



# THE LOGAN AND BEAUDESERT BUSHWALKERS Inc.



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## May 2010

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## Day Walk Essentials

Make sure these are in your pack  
**Every Week Every Walk**

- Hat
- Food
- Jumper
- Raincoat
- Sunscreen
- Torch
- Watch
- First-aid Kit
- 1-2ltr Water
- Paper & Pencil
- Map & Compass
- Insect Repellent
- Lighter Matches
- Togs if swimming
- Whistle

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Some walks may be changed at the last minute due to weather or other conditions

PLEASE ensure you contact the coordinator before your chosen walk

## ATTENTION

FRIDAY is the deadline to notify the walk coordinator for day walks

PLEASE NOTE

Through walks, base camps and Saturday walks must notify the coordinator no later than THURSDAY

(The earlier the better)

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010**  
**Community Centre**  
**Wharf Street**  
**Logan Village**  
**after guest speaker**

**7pm**  
**Guest Speaker – Ronda Green**  
**Scenic Rim Wildlife Assoc**  
**Reptile slide show presentation**

**PLEASE NOTE NEW STARTING TIME**



*Sheepstation Creek 2May10*

## New Zealand

The Club is planning a trip to New Zealand probably the first 2 weeks in February 2011.

If you are interested would you please email the following info to Heather at:

[heather.okeeffe@racq.com.au](mailto:heather.okeeffe@racq.com.au)

- Dates that would suit
- Any walks you are interested in doing

The walks that have been mentioned so far are:

Milford, Routeburn, Heaphy, Tekapo Alpine (guided) Queen Charlotte, Banks Peninsula and Abel Tasman.

**(Any person wanting to walk The Milford track needs to book by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010)**

As soon as we get numbers and preferred walks we can start organising.

Thanks Heather

## Minutes of Meeting

### Logan & Beaudesert Bushwalkers

11<sup>th</sup> May 2010

**Meeting opened at 8.05am**

**Sue welcomed**

**Visitors** Jo Curtin and Linda Gladstone and

**Members:** Bev Schofield, Sue Simpson, Lindsay Hicks, Betty Laird, Marie McGahan, Kath Rouse, Jenny Kemp, Heather O'Keeffe, Bill Dryburgh, Doreen Davenport, Robin Watt, Brian Watson, Frank Peel, Lynne Lucas and Marie Roberts

**Apologies:** Malcolm Hill

### Minutes of the previous meeting:

As per April Newsletter. Betty accepted the minutes as being accurate.  
Seconded by Marie McGahan

### Business arising from the Minutes:

Funding application to go into the next round (Round 64)

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Balance		2237.62
Plus membership	\$20.00	

Balance held at end of period		2257.62
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Lynne moved that the report be received. Seconded by Marie McGahan

### **Correspondence In:**

- BWQ Letter from the President (BWQ taking part in Active Outdoors Expo)
- Peter Rice – Logan City Country Music Muster
- Neville (GCBW) – Regarding a copy of Map Darlington/Lamington area.  
Newsletters: Brisbane Gold Coast Bushwalkers, Brisbane Bushwalkers
- Catholic Bushwalkers ([www.bcbc.bwq.org.au](http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au)).
- Qld. Government – Community Benefit Fund Application failed. (Gone into next round 64)
- Hinze Dam Alliance (Consultation Meeting Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May - 7.30pm to 9pm) RSVP no later than Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May

### **Correspondence Out:**

- Our Newsletter.
- Neville (GCBW) – Offering help for track maintenance & requesting copy of Map.
- Newsletters to prospective Members

Marie R. moved that the correspondence be approved. Seconded by Marie McGahan.

### **General Business:**

**Donation:** To be mailed to Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland.

**Funding Application:** Marie R. to apply for funding for a PLB from Qld.Credit Union.

**Personal Location Beacon:** Sue suggested that the Club purchase a PLB, Lynne commented that the Insurance bill has to be paid before any money can be spent on other things.

**Christmas Celebration Suggestions:** Two venue suggestions were put forward – Crows Nest and Cressbrook on Cressbrook Lake.

**BWQ Brochures from Active Outdoor Expo:** These brochures will be available for clubs to place in outdoor equipment retailers, libraries etc., club details can be placed on the back. Marie R. to follow up.

**Queens Birthday Week-end ( 12-13-14 June)** Sue suggested Sunshine Coast Hinterland or Cooloola.

**Discussion on future trips:** Heather said that The Rotary Clubs of New Zealand organize walks etc., walkers would have to join The Rotary Club to obtain the benefits; also a 3 day Alpine guided walk is available.

**Any person wanting to walk The Milford track need to book by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010**

**Walks updated.**

**Meeting closed 8.40pm**

## 4WD Trip

Rob and Jan Sammons and Kit and myself are travelling north to Barron Falls National Park, across to Lawn Hill National Park and then home through Mt Isa and down to Boulia, Bedourie or Birdsville in the last two weeks of July and the first two weeks of August.

By the time we have finished we will have virtually travelled all the way around Queensland paralleling its coastline and the borders - except in the extreme north of Cape York Peninsula????? A more comprehensive itinerary can be found below.

### Itinerary

I have not had time to determine a thorough itinerary but it would basically be:

- Travel up Brisbane Valley Highway and meet Rob and Jan at Tansey.
- Continue northwards to Monto and Cania Gorge National Park.
- Onwards to the eastern side of Carnarvon National Park.
- Travel further north to Eungella National Park just west of Mackay.
- Up to Charters Towers and thence to Barron Falls National Park and Undarra Lava Tubes.
- Possibly up the Daintree but then across the cape to Normanton via Burke Developmental Road.
- From Normanton and Karumba through Burketown to Lawn Hill National Park.
- From Burketown to Camooweal and Mt Isa.

There is a number of ways to come home depending on availability of time.

- We could come home via Bedourie and Birdsville.
- We could come home via Boulia and Winton.
- We could come home via Bedourie and Windorah.

In the main we would avoid primary roads – highways - and travel those less travelled and less busy. Night times would be spent in camping grounds associated with National Parks or other suitable sites so there is a need to be self-contained from a sleeping and eating point of view.

All of us have had plenty of experience with this sort of exercise so if you are interested in obtaining additional information with a view to “tagging along” just give us a call.

**Peter 5543 2108**



THE CULTURAL FORECOURT, SOUTH BANK | SATURDAY MAY 29

On May 29 QORF, in conjunction with the RESI River Race, is once again proud to be hosting the Active Outdoors Expo on the Cultural Forecourt at South Bank in Brisbane.(see map below)

The Active Outdoors Expo is the only event designed to showcase the range of outdoor activity opportunities we have in Queensland and to encourage active healthy participation in the outdoors.

There's something for everyone at the Active Outdoors Expo with an action packed, fun filled day of activities, demonstrations and exhibitions...

For further information follow the link [http://www.qorf.org.au/01\\_cms/details.asp?ID=1355](http://www.qorf.org.au/01_cms/details.asp?ID=1355)

## Walk Gradings

### Distance

- S** Short - Under 10km  
**M** Medium - 10 – 15 km  
**L** Long - 15 – 20 km  
**X** Extra Long - 20+ km

### Fitness

- 1 – 3** Easy - suitable for beginners  
**4 – 6** Medium - reasonable level of fitness required  
**7 – 9** Hard - Strenuous, fit walkers only

### Terrain

- 1 – 3** Graded or open terrain, no scrub on track  
**4 – 6** Minor scrub, rainforest, rock hopping, scrambling, off track or part-track  
**7 – 9** Thick scrub, rock scrambling, using hands or ropes, off track

### Activity

- D.W.** Day Walk  
**B.C.** Base Camp  
**T.W.** Through Walk  
**SOC** Social Activity  
**S&T** Safety and Training  
**Bush Qld** Bush Walking Qld  
**FMR** Federation Mountain Rescue

## Future Walks

<h1>May 2010</h1>					
When	Outing	Type	Grade	Coordinator	Phone
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>West Canungra Creek Circuit (O'Reillys)</b> The walk descends to the Blue Pool, the home of some large eels. The track from here crosses the Canungra Creek several times before joining the Box Forest Circuit. We will continue on to Elabana Falls and picnic Rock before returning to O'Reillys.	<b>D.W.</b>	<b>M-4-3</b>	<b>Marie R</b>	<b>3297 5204</b>
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Egg Rock</b> From Numinbah Maybe different route	<b>D.W.</b>	<b>M-7-5</b>	<b>Lynne</b> 7am Canungra	<b>0407 643 375</b>
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mt Maroon</b> Needless to say this walk is all up with some scrambling before the saddle, the view from the top is well worth the effort.	<b>D.W.</b>	<b>M-5-4</b>	<b>Marie R</b>	<b>3297 5204</b>
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Illinbah Circuit</b> Binna Burra Track walk along the Coomera river and then up the hill to the starting point.	<b>D.W.</b>	<b>M-3-3</b>	<b>Lynne</b>	<b>0407 643 375</b>

# June 2010

When	Outing	Type	Grade	Coordinator	Phone
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Berrinba Park,</b> Wayne Goss Drive, Heritage Park Short walk and BBQ	D.W.	S-1-1	<b>Robyn</b> Phone for starting time	<b>3803 3095</b>
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mt Barney Gorge -</b> 2 day Up gorge, camp, return via N. Pk	T.W.	L-5-6	<b>Malcolm</b> 6am Jubilee Park Beaudesert	<b>0421 118 686</b>
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Karawatha Park</b> And <b>Bookfest in Brisbane</b> Meet at Acacia Road entrance (map 221 UBD)	D.W.	S-1-1	<b>Heather</b>	<b>3208 6420</b>
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Queens Birthday</b> If no camp <b>Cougals via Currumbin Plains</b>	D.W.	M-5-5	<b>Lynne</b> 7am Mudgeeraba	<b>0407 643 375</b>
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Glasshouse Mountains</b> (1) Ngun Ngun (2) Trachyte Circuit	D.W.	S-3-4 S-1-1	<b>Marie R</b> Meet Rob and Jan at Glasshouse Village at 9:30am	<b>3297 5204</b>
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lynne and Malcolm away</b> <b>If interested in a walk phone</b>			<b>Robin</b>	<b>5543 2655</b>
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Yellow Pinch Circuit</b> We cross the creek several times, coming out at the road that leads to Peasants Ridge Track. Will visit Yellow Pinch Lookout before returning to our cars.	D.W.	S-3-4	<b>Frank</b>	<b>5547 8229</b>
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lynne and Malcolm away</b> <b>If interested in a walk phone</b>			<b>Robin</b>	<b>5543 2655</b>

# July 2010

When	Outing	Type	Grade	Coordinator	Phone
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Lower Portals</b> This undulating track leads to a gorge on Barney Creek, returning via the same track BBQ lunch after the walk	D.W.	M-4-4	<b>Lesley</b>	<b>5537 1773</b> <b>0417 704 145</b>
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Main Range - Multi day</b> Start Spicers to Teviot or Emu Creek	D.W.	L-5-5	<b>Malcolm</b> 6am Jubilee Park Beaudesert	<b>0421 118 686</b>
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lyre Bird Lookout – O’Reillys</b> This is a foot-worn track leading to a lookout taking in Lost World. We will visit O’Reillys guest BBQ area which overlooks O’Reillys guest house, returning via the red road and the wishing tree track.	D.W.	M-3-4	<b>Marie R</b>	<b>3297 5204</b>
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>					
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Jenny’s Waterhole</b> Cronan Creek – Mt Barney area. After a short steep hill the walk is easy going with great views of Mt Lindesay.	D.W.	M-3-3	<b>Heather</b> 8am Yellowpinch	<b>3208 6420</b>
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Flinders Peak and Mt Blane</b> 2 peaks or just 1? BBQ in between?	D.W.	S-4-4	<b>Lynne</b> 7am Jubilee Park Beaudesert	<b>0407 643 375</b>
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Wildlife Expo</b> Beaudesert – Arts & Info Centre			<b>Marie R</b>	<b>3297 5204</b>
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ipswich Walk</b>	D.W.		<b>Marie Mac</b>	<b>3297 5527</b>

<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>					
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>City Walk</b> Approx 10km Meet in the car park at the Powerhouse Centre for Arts, Laminton Street, New Farm	<b>D.W.</b>		<b>Lynne</b>	<b>3272 8239</b>

## August 2010

When	Outing	Type	Grade	Coordinator	Phone
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Little Liverpool Range</b> Beau Brummel, grass Tree and Kangaroo Mountain?	<b>D.W.</b>	<b>M-5-5</b>	<b>Malcolm</b> 6am Jubilee Park Beaudesert	<b>0421 118 686</b>
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lower Bellbird Track</b> The track leads to Binna Burra road 500mtrs from the Information Centre. We will return to Binna Burra car park via the road or Caves Track	<b>D.W.</b>	<b>M-3-3</b>	<b>Lesley</b>	<b>5537 1773</b> <b>0417 704 145</b>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>					
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Toooloona Circuit - O'Reillys</b> This is a walk of many waterfalls and cascades.	<b>D.W.</b>	<b>L-4-3</b>	<b>Marie R</b> 8am O'Reillys car park	<b>3297 5204</b>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mt Castle</b> Camp?	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Malcolm</b> 6am Jubilee Park Beaudesert	<b>0421 118 686</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b> <b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Pilgrimage</b> Toowoomba Bushwalkers will be hosting the Pilgrimage at Crows Nest Show Grounds, as yet the registration form and walk list is not on the web.	Details on BWQ website <a href="http://www.bushwalkingqueensland.org.au/">www.bushwalkingqueensland.org.au/</a>			
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>					
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Python Rock, Pat's Bluff and Luke's Bluff</b> Starting at Python Rock we will visit the three lookouts, returning to our cars via the road	<b>D.W.</b>	<b>M-3-3</b>	<b>Marie R</b> 8am Python Rock	<b>3297 5204</b>
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Teviot Gap</b> To Lizard Point via here and there?	<b>D.W.</b>	<b>L-5-5</b>	<b>Malcolm</b> 7am Jubilee Park Beaudesert	<b>0421 118 686</b>

## September 2010

When	Outing	Type	Grade	Coordinator	Phone
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Warrie Circuit</b> Springbrook A beautiful with many waterfalls but be prepared for the uphill stint on the way out.	<b>D.W.</b>	<b>L-3-4</b>	<b>Lesley</b>	<b>5537 1773</b> <b>0417 704 145</b>
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>					
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Plunket Reserve</b> This walk winds through strands of eucalyptus and a variety of heath. An easy walk in the local area.	<b>D.W.</b>	<b>S-2-2</b>	<b>Sue</b>	<b>5546 8781</b>
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mt May</b> <b>2 peaks for the price of one</b>	<b>D.W.</b>	<b>M-5-5</b>	<b>Lynne</b> 7am Jubilee Park Beaudesert	<b>0407 643 375</b>
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mt Cordeaux and Bare Rock</b> The graded track zigzags up the	<b>D.W.</b>	<b>M-3-3</b>	<b>Heather</b>	<b>3208 6420</b>

	slope of Mt Cordeaux passing through rainforest with some superb brush box trees. Hopefully the Giant Spear Lilly will be in bloom.				
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>					
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Westrays Grave, Christmas Creek</b> After crossing Christmas Creek we will follow the south branch to the gravesite. Be prepared to get your feet wet.	<b>D.W.</b>	<b>M-3-5</b>	<b>Marie R</b> 8am Stinson Park, Christmas Creek	<b>3297 5204</b>
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Emu Creek Camp</b> <b>Various walks</b>	<b>B.C.</b>	<b>M/L-5-5</b>	<b>Malcolm</b> TBA Jubilee Park Beaudesert	<b>0421 118 686</b>

## October 2010

When	Outing	Type	Grade	Coordinator	Phone
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>		<b>D.W.</b>			
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Brisbane Forest</b> Various Walks		<b>M/L-5-5</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>D.W.</b>			
<b>Sunday</b>					
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup></b>					
<b>Sunday</b>					
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>					
<b>Sunday</b>					
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Walk and sleepover</b> <b>Rob and Jan's</b> <b>Gympie</b> The walk will be in rainforest plus a trip to Poona Lake.				

## Walk Reports

### **Mt Blaine 14 Mar 10**

Lynne, Malcolm, Robin, Andrew, Dave and Johnno met at Jubilee Park at 7am. Johnno and Dave went in the mighty "Ford" Laser and the rest in Malcolm's Prado.

Out to Stinson Park we went to do Larapinta Falls and Westrays Grave. On the drive out we had showers and as we reached the end of the road the sky looked black and threatening. As we exited the vehicles the rain started – not very heavy but quite steady. We stood procrastinating for what seemed an age as the rain kept coming down. The decision was made to abort this walk and drive west to do Flinders Peak.

Off to Flinders we went with Johnno leading the way. Along the narrow dirt road we met a Land Drover coming the other way from an Adventure Tour Group. This fellow didn't even attempt to pull left and Johnno had to hug the embankment to pass with mirrors nearly touching. In fact this fellow had the cheek to ask Johnno to back up. Now it was our turn. This other fellow asked Malcolm to back up a bit, which he did reluctantly and Malcolm in return told this other fellow what he thought of his 4 wheel driving skills or should I say lack of. The rest of the drive to Flinders Peak was good as we thought we had left the rain behind us.

There was controversy on arrival at Flinders Peak as to whether or not it was open to walkers so we opted for Mt Blaine instead. The road up the first section, which was nicely mowed last time, had grass a metre high and wet to boot so that was fun. Dave found a Persimmon tree on the way up in fruit so some of us tried the fruit for the first time but it didn't go down too well. After the road we did a 90° turn and followed the fence up the ridge. We eventually crossed the fence and the fun began with the Lantana and the scunge. The big patch of rocky scree was our only respite from the lantana and vines.

There were tracks all over the place so finding our way was a challenge. We eventually made the summit which afforded good views for 360°s where we had smoko. Johnno climbed down a bit to sample some prickly pear fruit but didn't seem too impressed by the look on his face. We could see patches of dark cloud with rain falling in the distance at various locations but we seemed to be having a good run staying dry.

We started our descent with the right? route still being a challenge to find. As we got down to the road the humidity was stifling and Andrew and I quickened our pace and pulled away from the other walkers. With a hundred metres to go to the vehicles the heavens opened up and we had the heaviest rain for the day. Andrew and I stayed reasonable dry but the others were not so lucky. They all had a change of clothes so that was good thinking on their part.

Needless to say once the rain had passed the sun was back out again. Now it was back to Beauy to partake of some warm food and hot beverages after not one of our better day's weather wise in the Great South East.

Cheers Robin Watt

### **East and West Canungra Creeks 11 Apr 10**

Lynne, Malcolm and Robin met at Canungra at 5am and Lynne drove us up in the Beamer to the top of Bull Ant Spur where we left the car. We started our walk at 6am down Bull Ant Spur to the Blue Pool. We erred on navigation down near the pool but there were no real dramas. We then crossed the creek and turned up the ridge as if to go to Fountain Falls. As we reached the triple tape on the tree at the top of the climb we turned left and not the usual right. We saw a dark coloured snake along here with gold bands around the body and Lynne believed it to be a baby python and Malcolm as possible tiger snake – my money was on Malcolm.

We took smoko at the start of the ridge and then followed the ridge checking the map and GPS as we went. The going was pretty good with not too many obstacles. We eventually dropped down to the right on the ridge to get down into East Canungra Creek. Leeches were to become a problem and we were constantly on leech patrol. We followed the creek down by rock hopping or short cuts through the rainforest where we eventually found the old track in places which made progress a lot quicker. Some areas of the creek looked really good especially where we come across the waterfall. We had lunch only five minutes from the meeting point of the two creeks, a fact Malcolm realised as he checked maps as we lunched.

After lunch we had a twenty minute walk to our climb out of the creek point which none of us had been looking forward to. I became separated from Lynne and Malcolm as we skirted the water course because I took to the ridge earlier than I should have. We kept in touch for a while with HEY BOBS and then I shouted "I'll see you at the top". This really was a steep climb and I was zapped by the time I reached the top. I had a snack and refreshments as I waited for Lynne and Malcolm, who eventually arrived with Malcolm carrying two packs being the gentleman that he is.

The two kilometre walk back along the range seemed to never end but eventually the car was reached at 4pm. I ended up with 8 leech bites and a multitude of grass tick bites and 2 ticks embedded, one under the arm and one in the belly. The others fared better than me with Lynne complaining of grass tick bites. The day was really good until the climb out of the creek to the car which took its toll and being such a hot day didn't help matters either.

To rub salt into our wounds the cafes in Canungra were shut by the time we arrived so refreshments were cancelled.

Cheers Robin Watt

## **Ships Stern Circuit**

**18 Apr 10**

Andrew, Sue, Kit, Lynne and Robin met at Canungra at 7am. We all headed up to Binna Burra in 3 vehicles. We started our walk at 7:45am and followed the Border Track in an anticlockwise direction.

I was tail end Charlie for the day and Kit and I basically did the walk together as our fellow walkers were always well ahead of us (but there's nothing wrong with that). We would always get together at turn points or meal times etc.

Our first big stop was for smoko where the track divides not far from Ships Stern. We had a good leech check here as there were a few hanging about. We went via the eastern lookout route after smoko for lovely views along the Numinbah Valley which is terribly hard to beat. A quick stop at the stern to enjoy the views to the prison farm then off back via the Lower Ballenjuui Falls track.

It was good to go back a different route and we checked out Charrarboomba Rock on the way and also saw Upper Ballenjuui Falls from the rock. We had a short heavy shower along this section and pack covers and some rain coats were donned.

Further along we caught up with the others and we took lunch on the track – a good dry area Lynne said hopefully to deter the leeches. We did get a long heavy shower during lunch but the trees did a good job of stopping the worst. There were leeches for lunch but vigilance kept them at bay. After lunch we wound our way down beside the creek which the track followed for an age. Now our long climb back up to Binna Burra admiring the huge eucalypts and brush boxes along the way.

As I stumbled up the road to the car Lynne grabbed my services to help push a Ute which was losing traction on the wet footpath (could have done without this. With the Ute safely back on bitumen we all adjourned to the local cafe for refreshments after another great days walking in the great South East.

Cheers Robin Watt

## **Mt Moon via the Gorge**

**21 Apr 10**

Malcolm, Lynne and Robin met at Jubilee Park at 7am and headed for Mr Moon in the Prado. After Boonah we did the loop and came in the back way up the dirt road to the cattle yards. We looked for the Nat. Parks easement which is shown on the map supposedly allowing entry to Mt Moon but could see no sign of an easement. As it turns out the land from the cattle yards we have been crossing as entry to Mr Moon over the years was not owned by the fellow we were phoning at all – however Malcolm has it all sorted after a nightmare of phone calls to property owners.

We began our walk with Malcolm taking a bearing on the compass to the rocky cliffs we could see between the two peaks. As we took off the cattle on our left did a bee line to our right which we put down more to curiosity than fright.

Across the flat plains with the spear grass we went crossing the swampy creek then up through the scholorphyll forest with its lush grasses from recent rains. We managed to jag a gate at the fence crossing and eventually found a fence parallel to our route on the left which we followed and which took us right up to the huge rocky outcrop which signalled our drop down point for the gorge. We worked or slid our way down the steepish slope and began our journey up the gorge hoping we wouldn't strike too much Lantana.

The going was pretty good for the first few hundred metres with only small patches of Lantana and nice scabby rock. Lynne as it turned out was a little off colour on the day and she decided to go back to the vehicle at her own pace Malcolm and I continued on but soon hit massive pockets of lantana which we bashed our way through for what seemed an age. In the end we said bugger this as it became worse and decided to exit via the left side of the gorge.

Malcolm and I ended up taking slightly different routes and let's say my route paid dividends and Malcolm's route left him in a spot of bother. I came to his rescue using a strap from his pack and we continued on up traversing left as we went with no more problems.

Rather than climb more than we needed to we dropped down between the ridges working our way across to the distant ridge. After checking the map we decided this ridge would get us down ok. We had to do a bit of toing and froing on the way down to avoid steep bits or drop downs but we got to the end of the ridge ok. We actually ended up at the huge rock outcrop where we had started up the gorge earlier, so we now just followed the fence back and went back through the same gate.

As we approached the Prado Malcolm became worried as the vehicle appeared to be locked up with no sign of Lynne. As it turned out Lynne was reclining in the shade of a tree at the cattle yards watching the antics of a couple of moo-eee's as they grazed. Not one of our better trips to Mt Moon but still a good day out in the Great South East. On to Beauy for well earned refreshments.

Cheers Robin Watt