



# THE LOGAN AND BEAUDESERT BUSHWALKERS



DECEMBER 2007 / JANUARY 2008

## NEWSLETTER

### December Meeting Report

- 11 members at the meeting.
- Planning of walks for December 2007 / January and February 2008 .
- Discussion about other trips away. See planned walks.

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### 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

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 12 February 2008 at the Community Centre, Wharf Street, Logan Village, - 7.30 pm. Cuppa afterwards. *Members and visitors are welcome*  
**NO JANUARY MEETING PLANNED**

### Christmas Party

A big Thank You to our Christmas Party hosts, Ken and Sandra.

Ken advises however, he has a couple of items of lost property looking for an owner –

“A wine glass” and “A camp chair”

Please phone 3802 1977

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### Christmas Greetings from the Club President

Whatever you may be doing, whether it be spending time with the family or climbing mountains overseas etc  
Hope you all have a very safe Christmas and New Year!

☼ SKY DIVING ☼

Interested??

Phone Herbert – 3288 2489

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

**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

## 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.

**Sunday 16 December – Upper Portals, Barney Creek** This originally was going to be an overnight campout, but is being changed, due to close proximity to Christmas etc. Come along and enjoy some swimming at the Upper Portals. (Julie & John Shera to coordinate – 5546 0381) – meet at 7.00am at Rathdowney.

### **30 December 2007 – NO WALK**

### **6 January 2008 – NO WALK**

**13 January 2008 - Bull Ant Spur to Blue Pool, and then up Middle Ridge to the Border Track (Grade 4) – exploratory walk** – Julie Shera to coordinate – 5546 0381.

**20 January 2008 – Ilimbah Circuit / Gwongoorool Pool** – Marion to coordinate 3805 3300 – meet at 7.30am at Canungra.

**Australia Day Long Weekend – Sheep Station Creek, Border Ranges NP** – 26 / 27 / 28 January 2008 – Robin Laban to coordinate 3805 3300 or 0415 535 718.

**3 February 2008 – Running Creek Falls** Grad 3.5 – They are about 100m high (degree of difficulty may vary depending on how greasy the rocks are (there is a 400m rock hop at the end of the walk to the falls). Depending on numbers for this walk and peoples level of ability etc, we may walk in two groups – meet at Beaudesert at 7.00 am. Robin Watt to coordinate Ph: 5543 2655.

**10 February 2008 – Barney Gorge overnight camp.** For anyone who just wants to walk on Sunday, we will do the Upper Portals to Lower Portals and hopefully pick up the happy campers along the way. (Julie & John Shera to coordinate – 5546 0381

**Saturday 16 February 2008 – Abseil Training – Robin Laban 3805 3300 or 0415 535 718 to coordinate** (please notify early so appropriate arrangements can be organised)

**(1) 17 February 2008 – Black Canyon (Grade 4)** Black Canyon is a box canyon which becomes narrower and

darker as you travel up the creek. At the head of the gorge, the walls become very high and there is a superb set of twin falls. This is not a walk for first-time walkers. *Limit of 6 to 8 for this walk. Any sign of rain and the walk will be postponed.* – Coordinator – Marion Laban 3805 3300.

**(2) 17 February 2008 – Araucaria Lookout Grade 2** – 17.8km return (track walk) – A rainforest track leading to two lookouts and an area of dense rainforest vegetation. Great views !!! Coordinator – Marion Laban 3805 3300.

### **FUTURE ACTIVITIES**

Brisbane River Paddle (tide times to be worked out)

Moonlight climb of Mt Maroon to watch the sunrise (moon light – again best time to be worked out).



### **DAY-WALK ESSENTIALS**

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

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

### **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.

### **Walking in Italy**

The following is an email received on 19 December 2007 from Marco Valtriani, marco@walkinginetruria.com which reads as follows:-

*Dear friends,*

*My name is Marco. I'm an environmental guide and I work in "Etruria", the land of*

Etruscans which included Tuscany and surrounding areas. I have a web site

[www.walkinginetruria.com](http://www.walkinginetruria.com)

where you can find many opportunities in case you want to spend a walking holiday in Italy. Hoping you'll consider my activities and ideas interesting for your organisation.

Best regards,

Marco Valtriani  
Biologist – Environmental Guide  
Via G. di Vittorio 11  
52010 Capolona (AR)  
Italy.

## WALK REPORTS

### KEY SWAP

#### Binna Burra to Wagawn to Bushrangers Cave to Numinbah Border Gate and vice versa 18 NOVEMBER 2007 By Robin Watt

Our walkers for this walk were:

Binna Burra starters – Andrew K, John, Nicholas, Marion, Kate, Col, Debbie, Heather, Marie and Ken.

Numinbah Border Gate starters – Julie, Ian, Lesley, Robin W, Dave, Peter, Herbert, Norman and Steve Hindle.

A terrific turn out for this walk with nineteen participants. We all met at Canungra with Robin L and Marion doing the grand job of organising the vehicles and the occupants and whether they went to the Burra or the Border Gate. Good to see some Saturday walkers joining in this slightly more challenging Sunday walk!!!

Our group of nine walkers left the Border Gate going via Bushrangers Cave where we had a welcome smoko as the humidity set in. On reaching the turn down point to Andrew's Lookout, everyone except Peter decided to do the long drop down to take in the stunning views. Norman, Ian and Steve were especially stoked as this was their first time on this walk. We ran into our Binna Burra walkers not far below Mt Wagawn and keys were exchanged along with pleasantries.



View of Mt Warning from Wagawn

As we lunched on Mt Wagawn, a huge black cloud appeared overhead and very light rain started. This rain soon got heavier and raincoats the backpack covers were brought into play. We had constant rain all the way to Binna Burra, but at least it did ease the closer we got to the Burra. The wet ground brought the leeches out in force and I personally ended up with about thirty bites.

As we hit the Burra, the sun came out which usually is the case up there. Into the vehicles and down to Canungra we went to have refreshments at the "Loggers Inn" and compare our days activities between both parties of walkers. Our group arrived probably fifteen to twenty minutes ahead of the Burra group, which some members from each group found surprising. I guess it was a bit of a shock for the Inn owner to have sixteen people to feed in one hit, (Maree, Heather and Debbie opted out) but no doubt a profitable one. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the day immensely despite the inclement weather and I'm sure this walk will definitely be done again.

Cheers,  
M.O.A.B.



View in the Bushrangers Cave

## ALBERT RIVER CIRCUIT

25 November 2007

By Marion Laban

Our walkers for this walk were:

Lynne, Malcolm, Marion, Vivi and Lesley. We were light on as this was the day after our Club Christmas Party.

It was a fairly overcast day and the leeches were out as everything was very damp.



Vivi and I didn't get many photos of the waterfalls due to flat batteries. Lynne was giving Malcolm orders as to what photos she wanted. We met a young American from Massachusetts. He had his camera and tripod and was very serious about his photos. He's been in Aussie land for about 4 months and is thinking of extending his stay. He lunched at Echo Point when we lunched there. I was still chatting with him as the others left for the return walk, and ended up doing a spectacular fall on the slippery rock to his dismay. He said, "You haven't broken anything, have you?". I got up and quickly dusted myself off, telling him I was OK, and feeling somewhat embarrassed. All I ended up with was a bruised arm and ego.

Well we soon were back at O'Reillys in time for coffee and cake, chat and drive back down to Canungra. Then it was off to battle the traffic heading to Wonglepong for the Elton John Concert. How did we miss that event!

**MT CORDEAUX to  
SYLVESTER'S LOOKOUT**  
**2 December 2007**  
**By Marion Laban**

Our walkers for this walk were:

John, Julie, Justin, Nicholas, Lynne, Malcolm, Herbert, Robin W, Marion, Peter and Kirsty (11 of us).

The Sheras and I drove from Goomburra having spent the night there so that there would be cars at our destination when we came out the other side.

We had a pleasant evening at Goomburra, with Robin L arriving quite late. We had the club tarp erected as we were expecting showers, but the weather was very kind to us.

A mother and baby possum came by during the evening searching for food. Some pesky birds kept trying to get to our food during the afternoon. The baby possum was half the size of its mother and kept jumping on its mother's back.



Mum and Baby Possum

We arose early Sunday morning as we had to be at Cunningham's Gap by 7.00am (ie. a 5am rise, as it's close to an hour drive to the Gap). Everyone was there waiting for us except for Peter and Kirsty who were 15 minutes late.

We were all together as a group having a morning snack at Bare Rock before stepping down into the remote area bush. Navigation is really not that difficult, because the secret is to always keep the escarpment close by. It's a really good workout this walk, plenty of exercise, and not for the faint hearted. We came upon a very large carpet snake coiled around some storm damage (obviously sunning itself). I couldn't get by this bit quick enough. I reckon it would have to be one of the hugest carpet snakes I've ever seen. Peter nearly stood on another one some time later, but it wasn't nearly as big.

A couple of times it came over very dark, but at no time did the heavens open and drench us. There's plenty of up and

downs, heaps of vines for tripping up on etc. Robin W was waiting for me to do a 8 out 10 trip up, but not this time Robin.

We arrived at Sylvester's Lookout at 2.30pm, our expected time of arrival. We walked out to the road, expecting that Robin L would be there waiting to collect us, but it was obvious this wasn't going to occur, as the road hadn't been driven on of recent times, *It was closed!!*. Oh well, a 5 km walk back to Goomburra. I'm so glad it was downhill!!!

Thanks everyone for a great walk and a great day out.



View from Bare Rock  
towards Sylvester's Lookout

**SATURDAY WALKS**  
**FUTURE WALKS & EVENTS**

15 December – City walk = morning tea at coffee shop Meet at Mowbray Park ferry at 7am for a ferry ride to Southbank. Phone Heather 0432 197 577.

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

29 December – Box Forest Circuit (10.5km (Gr. 1.5)) This track takes you through stands of Brush Box and Picabeen palms down to lush sub-tropical rainforest. *Starting time – 8am at O'Reillys car park.* Phone Sue 5546 8781.

5 January – Daves Creek Circuit – 12 km (Gr 1.5) This is a popular walk with great views and varying vegetation. *Starting time 8am at Binna Burra Car park.* Phone Marie to arrange car pool 3297 5204.

12 January – Gap Creek Falls – Cunningham Gap – 9.5km return (Gr. 1.5 to 2) This track leads down hill to the falls (only flowing after rainy periods). *Starting time at Cunningham Gap at 8.00am.* Phone Frank 5547 8229.

19 January – (1) Caves Track – down hill (Gr 1.5 – 2.5km approx) (2) Gwongoorool Pool Track (Gr 1.5 – 6km return) Caves Track – Starting at Binna Burra Lodge Road this interesting track leads to the Binna Burra Information Centre. Gwongoorool Pool Track – This track leads to the pool and back to the car park. *Meet at Binna Burra middle car park (Near Ships Stern entrance) for 8am start. A car shuttle to be arranged end of walks Phone Marie to arrange car-pooling 3297 5204.*

26 – 27 – 28 January (Australia Day Weekend) – See Sunday List.

2 February – Upper Ballanlui Falls (1/2 day Grade 1.5) *Startime time at Uper Binna Burra car park 8am. Phone Sue 5546 8781.*

9 February – Coomera Circuit (17.4km Gr 2) Walk involves several creek crossings or alternatively walking on the creek bed, no major difficulties. *Starting time at Upper Binna Burra car park 8am. Phone Marie R. 3297 5204.*

16 February – Lower Ballanlui Falls (10.5km Gr 1.5) This track leads through an area of large box brush trees and piccabeen palms. *Starting time 8am at Middle car park (At Ships Stern entrance) Phone Sue 5546 8781.*

16 February – abseil training day – see Sunday List

23 February – Mt Merino (23 km Gr 2 Full Day) This is a long track walk, returning via same route. Mt Merino lookout provides views over the Tweed Valley. *Starting time at Upper Binna Burra 7.30am. Phone Marie R 3297 5204.*

1 March – Springbrook – (to be advised in next newsletter)

8 March – Mt Mitchell – 10km Grade 1.5 – 2) A popular walk through varying vegetation to a short razor back with spectacular views. *Starting time Cunninghams Gap car park at 8am. Phone Heather 0432 197 577.*

15 March – a short walk in the Norris Creek area (approx. 1.5 to km) This walk starts and finishes at Betty and Alan's and is followed by a camp oven lunch. BYO drinks, plates, cutlery, chairs, etc., bring nibbles to share. **A fee per person for camp oven lunch to be organised. Phone Betty to book in by 13 March 3802 0129.**

## FUTURE EVENTS

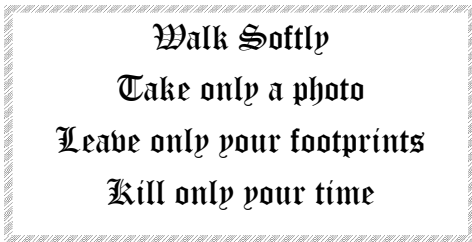
April – Sheepstation Creek weekend.  
Frank to coordinate, more details next newsletter.

May 17/18 – Bunya Mountain weekend.  
Bookings have been made for Saturday and Sunday nights in Rice's Cabins.  
Camp sites available. *Ring Heather for more details 0432 197 577.*

June – (First week of school holidays)  
Fraser Island. Sue to coordinate.

July – (late July) Cania Gorge (North of Monto) Betty to coordinate.

***Thanks to the people who help compile the Saturday Walks and Events Lists.....Marie R.***



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## CLUB SHIRTS

The Saturday walkers are organising club shirts to wear when walking with other clubs or wear on our weekly walks. Details below:

- Style** - Polo with pocket
- Colour**- Bottle green (Gold logo above pocket)
- Size** - From small upwards (Men's sizing)
- Cost** - \$18.80

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*Call Marie for more details – 3297 5204.*