



THE LOGAN AND BEAUDESERT BUSHWALKERS Inc.



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September 2011

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

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday

11th October 2011

**Community Centre
Wharf Street
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7pm**

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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)



Doreen at Wyaralong Dam 20Aug11

Minutes of Meeting

Logan & Beaudesert Bushwalkers 13th September 2011

Meeting opened at 7.10pm

Visitor: Christine Gwin

Members: Sue Simpson, Heather O'Keeffe, Lynne Lucas, Malcolm Hill, Marie McGahan, Terri Walton, Robin Watt, Brian & Paulette Watson, Betty Laird, Bruce Ludlow, Bev Schofield, Peter Rice, Frank Peel, Brenden Ward Bruce Gore, Kathy Rouse, Jim Holt, Ross & Jan Taylor, Geoff Sear and Yvonne Marshall

Apologies: Bill Dryburgh, Doreen Davenport

Minutes of previous meeting:

As per August newsletter – Lynne Lucas accepted the minutes as being accurate.
Seconded by Peter Rice

Business arising from the minutes:

- Christmas party to be held at Thunderbird Park on the 3rd December.
Final numbers and balance of payment due by the November meeting

Treasurer's Report:

Reconciled Balances for the period to 13/09/2011		\$2,236.88
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Plus memberships received	\$ 375.00	
Interest	\$	
Sausage Sizzle & Chocolates	\$	

	\$ 375.00	
Less Outgoings		
Aussie HQ (internet Site)	\$	
Rent	\$	
Office Fair Trading Certificate	\$	
Insurance	\$	
Donation Kokoda Challenge	\$	
Balance held at end of period		\$2,611.88

Funds made up of		
Account Balance	\$2,455.53	
Cash on Hand	\$ 156.35	
Unreceipted Memberships		

Reconciled Balances		\$2,611.88

Lynne moved that the report be received. Seconded by Malcolm Hill

Correspondence In:

- September Newsletters from Brisbane Bushwalkers, Gold Coast Bushwalkers and Catholic Bushwalkers

Emails from the following:

1. BWQ – re track maintenance at Binna Burra – Wed 14th September – email already sent
2. Kakadu Bushwalking review questionnaire – internet details in newsletter
3. BWQ graffiti in Mt Maroon area
4. BWQ re Exploranges Bushwalking Tours – Australia wide www.bushwalkingtours.com.au
5. Shewee – www.shewee.com
6. BWQ – Moonlight Walk for MS Friday 14th October – starts at Southbank
7. BWQ re sending out our newsletter via BWQ

Correspondence Out:

Our newsletter

Heather moved that the correspondence be approved. Seconded by Betty Laird

General Business:

- Sue requested that for weekends away the coordinator be rung 2 weeks prior to the weekend. This is so any arrangements can be made that might be necessary

- Malcolm gave an update on the Great Ocean walk which will commence on 28th Jan 2012 and will be done over 6 days. 6 people are going at the moment. Malcolm has booked 4 campsites so far and will follow up on that. Nikki and Kris are also intending doing the walk in March 2012 as a guided walk for anyone else interested in going
- The people who attended the Pilgrimage at Kenilworth said it was a successful if wet weekend and enjoyed by the 5 people who were able to go. The facilities at the showground were very good. Sue asked if the walks would be any good for the club and the possibility of the club doing some of the walks in the future
- Sue gave an update on the Cooloola Great walk advising that the walk went really well with some large sand dunes to climb up. Perfect weather, beautiful scenery, lots of birds, a Koala and some dingo footprints. Sue also mentioned the possibility of doing a day walk from Noosa North Shore to the 1st camp for the future
- The weekend for Girraween is 16th and 17th September. Meeting a Beaudesert at 9am Friday morning and driving via Woodenbong to Bald Rock. For those who are interested a pub meal on the Friday night at Ballandean Pub. Other places of interest mentioned to visit where Boonoo Boonoo Falls, the Thunderbolt bushrangers cave and the World War 2 Tank Traps
- Sue handed out some more brochures on the walking sticks
- Sue thanked Gail for fixing the bag for the club tarp
- Brian gave an update on the Rathdowney pizza walk. Minimum number required is 12 and the cost is \$25 per person. The walk is around 8km and the meal is Minestrone, bread sticks, garlic bread and homemade gelati. There is a gluten free pizza option. Anyone not wanting to have the pizza meal can take their own food. **Final numbers required by the October meeting.** Brian advised that access and some of the track is a bit rough but a lot of it is good track. Sue thanked Brian for the organisation
- Marie spoke about the recent trip that she, Betty and Sue did in the Flinders ranges. They had a wonderful trip and advised that there is some good walking to be done in the area
- Brenden mentioned the Conondale thru walk in the Maleny area. Proposed walk is 4 days 3 nights and is a circuit

- Brenden mentioned the purchase of a SPOT which will be purchased if we get funding next year
- Frank put forward a motion for the club to buy some 2 way radios. Motion was seconded by Sue. Malcolm suggested that we need to buy a decent set of radios and that Johnny Appleseed is a good website to have a look at
- Saturday and Sunday walks updated

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

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 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

October 2011					
When	Outing	Type	Grade	Coordinator	Phone
Saturday 1st	Warrie Circuit or Twin Falls Springbrook	B.C.	M-4-4 S-1-1	Kathy	3802 1247
Sunday 2nd					
Saturday 8th	Yellow Pinch Mt Barney area	D.W.	M-3-3	Frank	5547 8229
Sunday 9th					
Saturday 15th	Araucaria Track Binna Burra	D.W.	M-3-3	Sue	5546 8781
Sunday 16th					
Saturday 22nd	Daves Creek Circuit Binna Burra	D.W.	M-2-2	Heather	3208 6420
Sunday 23rd					
Saturday 29th	Rathdowney Pizza Walk Further information in the Minutes – Please contact Brian by 11 October	D.W.	M-2-2	Brian	5543 1261
Sunday 30th					

Walk Reports

The Cooloola Great Walk August 13th to 17th

On Friday afternoon (12th August) I left the Prado in Rainbow Beach and drove back to Gympie with Kit. The following morning Kit, Jan and I travelled to the Rangers' office near the Noosa river ferry at Tewantin where we waited with Sue, Mary, Jim and Brenden for the minibus to take us to Cutting 3 on the Northshore to commence our walk.



We cheated just a bit, bypassing the first 3.5 kms of heath plains which meant that we only had about 14 kms to walk on day 1. We walked along the beach for a short spell before heading into the scrublike terrain that was shaded from the overhead sun. It made for pleasant walking what with the sounds of the ocean waves breaking in the background with the occasional hum of a 4wd travelling along the beach.

The track took us northwards where we bypassed the small village of Teewah. We stopped for lunch just north of the village before heading up the track which grew steep in places. We took the side track to Mt Seewah and enjoyed views towards and across Lake Cootharaba as well as across to the ocean. Brahminy Campsite (Brahminy after the Brahminy kite found along the reaches of rivers in the area) was achieved late afternoon and what a well sited campsite it was too. From the communal area (more on the set up of the campsites later) we had magnificent views to the coast and across Lake Cootharaba. I could picture sitting at one of the campsite tables with a glass of wine taking in one of those spectacular sunsets. It is indeed a campsite to return to. The first day was warm and sunny but that night we experienced some windy conditions and a light shower.



Day 2 saw us striking camp, having a quick breakfast and heading off to cover the 20.3 kms to Dutgee campsite. There were lots more ups and downs on this section of the walk. We crossed some high sand dunes strolled through a patch of rain forest and crossed large areas where we saw signs of past fire damage and

thick undergrowth of black wattle. There were many Blackbutt and Scribbly gum some latter with scratches around their trunks so the search was on to find Koalas but to no avail. There were some great ocean views and an “apparent” sighting of whales. I shouldn’t have used that word “apparent”. I will leave it up to you, readers, to rule on this one. The frontmost three members topped this ridge with magnificent views down to the ocean. The remaining 4 members were still trudging up the steep incline to reach the top. On reaching the first said 3, the whales were mentioned and fingers were pointed out to sea. The last mentioned 4 begun peering out to sea in a desperate effort to see said whales, and peered and peered; only to lookup and find that the afore said 3 were already about 250 metres up the track. Could the last 4 members have arrived after the whales had moved on?

Morning tea was taken in a patch of blooming banksias and the topic was whales or the lack thereof. We stopped for lunch at the bottom of the Cooloola Sandpatch (southern end) took our bearings and trudged up to the signposts at the top with a hot sun bearing down on us. We began the downward journey towards the Noosa River catching views of the lakes and the Upper Noosa River, passed the turn off to Campsites 3, 4 and 5 and walked along the river to Dutgee campsite.



We walked into the communal area where tables were set out for meals etc, then walked down a path passed the toilet and veered off to the secluded tent sites. This pattern was followed in the design of all the campsites. The toilet and water tank were reasonably close to the communal area with the tent sites secluded from each other further away. There was a long walk between communal area toilet and tent sites at Dutgee

One of the features of this walk at this particular time of the year was the wild flowers in their many shades and variety of colours. “Dutgee” is the Aboriginal name of one of these flowers - the lovely 4 petalled Boronia.



Dutgee to Litoria campsite was a mere 14.8 kms but we encountered some steep sections with a variation in altitude of about 140ms in one 3km section. Along this section of the track we stopped for morning tea at the charred ruins of Ramsey Hut owned by a timber cutter during the years when the area was logged. There were a few interesting but damaged old and historic items lying in the debris. We passed under some tall trees shading the track in parts. These tall trees I found out later were stands of Blackbutt. Litoria means “beach” is the name of a genus of sedgefrog (the Cooloola sedgefrog). The campsite was set

deep in the forest and we enjoyed a pleasant evening looking up at the many stars and picking out the odd satellite.

After leaving the campsite the following morning we crossed King's Bore Road, a 4wd track which heads down to Teewah beachfront and then passed Lake Cooloomera where the sedgefrog is breeding. This was to be another big day with a distance of 20.5 kms to Kauri campsite and the crossing of several old logging tracks and winding through Blackbutt forests and over high sand masses and eventually arriving at Kauri campsite (Kauri- after the Kauri pine found in the campsite as well as in large numbers in the next and last section of the walk..

The birdlife throughout this walk-has been noisy and plentiful. Sightings of a flock of Red Tailed black cockatoos at the beginning of the walk, a single agitated Glossy black cockatoo, eastern yellow robins, pardalotes, sulphur crested cockatoos, a flock of Topknot pigeons, (later identified as such) which seemed to have been heading in the same direction as us, and a carcophany of songs from a number of unidentified tweeters. A veritable feast (oops, poor choice of word) for birdwatchers.

The following morning saw an eager group heading to trailend. This section of the track is 15. kms long and for me is the perfect forest hike, particularly that section from the Freshwater Camp grounds turnoff to Poona lake, where we walked beneath magnificent tree specimens, with the canopy filtering the sun into a mottled pattern on the leafy track. After lunch I left the group who would cross the Carlo Sandblow to wait for me at the car park while I veered towards Rainbow Beach village to collect the Prado.



An interesting and diverse walk.

Special tribute to our oldest member in the group on his first long walk carrying the heaviest backpack in the group. It must have been his many forays across the Three Peaks which stood him in good stead for the Cooloola Walk.

Rob Sammons