



# THE LOGAN AND BEAUDESERT BUSHWALKERS



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2007

## December Meeting Report

- 6 attendees & an early night.
- Planning of walks for January and February 2007 - 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               |                    |

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**THE CLUB'S NEXT MEETING:**  
**JANUARY MEETING** is on Tuesday 13 February 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.**

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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



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

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

**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.**

**SUNDAY 14 January 2007 – Mt Tallebudgera – Grade 3.5** – meet at Caltex Mudgeeraba at 8.00am. Malcolm Hill to coordinate (Ph: 0421 118 686.)

**SATURDAY 20 January – Abseiling Training Day** – 7.00am at Kangaroo Point Cliffs. Robin Laban to coordinate (Ph: 3803 3300) Meet above the cliffs at 7.00am.

**Sunday 21 January – Stairway Falls – Grade 2** – meet at Canungra at 8.00am. Lynne (0407 643 375) to coordinate. The falls lie 1.8km downstream from Blue Pool. A swim is a must, so be prepared.

**26 / 27 and 28 January (Australia Day Long Weekend) – camp at South branch of Emu Creek** – Ken Burry to coordinate – Phone Ken 3802 1977. If you're coming, please confirm ASAP

We will do our big walk on the Saturday 27 January, being the full day spent out there without either travelling out there or returning home.

It is planned to go up to the Lincoln Wreck from Emu Creek, and those who are keen to make a big day of it will head off across the top of Superbus and head around to make a circuit walk back to camp, with those who want a less strenuous day just returning from the wreck to our camp.

Friday and Sunday walks can be decided on the day.(plenty of choice !)

**4 February – Mystery Track and Coomera Gorge – Grade 4** –Meet at Canungra at 7.30am. We are hoping for a “not too slippery” creek this time. After visiting the pool at the bottom of Coomera Falls and we rock-hop back down the creek, those who wish to return via the Mystery Track can do so, and those who wish to stay in the creek and return via Gwongoorool Pool may do so. Lynne (0407 643 375) to coordinate.

**11 February – Running Creek Falls – Grade 3.5** – Robin Watt to coordinate – 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.

**18 February – abseiling Back Creek Falls – Grade 3.5** – Peter Weallans to coordinate. (Phone 3715 5993 or 0408 784 928) 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. **New members must have attended abseil training on 20 January to be eligible for this walk.**

**24 February – Love Creek Falls – Grade 3** - Brisbane forest park - Marion to coordinate (Ph: 3805 3300) details of the walk still to be finalised.

**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 Ideas! Are you interested in walking on Hinchinbrook Island?**

**Phone Kit Cullen– 5546 3519**

**-- Hinchinbrook Update --  
6 people presently going – 20 to 24 August 2007 –camping & climbing permits have been obtained. Are you going? Better get in quick!!**

## WALK REPORTS

### Shipstern Walk

Saturday 30 December 2006

Walkers – Bev, Marie Roberts, Carole Peel, Frank Peel, Sue Simpson, Robyn Smith, Marie McGahan, Jenny Kemp, Betty Laird and family – John, Jonny, Lauchie and Laurie.

This was a New Zealand preparation walk, as most of our recent walks have been, so it was off to an early start, some of us meeting at Carol and Frank's to car pool at 5.30am where we condensed down to vehicles then had a short stop in Canungra where, just like Peter Rice, we popped in Flessler's Bakery and emerged with some goodies to get us up the hills.

At Binna Burra we were joined with Bev, Jenny K and also Betty who had brought some enthusiastic family members along ranging in ages 8 to 76. Jenny, Betty and family were opting for the shorter walk of Lower Ballanjui Falls (still a good 10.6 klms). By the time we had our little chin wag, introductions and donning of large back packs, we started our walk at 7.25am.

Straight away the varieties of vegetation are noticeable and on this day the lack of water in creeks didn't go without comment, particularly for this time of year and the fact that our previous walk 2 weeks earlier, Tooloona Circuit at O'Reilly's, had been a shocker for rain, lack of visibility and LEECHES.

The forecast for this day was light showers which didn't eventuate and the conditions remained perfect throughout the whole day. It seemed to take no time at all before we reached the point of return for Jenny, Betty and family, a couple of said we'd like to be going with them but realised that we needed this big walk. Betty said later they got back to the car park about 12ish and she discovered the biggest, fullest leech she had ever seen, firmly inside one of her boots.

The rest of us continued on our walk which was mainly in the shade with a fair bit of uphill bits, lots of narrow pathways, interesting rock walls and

views. It didn't seem to long before we reached the point of Ship's Stern. The last of us arriving there at 11.56. We had only seen 2 other walkers throughout the morning, but at the point there was a young couple there who had come from the opposite direction, they both wore thongs (on their feet that it). After our lunch break we headed home, Bev leading the way as she had the promise of a cup of tea with family members camping near Canungra. Marie R., Carol and Frank said their farewells leaving Sue, Robin and myself to potter along at our reduced speed. Just before we left the lunch spot we were joined by 3 Dads with young sons, we had a chuckle at them as they opened up their salad rolls packed by their wives / Mums, they had some funny comments. We headed off and saw the signpost telling us Binna Burra was 9.5 klms, that's good though I, we're half way and all is going well. It was shortly after this we had our view of Mt Warning, it was clear as a bell, I also had my first sighting of a land mullet, big healthy specimen that he was. The vegetation on this walk changes continuously which makes it interesting, of particular note were some gum trees that were shedding their reddish coloured bark to reveal very green trunks underneath. The Dad's and sons passed us while we were plodding along, all of them moving at a cracking pace, we also met them again as they came out of one of the side tracks after going to look at some falls. There was also a couple on the track who were busy studying a book relating to the vegetation. On and on we walked until we would see a sign up ahead, the one I was convinced would tell us we were 1.2 klms from the car park. Sheer shock – it said 4.9 klms and I was convinced we had just waked at least 8 klms because my feet were becoming powerfully uncomfortable. On and on we walked until we could see another sign and once again I was certain it would tell us 1.2 klms to go, no, it said 2.3 klms. Nothing else to do of course but to keep walking, we eventually came to a sign that said 500 metres to the car park but I'm sure they lied about that and meant for it to be 1.2 klms Funnily enough we neve3r did get to see that 1.2 klms sign, it must on another walk on another mountain somewhere.

The three of us made it back to the car park at approximately 4.30pm, Marie R, Carol and Frank had beaten

us by an hour or so and had gone on home. We saw the young couple who had been at the Ship's Stern lookout, their feet were in excellent condition and they said they were ready to go and do it all again. I happened to be wearing my new boots and ended up with bruises under the toe nails later that week and couldn't put shoes on for several days. We three had a Thermos of coffee and headed back to retrieve cars at Carols and Franks to find Frank just emerging from the swimming pool. A very long day but enjoyable.

Marie McGahan.

### Fountain Falls

Sunday, 17 December 2006



Walkers – Marion, Julie, Justin, Dave, Malcolm and Kit

We met at Canungra and carpoled into 2 vehicles up to just short of O'Reilly's to make our journey down Bull Ant Spur, directly down to Blue Pool. I was keen to go down this route, having only ever come up this way, but not down. It seemed to go on forever, but we were soon down the bottom, and only got off track a couple of times (of course it is always harder to find the route down than up).

A short break was had at Blue Pool and we headed off down West Canungra Creek. The water level was quite high so the initial crossing across the creek was a little tricky. We passed the "You are entering a remote area" sign, and were looking

out for our spot to start ascending the next ridge. We went just a little too far, and decided to back track 50 metres or so, and just start up. Now and again you could find what almost seemed like a track. I was really feeling it, trying to keep up with everyone, feeling quite dizzy at one point. The last little bit was quite steep and we finally ascended to the top of the ridge. I did this walk about 2 or 3 years ago, and remember there being less canopy then in sections going up this ridge. In fact the walk along the ridge, and the climb down to the falls had much more growth than the last time I did this walk.

On the last lengthy descent down to East Canungra Creek and Fountain Falls, we came across a red belly black snake. We were trying to take photos of him, but we virtually had the poor snake circled, which was not a good idea really, as it could easily have taken off at any minute in the direction of any one of us.

I took 2 shots and knew neither would be any good, as the lighting was too dark, and the lens stayed open too long, which meant the photo should have been taken with a flash, or a tripod. Never mind, I'll stick in a photo of my red belly black snake from the Border track, that I know even some of the Saturday walkers have seen "in the flesh".



Access to the falls was a little difficult due to a rock fall. We took photos of the falls, crossed the little creek and went below to the lower falls, and lunched beside the cave, passing a sleepy carpet snake on the way.

We had lunch. As we started to walk back I called out to Justin as I had seen what I thought was a spider walking across a rock. It was very interesting as on its back and legs it had what appeared to be "moss" growing. An obviously highly developed form of camouflage. Justin

pointed out to me it was a hopper insect, not a spider, but it sure looked like a spider. *I've been told since I returned home I should have photographed it, as it might have been a "new" species.*

We climbed up a slightly different way to inspect the falls above Fountain Falls, and then commenced our long haul back up the ridge, along the ridge, down the ridge to West Canungra Creek, back to Blue Pool and then up Bull Ant Spur. Quite a big day.

Our large friendly eel that lives in Blue Pool didn't disappoint and came out to say hello. Think I'll stick a picture of him in also.



All in all a great day. Thanks guys for a great day.

Marion.

## Upper Portals to Lower Portals

Sunday 7 January 2007

Walkers – Peter, Kirsty, Alistair, John, Julie, Justin & Nicholas, Dave and Johnno, Marion, Paul and Ken.

We all met at Rathdowney and I soon had everyone organised for our carpool. Peter and his carload drove straight to Grace's Hut. Johnno, the Sheras, Dave and I drove our cars to the Lower Portals car park, and then we all (7) jumped in Dave's Defender for our drive up to Grace's Hut.

The weather was fine and sunny. We walked the first 4 kms to Barney Creek and were having our break when a young fellow came along with his dog (that raised a few eyebrows), and as he walked past us, it was noted he was trying to hide a machete that he was carrying (that raised even more eyebrows).

Anyway he followed us for a while, asking was this the way to the Lower Portals. When his dog couldn't manage the rock-hopping, he just jumped in and swam, which would have been very cooling for him. The guy had hidden his machete by this stage. Anyway he gave up after about 500 metres and headed back to Upper Portals.

We stopped for a break at a side creek, which turned out to be where we lost Nicholas, as when he, Dave, Johnno and I came across Ken resting, the others were all just around the corner. I wanted to "find a tree" but Dave said, "there is a group of bushwalkers just around there" (which turned out to be the others). Up to this point, I had thought the others were way ahead, especially as Ken was going on about only being on 3 cylinders etc etc. Anyway, Nicholas obviously didn't catch on about the bushwalkers just around the corner either and still thought they were ahead, so headed off after them, except that this meant he was now in the lead.!



John at one stage went back looking for Nicholas as no-one knew what had happened to him. Dave waited with John's pack until he came back. By lunch time (the campsite) we still hadn't caught up to Nicholas. Luckily, Nicholas had waited at Captain Nemo's Pool where we all had a very welcome swim (that is, all except for Johnno).



This was Paul's second walk with the club, and it was all new for him. Hope he didn't get too turned off by the final 3.7km walk out, as it was quite hot away from the creek. Julie, Justin, Nicholas and myself waited approximately ¾ an hour when it had cooled off a bit before we made our way out to the car. John had apparently left us a note to perhaps meet in Rathdowney, except that it wasn't noticed until we were nearly at Beaudesert. Oh well. The cuppa at Shera's was good, and John soon joined us.

Anyway, can't wait to see Nicholas' footage of the day. Maybe I'll be waiting a while, *I've just realised our walk was in 2007!!* Oh well!

Great to see Kirsty and Alistair there as well. Thanks everyone for a great day.

Marion.

**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 taking a necessary rest at the moment. Ed.*

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

### **section 2**

Now, one thing worthy of note right at the outset was our seating arrangements on this voyage, not least because of the unenviable position into which those arrangements were to place yours truly. Although our party was an even number and most of us ended up being paired up with somebody else, Nikita's young age and therefore her failure to yet qualify as a real person meant that she was destined to

perform the highly involving and engaging function of acting as human baggage in one of our five vessels while one of the adults was going to be left to complete this trip solo.

The only problem was that traveling all by their lonesome was something nobody else in our merry group seemed particularly keen to do. So, being the highly social animal that I am and revelling so keenly in the company of other people as I do, I'm sure you'll appreciate that it represented an incalculable sacrifice on my part to volunteer to be odd one out on this occasion, especially considering my unshakeable feeling that being on your own in all this wilderness was not quite going to be the same thing as being on your own in the city mall outside business hours.



Not to mention the fact that, prior to take off, I'd been given some inkling of just what I was in for by the bloke who'd distributed our boats to us. Speaking to me through teeth which had obviously been chewing their way through far too many sweet and sugary foods over the years and which, to make matters even more offensive (both to the eye and the nose), appeared not to have been brushed for several weeks at least (yet another one in desperate need of your expert services I'm afraid, John, though I suspect in his case you'd be doing much more in the way of removing than repairing), he proceeded to cheerfully tell me: What's that? You're goin' out in a boat on your own! Out *There!*? You shittin' me or something!?! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Mate, with this wind hittin' ya like a brick, you gunna be workin' your arse off just to keep it goin' in a straight line. Do ya know what I'm sayin'? By the time youse folks get back youse are *all* gunna be feelin' pretty buggered for sure. But *you*, mate, what with the way *your* arms are gunny be workin' overtime and all, *you* are either gunna end up one seriously (expletive) up turkey or you're gunna

come back lookin' like Stallone after he's been pumpin' iron down at the gym for a solid week! By Christ, I'll be damned if your arms don't end up being' thicker than them dumb 'roos over there!!'

Ominous words indeed. And the effect they had on me? Did this bloke's supremely enlightening wisdom of the ages which he'd so graciously imparted onto me raise my confidence levels clear through the stratosphere? You bet your "expletive" it did! Hell, I was left feeling so overwhelmed with confidence levels I was damn near *drowning* in it. Seriously though, in light of what I'd just been told, I'm not quite sure why I was still prepared to go it alone. Perhaps I truly did realise things would be hard going for me simply underestimating the degree to which they'd be hard going, or perhaps I just didn't feel inclined to heed too seriously the warning of someone who, if his standards of oral hygiene were any indication of his level of intelligence, then...well...perhaps I'd better say no more here (let's face it, having a bloke refer to the poor old kangaroos as dumb was certainly a bit of a case of the pot calling the kettle black, don't you think?)

On the other hand, perhaps my willingness to intentionally grasp what I knew to be the short straw was done out of a desire just to be plain ol' nice, a willingness to valiantly sacrifice the self in order that all others in our party would be paired up and therefore insulated from the endless pain and misery I had been so reliably informed would come my way. Yes, I'd say that was probably it.

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

**FUTURE WALKS & EVENTS -  
SATURDAY WALKERS**



**13 January – Illinbah Circuit 16.6 km (Gr.2)** This is a walk of many creek crossings, be prepared to have wet feet. **Starting time at Lower Binna Burra car park at 8am. Phone Marie 3297 5204 Alternative – 13 January – Gwongoorool Pool 6 km return (Gr.1.5) Details as above.**

**20 January (1) – Caves Circuit 3.2km (Gr. 1.5)** An interesting area. **(2) Lower Bell Bird – Approx 7.2km (Gr.1.5)** This track passes through an area of dry rainforest. **Phone Sue for starting time etc. 5546 8781.**

**Friday 26 January to Sunday 28 Jan – THROUGH WALK – Binna Burra to O’Reillys + return** The walkers will carry their large packs containing weekend supplies. Alan volunteered to transport tents to the campsite in readiness for the walkers to erect on their arrival. (Thanks, Alan!) **Phone Sue 5546 8781.**

**27 January – Lyre Bird Lookout / Balancing Rock / Castle Crag Half day (Gr.1.5)** Views from the lookout include Mt Widgee, Lost World and Mt. Worendo. Castle Crag is a narrow razor back with no climbing difficulties but good balance is required. Excellent views can be had from the crag. **Starting at O’Reillys car park 8am (Any walker not camping to Phone Marie to book in for the walk – 3297 5204).**

**3 February – Coochie Mudlo Island** Walk around the island and finish with a swim. **Meet at Victoria Pt. Ferry at**

**8am Fare – Adult \$6 return Pensioner or Child \$3 return. Phone Marie for car pool 3297 5204.**



**10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> February** Please phone Peter Rice (5543 2108) to organise walks as most of the crew will be away in NZ.

**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.1.2)** A

pleasant walk with lush rainforest and waterfalls. **Phone Carole or Frank to arrange car pool – 5547 8229.**

**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.**