



THE LOGAN AND BEAUDESERT BUSHWALKERS



M A Y 2 0 0 7 N E W S L E T T E R

Meeting Report

- 10 persons at the meeting including 2 new faces.
- Planning of walks for April / May / June.
- Discussion about other trips away. See planned walks. – especially with long weekends coming up.

WE STILL 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
- Point Lookout to Border Ranges.

JUNE CLUB MEETING is on Tuesday 12 June 2007 at the Community Centre, Wharf Street, Logan Village, - 7.30 pm. Cuppa afterwards. Members and visitors are welcome

NB: The June meeting will also be our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

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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
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 – ARE YOU KEEN? Only \$200 per person and completely refundable if called off. (which can happen in fickle weather.)

We won't be going until some time in August, but need definite numbers. Please re-confirm with Ken to book a date if you are going along for the ride.
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FIRE ANTS

D.P.I. representative didn't turn up for our May meeting.

We shall arrange another date.

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.

13 May – Up SE Ridge / down South Ridge (Peasants Ridge) (Mt Barney) Marion (3805 3300) to coordinate. Meet Rathdowney 6.30am.

20 May – Turtle rock / Egg Rock from Binna Burra. Meet at Canungra at 7.00 am. Robin Watt to coordinate. Phone Robin on 5543 2655.

27 May – Mt Maroon (caves circuit) – Grade 3 Meet at the angle parking, Mt Lindesday Highway, Jubilee Park, Beaudesert at 7.00am. Malcolm Hill to coordinate (Ph: 0421 118 686 or 3287 4934).

3rd June – Leaning Peak, Mt Barney
- Robin Watt coordinating (5543 2655) Difficult Walk and 1000 metres climbed. Meet 5am. Rathdowney. (number limit)

Alternate easier walk -

3rd June – Neglected Mountain. meet at the angle parking, Mt Lindesday Highway, Jubilee park, Beaudesert to car pool **by 7-30am.** Robin Laban to coordinate (3805 3300)

9/10/11 June (Queens birthday long weekend)CAMP south branch Emu Creek. Conns Plain & the Steamers)

11 June – Apex Swap Meet at Allora

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.

24 June – Mt Moon – Robin Watt to coordinate (Ph: 5543 2655). Meet at Springleigh Park, Boonah at 7.30am.



DAY- WALK ESSENTIALS

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

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

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
Plus O'Reillys to Binna
Burra with key swap at
Fountain Falls
01.04.2007
By Robin Watt**



Fountain Falls

We had 9 walkers meet at 6.30am at Canungra whilst Malcolm and Lynne were to be at the Info Centre down from Binna Burra.

The Canungra walkers were: Marion, Julie, Justin, Nicholas, Kirsty, Peter, Johnno, Herbert and Robin W. Marion seemed to have things organized and sent Herbert and Johnno up in Herbert's car to the Info Centre to meet and walk with Lynne and Malcolm. The rest of us piled into Marion's 4 x 4 and my mighty Ford wagon to drive to and park at the top of Bull Ant Spur.

On arrival at Bull Ant Spur conditions were quite cool with a strong wind blowing. We started our trek to Fountain Falls at 7.35am with everyone happy to be going down the spur rather than up. We soon warmed up as we descended towards the Blue Pool. There seemed to be lots more leaves and debris than normal (probably due to the dry conditions) and the leaves made slipping of the boots a regular occurrence. We lost the track briefly near the bottom, but Justin sorted things out and we arrived at the Blue Pool at 8.20am. A quick rest and snack here then across the creek and a short walk right with lots of tape to show the start. We had a steep pull up here as we followed the tape and arrived on top of the ridge at 9.15am where two wide bands of yellow tape were found. I pinned a note to a tree here to let the ridge which was forever veering to the right, until we reached our next climb up to the rock cairn where we found another two wide bands of yellow tape at 9.50am.

A short break here to compose before we started our descent to the falls. We

lost the tape and the track after hitting the flat section so the map and compass were put to use by Peter who soon had us mobile with Kirsty keeping us true to the compass setting, if we began to wander off course. Eventually we hit pink tape again which really does make navigation and speed so much better. We reached the falls at 11.15am to be greeted by Malcolm who hadn't long arrived. Lynne, Herbert and Johnno were just dropping down towards the base of the falls so the timing was perfect. Being April Fool's Day, Peter told the other group we had run into a Ranger at the bottom of Bull Ant Spur and the ranger had taken all his particulars. The ranger stressed Bull Ant Spur was closed and we had to tell Malcolm's group to use the other route out which would have meant a long walk down the road to the vehicles Lynne seemed to be the only one stressing over the change in plans, but they eventually cottoned on to us and we all had a good laugh about it.

We all left the falls at twelve noon and our lot were soon at the double pink tape where Malcolm suggested we keep going up the ridge as there were lots more land slips and lots of ups and arounds which had slowed them down so much. We took his advice and apart from patches of lawyer vine we had a really good run up to the top of the range arriving at 1.15pm. We were soon along the ridge to the lookout where we had a quick break as we took in to the view down the valley past Binna Burra. We could see our ridge down to the river from the lookout, however we had a bit of trouble locating the ridge and had to do a bit of toing and froing until we spotted some tape. We got down the ridge o.k. after another hick-up finding the turn at the cliff and ended up somehow or another at the Woongoorool Pool at 3pm. We were slightly off course but this turned out to be a short cut so who's complaining.

Now for the pull up to the Info Centre, definitely not my favourite stretch of track. We were at the cars at 3.55pm. Marion was driving Lynne's limo down to Canungra and boy! Didn't she have fun and games firstly trying to open the boot and then trying to get the driver's seat to go back (all electronically controlled of course). I was driving Herbert's mighty Ford and had a dream run which is what you come to expect from a Ford. Down to Gibbo's

for refreshments or should I say the "Woodcutters Inn", new name and new owners I believe. The coffee and milkshakes are now spot on. Herbert eventually rolled up at the toilet block so we walked over to see him. He said the others would be about half an hour with the main reason being they had a slight err in navigation which caused them to be so late. I waited as long as I could and just as I was pulling out they rolled up. I am sure this won't be the last time we do the key swap as it was a great day in the Great South East.

EASTER CAMP GOOMBURRA 6 - 9 April 2007

By Robin Watt

I arrived at the Goomburra campsite at 2.30pm on Good Friday, probably two hours later than anticipated due to the thorough cleaning of my wagon or should that be the mighty Ford wagon. I was shocked to see the Labans had beaten me as usually everybody beats the Labans. Malcolm had arrived on the Thursday and had commandeered a top spot with his huge tarp providing shelter for all. I was ushered to my tent and carpark sites by Lynne, Ken and Robin L. and I was soon tucking into my lunch (be it late) and a nice hot coffee. I had a lovely drive up sitting on the speed limit only to be overtaken by numerous vehicles, bad, bad, people. Me being a driver who loves the bends between Bromelton and the Boonah turnoff and would normally exceed the limit by ten to twenty kilometres per hour, I was delighted when a Police car came from the opposite direction and there was I sitting on my safe and legal one hundred kilometres per hour – now that's a good feeling.

Malcolm and Herbert were off doing the loop out to Sylvester's Lookout on my arrival and I was informed mostly all the walkers had done the ridge top circuit earlier in the day. There was our campfire burning which was to be well patronised over the weekend and the nice big chunks of firewood had come from Lynne's place and transported on Malcolm's new home made and well designed trailer. There were heaps and heaps of people in both campgrounds with dozens and dozens of tents, trailers and caravans

of all shapes and sizes with just as many scattered in clumps all along the dirt road as you drive in. Of course there were lots of children present and if there is one thing I love, it is the sound of children at play with all their yelling and screaming. Radios, lets not forget radios, as some people seem not to be able to do. I mean we go camping to get away from radios and unnecessary noises but some people just can't let go for a few days.



Saturday morning after breakfast and having been woken by our reliable alarm clock and chief fire starter (Herbert) we are off in Malcolm's 4 x 4. We, being Marion, Lynne, Herbert, Johnno, Malcolm and Robin W. are going to do a first time walk to Point Pure. We drove past Sylvester's Lookout out to the end of the road and parked. We started walking at 7.20am along the road (for the Ranger's car use) only passing the sign for the walk out to Mt Castle Lookout four hundred meters as we go. We go along here several kilometres until the maps and GPSs are consulted and signal a left turn onto a ridge and the start of our off track adventure begins. Navigation is tricky and quite regular map and GPS consultation is needed to avoid unnecessary walking. At 8.50am we take a turn to the right down onto another ridge and head in a mainly Westerly direction. At 9.50am we have a well earned smoko then continue on through rainforest which is not too thick to negotiate but has plenty of prickly and thorny trunked trees just waiting for a walker to grab a hold of. We found a huge hanging vine which Malcolm and Johnno tried out much to our amusement. With an hour to go we were out of the rainforest into open dry sclerophyl type land and first up we had a fairly big drop down. We came across some cattle who were into the lush green grass on the flat sections. We were now close to the escarpment and starting to get views of the other ranges and valleys and it looked good. We eventually found Point Pure after a

couple of false alarms. We had fantastic views down into Blackfellow Creek and across the distant ranges. Glen Rock and Mt Philp could easily be seen to the North. The time was 12.30pm and we had lunch until 1.15pm when we reluctantly had to leave our great spot for the return journey.



The return journey was quicker and easier as we had a semblance of a track to follow now. When we reached the vine swing it was the girls turn for a swing with Herbert recording the antics with his camera on video mode. When we reached the road for the walk out we had cut twenty minutes off our going in time. We reached the 4 x 4 at 5.10pm all glad our big adventure was over. Ken and Robin L had filled the day in by 4 x 4ing in the Labans new pick up. They did some short walks as well with Ken being quite chuffed about finding what he considers to be a short cut to above the rock pools and waterfall. As we arrive back at camp it seems a hippie looking old chap has spotted the advertising on the back of my wagon and is enquiring to Ken and Robin L about walks in the area.

Sunday morning and Marion, Herbert, Ken, Johnno and Robin W are doing a walk to Mt Castle – at least as far as hole in the wall. Our hippie whose name turned out to be Kerry rolls up as we are having breakfast and decides he wants to come along for the walk. When we are about to leave I walk down to their campsite and it turns out there is an Indian guy (William) and a Japanese guy (Paul) also coming along. We get away in the might Ford wagon and they follow us in their 4 x 4 up to Sylvester's Lookout. We all make it to the camping ground above hold in the wall o.k., but as we are descending to the base of the cliff, Kerry (our hippie bloke) calls it a day. The rest of us going on to the "Hole in the wall" and the other two boys are very impressed. Everyone decides to go back from her except for Johnno,

Herbert and Robin W. who go on to the summit of Mt Castle.



View of Mt Castle from Winder Track

On the summit we met two male and two female through walkers who had left a car at Sylvester's Lookout and camped the previous night above "Hole in the wall" and who were walking right along Mt Castle and down to a second car down at the base of the range. We got back to camp around 4pm and Herbert and I started packing up. Lynne and Malcolm had driven to Allora to attend Sunday Mass and Lynne had some "huge" hot cross buns that went down a treat. At 4.30pm Herbert and I bid our fellow walkers the best as they were staying another night. I followed Herbert's car most of the way to Aratula where we had a feed and a coffee. I pumped all four tyres up here which were quite under their proper pressure. I had been worried at the camp one of my tyres had a slow leak but on closer inspection it turned out all four were low. I was to hear later in the week that Lynne had to ask her camping neighbours to "keep the bloody noise down" so she could sleep on the night we left!!

The bull-dusty dirt roads had made a mess of the outside of the wagon with the tailgate window completely hidden with dust. At least the interior was nice and clean so all my hard work wasn't a complete waste of time. Many thanks to Malcolm for booking the campsites and all the work and organisation of the campsites and the walks.

Cheers, M.O.A.B.

Back Creek Abseiling And Walk to Killarney Glen 15.04.2007 By Robin Watt

Lynne, Malcolm, Steve, Paul, Johnno, Herbert and Robin W. met at Canungra at 7am or in my case, 7.05am by my watch. I took the mighty Ford wagon up and left it at the Killarney Glen track start and continued on in Lynne's limo to our journey's beginning, around the corner from Windabout Road. Steve soon joined us in his 4 x 4 and the abseiling gear was soon out of the box and being fitted to our walkers. We had two long ropes and away we went at 7.50am.

We bypassed Denham Falls this time as we were going all the way down the creek to Killarney Glen and were worried about time. As we got past the Lookout over Denham Falls, Malcolm was onto me as to where the track descended down to the creek. With my memory, Malcolm might as well have asked me what tyre pressures I would put in the wheels of a Jumbo Jet. As it turned out we worried for nothing as the descent track and the main track are one and the same. With an easy descent we soon reached the creek just down from Ginslip Falls. Lynne and Herbert formed a rock cairn here to signal the track turn just in case we had to come back this way.

A short rock hop and we were at Cavern Falls where Malcolm abseiled first and I soon joined him. Next thing we know Ken rolls up out of nowhere with no pack and no food. Herbert and I decide to go onto the next abseil with the second rope, to speed things up. We arrive at Rainbow Falls and Herbert soon has the rope set up and has abseiled down. Steve soon joins us on top then down I go with the others soon arriving and in no time we are all at the bottom ready to move onto Twin Falls. We set up the two ropes at Twin Falls and we are all down quickly as the time factor is always in the back of our minds. We decide to have smoko here in the shade at 10.15am with Ken receiving food offers from all directions. At

10.35am we moved on down the creek with this area being uncharted territory for all of us, except for a short stretch of the creek we did quite a while back when we hit acres of lantana. Some walkers who take the time to read the walk reports will recall a one off report by Malcolm Hill entitled "If Only", say no more. The going was slow with lots of scunge most of the time with a fair bit of rock hopping, however there were patches where you could "make a mile".

We had lunch on the slabby rock section at 11.50am as we were entertained by paragliders probably seven in all as they made their way to the West. At 12.20pm we were mobile again snaking our way down the creek until we hit the first of two gorges. The first gorge was very small but quite pretty after all the crappy creek we had seen so far. Further along was the second gorge, now this was a different story as it was quite big and it was a lovely sight, like a rose in the middle of a desert. Navigation through the gorge was quite tricky with its high rock walls so it was a case of lots of ups and downs. Ken and Herbert had the best idea from the start as they went straight up and over the gorge. The only thing with this approach was you missed the beauty of the gorge itself, with the crystal clear water pools and the sculptured curves of the rocks. We had a light bit of rain soon after the big gorge which made the rock hopping even more dangerous.

At 2.30pm Malcolm checked the map again and as per usual we all said "Malcolm" how much longer to Killarney Glen? As we were all fed up with rock hopping and all the scunge by now. Twenty minutes he said! and by gee he was spot on as we lolled in right on 2.50pm at Killarney Glen. Paul and I headed straight to the big swimming hole to get the core temperature down as the humidity had been a killer all day. Everyone else marvelled at and took photos of the rock formations which the water had carved out over thousands of years. Old Paddy's house was checked out as well as the cooking quarters now utilised by the Army on bivouacs. We all spent a fair bit of time here as it really is a beautiful area. We even saw several tourists and bushwalkers which just proves my point. At 3.25pm we did the shortish but steepish pull up to my might Ford wagon arriving at 3.50pm. Now to run the drivers back up to their vehicles at the start of the

walk, after an interesting day of bushwalking, abseiling and rock hopping.

Cheers, M.O.A.B.

PS. Ken was a naught boy for not ringing the walk co-ordinator as we met at 7am and not 8am as Ken had assumed.

Mt Huntley Saddle Through Walk By Marion Laban

Our participants for this great campout was John, Julie, Nicholas and Justin Shera, and Robin and Marion Laban. We put the packs in the back of the Triton as Robin was driving as far up the hill as he could get, while the rest of us walked. The track where Robin drove was much more open than we've ever seen it, and there were survey pegs everywhere, so we think there will soon be fencing put up between private property and the National Park to keep the cattle out of the NP etc. Our side track around the huge log now looks just like the rest of the track, as if it has always been there.



We had a short break with Robin and the Triton before donning our packs for the short steep climb to the cliff break. This was quite exciting for Robin who usually misses out. He was armed with 2 walking poles, and did tackle the slope with gusto, and I had to tell him to "take it easy" and to try and pace himself.

In no time at all we were at our camp site with plenty of time to take it easy, wander around taking photos etc.



Now the thing about through walking and camping out on the mountain tops (that people just don't get) is as the sun starts to set, the views are just to die for. You see, on a day walk, you only get to see the view in the middle of the day, which is not when the views are at their best. And I can tell you, the sunset didn't disappoint – it was fantastic as usual.



The next morning, it was very misty in our campsite. I woke up, unzipped the fly on the tent to take a peak outside, to a very misty morning.



FUTURE WALKS & EVENTS - SATURDAY WALKERS

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 5546 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.

2 June - Mt Hobwee (18.2 klms Gr. 1.5 - 2) – This track leads gradually uphill through rainforest to the summit.(1140m) Starting time at Binna Burra car park 8am. Phone SUE (5546 8781) or (0414 575 509)

9 June - Bunya Mtns - POSTPONED

9 June - Jenny's Waterhole (Barney area) Half day Gr. 1.5 – This walk starts at Yellow Pinch car park and leads uphill for approx.15 minutes, from that point on the walk is easy going with great views of Mt Lindesay and Barney. Phone SUE (5546 8781)

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 Ginbroken 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.

FIRST AID COURSE

Expressions of interest from ALL Club Members welcome.
Ph: 5546 8781.
Sundays 27 May and 3 June.

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.

SOME MORE PICTURES FROM THE NZ TRIP - page 7 -