



THE LOGAN AND BEAUDESERT BUSHWALKERS



NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2007

January Meeting Report

- 7 attendees & an early night.
- Planning of walks for February, March & April - both Saturday & Sundays programs.
- Possible new walks
 - o Black Canyon
 - o Barrabool Ridge
 - o Lost World to O'Reillys
 - o Through walks
 - Mt Ballow to Mt Lindesay Tick Gate
 - Gwyala Peak, Barrabool, and Burrajum Peaks
 - Black Snake Ridge, Mt Nungulba, Point Lookout

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

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 | |

Discussion on "What is in Your PACK" on page 2

THE CLUB'S NEXT MEETING: MARCH MEETING is on Tuesday 13 March 2007 at the Community Centre, Wharf Street, Logan Village, - 7.30 pm. Cuppa afterwards. Members and visitors are welcome

We would like to encourage any one who goes on a walk to submit a report so we can include it in subsequent copies of the club newsletter. THANKS TO A VARIETY OF CORRESPONDENTS FOR THIS MONTHS WALK REPORTS.



Information, Newsletters and forms can be e-mailed to you if you contact Jacqui Stowe tazzgrannie@sbcglobal.net please pass on any enquiries to her.

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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

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

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.

25 February – Love Creek Falls – Grade 3 - Brisbane forest park - Marion OR Lynne to coordinate (Ph: Marion - 3805 3300 or Lynne – 07 3287 4934 or 0407 643 375). *If you live on the Southside, meet 6.30am at Lynne's place, 48 Heins Road, Bahrs Scrub – which is 0.48 kilometres from Menorah Road – It has "Lucas" & "Lot 16" on the fence).*

4 March – Binna Burra to Wagawn & Bushranger's Cave – Grade 2 – This commences as a track walk Binna Burra to Wagawn, and then careful navigation is undertaken to descend to Bushranger's Cave and walk out to the Numinbah Border Gate where some cars will be left to drive back – length of walk – approximately 12 kms. **Meet at Canungra at 7.00am – Marion to coordinate – 3805 3300).**

11 March – Running Creek Falls – Grade 3.5 – meet at Beaudesert at 7.30am. Running Creek Falls are about 100m high and are among the most spectacular sights in southern Lamington. **Be prepared for more rock-hopping, and a swim, if desired.** Robin Watt to coordinate – ph: 07 5543 2655.

17 & 18 March – 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)

25 March – Mezzanine Ridge, Mt Barney - Grade 5½ - This route comprises an awkward and exposed razorback between South East Ridge and South Ridge, and harder than these 2 routes. (Robin Watt – 5543 2655)

1 April – Binna Burra to O'Reilly's via Fountain Falls – Grade 4 - If we have enough experienced walkers, we will divide into 2 groups, with one group departing the lower car park at Binna Burra, and the other departing O'Reillys, meeting up for lunch at Fountain Falls, and swapping car keys.

EASTER 6/7/8/9 April – Camp at Goomburra – 8 places presently booked which are already spoken for. **If you want to come, you better get in quickly as available numbers to book are diminishing very quickly.** Choose to stay 1 night, 2 nights or 3 nights. We hope to explore some new walks in the Mistake Mountain area including Blackfellow Falls, the Amphitheatre and Point Pure. (Coordinator – Malcolm Hill Ph: 0421 118 686.)

15 April 2007 – Abseiling Back Creek Falls – Grade 3.5 – Malcolm Hill to coordinate. (Phone 0421 118 686) **Meet at Canungra at 8.00am.** We will abseil down a number of waterfalls, rock-hopping between the falls along the way. Perhaps if we by-pass the first falls, we can aim to go further this time and explore the cave etc. (Coordinator – Malcolm Hill Ph: 0421 118 686.)

This walk is not open to members who have not abseiled before.

Please note: this walk will be postponed if the weather is unfavourable.

Also the walk is unable to be held in March as discussed at the meeting, due to Killarney Glen being closed from 4 March to 31 March.

Got any ideas for upcoming walks?

Suggested walks coming up include:

2 day and 3 day through walks, especially when the hot weather goes.

Let us know what YOU want to do!!



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.

Holiday Idea! *Are you interested in walking on Hinchinbrook Island?*

Phone Kit Cullen- 5546 3519

-- Hinchinbrook Update --
10 people presently going – 20 to 24 August 2007 –camping & climbing permits have been obtained. * please note: Kit asks that the 3 people that haven't submitted their fees, to please do so! *****

WALK REPORTS

South Branch Emu Creek

26/27/28 January 2007

By Marion Laban

Campers – firstly, David Nickson and Andrew then next day Robin Watt, Herbert, Robin and Marion, and Ken. (John + Julie arrived Sat arvo & camped overnight.)



Storm above Main Range

Well we arrived about 3 or 4pm, having driven through a storm on the Downs. Couldn't believe how dry the creek crossings were. Only the last couple of crossings were how they always are. The guys helped Robin put up the club tarp which we brought in case of rain, and we generally had a catch up chat.

I said I could hear voices to which David would say, it's ducks. It wasn't until evening when it got very loud, that it became evident the ducks weren't ducks at all, but were frogs. Dave, you were pulling my leg. Andrew (who had

camped over the previous night with Dave) announced "... and I've been thinking all along it was ducks!"

Well there were 2 choices of walks on offer for Saturday, a hard walk or an easier walk. David, Andrew and Herbert were all keyed up for a big walk, getting up at 4.00am, departing for the Lincoln wreck at 5.00am, then walking to the topmost point of Superbus, on across the top of Mt Roberts, out to Lizard Point, then back and along Main Range Escarpment and up Mt Steamer, and then along the Steamers, and then cutting down to the left between the Mast and the Funnel, walking down at an angle towards the creek and rock-hopping along the creek back to camp. They asked if I wanted to join them.

Robin Laban, Robin Watt and Ken were just going to walk to the Lincoln Wreck and back later in the morning. Robin Watt and Ken have never been to the wreck from the Emu Creek side before, only Robin Laban about 6 years ago, and he said "And you want me to lead a walk!" He wanted me to walk with them, because he doubted he would remember which way to go.

The evening was pleasant, with the excitement of hearing the F111's fly right over the top of us on the way to Canberra and Melbourne for the Australia Day Celebrations. David's son Adam was navigator on one of the planes and had promised Dave he would fly over South Branch Emu Creek on the way.

Well I opted for the big walk with the guys, who promised me they would take it easy on the climb up. Sure enough true to their word we took a steady pace up to the Lincoln (which took 3 hours). Prior to leaving though I went to wash my hands in the creek but hastily retreated upon hearing a rustle in the bushes about 6 feet away from the waters edge. In the half-light I pulled up quick, looked down and to my horror could just make out a black snake (in s-shape) trying to get away from me.



Lincoln Wreck

Back to the walk – we took some pictures of the wreck before moving on to smoko just above the wreck and an hour and half or so later on to the official highest point of Superbus. There is a tin there, and as I opened it this little silver tin, I envisaged myself opening up the tin to reveal some horror (like in an Indiana Jones movie), which ended up being a self-fulfilling prophecy, because it was full of millions of creepy crawly ants and all their eggs. Dave took the tin and banged it on the ground several times, banging out all the ants before returning it to its spot. None of us did bother to sign the book after that.

The wreck to the top of Superbus was uncharted walking for me. The next section to Mt Roberts I've done before. We needed the rope to climb down off the rocky ledge after the top of Mt Roberts. We knew it was going to be hot out Lizard Point, and I managed to stay in the sun the longest, taking some photos. There is a pocket of rainforest close by where we took shelter from the heat and sun, and had our lunch.



View of Steamers from Mt Roberts

After lunch as we headed off along the escarpment for Mt Steamer I developed a terrible tummy ache

(I believe from eating a banana after my sandwich). We got a start along this section when a goanna raced up a tree. He made such a noise in the bushes, we all stopped dead in our tracks thinking "what's that!!" and then saw his claws on each side of a tree as he ran up it.



View north from Lizard Point

We used a safety rope to climb up a little cliff break as we neared the top of Mt Steamer. Soon after using the rope we went along a very interesting razor back, and then came up the side of Mt Steamer in the rainforest.

Then we headed to the Stern campground from where you traverse around the side. Unfortunately, time didn't allow us to stay up on the Stern to the narrow razor back at the end that gives the superb views of the Mast.

Our new route back to camp worked out "excellent", and we didn't even have to rock hop, as we came across the old logging road, which led us right back to camp. The time was 7.00pm and our walk had spanned 14 hours.

So we walked one big continuous loop all the way from camp and back to camp.

I really enjoyed myself and can't wait to go back up to the Steamers (early as possible in the morning) using our new route, and hopefully getting up to view the mast early in the day.

Great walk guys! Thanks for including me..... Marion

Mystery Track

4 February 2007

Walkers – Marion, Julie, Justin, Malcolm Lynn, Johnno, Herbert, Robin Watt, Kirsty, Peter, Kit, & Steven.

We headed down the Coomera Circuit track to our turn off point. It was amazing that in 14 months, the track is much more marked and there's even tape every now and then.



Morning tea break

We stopped by the small waterfall for smoko, before heading down the last steep climb to the Coomera flowing below us.

We rock hopped for 1½ km to reach the pool at the base of the Coomera Falls. Julie opted out just prior to this, with Kirsty & Peter giving up earlier on.



Justin and Robin W, negotiating Coomera River

Once we were back together, 5 opted to take the climb back out, with 7 of us taking the long never-ending rock hop down to Gwongoorool Pool before

the ascent up to the Lower car park. The 5 who climbed out finished the walk about 3 hours before the die-hard rock-hoppers. Nonetheless, I was in better shape at the end of this walk compared to the first time I did this walk just over a year ago, but I'm ready to try the climb out next time, just so long as it's at a cooler and dryer time of year.

Stairway Falls

Sunday 7 January 2007

Walkers – Peter, Kirsty, Dave and Johnno, Marion, Kit, Pauline, Malcolm and Lynne.

The numerous creek crossings of West Canungra Creek after leaving Blue Pool was much easier because at each place of crossing there was a rope strung up, to aid the people monitoring the bug research that is presently being undertaken there.



Stairway Falls

The falls looked great, as did the pools above, but unfortunately there was a very large eel who wanted to nibble anyone who chose to bathe in the pools after Stairway Falls.



Malcolm & Lynne with Kit looking on, at the pools above Stairway Falls

Once back at Blue Pool, Kit and Johnno offered to take Pauline back up to O'Reilly's via the track, whilst the rest of us took the straight up route of Bull Ant Spur. Peter and Kirsty were up first and Peter drove his car a short distance along the road and collected David and I.

My walk up Bull Ant Spur felt a bit better than my last (on return from Fountain Falls), and Dave reminded me that it would put me in good stead for walking at Emu Creek the following weekend.

We all had coffee & tea at O'Reilly's afterwards and were surprised to see someone who normally serves us in Beaudesert, as a new recruit working behind the counter.Marion Laban.

The following archived report has been included because of its wonderful use of the English language - as only Andrew can apply it !!!

Sorry Andrew, but our chief walk reporter is still taking a necessary rest at the moment. Ed.

**LAKE COOTHARABA -
NOOSA RIVER CANOE
TRIP REPORT -
27/28 NOVEMBER 1999 -
continued.**

Anyway, whatever the case, I was soon to discover the PRICE of being NICE was very substantial indeed. In addition to my having forgone both that much cherished company of others and that feeling of safety and reassurance gained from travel in numbers, once I'd started to cruise into more open waters I found that, to my immediate and considerable consternation, my cursed canoe was behaving even less co-operatively that had been predicted. Ever been driving at speed along an open road and tried to steer by releasing your grip on the steering wheel, leaning out the side window and attempting to control the direction of the front

wheels by prodding at them with a rusty old Zimmer frame? If you have then you'll be all too familiar with the total and sustained loss of control that plagued me on this fateful day. Make no mistake, in windy, choppy weather these canoes are designed to be operated by a crew of two; one in the front and one the rear (and, from what I've observed of how some of the others fared, even *then* they're quite a handful).

Attempt to travel with any other crew size or configuration and you might as well just give up, drill a few holes in the floor, make any last minute modifications to your Last Will and Testament and then sit back and wait for the inevitable.

Consequently (keeping in mind the kilometres we had to travel to reach our goal), having spent the first quarter hour of my time on the water paddling like crazy just to keep my steed pointed in the right direction, having come to realise that once I was blown off course my minimum turning radius for correction was barely better than that of the S.S. Titanic and about the same as that of a waterlogged, king-size mattress, having emitted enough bad language to make even the roughest trooper blush, I decided the only viable option was for me to disembark my craft and hike through the knee deep water whilst towing that silent destroyer of my sanity literally in my wake.

Now you could be forgiven for thinking I'd been forced to swallow that all too familiar bitter pill of defeat at this point. But I hadn't. Not by a long shot.

One thing I'll tell you about me, dear reader, when it comes to challenges of this sort, lacking in determination I'm not. In fact, I was more than happy to continue on like this and even happier to hear that soft, heart-warming, sleep inducing sound of cheap fibreglass being torn and shredded as I dragged my craft's sorry, bath tub shaped hull over every lethal looking, submerged obstacle in my path (Isn't revenge a grand thing? Just right for letting off some serious steam. *And this was just the start of the trip!*)

What's more, it was precisely by adopting this new, vastly more efficient mode of travel and I actually caught up with several of the others; Rob and Jan and Marie and Christine, I think. I was now actually getting somewhere, at long last. There was only one *'slight'* problem.

The very mode of travel that had allowed me to make up lost ground to get back into the face also had a

serious downside; it had brought me to a point well within lethal striking range of Jan's bloody camera lens.

Ever the opportunist, she had brought the damned thing out onto the water with her, leaving it lying somewhere nice and inconspicuous, on deck, within quick and easy reach.

It was just the sort of sneaky, insidious move I'd completely failed to anticipate. I'd let down my guard and now I was going to pay the price for my carelessness.

There was nowhere for me to run and hide. I was helpless, and she knew it. Having acted with a speed and grace that would have left even the most well practiced mob of paparazzi wide eyed and open mouthed, she'd raised the offending weapon to its correct firing position and taken the picture before I'd even had a chance to fully come to grips with what was happening.

What was happening, of course, was that a picture of me looking like a right goose was permanently recorded onto film with a view to its eventual inclusion in a Sammons family photo album entitled 'Various idiots with whom members of our family had had contact' or 'How NOT to behave when out in public.' With that fateful 'click' of the lens shutter now ringing in my ears like one of those god-awful high school marching bands, I knew there were only two things that had saved me from severe and irreparable psychological scarring at this point. *Thank God for my 'identity concealing' hat and sunglasses! That's what I say!*

(Sure, Jan, you might've won that one, but I'm tickled pink to now be able to report to the rest of you that, although I didn't know it then, Jan would eventually get her just desserts, big time and her camera would too. Bit of a pity Rob was caught up in the middle of it, though.

That was enough to almost, *almost* make me feel sorry for the bloke. Still, I suppose all this only proves what it is I've always said; 'What goes around comes around' and "God works in mysterious ways - Fear God!!")

To be continued - sorry but once again, you will have to wait for the next exciting episodes

****Belated Report****

Bridge to Brisbane

7 August 2005

Three brave Saturday ladies did the 12 klm walk across our beautiful Brisbane Gateway Bridge to the City.

Sue Simpson, Marie McGahan and Robyn Smith only took 2 hours 35 minutes at a normal constant walk.

It was a very early start @ 6.55am, we were at the car park @ 5.15am.

Quite a cold morn, but sunny later, a very rewarding feeling to achieve and raising money for skin cancer was also a bonus.

It was amazing walking through the living areas of New Farm and City areas, nearer to the end people were waking up for their alfresco Sunday morning brekkies on the footpaths of their local cafés.

(Maybe we will see some more L&BBW members do it next year.)

CU somewhere in the great outdoors.

Robyn Smith.

{Ed. I told Robyn that I would find her lost walk report and include it in the Newsletter – unfortunately it only turned up when sorting old newsletters 18 months later.}

FUTURE WALKS & EVENTS - SATURDAY WALKERS

24 February – Amity Point to Point Lookout (Nth. Stradbroke) This is a half day walk along the beach from Amity Point to Point Lookout and around The Gorge. (Suitable for all walkers)

“Gold Cats” ferry to Dunwich \$16 Adult \$8 Pensioner \$10 Child (Return fare) Bus to Amity and return from Point Lookout \$9.50 (return fare).

Meeting time at Middle St., Cleveland ferry terminal at 7.30am
Phone Marie 3297 5204.



3 March – Purlingbrook Falls + Waringa Pool Half day (Gr.1.5) A pleasant walk with lush rainforest and waterfalls. **Phone Marie to arrange car pool – 3297 5204..**

10 March – Hinze Dam A walk in bushland beside the dam, starting time 9am, lunch in the park to finish the day **Phone Carole or Frank to arrange car pool – 5547 8229.**

17 March – Box Forest Track, Cunningham Gap (Gr1.5) 8km. return. This walk starts from Cunningham Gap and leads down to a campsite and return OR could be done in reverse, finishing at the campsite for a thermos cuppa. **Phone Betty for starting time and place.**

24 March – 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 Sue to arrange car pool 5546 8781.**

31 March – West Canungra Creek Circuit (Gr 1.5) – 13.9km This track leads down to Blue Pool and crosses West Canungra Creek many times, returning via Picnic Rock. Starting time at O'Reilly's car park at 8.00am. **Phone Marie for car pool – 3297 5204.**

14 April – Sheepstation Creek (half day walk) – Phone Frank for more details 5546 8229.

21 April – Gap Creek Falls (Gr 1.5 – 2) return 9.5 km. Starting time at Cunningham Gap car park 8.00am **Phone Marie for car pool – 3297 5204.**

28 April – Albert River Circuit 20.6 km (Gr2) – 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.**

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.

Attached info sheet