



# THE LOGAN AND BEAUDESERT BUSHWALKERS



NOVEMBER 2007  
NEWSLETTER

## October Meeting Report

- 12 members at the meeting and 1 visitor. There were 2 apologies
- Planning of walks for November / December 2007 / January 2008.
- Discussion about other trips away. See planned walks.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 11 December 2007 at the Community Centre, Wharf Street, Logan Village, - 7.30 pm. Cuppa afterwards. *Members and visitors are welcome*  
**NO JANUARY MEETING PLANNED**

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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

## 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** – Postponed until next season. Ken Burry is the person to speak to, if you are interested (Ph: 3802 1977)



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## CLUB COMMITTEE

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## FIRST AID COURSE reimbursement

Following a review of our club financial situation it has been decided (at September meeting) Club Members who obtain their Senior First Aid Certificate in future will be receiving \$30 back and it is limited to 1 refund per membership.

**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.

**Christmas Party Breakup – Saturday 24 November** – Once again, Ken & Sandra Burry's place, 25 MacKunda Court, Park Ridge South (Ph: 3802 1977). Ring Sandra or Ken regarding a dish you can contribute to the night, i.e. A salad, desert etc.  
**RSVP – 17 November 2007**

**25 November 2007 – Albert River Circuit** – Grade 2½ - This is a long track walk, with many waterfalls, views to Mt Warning and NSW from Echo Point - 20.6km return. Robin Laban to coordinate (3805 3300 or 0415 535 718) meet at Canungra at 7.00am.

**2 December 2007 – Cunningham Gap to Sylvester's Lookout – Grade 5** – meet at Cunningham's Gap at 7.00am. This walk begins with the track walk to Mt Cordeaux and then onto Bare Rock. From Bare Rock we drop down and continue along the edge of the escarpment until reaching Sylvester's Lookout. From here we will be picked up, and will drive home from Goomburra. Robin Laban to coordinate. *If you wish not to walk, but don't mind spending some time with Robin and help ferry walkers back to their cars from Goomburra to Cunningham Gap let Robin know (3805 3300 or 0415 535 718)*

**9 December 2007 – Bull Ant Spur – Stairway Falls – Junction of East and West Canungra Creeks and back again (Grade 3)** – Bull Ant Spur is a ridge that runs straight down to Blue Pool. We snack here and see whether our friendly eel comes to investigate. From here we walk past the "remote area" sign, and follow West Canungra Creek down to Stairway Falls, and then following the old track system, when we can find it, still along West Canungra Creek until we reach the junction of East Canungra Creek, and then retrace our steps back again. A big walk, but some of us need the exercise for the upcoming trip. Lynne Lucas to coordinate – Ph 3287 4934 or 0407 643 375.

**15 & 16 December – Barney Gorge overnight camp.** For anyone who just wants to walk on Sunday, we will do the Upper Portals to Lower Portals and hopefully pick up the happy campers along the way. (Julie & John Shera to coordinate – 5546 0381.

**30 December 2007 – Bull Ant Spur to Blue Pool, and then up Middle Ridge to the Border Track – exploratory walk**

**Australia Day Long Weekend – Wandii Waterhole – Noosa National Park**



### **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               |                    |

#### – 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 IDEAS**

The following is a list of possible walks for next year. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

- Middle Ridge to Border track
- Black Snake Ridge / South Branch Running Creek
- Nungulba Falls
- Panic Button Pinnacle via South Branch

Bay Islands Paddle  
 Cooloola  
 Big Lonely  
 Eagles Ridge  
 Cross Country Ski trip July  
 Levers Plateau / Findon Creek  
 Mt Ballow / Duramlee  
 Mt Ballow – Collins Gap  
 Tweed Pinnacle  
 Bud Island  
 Moreton Island  
 Girraween  
 North Branch of Running Creek to top  
 of falls  
 England Creek to Point Lookout  
 Nirvana Ridge  
 Mt Widgee – Lost World  
 Mt Westray  
 Lizard Point via Wild Cattle Creek  
 Brisbane River Paddle  
 Beau Brummel – Kangaroo Mountain  
 Perseverance Creek, Crows Nest  
  
 -and-  
 Leaning Peak (from Long Leaning  
 Ridge or same as last time)  
 Savages Ridge to Lower Portal  
 Carpark via West Peak, Rum Jungle,  
 East Peak, North Peak, Eagles Ridge  
 (overnight walk)  
 Glass House Maintains Tibrogargen  
 and Mt Beerwah from the other side  
 Mount Flinders – explore various  
 caves and combine it with some  
 abseiling  
 Black Canyon  
 Camp at Goomburra  
 Moreton Island (walk from Lighthouse  
 to the resort), combine with snorkelling  
 and other activities offered there  
 Sky-diving (if anyone is interested)  
 Montserrat  
 Mt Lindsay – around the base walk  
 Mt Nothofagus  
 Big Lonely & Junction Peak

## WALK REPORTS

### WARRIE CIRCUIT 21 October 2007 By Marion Laban

This 17km+ track walk commences at Canyon Lookout at Springbrook. Luckily I have a new mobile phone now, so as I was travelling up in the back seat of the Shera's car, I got a phone call from Robin to say that Paul was heading to the wrong destination and was now going to be a little late. Glad to get the message, so knowing he was definitely coming, we didn't leave without him and Josh. This was Indy Weekend and Josh told me he had to remind his Dad, he wasn't in Indy.

Ken check out the coffee shop and the time they closed, and he told them we would definitely all be popping in for coffee and cakes before closing time at 4.00pm.

We soon set off. There was Julie, Nicholas, myself, Paul, Josh, Robin W, Ken and Kate. We proceeded in a clockwise direction, walking under the Blackfellow Falls first. Nicholas bumped his head on a rock whilst walking under these falls, which distracted from his task at hand, which was filming the rest of us walking under the falls. Never mind, we kept progressing downhill, passing numerous waterfalls and checking them all out and were soon at the junction of the two creeks, called "The Meeting of the Waters". We met quite a few other walkers here, people mainly walking in the opposite direction to ourselves.



Meeting of the Waters

We then progressed from here to the turnoff to The Pinnacle, which is the beginning of the climb out, but is easier in this direction and the climb is much longer and not as steep. There were a couple of spots of storm

damage that were extremely difficult to negotiate due to the hundreds of tangled vines everywhere.



Storm Damage

We stopped for lunch at the turnoff to the Pinnacle. Next we headed out to the Pinnacle proper. I always find the climb up the Pinnacle a little hairy, so it was good that Robin W had set up a rope to hold onto for extra confidence. Last time I did this walk, the wind was blowing a gale, so I opted not to climb the Pinnacle. We all climbed it today, even Josh. I can't tell you how well he did on such a long walk. After we left the Pinnacle we headed ever onward with a couple more waterfalls to enjoy on the way, as well as the rock tunnels etc not far from the top of Twin Falls.



Below Rainbow Falls

On the very last stretch from near the picnic area to Canyon Lookout a whole lot of Japanese tourists walked past us in the opposite direction. Josh wanted to know why they were so well dressed. Well they obviously weren't dinki-di bushwalkers like us, were they?

Anyway, we were back just after 4.00pm, but due to Ken's taking the time to chat to the coffee shop before

we left, they stayed open to serve us coffee and cake which was much appreciated. Good walk! Good company! Good Coffee!

## PYTHON ROCK / PAT'S BLUFF

1 October 2007

Walkers: John, Johnny and friend, Dylan, Shelley, Lackie, Sue, Ian, Marie McG., Redencion, Alex, Hannah, Melda, Denise, Frank, Gail and Marie R.

The walk started at 9am. We visited Python Rock first. Looking back to Morans Falls, Sue commented that the track to the falls should be repaired and once again opened for walkers to enjoy. This track was part of a circuit including the Commando Track and was popular with walkers from our club many years ago.

Trees and branches had fallen across the track causing the area to be more open than usual. We rested at Pat's Bluff to admire the views from Glasshouse Mountains to Mt Lindesay and Lost World.

The track led down hill to the old campsite, also used by the Club for our first overnighter approximately 15 years ago. Before turning back we visited the site of Pat's Cabin.

On the trip back to the car park, I enjoyed the company of John's daughter, Shelley; a more delightful young lady I have yet to meet. An easy but interesting walk .....Marie R.

## NOOSA PADDLE and THE SAND PATCH

3 & 4 November 2007

The paddlers: - Robin and Marion, John and Julie, Paul and Josh, Vivi and Margie. (4 people couldn't make it at the last minute)

We had a little trouble booking on the Internet for this one, but have learned since that you book some people into one site, that's it, it says it's fully booked and won't let you book anyone else in. Silly us, we ended up having booked Campsites 1, 2 and 3.

Anyway, John and Julie headed out on Friday, so had Friday and Saturday night there. They had been booked for Campsite 2. When the rest of us

turned up at Harry's Hut, we spoke with the Ranger and informed him we had sites booked at 1, 2 and 3; that not everyone we had booked had turned up, and that it was likely we would all just camp at the same site. He said that it was fine.

Well Paul was the most organised with all his gear in Overnight Packs etc, one which he wore on his back, and the other strapped on to his kayak between him and Josh.

Vivi and Margie were using the Shera's canoe. All our gear (ie. Robin, mine, Vivi and Margie, was all in separate bits and pieces, so after putting our kayak and the canoe in the water, we proceeded to jam in everything that we could.



Josh, ready for paddling

We were soon ready to take off, paddling up the river. Margie and Vivi certainly wouldn't have wanted any more gear, as the edge of the boat was only a couple of inches above water.



Getting Ready to Depart

Robin and I got to test out our new carbon fibre paddles (we've only had them 12 months). I also got to test out my new wrists after carpal tunnel

surgery and was very pleased to report no "dead" hand!

Robin and I were last to set off, but it wasn't long before we caught up with the others, so that we could all paddle up to campsite 2 together, me taking pictures now and again.



Margie and Vivi

Along this paddle we met a water snake, just a small one, frantically swimming by us.



Paul and Josh

We soon met up with John and Julie and set up camp. The Ranger happened by to check the toilet was fully stocked with loo paper etc, and wished us well.

It was an education for Vivi dealing with the goanna that didn't want to leave us alone. It's not a good idea to throw any unwanted food scraps near we're you're seated, because it just encourages Mr Goanna to be very persistently annoying.



Mr Persistent

Margie (my sister) was in her element

as she just loves the water. We took an afternoon paddle up to Campsite 3, and passed a whole lot of Scandinavian young people paddling in the opposite direction in the hire canoes. Boy were they sunburnt! They obviously had walked to the Sand Patch.

We paddled back to camp, had tea and eventually went to bed. On waking, we got ready for our journey to the Sand Patch. Josh, Paul and John took John's kayak to Campsite 3, while Julie, Vivi and I walked there. Vivi had even ditched one shoe before we got to Campsite 3.

We headed off on our climb. About 1/4 of the way up the hill, Vivi ditched her shoes and socks by the side of the path. The path mostly is very sandy and quite difficult walking in the soft sections. We got to the Sand Patch and it was very hot. John walked towards the beach, checking out to see if he could see a path leading from it that would lead to the beach. Vivi and Paul and Josh thought they were going to the beach and headed off eagerly. I knew that was going to be a very big ask, and said I would wait. Julie came along a little after that and sat with me while we waited for the others to return, which they did a while later. They were pretty stuffed, climbing back up the Sand Patch from where they had got to before deciding to turn back. The blow flies were huge and very annoying.



Sand Patch

We headed off back along the track. By this time the sand was getting very hot – it was about 11.00am. Vivi's feet were burning as she tried to walk on the edges of the side path. It seemed like forever 'til we got back to where she had ditched the shoes. When she got there, she put her socks on.

By the time we all got back to Campsite 3, Vivi wasn't eager to walk any further, so she went in the kayak with Paul and Josh. Josh lay on the outside of the kayak. He says to his

Dad, "Dad can you make a kayak like this one?"



Josh, checking out John's boat

By the time Julie, John and I walked the 2 or so kilometres from Campsite 3 to 2, we were well and truly ready for a swim, which we had before eating some lunch. Robin and Margie had amused themselves by walking to campsite 1 and back, and Robin had chatted to Jan and Rob on his mobile phone for about half an hour.

We packed up soon after. Paul left first as he was keen to start the long drive home, as he had the furthestest to drive, all the way home to the Gold Coast. The rest of us left camp together, John and Julie using their sails most of the way to make progress easier.

We had left it until quite late to drive back as we were dreading what the traffic would be like with the Noosa Triathlon also that weekend. Suddenly the traffic came to a standstill and luckily, we both had UH Radio, we were able to listen to the truckies and work out the highway was going to close due to an accident, so we got off the highway and found an alternate route past the motor vehicle accidents.



Vivi enjoying herself

We all had a really good time. Vivi and Margie are new friends, having met on the trip. I'm hoping to see Margie again on future camps, as Margie and Vivi were both really good fun.

Hope the photos show what a good time we had on our weekend paddle

and that next time, some other members might be encouraged to join us, in an activity a little different from the norm.



Kayaks by moonlight

Marion.

## **SATURDAY WALKERS** **FUTURE WALKS & EVENTS**

**24 November – Christmas Party – Sandra and Ken Burry's** – see opposite page for more details

**1 December 2007 – Purlingbrook Falls + Waringa Pool (Grade 1.5 – 6.4km)** The track visits the top and bottom of the falls. Bring your swimmers to take a dip in the pool. Lunch can be had in the picnic area at the end of the walk. *Starting time at Gwongorella Picnic Area – 9am* Phone Marie to arrange car pool 3297 5204.

**8 December 2007 – (1) Caves Track – down hill (Gr 1.5 – 2.5km approx)**  
**(2) Gwongoorool Pool Track (Gr 1.5 – 6 km return).** Caves Track – starting at Binna Burra Lodge Road this interesting track leads to the Binna Burra Information Centre. Gwongoorool Pool Track – This track leads to the pool and back to the car park. ***Meet at Binna Burra middle car park (Near Ships Stern entrance) for 8am start. A car shuttle to be arranged at end of walks Phone Marie to arrange car-pooling 3297 5204.***

**15 December – City walk = morning tea at coffee shop Meet at Mowbray Park ferry at 7am for a ferry ride to Southbank.** Phone Heather 0432 197 577.

## **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

**29 December – Box Forest Circuit**  
**(10.5km (Gr. 1.5))** This track takes you through stands of Brush Box and Picabeen palms down to lush sub-tropical rainforest. *Starting time – 8am at O'Reillys car park. Phone Sue 5546 8781.*

**5 January – 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 Marie to arrange car pool 3297 5204.*

**12 January – Gap Creek Falls – Cunningham Gap – 9.5km return (Gr. 1.5 to 2)** This track leads down hill to the falls (only flowing after rainy periods). Starting time at Cunningham Gap at 8.00am. Phone Frank 5547 8229.



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## CLUB SHIRTS

The Saturday walkers are organising club shirts to wear when walking with other clubs or wear on our weekly walks. Details below:

- Style** - Polo with pocket
- Colour**- Bottle green (Gold logo above pocket)
- Size** - From small upwards (Men's sizing)
- Cost** - \$18.80

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*Call Marie for more details – 3297 5204.*