



THE LOGAN AND BEAUDESERT BUSHWALKERS



N E W S L E T T E R

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MARCH Meeting Report

- 11 attendees & an early night.
- Planning of walks for March & April for Sundays and even into May for Saturday programs. Possible new walks

Black Canyon

Barrabool Ridge

WE ALSO 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

APRIL CLUB MEETING is on Tuesday 10 APRIL 2007 at the Community Centre, Wharf Street, Logan Village, - 7.30 pm. Cuppa afterwards. *Members and visitors are welcome* **SLIDESHOW**

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KILIMANJARO – Dec 07 – Jan 08

Further to already noted agenda we can do extra sites to justify big flight overseas. Contact Malcolm 0421 118 686 or Lynne (0407643375) for discussions. More bookings – lowers the costs. **ADVERT ATTACHED**

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 **SEE ATTACHMENT**

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.) **BROCHURE ATTACHED**
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Western NSW and South Australian Trek.

A tag-a-long 4WD trip departs some time June for a couple of weeks visiting the following spots Peter Rice 55 432 108

ADVERT attached

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CLUB COMMITTEE

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 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. Meet at Rathdowney at 6.30am (Robin Watt to coordinate – 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. (Marion to coordinate: 3805 3300) meet at Canungra at 6.30am.

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.) Meet at Canungra at 7.00am.

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

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

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 / Shooting Creek (Grade 5) *Stay tuned for further details.* Lynne to coordinate (0407643375) Meet at Beaudesert park, 6am.

6 May – Neglected Mtn. meet at Stinson Park 5/6/7 May – CAMP Sat Group.

Let us know what YOU want to do!!

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

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 | |

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.

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

Toolona Circuit

18.02.07

By Robin Watt

We had six walkers for to-day with the scheduled walk or should I say "Back Creek abseil^{1f}" being postponed due to possible showers. Our walkers Julie, Lynne, Marion, Malcolm, Johnno and Robin W. met at Canungra at 7.30a.m. We drove up to O'Reillys in two cars namely Lynne's limo and my mighty ford wagon. The first half of the walk was good but then the light rain seemed to set in for a couple of hours, making conditions yucky with slippery and sloppy tracks and small leeches literally by the hundreds. It was a constant job checking ones body, especially legs for the little critters.

Tooloona Falls looked good as we arrived just after 11am. I started to tuck into a sandwich for an early lunch when Malcolm informed me the rest had kept walking. I soon caught them up and just after noon we reached the border track and the lookout but we had total whiteout. We had lunch here with no rain but now the cold wind was getting up so it was a short lunch. The closer we got back to O'Reillys the better the track seemed to be and the same went for the weather. I ended up with five leech bites and I know my fellow walkers all ended up with bites as well. We were back at O'Reillys at 2p.m. and had refreshments on the balcony. Not one of our better days to-day due to the fickle weather, but it was still good to be out and about.

Cheers, M.O.A.B.



Falls above Toolona Falls

Love Creek Falls, Brisbane Forest Park

25.02.07

By Robin Watt

Marion, Johnno, Kit, Robin W., Lynne and Malcolm met at Lynne's place at 6.30a.m. and we were briefly joined by the Prez. Robin L. as he dropped Marion off. Off to Maijala Park we went, Kit and Johnno in the Pulsar and the rest in Lynne's limo. As we neared our destination we had light rain and our hearts sank. On arrival the rain had stopped and as Herbert was putting on his boots Andrew rolled up a little late in two minds whether to go or not. After some discussion and persuasion we headed off for Greene's falls.



The boardwalk above Greenes Falls

The board walk was slippery in places with the wet and slippery leaves. The falls were their usual piece of Nature's joy with I'd estimate twenty litres a minute thundering over the slippery rock ha! Ha! We hopped over the railing and made our way

along a bit of a track as we followed the creek ever downward and there were plenty of downwards. The rock was very slippery and much care was needed, but we eventually made it to the first fork in the creek. Our cherry ripe stop had been taken earlier so we just had a short drink break at this point. We then started up the creek on the right making our way up to the base of the falls. We had obstacles such as fallen trees, slippery water courses and the odd ups and downs but we made it to the base of Love Creek Falls just on mid-day. The falls were a bit ordinary due to lack of water but it was a good lunch spot..



Kit, Lynne & 'headless' Herbert
Negotiating Love Creek

After lunch we had the long, steep pull up to the top of the falls and as we went we found the intermediate falls more impressive than the lower falls.

We had a well earned rest up top whilst Malcolm and Andrew checked maps and GPS's. Now for the long steep pull up the ridge which was a real work out in the humid conditions. We all made it with varying times between members.

We regrouped for smoko only to be joined by lots of leeches, something we hadn't seen a lot of till now. We started our way back along the prominent main ridge until we hit a huge rock cairn and took the ridge to the left. Andrew wasn't happy as we descended and checked the compass and map and decided we needed to be on the next ridge to our right. After a short traverse through the sparse rainforest we were on the money and the track was very obvious.

All downhill now and we soon came

out at the board walk and then back up to the cars. There were lots of leech bites with many of the suckers still attached as in Lynne's case. Andrew on removal of his gators had blood everywhere on his legs boy! was he in for an itchy week. We found a nice new cafe on the way home for refreshments which finished the day nicely.

Cheers, M.O.A.B.

Hinze Dam

Saturday 10 March 2007

Walkers – Carole, Frank, Denise, Betty, Dulcie, Marie McG, Robyn, Heather, Carolyn, Sonia & Marie R.

The walk for the day was a short circuit beside the dam followed by a picnic lunch. We completed the walk by approx. 10.15am so we set up the picnic tables for an early lunch. Heather and Marie McG. Supplied cake for desert – thanks.

After lunch we held a pre-meeting 'meeting' to organise a walk-list for the official Tuesday night meeting. Sue sent a list of great walks and camps, even suggesting some events for 2008. Heather, Frank, Carole and Betty also handed in walks lists!

I would like to thank you all for your enthusiasm..... Marie R.

Binna Burra to Border Gate via Bushranger's Cave 04.03.07

We had eight walkers meet at Canungra at 7a.m. Our walkers being Julie, Marion, Justin, Kit, Johnno, Steve, Ken and Robin W. Lynne and Malcolm were meeting us at Binna Burra along with Paul and his six year old son Joshua. We started the border track walk from Binna Burra at 8a.m. and had our first rest at Joalah Lookout. The resident black snake was not at home to-day and we continued on towards Wagawn being careful not to take a wrong turn as this walk changes tracks many times. We reached Wagawn at 10.30a.m. and had smoko, being careful to avoid the huge 25mm long ants.

We got down to the turn to Bushrangers Cave turnoff and Johnno decided to wait here whilst the rest of us clambered down to Andrew's Lookout. Some of us took lunch here at 11.45a.m. as we took in the awesome views down the valley and Mt Warning was at her best.



Josh Steve & Robin W taking in the views from Andrew's Lookout

At 12.05 p.m. we started back up to where Johnno was, only this time Malcolm, Steve and myself decided to do a shortcut which involved a traverse to the right not far up from Andrew's Lookout. As we hit the creek we descended for a short way then traversed left until we hit tape indicating the track the others were taking. We were at Bushrangers Cave in twenty five minutes arriving at 12.30p.m. Our fellow walkers arrived at 1pm. Julie had phoned John and Robin L. from Andrew's Lookout and arranged for them to meet us at the border gate at 2p.m. At 1.20p.m. with everyone recuperated we did the last leg to the border gate arriving just on 2p.m. This last stretch was in full sun and boy! there sure was a bite in the sun after we'd been in rain forest nearly all day. Malcolm ferried the drivers back to Binna Burra as he had left his 4 x 4 at the border gate the night before.



Smoko time - Justin, Julie & Paul – Bushranger's Cave

We all adjourned to the Twin Pines Cafe just down the road from the

border gate to sample delights and delicacies in all shapes and sizes. From here some went straight home whilst others had to retrieve vehicles from Canungra where more delights and delicacies were had at Gibbos Place. Young Joshua turned in a sterling performance for one so young and kept up with the pace all day and what's more really seemed to enjoy himself. I'm sure we all enjoyed this great day walking in the Great South East and its good-bye for now.

Cheers, M.O.A.B

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 we all want to follow the saga through to conclusion ! Ed.

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



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!!")

Anyway, by this time, having had a gutful of both paddling like a maniac only to get nowhere for it and walking, I decided to commandeer...er...what I actually mean... I decided to "team up" with Marie and Christine in their canoe. After a moment's thought as to whether my own boat ought to be abandoned and set adrift to provide a ready hazard for other vessels or perhaps just plain scuttled to provide desperately needed underwater

shelter for the highly endangered Jumping Pantsoo fish, we loaded the damned thing up with our camping gear and relegated it to a duty it thoroughly deserved; that of unpowered cargo vessel, which we towed behind us as we went. Surprisingly, in spite of the load we were now hauling astern, the three of us actually made reasonable progress (a fortunate thing, really, as by this time we had some catching up to do and I was in no state to tolerate anything less), crossing a rather broad and open stretch of water before eventually arriving at the Information Centre at Kinaba, located near the far northern end of the lake. After some rest, refreshments and a brief inspection of the centre we set off once again and immediately entered a maze of deepwater channels which, if not for the fact that they were well signposted, would have had us all hopelessly lost in no time I'm sure. Still, the water was calm, the wind weaker and the going easier and that's all that mattered to me.

One thing I must say here, this part of the Noosa River is a very different sort of wilderness to that which I'm used to seeing. The impression one gains is of a deep, motionless river, its waters darkened considerably by the leaves from the tea trees (so Julie tells me) and flanked by low but very steep tree topped banks, all surrounded by mile after mile of what appears predominantly to be flat, swamp country. I have to confess, in certain places, when conditions were dead still and the surface of that deep, dark, currentless water was scattered with leaves and penetrated here and there by the exposed branches of one or two submerged logs, I personally found it to be almost a little eerie.

Perhaps the gloomy grey skies were more than a little to blame for this. No doubt 'unbearable' is what life would be like in such a place when the breeze abates, the humidity soars and all is exposed to the blazing summer sun.

I can't quite remember what the time was when we reached Harry's Hut, but I suspect it probably wasn't too long after midday. Harry's Hut, which is by far the biggest riverside camping area upstream of the lake and is really more of a campground that a campsite, is (according to the map I studied) one of as many as fifteen designated sites distributed along the river's banks, though it is the only one

easily accessed by road (albeit with 4WD vehicles only). With the steep and somewhat reedy nature of the river's banks allowing few suitable spots to safely land and disembark small craft like ours, I was particularly relieved (not to mention surprised) to discover on approach to this campground that a number of specially constructed landing and departure jetties were provided – not all of which were taken by other boats – and we wouldn't be required to swim for it. Now whether these wooden platforms were put there for our safety and convenience or put there so we shouldn't damage the unique and fragile vegetation (which means, as usual, grass, reeds and other horrible, scungy stuff) at the waters edge, I've no idea but knowing how genuinely considerate most people generally are of their fellow humans I strongly suspect the former to be the case (this is me trying real hard to be positive positive positive now, so I hope you damned well appreciate it!) Following a short break consisting of some much needed rest and riparian refreshments we were soon back in our canoes and continuing our journey up the proverbial creek, finally arriving at our pre-booked campsite not long after 3.00pm.

Now, it was soon after my arrival here that things became very, very interesting indeed. (Rob, Jan, if either of you feels you'd be unable to cope emotionally with a regurgitation [wholly unbiased and totally factually based though it is] of events concerning your botched landing at campsite # 2 then I suggest you avert your eyes now and pick things up again from the commencement of the next paragraph).

I have to confess that due to the fact that Rob and Jan were making for land a few metres further down the river from the point at which I myself had landed and due also to the fact that my view of them was impeded by several small shrubs I'm afraid I wasn't witness to what transpired next, but I sure as hell heard the splash. It was the sort of splash that could never in a million years have been made by anything smaller than the average size teenager, so I knew right away it couldn't be attributed to a falling stick or old bird's nests or kingfisher droppings.

Now, yes, I admit to being told on numerous occasions over the years all about the unrestrained enthusiasm

(some have even said *legendary* unrestrained enthusiasm) with which both Rob and Jan have regularly attacked the cool, calm waters of any nearby stream or bathing pool at the end of a hard day's bushwalking (paddling, in this case). But was that the likely explanation for the splash I heard just now?

Was the heat so fierce and their exhaustion so desperate on this occasion that they could continue to endure for not even a few more minutes?

They absolutely had to get into the water right that very second?

Before they'd even reached the shore?

Straight out of their canoe - clothes and all?

Were they nuts?.....

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

Emu Creek Camp Australia Day Long Weekend

I left Cedar Grove at 9.50a.m. on Australia Day, headed for Emu Creek. I arrived at Aratula at 10.45a.m. and topped up the L.P.G. tank at the B.P. servo. I then drove down to the amenities block to answer an overdue call of nature. I thought I might jag seeing some fellow club members at our usual meeting point and sure enough Ken rolled up beside my car as I was about to drive off. Ken was going to have a coffee at the bakery as he awaited the arrival of Herbert. Ken was to be Herbert's guide as it was to be Herbert's first time at Emu Creek and it could be a bit tricky to find.

I arrived at the camp site at 12.30 p.m. after a relaxing drive. I was very surprised to see such little water in the creeks as I got 7 mm short of six inches of rain in the two storms on the previous Wednesday and Thursday nights. Dave and Andrew had arrived on the Thursday night and their tents were evident as I rolled up. As it turned out they were doing a walk to Cannes

Plains so I had the campsite to myself.

I unloaded my gear and soon had a welcome coffee brewing and had a good feed. I was reading the paper

when Ken arrived at 1.10p.m. with Herbert close behind. As it turned out Herbert was already at Aratula when Ken and I met only he was waiting in a servo up the road. Somehow they found each other and it all worked out o.k. in the end. Herbert was happy to be at the camp site but apparently had his heart in his mouth on all the creek crossings, even though Ken assured him I had already been through in my "mighty" ford. (I'm only glad the creeks weren't up as our Herbert may well have had a heart attack).

The boys were soon erecting tents when Ken said it looks a bit like rain and sure enough we had a brief light shower. Herbert brought a tarp. so he and I soon had it erected and it was good to get our gear out of the sun.



One of the engines of the Lincoln bomber

Andrew and young Dave arrived back at camp at 2.30p.m., a bit the worse for wear as they had started the walk at 6.30a.m. and it was a hot day. The Labans rolled up at about 3.30p.m. in the work truck and they had picked up a long stick, which was sticking up from the back of the truck and looked like a u.h.f. antenna. Andrew assured us the views from Cannes Plains were better than Sentinel Point so this made us keen to get there over the long week-end. There was a fire ban in place on arrival, so our normal camper's circle was not formed, but we had a good chinwag all the same. Early to bed Friday night as Marion, Dave, Herbert and Andrew were doing the full circuit next morning and would be up at 4a.m. Herbert was in for a treat as he would see the Lincoln wreck, Lizard Point and the Steamers in one foul swoop.



View north from Lizard Point on Main Range

Saturday morning now and our early walkers got away at 5.10a.m. Robin Laban, Ken and myself are going to the Lincoln wreck, a walk only Robin Laban has done before. We left camp at 7.20a.m. and the track was pretty obvious most of the time and we reached the engine in the creek at 10.05 a.m. Robin Laban decided he had done enough and waited whilst Ken and I did the hard pull up to the wreck. At 10.20a.m. we left Robin Laban and reached the wreck at 11am. At 11.30a.m. we left the wreck and were back with Robin Laban at 12.05 p.m.

We put the pedal to the metal and were back at camp at 1.45p.m. Robin Laban had a couple of stops to desweat his stump and it was good to see him track walking again. I had a dip in the creek near camp as we had another hot day and this really brought the core temperature down.

The Sheras (John and Julie) rolled up mid afternoon and after setting up camp we all had a bit of a chinwag. It was 7p.m. when our circuit walkers rolled into camp. Fourteen hours after they had set off. You would think they would be dog tired after fourteen hours but most of them stayed up until 11.30p.m. and bug gar me if the same walkers weren't up early the next morning.

Sunday morning and Ken and Herbert pack up after breakfast as they have commitments. The decision is made to try to drive to Connes Plains. This involves driving out towards Emu Vale to get permission from a property owner whose land we have to drive through. We find the property and Dave and Andrew talk to the immediate neighbours who are out and about. Our target property is right next door but they assure us the grumpy old bastard who owns it won't let us through. We bid farewell to Ken and Herbert here

and go back to camp and pack everything up.

We now decide to get to Connes Plains from the other side (the long way). This turns out to be a beautiful drive with spectacular views as we are up nearly one thousand metres at times. We hit another dead end as we don't have permission to drive through the pine plantation as they are harvesting. We drive back to a small country town whose name escapes me, where we have lunch under some huge trees. After lunch I bid my fellow walkers good-bye and head back to Beauy via Killarney whilst the others try to find the Condamine Gorge route. This is my first time along this road so I checked out Browns Falls, did the full circuit at Queen Mary Falls and marveled at the views from Carrs Lookout.. We may not have made it to Connes Plains but what I experienced on my drive home sure made a good second prize. Hopefully we'll get to walk up to Connes Plains at the next camp. I really enjoyed my long weekend camp, so till next time.

Cheers, M.O.A.B.

Bare Rock & Mount Cordeaux, Main Range 11.02.07

The scheduled walk for to-day was Running Creek Falls, but with no four wheel drives available it has been postponed~ We did Bare Rock at Cunningham's Gap instead after such a big Sunday the week before. Our walkers for the day were Marion, Julie, Nicholas, Herbert and Son, Lars; Johnno, Kit and Robin W. We had a pleasant walk through the rainforest which was lush after our recent welcome rain, until reaching the new lookout. We noticed the track was slightly different with the route being rearranged.



Rainforest between
Cordeaux & Bare Rock

Onwards, on that gradual climb we went until we were at the lookout at the base of Mt. Cordeaux. We stopped here for quite a while for smoko and for several of our walkers to take in the stunning views (this being their first time on this walk). We also had a short wait along the track on the way up as a python slowly made his way off the track. Onwards and upwards we went until we finally reached Bare Rock.



Robin, Nils & Herbert – view from Bare Rock

The time was 11.30a.m. and we made this lunch, with all the first timers commenting on the stunning views. The temperature was pleasant as it always seems to be at this spot. I guess it is due to the higher altitude. We were back at the cars at around 1.45p.m. and decided on refreshments at Aratula. From there we all went our separate ways after a pleasant day's outing, except for the many leech bites.

Cheers, M.O.A.B.

FUTURE WALKS & EVENTS - SATURDAY WALKERS

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.*



EASTER 6 – 9 APRIL

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

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.

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 5547 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.*

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



KILIMANJARO – read overleaf



Balloon over Ipswich – PTO.