



THE LOGAN AND BEAUDESERT BUSHWALKERS



MARCH 2008
NEWSLETTER

March Meeting Report

- 12 members at the meeting.
- Planning of walks for March and April 2008 .
- Discussion about other trips away. See planned walks.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 8th April 2008** at the **Community Centre, Wharf Street, Logan Village, - 7.30 pm.** Cuppa afterwards. *Members and visitors are welcome*

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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

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☪ SKY DIVING ☪

Interested?? COME ON !!

Phone Herbert – 3288 2489

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

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

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OUTBACK TRIPS

There are a couple of trips underway – and yes once again we are stumped as to who should go when and there are insufficient seats for everybody.

THE SAVANNAH WAY

As reported last newsletter there are a group of 3 cars already booked to leave on 20th July for an up to 8 weeks trip across the top of Australia. From the Gulf areas of QLD and the NT and across the north of WA. Contact KEN BURRY 38021977 .

OLD / NT and the SIMPSON....

John Shera has family from FRANCE visiting so where better to take them than into the Simpson Desert from the Birdsville track, across hundreds of sand dunes, find the STUART highway in NT and on to Kings Canyon. - ULURU and KATA TJUTA, and some of the beautiful Gorges of the MacDonald ranges out from Alice Springs are part of the itinerary.

OLD / NT and the SIMPSON....II

Marion and Robin Laban will also be heading west with friends (from across the ditch) and family (Marion's sister and her son) . the itinerary is very similar to the above trip, but about a week later to fit in with the school holidays.

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.

16th March 2008 – “The Great Walk” Springbrook – Numinbah – Lynne has investigated - Meet at **Canungra at 6.30am**. A car shuttle is being arranged. Please advise Lynne early if you intend to go. (mobile 0407 643 375)

21, 22, 23 and 24 March 2008 – Easter CAMP – South Branch, Emu Creek - walks in the Steamers, Main Range areas. Robin Laban to coordinate (3805 3300 or 0415 535 718) Arrive on GOOD Friday and stay as long as you can. Book your campsite online “Main Range – Remote Bushwalking- South Branch” on the **Find a Park - EPA** site. *6 people have already booked!*

30 March 2008 – O’Reillys – Middle Ridge (exploratory) – Julie Shera to coordinate (5546 0381). We will head down West Canungra Creek, up Middle Ridge, as if going to Fountain Falls, but keep traversing up Middle Ridge until we meet the Border Track. (Not recommended for new walkers) Meet at Canungra at 6.30am.

SATURDAY - 5 April 2008 – Brisbane River Paddle – Kangaroo Point to St Lucia and beyond... Starting approx 8.00am. Captain Burke Park. Robin Laban to coordinate (Ph: 3805 3300 or 0415 535 718) Never Paddled ?? **You can nominate without a vessel** as we can loan you one..

6 April 2008 – Mt Clunie – Meet at Rathdowney to Car pool at 6.30am. Ian Clark to coordinate – Ph: 3802 2973

13 April 2008 – Burnett Creek Walk (exploratory). Camp overnight on Saturday in preparation for the walk on Sunday. Meet at Rathdowney Saturday 12th at 3.00pm. Peter Weallans to coordinate (Phone: 0408 784 928)

20 April 2008 – Neglected Mountain (We will climb by a different route this time). The views are always spectacular from Neglected Mountain, which is near the start of the Stretcher Track and Stinson Park) - Meet

Beaudesert 7.30am – Peter Weallans to coordinate – (ph: 0408 784 928)

25, 26 and 27 April 2008 - (Long weekend) Goomburra Camping, walks in Mistake Mtns and Kangaroo Mountain etc. (Sites to camp must be pre-booked on the Internet). You can choose between **base-camping** or **through walking** this weekend). Robin Laban to coordinate – 3805 3300 or 0415 535 718.

3, 4 and 5 May 2008 (another long weekend) – again, there will be a choice of **base camping** (Girraween or Bald Rock) or **through walking** (with the through walkers camping at South Bald Rock and spending the 4th May possibly exploring the gorge at South Bald Rock). Phone Robin Laban 3805 3300 or 0415 535 718

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Moonlight climb of Mt Maroon to watch the sunrise (AHH!!!! moon light – again best time to be worked out).

You may have noticed we are including “through walks” and camps in the program...try it out you may get to like it.



DAY- WALK ESSENTIALS

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

- hat
- sunglasses
- raincoat
- jumper
- lighter or matches
- whistle
- watch
- togs
- first-aid kit
- food
- 1–2 L of water
- paper & pencil
- map & compass
- insect repellent
- torch

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

Our New Year Excitement

By Nicholas and Julie Shera

PART 1 – THE CAMPING TRIP

We weren't doing Kilimanjaro or a safari, but our New Year had its moments which we will never forget. Some people will say we are jinxed when we go away at New Year and we are now beginning to believe it. It has been twelve years since we have been game enough to go camping at New Year. Twelve years ago on New Year's Eve our house burnt down while we were camping, so every year since then we have been reluctant and a bit nervous about going away.



Last crossing of Emu Creek before campsite, with Cryptocarya Creek merging at top right

This year Julie's sister and husband said we should just do it and go camping. So we all agreed and we booked a campsite at South Branch of Emu Creek, at the back of the Main Range – one of our favourite spots. All looked promising weatherwise and although a few showers were predicted we weren't worried. We left on Sunday the 30th of December with our trailer packed up for three lovely days of winding down after the madness of Christmas. Julie's sister Alana and her husband Rob were coming in later with their camper van. After driving along the long, dusty dirt road from Emu Vale into the Emu Valley, we arrived at the lush, green campsite where we set up our tarp and tents. The creek was flowing nicely and all looked okay apart from some gusts of wind. The others arrived later without the two twelve-year-old girls – Alana and Rob's daughter and Julie and John's granddaughter. This was a blessing as things turned out.

On Sunday night a bit of intermittent light rain fell, interspersed occasionally with

short, sharp heavy bursts lasting no more than a few seconds. On Monday the 31st of December, a grey, damp morning greeted us. It was evident that the night's light rain had been insufficient to cause the creek to rise at all – it was still a picturesque babbling brook; however the ground was now growing moister by the minute. We were hoping that my daughter, partner and friends – who had booked separately from us – would not come. Alas, they did! So we all sat under the camper van's annexe and our tarp, waiting for a break in the weather so that the new arrivals could set up their tents. This didn't happen. A very wet, cool, and extremely windy night followed and we did not feel like celebrating at all, but a few of us stayed up till midnight.

We wanted to call the next day the 32nd of December because it did not feel like New Year at all. Emu Creek had risen about 20 centimetres during the night – Nicholas said it was high enough now to ride down in a small kayak or on an inflatable air mattress; whereas before the rain, you could only have imagined doing this. During New Year's Day, the rain kept on coming and we were glad the other group decided to pack up and get out. Had we known what was coming, we would have tried also, but the creek crossings were already too deep for out Foresters to pull trailers and campers through. Julie's daughter's partner got stuck mid-stream and had water going through his four-wheel-drive which is bigger than ours. His brother was able to pull him out with his Patrol and we could only hope with all their slipping and sliding in the black mud that they got through, as this was their only chance (which we were to find out in the next few days). After they left, the creek rose a further 10 centimetres.

The rain just kept on coming; however by the Wednesday the rain eased somewhat and we would occasionally see bits of blue sky, but this would be a short, transient phenomenon. Taking advantage of the comparatively fine weather, John and Julie climbed up a steep hill to see if they could get some reception on their mobile. Naturally they couldn't, which just goes to show how utterly useless the digital network really is! We wouldn't have wanted to be in real trouble!

John and Julie came back to everyone sitting by the creek which was now flowing deeply and swiftly – still clean and clear with the sunlight revealing a beautiful bluish tinge which seems to be common in the Main Range creeks. While the creek was indeed flowing faster than any of us have seen before, it was not yet

high enough to describe as being "in flood". At this stage, our hopes were momentarily lifted, only to be dashed again when the finer weather quickly deteriorated once more to overcast, and showery conditions.



Picturesque Emu Creek at its best, before the deluge



Sitting by Emu Creek on Wednesday afternoon

PART 2 – THE ESCAPE PLAN

AND THE DELUGE

Thursday dawned wet and windy, and we were getting a bit low on food and had put our rations together to stretch them out. John decided it was time to take some action, and although the creek crossings were getting quite deep (above waist-depth) and perhaps dangerous, he and Justin were going to walk out to a farmhouse to alert them of our predicament. They both managed to avoid a couple of creek crossings by taking a detour over a side creek which was also much higher than usual. Meanwhile, we others waited and worried about their safety, but lightened the mood by playing games and telling jokes. This was actually a recurring theme throughout our troubled week stuck at South Branch: that is, everyone pulling together and keeping their spirits up with games and humour, generally making fun of the situation as much as possible.

As philosophical and good-humoured as we were, it was hard not to get unnerved when we heard huge boulders rolling down some distant slope every so often, or a large tree crashing through the bush, some quite nearby. During the nights it was worse, as the rain would pause and the wind would come through incredibly strong at times, making us worry about trees coming down onto the tents or camper van. Some of the more severe gusts shook the tents terribly, giving the impression they were on the verge of being blown away, but they had already proven themselves relatively wind-proof on past camping trips and once again did not let us down. The camper van was a bit better for wind but being parked under the large gum trees made the drips from the rain unbelievably loud.

John and Justin arrived back at the campsite on Thursday sooner than we expected. They had kept walking and couldn't believe it when they saw a four-wheel-drive coming towards them. The person driving, Don, was someone we had met before and he was driving to his house, about two kilometres downstream from our campsite. Don was very friendly and said we could use his phone. Later that day John and Julie walked to Don's place and made several phone calls to people back home to tell them to pick us up on Friday morning at the beginning of the Emu Creek road, so they wouldn't have to drive through any of the flooded creek crossings. The plan was that we were all going to walk 20 kilometres to meet them the following day. Don and his wife Jacqui then drove Julie and John back to our campsite, just making it through the creek crossings. One of the crossings was now so deep that it reached the bottom of the side windows of their four-wheel-drive! They brought some much-needed food supplies with them, for which we were extremely grateful.

During Thursday night, the rain got worse and it quickly became clear that we would not be walking out the next day. All crossings were now impassable. So early Friday morning, when the creek had risen probably another 10 centimetres, John and Julie walked back to Don's place, rang up, and cancelled his previous rendezvous instructions until further notice. We would not be going anywhere!

A light rain continued throughout the day on Friday, but it was nothing terribly heavy. However at this stage, because the ground was so saturated, any amount of rain, no matter how fine or light, ran straight over the ground and into the creek, and so the creek continued rising

slowly throughout the day. Meanwhile, around lunchtime, Nicholas went off on a walk further up the creek, along the old logging road, and reported how he'd seen many little side waterfalls and streams that he never knew existed. Some of the crossings he went through were now waist-deep and growing ever more treacherous.

Just when we thought things couldn't get any worse, and the creek couldn't get any higher, the rain came back Friday night like nothing we'd ever experienced before. It was *torrential*, and it lasted for *hours*. We worked out later that about 150 to 200 millimetres (6 to 8 inches) must have fallen in that time. Meanwhile, Nicholas was monitoring the creek level, and noticed that it began to rise more quickly – more quickly than ever before.

All of our time during this latest deluge was spent in Alana and Rob's very comfortable camper van, which was a blessing, as it made things bearable. However during this torrential rain, things became frightening. Even though we were dry and warm, and had food, the rain took on an unbelievable relentlessness and consistency that made some of us entertain apocalyptic thoughts such as "it's the end of the world"!

Justin and Nicholas had to move their tent because they were scared that the large nearby gum trees (some were huge!) were going to fall due to the extremely sodden ground, not to mention the very strong, cyclonic winds we'd been experiencing most days and nights.



John, Julie, Rob & Alana sitting comfortably in the camper van

After realising that waiting for a lull in the rain was pointless as a lull clearly was not going to come, Justin and Nicholas were forced to endure the downpour outside with their rather pathetic raincoats which quickly became damp on the inside. At this stage most of the ground had anything from half an inch to an inch of water flowing over it, so relentless was the rain.

You could not put a foot anywhere without walking through water.

Checking the rising Emu Creek once more revealed that it had risen 60 centimetres (two feet) and was now lapping at the camping shower that John had originally positioned several metres from the creek for easy access to the water. So now it was time to move the shower and other sundry items to prevent them from being swept away. Around midnight, Nicholas did yet another creek check and, shining his torch on the creek, he could see gigantic logs and even live trees now being swept down – it was at this point we all realised how serious this flood was. Benign, gentle little Emu Creek now so ferocious it was moving giant logs and ripping out trees?! However, Nicholas noted that since there was a bit of lightning and thunder accompanying this latest downpour, it was actually the first real positive sign that the weather the next day would be the finest we had seen during our whole stay there. But before that happy time, he warned, the thundery rain still had yet to rain itself out, which could take a couple more hours.

Sure enough, the rain didn't stop until around 3 am Saturday morning. While Nicholas and Justin were lying in the tent, listening to the loud drops of rain upon the tent fly, they could hear the echo of more huge boulders being pushed down Cryptocrya Creek (the "little" side creek) – the force of the water must have so great to do this!



Cryptocrya Creek rapids, above confluence with Emu Creek

Nicholas awoke at first light and got up to look at the state of the creek. A few words describe it best – OH MY GOD!!! It was SO HIGH!!! And it had already dropped half a metre from the peak! The side creek, Cryptocrya Creek, had evidently peaked with possibly more volume than the main creek during the night. So voluminous was this creek at its peak that it had literally changed its course – large rocks had moved so that the creek bed where we often cross was now much wider than before. We were flabbergasted at how high the debris had come. Massive logs, no smaller than any large rivers carry during their floods, were lodged all over the place. The creeks would have been so high that they could have swept large vehicles downstream – and indeed they did just that! (more on that later).



Previous photo: Emu Creek in flood, only metres from the campsite

As we stood there, on the edge of that tumultuous, white-water fury, it was bizarre thinking back to the state of Emu Creek at Easter last year, when it was bone-dry in all but one or two places where stagnant pools lay. It was quite incredible to see Emu Creek being converted from that bone-dry state into this raging, terrifying, destructive fury – a state that we could not even imagine until now. And when we first arrived on this trip, you could barely hear the creek from the campsite; however now it was a roar that I never thought such a small, benign little stream would ever be capable of making.

TO BE CONTINUED (next newsletter)

SATURDAY WALKS FUTURE WALKS & EVENTS

15 March 08 – a short walk in the Norris Creek area (approx. 1.5 km) This walk starts and finishes at Betty and Alan's and is followed by a camp oven lunch. BYO drinks, plates, cutlery, chairs etc., bring nibbles to share. A fee per person for camp oven lunch to be organised. *Phone Betty (to book in by 13 March) 3802 0129.*

22 March 08 (Easter) – Daves Creek Circuit – 12 km (Gr 1.5 – 2) – This is a popular walk with great views and varying vegetation. *Starting time 8am at Binna Burra car park. Phone Marie 3297 5204.*

29 March 08 – Mt Cordeaux and Bare Rock (Gr 1.5 – 2) 12.5km. The grades track zigzags up the slopes of Mt Cordeaux north of Cunningham's Gap passing through rainforest with some superb brush box trees. The track then contours around to the north of the mountain to Morgans Lookout before terminating 20 minutes further on at Bare Rock. *Starting time at 8am. Phone Sue 5546 8781.*

5 April 08 - Jenny's Waterhole (Cronan Creek – Mt Barney area) Gr 1.5 ½ day. After a short steep hill the walk is easy going. Bring your cameras; there are great views of Mt Lindesay. *Phone Marie to arrange a car pool. 3297 5204.*

12 April 08 – Ships Stern (Gr 2 – 19km) A combination of rainforest, palm groves & eucalypt forests. *Starting time at Binna Burra car park 8am. Phone Marie 3297 5204.*

19 April and 20 April 08– Camp at Sheep Station Creek (Border Ranges) *Phone Frank Peel for more details 5547 8229.*

26 April 08 – Burleigh Heads to Fleays Fauna Reserve (Half day walk) This is a casual walk along the beach. *Starting time at Burleigh Heads Surf Club 8am – Phone Heather 0432 197 577.*

3, 4 and 5 May 2008 (long weekend) – there will be a choice of **base camping** (Girraween or Bald Rock) **or through walking** (with the through walkers camping at South Bald Rock and spending Sunday 4 May possibly exploring the gorge at South Bald Rock) (NB: sites in the Girraween NP will have to be pre-booked due Qld NP Policy regarding

school holidays and long weekends, i.e. there will be no self-registration at Girraween). *If you have a preference to camp at Girraween(Qld) or at Bald Rock (NSW), let us know, so a decision can be made about all booking! Phone Robin Laban 3805 3300 or 0415 535 718.*

10 May – Mt Edwards (Gr 1.5 half day) The walk starts on the opposite side of the dam wall. *Starting time 8am at Moogerah Dam Picnic area car park. Phone Marie 3297 5204.*

17 & 18 May – Bunya Mountains weekend (Saturday and Sunday nights). *Phone Heather for more details (mobile 0432 197 577.)*

24 May – Lower Portals (Gr 1.5 Half day). This track leads to a gorge on Barney Creek returning via the same tack. *Phone Marie 3297 5204.*

31 May – J.C. Slaughter Falls. Starting at the picnic area, the track leads uphill via the Aboriginal Art Trail to the Mt Coot-Tha lookout, returning via the same route. *Phone Robyn 3803 3095.*

Thanks to the people who help compile the Saturday Walks and Events Lists.....Marie R.

Walk Softly
Take only a photo
Leave only your footprints
Kill only your time

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

Call Marie for more details – 3297 5204.

*** (For discussion at the April meeting) ***

Proposed Rules of the Logan & Beaudesert Bushwalkers

Name:

Logan and Beaudesert Bushwalkers. (hereinafter called “the club”)

Aim of the Club:

- To promote healthy activity in SE Qld outdoors – generally of a walking nature. The Logan & Beaudesert Bushwalkers was originally formed in October 1991 as the Village Bushwalkers. - to be a casual group of like-minded people who got together for weekend walks and sometimes camping. – including Saturday walks, weekday walks and even venturing into abseiling, canoeing, camping and through walking. - to offer a variety of walks and encourage visitors to become members to enjoy outings with us on a regular basis. We are associated with *Bushwalking Queensland Inc* {formerly known as the Qld Federation of Bushwalking Clubs} for exchange of information and for insurance purposes. This also gives our club access to their assistance and advice.

Membership:

Membership of the club is open to any person over 18 years of age, upon payment of membership fee and completion of membership information form and signing of the attached waiver, declaration and such. A membership application could be disallowed for a good reason; this decision is up to the committee. Family membership is available to members of the same family from the same address, but at meetings a family membership still has only one vote.

Committee:

The week to week business of the club is governed by the committee. An AGM shall be held June every year to vote on the committee positions.

Office Bearers

President. Chairs meetings and generally supervises club decisions. Voted for at annual general meeting and held for 12 months, when must be stood down and offered to anyone else. President cannot stand for more than 3 consecutive years.

Secretary. Receives correspondence, replies to same and takes minutes at meetings. Voted for at annual general meeting and held for 12 months, when must be stood down and offered to anyone else.

Treasurer. Receives and distributes finances (monies) and compiles report on finance for each months meeting. Voted for at annual general meeting and held for 12 months, when must be stood down and offered to anyone else.

Public Relations officer. Responsible for keeping club in the public’s attention by advertising, gathering info and offering interviews for publication. First point of contact for most new members.

Meetings:

The President shall take the chair at all Meetings. Should the President not be present then the Secretary shall take the chair, and if the Secretary be not present the members present shall by majority vote, elect a member to take the chair.

Secretary takes minutes at all meetings and retains same for future reference.

They meet at 7-30pm in the Old School house, Wharf St., Logan Village 4207 on the second Tuesday of every month.

At all Meetings the Chairperson's decision on points of order shall be final.

Voting - The chair of a meeting can call for resolutions to be voted upon but only paid up members at that meeting have a vote (one vote per membership) and a simple majority is required to carry resolutions. Meetings also decide walks program and any trips. Under the TREASURERS direction finance decisions can also be made at meetings.

Behaviour: - Because we are out in the public in many of our club activities the behaviour of members needs to be of a high standard. Bad language, outbursts or shouting (because of disagreements) should be avoided. The committee may expel from the Club or otherwise punish or penalise any member whose conduct, in the opinion of the Committee, is discreditable or injurious to the character or interests of the Club.

Walk specific rules: - Safety of others is paramount. Walkers of higher ability will help walkers of less ability, without belittling them - “tolerance” being the key word. What is easy for one person is not necessarily easy for another. Extremely difficult or dangerous walks should have number limits, and if time to complete the walk is of the essence, slower walkers should be prepared not to participate.

Preparation - Walkers must be properly prepared for the walk. The walk coordinator has the power to refuse to allow a person to walk who is not properly prepared for the walk, including the amount of food and water needed to be carried, raincoat, thermals, torch etc. There is always a potential, even on shorter walks, that an unplanned overnight stay in the bush eventuates, for which every walker must be properly prepared.

Skills - Walkers participating regularly in off track type walks should strive to acquire competent levels of skill. Training in navigation and rope skills is encouraged and regular training days to be attended – at least 3 times a year. For the ultimate safety of all club members, members should know and recognise what is safe and what is not safe. This is particularly applicable to abseiling and climbing – where more recognised training courses are to be tackled. FIRST AID is another area where we appreciate members having officially recognised qualifications.