



THE LOGAN AND BEAUDESERT BUSHWALKERS



JUNE 2007 NEWSLETTER

Meeting Report

- 10 persons at the meeting.
- Planning of walks for June / July / August 2007.
- Discussion about other trips away. See planned walks. – especially with long weekends coming up.

Our Annual General Meeting:

The Club Committee will remain the same for another year.

However, the members of the club present at the meeting voted to raise the annual fee by \$5.

Therefore, yearly membership for the 2007 / 2008 are as follows:

- o **Family: \$45.00**
- o **Single: \$35.00**

There will be no meeting in July.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 14 August 2007** at the Community Centre, Wharf Street, Logan Village, - 7.30 pm. Cuppa afterwards. *Members and visitors are welcome*

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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 – ARE YOU KEEN? Only \$200 per person and completely refundable if called off. (which can happen in fickle weather.) **Ten (10) people ready to go.**

We won't be going until 11th August, but need definite numbers. Please re-confirm with Ken to book a date if you are going along for the ride. **Ken 3802 1977**

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FIRE ANTS

Thanks to our D.P.I. rep, "Marion" who spoke at our June Meeting, which turned out to be very informative.

If you didn't know what you were looking for before, but were at the meeting, you know now.

We have pamphlets if you need some guidance.

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

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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.

17 June – Flinders Park / Mt Blaine

– Meet at pub carpark at Peaks Crossing at 8.00am. We walk up Flinders Peak, and for those keen enough (after a b-b-que lunch), you can finish off with a climb Mt Blaine. Malcolm Hill to coordinate (Ph: **0421 118 686.**)

24 June – Mt Moon

– Grade 3 - It is necessary to cross private land to access the peak. Mt Moon is a craggy peak where route variations can be made by exploring different gullies and crags, or by taking different gullies to avoid steep sections or scrub. A moderate degree of experience and judgment is required and there is also a considerable loose rock danger in some areas. Robin Watt to coordinate (Ph: 5543 2655). Meet at Springleigh Park, Boonah at 7.30am.

1 July 2007 – Mt Maroon

– (Grade 2½) An excellent day trip with unparalleled close-up views of the central Scenic Rim and Mt Barney's craggy profile. (David Nickson to coordinate (Ph: 3287 3312) meet at Rathdowney at 8.00am.

8 July 2007 – Mt Barney – Mystery Walk

– (Grade 3 to 4 ??) Robin Watt to coordinate. Ring Robin on 07 5543 2655 for time and meeting place.

15 July 2007 – Gold Coast Border Fence walk (Tomewin Border Gate to Coolangatta)

– This section of the Scenic Rim route is of considerable distance (almost 20km) but can be walked in one long day. It is entirely along border fence and is easy travelling. (Grade 2). Lynne Lucas to coordinate – Meet at Mitre 10, Currumbin Waters at 8.00am. Phone Lynne Lucas 0407 643 375).

22 July 2007 – Neglected Mountain

– Grade 2 – This is an excellent walk for Saturday walkers wanting to try something a little harder. It is not a big mountain. We commence as if heading for the Stretcher Track, but when we reach the top of the ridge, we

head to the right, instead of the left which is the Stretcher Track. After a further short climb, we reach a small plateau and eventually a razorback with fantastic views to Mt Barney etc to the west – Robin Watt to coordinate (07 5543 2655) - meet at the angle parking, Mt Lindesay Highway, Jubilee park, Beaudesert to car pool **by 8 am.**

29 July 2007 – Glasshouse Mountains - Mt Beerwah / Ngungun / Tibrogargan

– Lynne Lucas to coordinate – Phone Lynne on 07 3287 4934 or 0407 643 375 for meeting time and possible carpooling.

4 & 5 August 2007 – Burrajum & Bippoh Ridges Throughwalk.

Meet at Rathdowney at 8.00am. Malcolm Hill to coordinate_0421 118 686.)

12 August 2007 – Lamington Falls

via Stretcher Track. Grade 3 – We ascend via the Stretcher Track which crosses private property at the beginning until we hit the ridge and turn left for our steep ascent and follow the Stretcher Track along the top of the ridge. The track is easy to lose in places, but the secret is to keep to the ridge top. Then at the appropriate spot we leave the track and travel down to the left towards the direction of Christmas Creek, to a lookout where Lamington Falls can be viewed across a valley – Robin Watt to coordinate (Phone: 5543 2655).

Saturday 18 August 2007 – Cunningham to Spicers Peak – Mt Doubletop – Swan Knoll and down to camp overnight at Lemon Tree Flat (Grade 3.5)

Sunday 19 August 2007 – Lemon Tree Flat to Mt Huntley and return (Grade 2.5) Marion to coordinate (Ph: 3805 3300 or 0415 535 718).

Robin Laban will drop off the walkers just a few kilometres past Cunningham's Gap and drive around to meet us at Lemon Tree Flat. We ascend Spicers Peak from the western side.

25 / 26 / 27 August – Pilgrimage – Kalbar Showgrounds



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
- food
- 1–2 L of water
- paper & pencil
- map & compass
- insect repellent
- torch
- togs

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

Binna Burra to O'Reillys Friday 26 January 2007

By Sue Simpson

We meet at Canungra at 7.00am Bev, Rob, Jan, Jenny, Heather, Sue, Betty and Alan.

Alan had the camper to go directly up to O'Reilly's so we could transport excess gear for camping. It made the weekend very comfortable. We didn't take long to sort out gear say cheerio to Alan and head off to our start at Binna Burra. It was an overcast day and very humid as it had rained the night before. No matter how many times we walk this first section of

the border track it always has new points of interest to observe. The many varieties of fungi seemed prominent this time.

We stopped at Joalah Lookout, the view was very hazy, could just make out the coast. No sun so the usual resident snakes were absent today. A short distance along Bev came across a snake on the track and let the rest of us know, Rob very gently urged it off the track.



The group set their own comfortable pace and decided the faster ones could go on ahead. As it was cloudy we missed the views, hopefully it will be clear on the way back. We enjoyed the walk in this beautiful rainforest although the leaches seemed very determined to latch on.

We snacked and lunched where we could find a reasonable spot.

By the time we reached O'Reillys we were feeling tired as we were carrying our big packs (training for N.Z.) I saw the best sight in the camping ground, thanks heaps to Alan and Rob our tent was up and ready to use. We enjoyed the evening sitting near the camper, thanks to Betty and Alan for the extra comforts.

**Saturday,
27 January 2007**

Peter, Carol, Frank, Marie R and Phil arrived at O'Reilly's at 7.30am and met with the campers for a coffee and chat and to catch up with Rob and Jan as they and Bev were walking back to Binna Burra today. It was foggy early but cleared during the morning, they had a good walk back and had beautiful views along the way.

**Lyrebird Lookout,
Orchid Grotto,
Moonlight Craig**

Peter, Carol, Frank, Marie, Phil, Sue and Jenny began walking after 8am, we went on the board walk passing the entrance to the tree top walk and pass the botanical gardens, all talking when about 6700 metres from the start heard a familiar

voice, as this path nearly joins the border track, it was Rob, Jan and Ben on their way, after a laugh and cheerio we made our way along the trail to Lyrebird Lookout. This trail was overgrown and had fallen trees across it. A big thanks to Marie and Doug for coming up here twice to check it out and leave marks so we could find our way. The vegetation was interesting and changeable, from rainforest to temperate rainforest with Antarctic Beech. Lyrebird Lookout was our first stop it was still a bit foggy but we could see across to Widgee Mountain.



The trail follows the top of the ridge to Orchid Grotto Lookout, where we stopped again asking Peter to identify some of the plants. We continued along the ridge to Moonlight Craig lookout, which is well used, and plenty of seating.

The fog had cleared so views are stunning looking across the Albert River to Lost World. We stop again and enjoy the area used by the O'Reilly's guests. To the east could see the guesthouse area and a new housing area, which looked terrible with its shiny tin roofs.

From here we decided to try to continue along the ridge to Balancing Rock but the trail became obscure so we made our way to the red road and back passing the slaughter house and up passing the glow worm area on Moran's creek, through the Brush Box wishing tree, over a suspension bridge and back through the guest accommodation area and to camp.

We had coffee and chat; Jenny packed her things as she was going back with Peter

and crew. They headed home mid afternoon, I enjoyed the variety of the walk and good company.

Thanks

Sue.

Heather, Better and Alan had a pleasant Saturday, walking the Treetop walk and Botanical gardens. Saturday evening we were entertained by a determined possum coming down the tree near the table looking for treats.

Sunday

28 January 2007

Up early had brekky then packed up tent to send home with Alan. Heather, Sue and Betty say bye to Alan about 8am and begin our walk back to Binna Burra. It is cloudy again today and we miss the views we had hoped to see. We had a pleasant walk still admiring the variety of fungi, ferns and moss covered Antarctic Beech trees. It threatened to rain but stayed fine, we made it back to Binna Burra in good time and felt it was good training for N.Z. Thanks everyone for a good weekend.

Sue.

Daves Creek Circuit Binna Burra (12 klms)

Saturday

24 March 2007

Fifteen eager walkers gathered today. Frank, Carol, Robyn, Denise, Heather, Alex, Marie McG, Betty, Kit, Redencion, Bev, Sue, and Joanna Wilkie and Bruce Hogan.

The group started off after 8am. The day was perfect, not too hot. It feels wonderful to get into the rainforest, admiring all the plants and listening to the birds. The small creeks and very little water. The leaders encountered the snakes, one black and three carpets. By the time we reached the mallee scrub with its heath shrubs, it was getting quite hot.



There was an odd plant in flower. Molonglee Cave was a pleasant stop for

a snack, there were several points along the track where we looked across to Araucaria, Mt Hobwee and Mt Merino.

Picnic Creek was dry; we stopped again at Numinbah Lookout. Kit and Alex climbed up Surprise Rock and over to the other side.

We all arrived back at Binna Burra and had lunch at the new picnic tables. It was an enjoyable day thanks to everyone who came.

Sue

Mt Maroon Via Cave

27 May 2007

By Marion Laban

Our walkers for today:

Robin W, Andrew, Malcolm, Kit, Ken, Johnno, Ian, Lynne, Marion and Julie.

We met at Beaudesert before heading to Mt Maroon. We check out the east face of Maroon while driving towards it, trying to pick out the various caves and where we were headed. We started on the walk, but before climbing headed to the right, and then gradually worked our way up and around.

We reached the cave and had morning tea here. The views were awesome.



Then we continued on around and up. Some parts were quite steep and on two occasions we pulled out the ropes for extra safety.

We stopped for lunch before reaching top ridge. It was certainly much easier going from here. The view to Barney was clear.



We gradually worked our way around the ridge to the saddle before descending back to the car park. Thanks all for a good walk, and to the guys for their help on the more challenging parts of the climb.

Plunkett Reserve

19 May 2007

The walkers (Ken, Marie McG, Robyn, Sue, Myra, Ron, Joy, Christian, Thomas and Marie R) met Kit and Mary at IGA Logan Village, after the usual intros and signing of the trip sheet we followed Kit to the starting point.

At the finish of this walk last year Kit's dog *Dude* met up with a disapproving Ranger and was banned from this park, I missed his company.

The dry weather has not affected the reserve, the vegetation is hardy and a lot of fresh growth could be seen. Rocky areas adorned with grass trees made a natural landscape; nature is a better gardener than man (or woman). We stopped at *Dude's* secret garden where he had buried dog biscuits – never to be found again. At this point some trial bikers passed by, being thoughtful enough to slow down.

We carried on to the lookout where clear views of Mounts Lindesay, Barney and Maroon could be seen. Ken took the opportunity of doing a little off track walk, Ron and I followed; meeting the others further down the track – short but enjoyable.

Thanks to Kit and Mary for showing us the way.....*Marie R.*

Jenny's Waterhole

9 June 2007

Bev, Redencion, Betty, Heather, Dulcie and Sue met at Yellow Pinch Reserve at 8.00am It was a chilly morning so on

with the extra warm gear. The fire trail up the steep hill had recently been worked on and was now mainly clay, and very sticky due to the recent rains, we all felt taller by the time we got to the top. I enjoy the views of the mountains along this track; Mt. Lindesay's peak was half covered with cloud, as was Mt Earnest and Mt Barney. We thought there would be more water in Cronan Creek as it had rained earlier in the week, so the crossings were easy. The walk along the bush track was very pleasant as the day was perfect; we went to the end of the trail then back to the waterfall for a snack. Arrived back at Yellow Pinch at 12.15pm and enjoyed a cuppa in the park. Thanks to all for a good day.

Sue.

FUTURE WALKS & EVENTS - SATURDAY WALKERS

16 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 Sue to arrange car pool 5546 8781 to arrange car pool.*

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.*

7 July – 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'Reillys car park at 8am. Phone Marie for car pool – 3297 5204.*

14 July – Shepherds Walk – The Beaudesert Historical Society are organising the annual Shepherds Walk. The walk leads up the

Binbroken Range and returns via the same route. A sausage sizzle, tea /coffee and damper etc. is supplied after the walk. **The bus departs Beaudesert at 8.30am and returns approx 2.30pm Cost for the day \$15. No charge for children under 14. Phone Marie by Monday 2 July to book in – 3297 5204.**

21 July – Coomera Circuit – Binna Burra (17.5km – full day) – This is one of the most famous graded track walks in Lamington with superb rainforest waterfalls. The most spectacular sight is the Coomera Gorge, which has sheer walls over 150m high, split at the top end by the Coomera Crevice (a narrow 100m deep chasm) with Coomera Falls plummeting down 64m from the crevice to the gorge floor - – Phone Sue on 5546 8781 for details of meeting time etc.

28 July – Lower Bellbird and Caves Circuit - Two very interesting short walks at Binna Burra - Phone Sue on 5546 8781 for details of meeting time etc.

4 August – Warrie Circuit, Springbrook – (Grade 1 ½ to 2) – 17km scenic track walk – plenty of waterfalls and attractive rainforest as well as some unusual features such as split boulders and walking below waterfalls etc. Phone Sue on 5546 8781 for details of meeting time etc.

11 August – Mt Cordeaux & Bare Rock – a graded track zigzags up the slopes of Mt Cordeaux north of Cunninghams Gap, passing through rainforest with some superb brush box trees. It then contours round to the north of the mountain to Morgans Lookout, before terminating at 20 minutes further on at Bare Rock. (about 12 ½ km return – Grade 1½ - 2) – Phone Sue on 5546 8781 for details of meeting time etc.

19 August – Palm Grove, Mt Tamborine - – Phone Sue on 5546 8781 for details of meeting time etc.

9 Club Members and 2 Visitors obtained their Senior Certificate at the First Aid Course held last month! Congratulations to those who attended and obtained their Senior Certificate.

Attention All Members !! Pilgrimage 2007 is happening August 25 -27th at the Kalbar showground.
We are in charge of the Sunday morning breakfast, so contact Marie R to volunteer to help out!

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

Call Marie for more details – 3297 5204.

PS: *Some walk reports have been held over for our next Newsletter due to time constraints to get the Newsletter to print before departing on holidays. Ed.*

- The next newsletter was coming out in August (BUT may be printed in our absence by my son Carey some time early JULY.)-

PSS: NEW PHOTO PAGE

Photos from the club's New Zealand trip earlier this year, will be on-line from a link from our webpagewe were finding it difficult to upload direct to our website so we have set up a "MY SPACE" site just for photos.

ALSO the Kokoda trip last year and other recent Highlights etc will be also be available on the "MY SPACE" site in near future.

FIRST AID COURSE