys at 7am. Phone Marie for car pool – 3297 5204.*

28 April – Birnam Range, Jimboomba (Navigation) John Shera will join us, showing the group Basic Navigation as we walk. Bring your compass, GPS or note pad. *Meet at the end of Travis Road, Jimboomba at 8.45am for 9.00am start. Phone Marie to book in 3297 5204.*

5/6/7 May - Camp Whian Whian NSW Phone Sue for more details. 5546 8781.

5th May – (for people not camping)- Lower Ballunju Falls (Binna Burra) – a pleasant walk leading to the falls on Nixon Creek, returning via same route. Contact Marie (3297 5204) Starting time 8am.

12 May - Brisbane Historic Walk Meet at 7.00am Mowbray Park East Brisbane. Phone Frank or Carole 5547 8229.

19 May – Plunkett Reserve, Logan Village (Half day walk Grade 1.5) Phone Sue 5546 8781.

26 May - Westrays Grave, Christmas Creek (half day walk Gr 1.5 – 2) After crossing Christmas Creek we will follow the south branch to the gravesite. Be prepared to get your feet wet. *Starting time 8am. Phone Marie for car pool 3297 5204.*

2 June – Glasshouse Mtns – Mt NgunNgun + Trachyte Track (Half Day Gr. 1.5 – 2) Rob and Jan will meet us at the toilet block in Glasshouse Mtns township at 8 am. *Phone Marie 3297 5204 to arrange car pool.*

9 June – Bunya Mtns – POST-PONED

9 June – Jenny's Waterhole (Barney area) Half day Gr. 1.5 – This walk starts at Yellow Pinch car park and leads uphill for approx.15 minutes, from that point on the walk is easy going with great views of Mt Lindesay and Barney. *Phone SUE (5546 8781)*

16 June – Mt Hobwee (18.2 klms Gr. 1.5 – 2) – This track leads gradually uphill through rainforest to the summit.(1140m) Starting time at Binna Burra car park 8am. *Phone SUE (5546 8781) or (0414 575 509)*

23rd June – Mt Mitchell (10 km Gr. 1.5 - 2) – A popular walk through varying vegetation to a razorback with spectacular views. Starting time Cunningham Gap 8 am. *Phone HEATHER (0432 197 577)*

30th June – Wynnum / Manly Heritage trail. Half day on Walking tracks and footpaths, taking in the history of the area. Meet 8am at Greene Park cnr. Glenora and Fox Sts, Wynnum. *Phone Marie 3297 5204.*

Attention All Members !!
Pilgrimage 2007 is
happening August 25 -
27th at the Kalbar
showground.

And our club is part of the action ...we will be Co-Hosts with Ipswich, Queensland Bushwalkers, Brisbane Catholic Bushwalkers We will be helping out at the Sat night supper and with some of the walks.