



# FOOTNOTES

Club Newsletter of Bushwalkers of Southern Queensland Inc.



## Trip Reports DW Sun 1 April Stinson Wreck

Twelve of us followed the track up towards Westrays Grave. The steep muddy slope heading from that track up towards the wreck tested out our stamina. The cliff break was not as difficult as expected thanks to the rope. Once up on the ridge we followed it upwards to the Stinson camp site where we had lunch. The track to the wreck site is becoming overgrown and hard to follow. Photos were taken and we retraced our steps back up to the camp site. The track to Point Lookout now ceases to exist so it took longer than expected and still no views. We then trudged downwards some of us slipping and sliding down the slope and arrived back at the cars just before dark.

Brian Blackwell



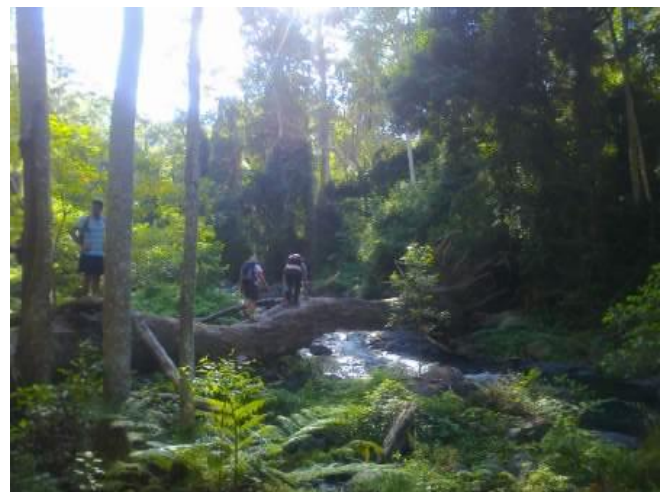
Lunch Stinson Outing

## DW Sat 21 April Middle Ridge without Fountain Falls

We all set off from O'Reilly's around 8 am bright and cheerful, and followed the graded track to Blue Pool. After getting our feet wet crossing the creek we set off up the muddy slope upwards. Even here the tags were few and far between. The rainforest and lawyer vine has reclaimed most of the track. We paused at the cairn at the top of the ridge around 11am. After this point the tags ceased to exist but we pushed onwards through the

lawyer vines and stinging trees to arrive at the creek well above the falls. As time was now an issue, we had a quick lunch break and then navigated our way back to the cairn at the top of the ridge. After a false start heading down we set off down the right ridge heading back to Blue Pool, arriving soon after 5pm. The glow worms and luminescent fungi made the walk up in the fading light more interesting. By about 7pm we had all arrived back to the car park somewhat more bedraggled than when we set out.

Brian Blackwell



Creek Crossing Stinson Outing

### \*\*\*Special Event\*\*\*

Tuesday 12 June 2012

Monthly Club Meeting

Remote River Man Film Night

Kevin Casey, a documentary film-maker and wilderness river explorer, has offered to hold a Remote River Man Film Night at our club and then answer questions afterwards relating to his experiences and sanity. His films have been shown on Foxtel TV, and he has been recently profiled in outdoor adventure magazines including Australian Geographic OUTDOOR, as the Remote River Man.

Whilst he has available four longer video options (Kimberley, Gabon, Canada and Guyana) we have elected to be shown a 17 minute fast-paced compilation video, which he describes as a great collection of the best clips from all his journeys.

What he does is quite unique – genuine explorations of untouched river systems, filmed as they happen. You can visit his website, [www.remoteriverman.com](http://www.remoteriverman.com) and obtain a better idea of what he is all about.

We are sure that this social meeting expose will be both entertaining and rewarding.



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**MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Probationary Membership . \$20.00/6 mths  
Single Membership .....\$45.00 p.a.  
Joint Membership \$70.00 p.a.  
(receive one copy of 'Footnotes' per household)

Current cover for financial members- Public Liability insurance under the BAI group insurance scheme is \$20 Million

**Executive Committee meetings** for 2011-12:  
Fourth Monday of September, November, January, March, May and July.

**Membership Register** Changed your contact details? Please advise **John Edwards** of any change to address, phone or email.  
Tel email

**E-Comms:** To register for regular email updates on the walks program or other club news, send an email request to: [bushwalksq@gmail.com](mailto:bushwalksq@gmail.com) Please include 'E-Comms' in the subject line. To be removed from the group, put 'Opt Out' in the subject line.

**CAMPING PERMITS:** You need to make your own campsite bookings with the EPA if camping in a Qld National Park on a club basecamp. First confer with your leader, and then contact the following to book and pay by credit card:

1. Contact the EPA on: **13 13 04**
2. Or visit the website at:  
[www.qld.gov.au/camping](http://www.qld.gov.au/camping) or  
<http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/>
3. Or in person at: **3<sup>rd</sup> Floor 400 George St, Brisbane**

**IF A WALKING TRIP IS DELAYED**

Occasionally trips are delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. Whom should the leader in the field contact back in Brisbane? If friends or relatives of walkers are concerned about the delayed return, whom might they contact in the club to inquire about what has happened? The contact should be with **any member of the BOSQ Management Committee**, listed opposite. Move down the list till you find someone at home.

Before leaving on a BOSQ outing, walkers should tell a family member or friend where they are going and give them a copy of Footnotes or a copy of the phone numbers of the Committee members. Leaders should also carry a list of contact numbers with them on the walk.

If there were a situation that required a search or rescue, members of the Committee would liaise with experienced walkers within BOSQ and within the Federated Mountain Rescue, who would contact emergency services if necessary. Members of the BOSQ Management Committee hold a list of phone numbers for FMR contacts. They will also hold membership details for all BOSQ members, including the name of a family member or friend to contact in case of delay or emergency.

**Insurance cover**

Insurance for BOSQ members is arranged through the peak body of Australian bushwalking federations, Bushwalking Australia Inc. (BAI). There is coverage for both Public Liability and Personal Accident. Club members and visitors are insured while participating in all activities conducted by BOSQ, including survey trips, meetings, social events, and travelling to and from club activities. The policies can be viewed and downloaded at: [http://www.bushwalkingaustralia.org/about\\_insurance.htm](http://www.bushwalkingaustralia.org/about_insurance.htm) !

**Personal Locator Beacons (PLB)**

The club owns two PLBs and walk leaders are encouraged to take one on their walks, especially on any off-track walks, extended trips, or survey walks. The PLBs are held at the homes of John Edwards (3379 6296) and Di Thornthwaite (3397 6487) for collection and return. There is no charge to club walk leaders.

## BOSQ Inc. ... Walks Programme

### Walk Gradings

Distance	Terrain	Fitness
S - 1 to 10 km	1 to 3 - Graded track or open terrain. No scrub	1 to 3 - Easy Suitable for beginners
M - 10 to 15 km		
L - 15 to 20 km	4 to 7 - Off track. Minor scrub, rainforest, rock scrambling, creek rock-hopping	4 to 7 - Medium Reasonable fitness required
	8 to 9 - Off track. Thick scrub, major rocks, scrambling using hands, technical climb	8 to 9 - Hard Fit walkers only

### Activity Type

Graded Track Walk GTW      Day Walk DW  
 Through-walk TW      Base-Camp, self-sufficient BC  
 Base-Camp, accommodated ACC      Social SOC  
 Safety & Training S&T      Federation FED  
 Federation Mountain Rescue FMR

### Petrol Money Contribution

Current Suggested Rate when car pooling is:  
 10c per km

### Walks Programme May - June 2012

#### DW Sat 12 May

##### Mathieson Trail

Grade: S 3 3

Leader: John Hegarty

Contact: 3393 4177 mob 0407 962 876

[jhegarty@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jhegarty@bigpond.net.au)

Meet: 7:00am outside 77 Church Street, Goodna, or at Spicers Gap Camping Ground for 8.30am start. Off-street parking at Goodna can be arranged.

Petrol: \$18.00 from Goodna

Water: 2 litres

Transport: Vehicle only. Pooling can be arranged through the Leader.

Location/Access: In Main Range National Park about 100 kms from Brisbane and is reached via Lake Moogerah Road, which leaves the Cunningham Highway 5 km west of Aratula, then Spicers Gap Road. There is almost 4km of dirt road to get to the camping ground. It is accessible by conventional vehicle however care needs to be exercised with lower vehicles. **NB – best available condition of the road will be available by nomination time.**

Description: This is a pretty circuit walk of 8.1km with a variety of terrain, flora and views. It also incorporates a heritage trail with explanations of the history of the old Spicers Gap Road, the first used by bullock wagons servicing the pastoral holdings west of the Great Dividing Range. This history includes the remains of how roads were made in the middle 1800s. Lunch at

Governor's Chair or along the track. Coffee at Aratula. Suitable for beginners.

This place is well worth a visit. Anybody wanting to know more please contact me. Thanks to Bronwyn for granting me license to use her written work.  
 John Hegarty

#### Bike Ride Sun 13 May

##### Another River Bike Ride

Leader: Di Thornthwaite

Contact: 3397 6487 mob 0427 117 170

[dithornthwaite@yahoo.com](mailto:dithornthwaite@yahoo.com)

Meet: 7:30am Holman Street Ferry Terminal  
 Captain Burke Park Kangaroo Point

Distance: 20km approx

Another of my days with very few hills. We will ride through to Southbank and up to West End where we will catch the ferry across to the University of Queensland. From there we will cruise across the bridge and follow the river through to the Pat Rafter Arena and on to the Indooroopilly Bridge. Those wishing to leave can catch a train back to Southbank while the rest of us will negotiate our way down to the Western Freeway bike track and ride back through Coronation Drive to Southbank where we will celebrate with a coffee or two. This ride is mainly on bike tracks and shared space but there are some roads - mainly with bike lanes - to negotiate. Come and enjoy a relaxing ride through another section of our beautiful Brisbane.

#### SOC Club Dinner Tues 15 May

##### Venue: Tarragindi Thai

cnr. Marshall & Toohey Roads, Tarragindi

Organiser: Neil Douglas

Contact:

Nominate by 14 May

N.B. Nominations to Chris Trehearn  
 until Sunday 13 May inclusive

Meet: 6:45pm outside

The Club has been to this restaurant several times over the years. It has a slightly more upmarket feel than the average Thai restaurant, but is no more expensive and the food is tasty.

If driving from the city on the M1, take the Marshall Road exit and turn right – it's about 1 km along Marshall Road. Alternatively, why not try the Route 120 bus, which has a stop nearby. This has now been upgraded to a BUZ route and runs every 15 minutes until midnight.

#### DW Sat 19 May

##### Chungaragool Cave

Grade: M 5 4

Leader: John Marshall

Contact:

Meet: 6:30am Calamvale pub mango tree

Walk km: 10.2 km

Car km: 73 km each way

Petrol: \$15.00

Water: 2 litres

Map: Beechmont 1:50000 or Lamington National Park

We will access the bottom of the Illinbah Circuit Track in Lamington National Park from the end of the

Illinbah Rd and then follow the graded track upstream crossing the creek 6 times before heading off track up a ridge to the west. The ridge is quite steep (about 200 meters vertically and approx 1 in 5 or 20% grade) and could be overgrown, so gaiters are recommended. We pick up a section of the abandoned track system and head south a bit to the Cave - an overhang. Depending on progress, we may continue up the ridge towards Wangerriburra Lookout for extensive views and then descend back to the Illinbah Track on another ridge.

Note the extent of creek crossings - at least 12, so come prepared with grippy footwear and walking poles.

### **BC Fri 18 – Sun 20 May Girraween National Park**

Leaders: Margaret Keys  
Margie Pascoe

Camping from Friday at Castle Rock camping area. (Please make your own campsite bookings on the DERM website). Castle Rock camping area is in a pleasant open forest setting and has tent camping as well as places for caravans, camper trailers and motorhomes. Sites are not allocated. There are hot showers and toilets at the campground. Water is available but should be treated before drinking. The leaders will arrive on Friday afternoon.

Saturday walk will be to Mt Norman, leaving campsite approx. 8:30am. Sunday walk to The Junction.

Come along and enjoy a weekend in granite country.

### **Social Tues 22 May 'BOSQ Ciné-club'**

The trial Ciné-club is continuing and on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month avid movie goers in BOSQ will be meeting for pre/post-movie eats and a feature film at various cinemas.

The venue and movie will be open to suggestions by members who have pre-registered on the club Gmail facility to receive movie info and the general consensus will be circulated. To offer suggestions simply send an email to: [bushwalksq@gmail.com](mailto:bushwalksq@gmail.com) with the words 'movie suggestion' in the subject line.

To register, simply send an email to: [bushwalksq@gmail.com](mailto:bushwalksq@gmail.com) with the word 'movie' in the subject line to be included in the 'Movie' email group. Those without internet please buddy up with someone who has so the details can be shared.

These will be an addition to club social events, offering another chance to catch up with fellow members and friends, and maybe to introduce new people into the club through your contact networks.

### **DW Sun 27 May Maroon Traverse**

Grade: M 7 7  
Leader: Neil Gray  
Contact:  
Water: 2 litres  
Meet: 7:30am

Maroon via Boonah

A traverse of the mountain from west to east and a repeat of the classic walk last done 3 years ago. Starts with a 4 km walk in to the base of the mountain and

then up the western ridge. Views and scrambling to be expected, as well as some thick vegetation. Down the tourist route from the summit. Expect a long, hard but rewarding day. Conditioned, fit bushwalkers only.

### **DW Sun 3 June Neglected Mountain**

Grade: M 5 5  
Leader: John Hegarty  
Phone: 3393 4177 mob 0409 962 876  
[jhegarty@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jhegarty@bigpond.net.au)

Meet: 7:00am at usual place in Calamvale Hotel car park or 8.30am at Stinson Park, Christmas Creek.

Directions: Access to car park off Compton Road through shopping centre past bottle shop to Beaudesert Road side of hotel. Stinson Park – Mt Lindsay Highway through Beaudesert to Laravale – veer left onto Christmas Creek Road. Distance one way - about 80 km.

Petrol: \$20.00

Water: 2 litres

Footwear/Personal Protection: Closed, sturdy shoes, brimmed hat, sunscreen, etc.

This walk will start at Stinson Park where there is plenty of parking (and camping facilities should anybody want those). We'll then take a gravel road towards where the famed 'Stretcher Track' starts. From there it is basically 'off track' up to a saddle overlooking Stinson Park, right up to a small plateau, and along a narrow ridge towards the summit from where there are great views of the very picturesque mountains we venture into from time to time. Morning tea will be somewhere along the way and lunch at the summit.

We will either return the same way or head westwards down Neglected Mountain towards Chinghee Gap if the appropriate landholder permission can be obtained. If the latter comes off I will arrange a car shuttle.

This walk should not take longer than about 4 hours so we'll be out of there before dark and in a coffee shop in Beaudesert (I noticed one open late when we were returning from the Stinson Walk). This is a great walk suitable for anybody reasonably fit and equipped. Come along and hear a story about me 'disappearing' on a previous walk on Neglected Mountain!!

### **DW Sun 10 June Northbrook Mountain**

Grade: M 4 4  
Leader: Heather Buchanan  
Contact: mob (day of walk only)  
Meet: 8.00am Maiala Picnic area (beside road)  
Water: 2 litres  
Map: Brisbane Forest Park

Northbrook Mountain has two summits, the higher being 659m, and is situated in the D'Aguilar National Park north-west of Brisbane. The walk is a combo of graded track, gravel road, the ascent and descent of the mountain and vague footpads. We are unable to do the circuit as we have done in the past because of severe flood damage to the road, so after lunching on the second summit, we will retrace our steps for the

second half of the walk. There are panoramic views from several rocky knolls, an interesting variety of vegetation types and some steep ups and downs. The plan is to start the walk at Maiala Picnic Ground as parking is very limited at Lawnton Road.

### **BC 8-11 June (Queen's Birthday Long Weekend) Cania Gorge**

Leader: Lynne Skaines  
Contact:

Cania Gorge is 24km from Monto in the North Burnett. The proposal is to camp at Cania Gorge Tourist Retreat which is at the entrance to Cania Gorge National Park.

There are powered and unpowered sites suitable for tents, caravans and camper trailers and cabins (which are currently limited and may not be available). Powered sites \$28; unpowered \$23. The facilities include - fully equipped camp kitchen, modern amenities with hot showers, camp fires allowed, fishing at Lake Cania a short drive away. There is one long day walk + numerous shorter walks to fill a second day - entrance to most walks at camp site. It is proposed to travel up on Friday and out Monday - anyone wishing to stay longer please advise.

Please contact me ASAP if you propose to join the camp so site bookings can be made as this is a popular getaway spot on, what is, our last June long weekend.

### **Tuesday 12 June 2012**

#### **Social Meeting.**

**Monthly Club Meeting 7:30 pm**

**Little Kings Hall, cnr. O'Keefe & Carl Sts.  
Buranda**

### **DW Sat 16 June Mount Mitchell**

Grade: M 4 4  
Leader: Di Thornthwaite  
Contact: 3397 6487 mob 0427 117 170  
[dithornthwaite@yahoo.com](mailto:dithornthwaite@yahoo.com)

Fuel: \$15.00  
Water: 2 litres  
Meet: 7.30am 77 Church Street, Goodna

I have not done a recce yet but at this stage I am proposing to walk up Mt Mitchell via the graded track and then descend down the South Western ridge to the old convict road and follow it along till we cut back to the main road. This will entail a short car shuttle. More information in the next newsletter.

### **DW Sun 17 June Deception Bay**

No details available

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## **Further Trip Reports**

### **Extended Outing**

#### **Southeast Tasmania – 10th to 17th March**

Last month there was a short report from Di about what the various participants in the outing did. This is a potted article on the actual walks.

The first couple of days were marred by various administrative hassles which did not augur well for the rest of the trip. There was a mixup with our hotel booking in Hobart, we had to wait nearly 1½ hours for our rental vehicles to be made ready (easily the longest wait I've had anywhere), and then the communal goodies we bought at a supermarket south of Hobart were somehow left behind on the footpath. However, an extra hotel room materialised, the later ferry we got to Bruny Island still gave us just enough time to do the planned afternoon walk, and the little shop at Adventure Bay had enough basic supplies to tide us over until we left the island.

We had 2½ days of walking on Bruny Island. On the first afternoon we did the half day walk to Fluted Cape, not far from where we were staying. The air was very clear and there were spectacular views from the top of the high cliffs looking north as far as Tasman Island. However, clouds gathered around sunset and there was a bit of rain that evening.

The next morning was still cloudy, but we set off for the far south-western corner of the island to do the Labaillardiere Peninsula circuit walk. Most of this track was close to the coast, generally in open forest. The best parts were probably the beaches at the far end of the peninsula which had expansive views across to the rugged mainland, and the grassy headlands on the way back that had spectacular views of the rugged Cape Bruny area. It became sunny and clear by afternoon. When we returned to the cars we did a short diversion to the Cape Bruny lighthouse, which had excellent views of the southern part of the island. It was a shame we weren't allowed to climb the lighthouse for even better views.

Next day was fine and warm. Some people did the boat trip out from Adventure Bay to see the seals, dolphins and rugged coastline, while the rest of us did a walk to East Cloudy Head a bit east of Cape Bruny. This involved a fairly long walk along a beautiful beach, then a climb up high ridges on a reasonably well defined but rather overgrown track. On the way we met a group of people from Hobart doing the same walk. They operated a bit like our "Wednesday Walkers". For me this was the most enjoyable day, because of the expansive views and the beach scenery. On the way back home we stopped off at the Mount Mangana track, where we took the opportunity to walk to the highest part of the island. There were some views from the top through gaps in the vegetation, but you had to look for them. Some of the boat trippers joined us for this walk. That evening most people went for dinner in another little town and did penguin spotting on the way back – not too many penguins around, though.

Next day it was time to leave the island. We drove back to the ferry for a late morning departure then headed through Hobart to New Norfolk for more shopping. On the way I diverted to the airport so Margaret could fly home early. Then we proceeded to

the Mount Field National Park headquarters where we picked up keys for the three "Government Huts" up on the plateau that I had booked. Keys in hand, we then proceeded up the winding mountain road to our accommodation for the next 2 nights.

The huts proved to be considerably more spacious than Alan had led us to believe, and there was plenty of room for the remaining 9 of us. After settling in the rest of the group went off to do the nearby Pandani Circuit as an introduction, but I stayed back to nurse a cold I'd had for the last two days. Although we were up at around 900 m it was surprisingly warm, and most people dined alfresco at an outside picnic table that evening.

The following morning dawned fine and fairly clear, so all but Kay and I set off to do the Tarn Shelf Circuit. We other two headed off for Mount Field East, a peak I hadn't done before. Unfortunately, we were not far into the climb when cloud rolled in across the plateau from the east, and all views disappeared. We still continued to the summit to say we'd been there, but all was white. We descended back to the road on a different track via Lake Nicholls, and we were almost down to the lake before we got below the cloud base. We had a short lunch stop on the track between the lake and the road, which meant that rain had begun before we got back to the car. We spent the rest of the afternoon back at the hut. The others got back quite a while after we did, having walked in rain for two hours or more.

The rain became quite heavy early in the night and, although it had stopped by morning, the weather still looked doubtful. Therefore we left the plateau and headed down to park HQ again to do the circuit track to Russell and Lady Barron Falls. These were a lush contrast to the subalpine scenery up on the plateau. Then we headed back to Hobart for a bit of R & R and a last meal together before most of us headed home the following morning.

Thanks to those who came on the trip and especially to John H and Chris for taking on the complex job of looking after the group kitty.  
Neil Douglas

### **Day Walk 14 April Wilson's Creek Cascades**

I know of a couple of groups that have abandoned plans to visit the Cascades once they get above Kinnane's Falls and look upstream. What they see is the overgrown nature of a previously easy walking route to a great spot. Our abandonment of managing our wilder landscapes is a foreign practice really and the outcome is that problem entirely – rampant vegetation regrowth which some in the EPA are now starting to question as the experiment changes the landscapes to something that was never there. Anyway, I reckoned I could get there so 13 other walkers joined me at our place on Saturday and after the Tobin party finally arrived we set off to the Teviot.

After parking the cars and other formalities, we set off on foot. Following the old logging road up to the top of the falls was easy and lulled the group into a false sense of ease. First break was taken at the falls and a chance to take in the views, have a chat and a snack.

Actually that was a taste of what was to come as the grass was waist high at the top of the logging road

which made path finding a bit of a chore. That was to be the experience of our travels until we made it to the security of the border fence and slashed strip each side; long grass and undergrowth hiding all kinds of surprises. However after a party of 14 has passed in file, there is now a distinct track, mostly where the old track was.

That old track is still there hidden beneath the undergrowth if you know where to look and I reckon I followed it about most of the time, which made for quick progress and in 30 mins we made it to the campsite on Wilson's Creek and break 2. The creek was running and crystal clear so we had a pleasant rest in the glade.

Paul Elliot (a visitor from Warwick) helped break trail from this point which was a big help as we took on the more challenging terrain above the campsite. After more path finding and vegetation challenges we arrived at the Cascades in another 30 mins, and some availed themselves of the opportunity to explore the system of slides and pools, but it was a bit slippery down there!

Pushing on it wasn't long until our arrival in the area of the top fall below the rainforest, some more exploration and lunch after Vicki discovered how slippery it can be out there. We had a bit of an amusing moment at her expense as she slipped and couldn't regain traction on the moist soils. After a short lesson in edging technique she was on her way.



**Heather in front of the falls at lunch.**



**Heather, Lil, Di, Vicki and Trevor**

After lunch we pushed uphill to the border and eventually found the top bald. This is a tree free area due to the shallow soil over the old basalt flow and it allowed great views of the Main Range in the afternoon as the clouds swirled about the peaks. Quite stunning really, I hadn't been to that spot for so long I had forgotten about the quality of the views. The border was a pleasant stroll through the bush to Hargreaves Road and the arrival of Gaylene to collect the drivers and do the shuttle. Those of us not too exhausted by the day ventured out to the Ballow Lookout from the Border Gate for more great views. Those trying to enjoy some relaxation at the gate had other distractions; the passing traffic, some leeches and the interesting tenants of the house.

So we did it, visited the Cascades and didn't disappear forever into the re-growth. Thank you so much to the volunteers in track establishment: BOSQ – Neil, Di, Heather, Jonas, Pat, Vicki, Lil, Justin, Brenda. BCBWC – Joe Finn and Trevor Kelly. Visitors – Jay Colburn and Paul Elliot

It was great to return once again to the Cascades.  
Neil Gray

### **DW Wed 25 April Somerset Trail - (D'Aguilar NP)**



**BOSQ's Newest Probationary Member**

### **DW Sunday 29 April Ships Stern Circuit, Binna Burra**

After torrential rain the day and night before the planned Ships Stern Walk at Binna Burra, there was a fair bit of "will we / won't we" discussion before it was decided to risk it and go! It turned out to be the right decision and we were rewarded with a rain-free walk and some spectacular views of both the Numinbah Valley and the interestingly named Egg Rock. The

inconvenience of a slightly challenging creek crossing was more than compensated by the spectacular Ballunju Falls, in full glory after the rain.



**John H., Vicki, Bronwyn and Betty at Ballunju Falls**

Thanks to Betty, Bronwyn, John H. and Vicki for joining me on the walk and thanks also for quashing your mutinous rumblings about morning tea.  
Peter Skippington

### **TW Fri 27 – Sat 28 April Moreton Island**

Despite the inclement weather and weekend forecast four intrepid throughwalkers met at the gate of ferry/barge company at 7.30am Friday. Having paid the attendant for parking, I attempted to close passenger side window. Would only go half way up despite prodding, pulling. My thoughts were to return home as car could not be left with window open to the elements but NO. A makeshift window was installed with Margie P's car window shade and (it is amazing what these experienced throughwalkers carry!) a length of rope and Margie K's tape. To my relief it did the job and inside car remained dry.

After arrival at The Wrecks we set off to walk across the island to Rous Battery under fine but overcast skies arriving 3pm. Rain kindly stayed away whilst we erected tents and set up camp. Then it came, torrents of it so, like naughty girls, we were "in bed" by 4pm without dinner. Thank goodness for museli bars and some left over lunch. Heavy rain and wind all Friday night.

To calls of "the billy's been boiled" we ventured out about 5.30am to discuss our long night and whether we had managed to stay dry. We had all "slept" with either drips or a stream of water entering tents and, in some cases, saturating sleeping bags. Our fearless leader suggested we should return home and all readily agreed. Camp was packed up in drizzle and we set off at 7.30am for Tangalooma to await 3.30pm barge.

Despite heavier packs full of wet gear Di T and I set good pace and were a little ahead of the two Margies. About 2/3 along Rous Battery Track there was snorting (didn't think it was Di!) and rustling in the undergrowth and six feral pigs charged out onto the track ahead frightening the life out of us! They continued on the track ahead of us for some 300m, stopping and then running ahead as we approached. At one stage we turned around and there was one following like a

stray puppy.

We were all back at Tangalooma bit after 11 and by then the rain was torrential and did not cease. Lunch and coffee at resort, then raincoats and backpacks back on for the trek up the beach to The Wrecks for the barge. Despite a barrier saying No Admittance we boarded and stowed backpacks to great relief before being told we should not be there and directed to a nearby shelter to await boarding time.

Unfortunately, the drama did not end with our disembarkation and leaving the port - a combination of driving rain, unfamiliar roads full of roadworks and a wrong turn meant I took Di on a tour of the city over the Gateway Bridge! Eventually we arrived home safely to the huge job of drying out.

My heartfelt thanks to Margaret Keys, Margie Pascoe and Di Thornthwaite for their patience, advice and assistance to get me through my FIRST (and maybe my LAST!) experience of throughwalking. Lynne Skaines

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### President's Bit for May 2012

Hello Members & Friends,

This month we sort out any change to our membership fees. There has already been some 'email discussion' on this subject including thoughts on amounts and why. At the meeting I'll be seeking a motion from the floor to set aside the current fees. If that is carried I'll then seek motions on alternative amounts. I will abstain unless a 'casting vote' is required. At our next Management Meeting on 26 May we'll sort out our membership classes (for insurance purposes I think we need an official 'visitor' category).

On insurance coverage the following applies:

1. Visitors are the only ones actually required to acknowledge the risk as set out on our 'Outing Nomination Form' (the heading of the acknowledgment relates to visitors). Activity participants signing for any other reason (e.g. presence) is a **totally** separate issue;
2. Both Ordinary and Probationary Members acknowledge the risk on application for or renewal of membership so acknowledging the same risk repeatedly is pointless and against Bushwalking Australia (BAI) insurance advice (**source** BAI Insurance Report 2011-12, dated 10 July 2011).

Enough of that. Di T is presently preparing an Activity Program for July – December. She puts a lot of work into her role as Outings Coordinator. Please do all you can to support her. Leading a walk is not hard (I can even do it), helps our club, and 'spreads the load'!

Keep well, remember those less fortunate, and great Walking!!  
John Hegarty

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### Treasurer's Report as at 30 April, 2012 (Period April 2012)

Opening Balance 1 April 2012		\$
Income		
Credit Interest	\$	
Prob Membership	\$	
Kitty balance Tas	\$	\$
Expenditure		
Print Footnotes	\$	\$
Closing Balance 30 April 2012		\$

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### Notices

#### \*\*\*Advanced Notice\*\*\*

#### Extended Trip - Mt Moffatt National Park Sat 11 Aug to Sun 19 Aug

Leader: David Longland

Contact:

We will depart Brisbane on 11 August and drive to Injune, where we will stay overnight. On Sunday 12 we will drive to Mt Moffatt National Park and camp at Dargonelly Rock Hole Camp site. National Parks have advised access by High Clearance vehicles and 4WD vehicles only.

There will be access to the following areas for walks:- Kookaburra Cave, Kenniff Lookout, Marlong Arch, Marlong Creek, West Branch, Long Gully, Mahongary Forest. We are aiming to be back in Brisbane on Sunday 19 August. We will be away the week of the EKKA public holiday.

It would be over 10 years since the club has been here, so please book in the dates and come along.

#### \*\*\*Advance Notice\*\*\*

#### Extended Throughwalk

#### Green Gully Track

#### Sat 15 – Thurs 20 September ex Brisbane

Leader: Neil Douglas

Phone:

Number limit: 6 (strict – preference will be given to Club members)

Cost: \$80 or \$120 (depending if staying 4 or 5 nights on track)

Deposit on nomination: \$50.00

Petrol money: because of the distance, there will be special cost-sharing arrangements

A description of the walk was in the February and March newsletters. The "expressions of interest" list that was started currently has more than 6 on it so the trip will definitely be going ahead, and a booking on the track has been made.

An actual nomination sheet has been started, to provide certainty for people who definitely want to go. A \$50 deposit will be payable at the time of nomination, with the balance due around the middle of the year. Until the end of May, preference will be given to the first 6 on the expression of interest list, then to the remaining people on the list. After that, any vacant places will be available to all comers.

When nominating, please indicate whether you would prefer to stay in the house at the end of the

track on the night after the walk (cost \$40 per person) or drive 2 hours to Walcha and stay somewhere there.

**\*\*\* Advance Notice\*\*\***

This year's 2012 South-East Queensland Pilgrimage will be hosted by:

**Redland Bushwalkers**

and will take place at the Canungra Showgrounds, Canungra on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

The Redland club have provided a dedicate website for the Pilgrimage:

<http://pilgrimage2012.weebly.com/index.html>

This professional looking website provides all the details regarding itinerary, walks, photo tour, bookings and also scope for answering questions.

**\*\*\*FMR News\*\*\***

**7-8 July 2012:** High end adventure bushwalk.

**22-23 September 2012:** Search and Rescue training.

**FMR Becomes a Club:** FMR became an incorporated club called FMR Inc on 12/08/11. At the last FMR meeting it was decided to charge an annual membership fee of \$30 (1st July - 30<sup>th</sup> June). If you are interested in joining FMR Inc please return the completed membership application form along with the membership fee to the Treasurer, FMR Inc. PO Box 296, Stones Corner Qld 4120  
Barbara Makepeace, Secretary FMR Inc.

**\*\*\* Advance Notice\*\*\***

**ANNUAL SHEPHERDS WALK**

Sponsored by

**BEAUDESERT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.**

**Tele/Fax: (07) 5541 3740. Email: [hsb@hotmail.net.au](mailto:hsb@hotmail.net.au)**

**DATE OF WALK: SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JULY 2012**

Intending walkers **MUST REGISTER THEIR NAMES BY 18th JULY with the SOCIETY**

**Business Hours: 10.00am to 2.00pm Daily.**

Details of walk were in the March Footnotes.

**\*\*\* Advance Notice\*\*\***

**Extended Accommodated Basecamp**

**Atherton Tableland and Eclipse**

**Mon 12 – Thurs 15 November**

Leader: Neil Douglas

Contact:

Leaving Townsville airport 11.00am 12 November

Nominations now open

Deposit on nomination: \$20

On 14 November, a total eclipse of the sun will sweep across the base of Cape York Peninsula in the early morning, reaching Cairns at 6:40am. I am planning a trip to see this and visit some national park areas at the same time.

At this stage I have booked my flight to Townsville for the morning of 12 November and back home from there in the evening on 15 November. I have also booked one large sedan hire car from Townsville airport on 12 November and a family villa (accommodating 3 adults, or 4 if there is a couple) in a caravan park at Atherton for 3 nights. More cars and

cabins will be booked if necessary, providing they're available. One reason for flying to Townsville is that fares to Cairns around the time of the eclipse have already soared, as Cairns is on the eclipse line but Townsville is not. Starting from Townsville also provides an opportunity to visit some national parks on the way to the Atherton Tableland, such as Jourama Falls and Palmerston.

Atherton is just within the eclipse line, but weather permitting we will drive north from there early in the morning to get a longer period of totality. During the 2 days on the Atherton Tableland we will also visit all the national parks that have walking tracks – mostly to crater lakes and waterfalls.

**\*\*\*BWQ 2012 Track Maintenance Schedule\*\*\***

BWQ Track Maintenance re-commenced 1 Feb 2012.

The Wednesday midweek work days will basically be every fortnight. Four weekend working bees have been included to enable employed people to attend; on site accommodation can be arranged. Public holidays, long weekends, school holidays and FMR training weekends have been avoided. Until further notice, all work days will be carried out at Binna Burra Section of Lamington National Park.

Those who wish to participate should contact:  
John Marshall 07 3311 5506 mob: 0411 501 391  
[jmbne48@gmail.com](mailto:jmbne48@gmail.com) for further details

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**Articles for Footnotes**

To expedite the preparation of the Footnotes and provide an archival copy it would be appreciated if articles were forwarded to the following:

**Editorial e-mail:** [bushwalksq@gmail.com](mailto:bushwalksq@gmail.com)

**With cc to:** [sj.edenborough@bigpond.com](mailto:sj.edenborough@bigpond.com)

*(If possible put "The Editor" in subject line).*

**Photographs for Footnotes**

The inclusion of photographs lightens plain text reports and prompts a visual recall. There is often space in Footnotes where a photo or two could be included. The submission of a relevant photo, referenced to a walk, by any member on that walk would be appreciated. Please forward images as attachments at the original capture resolution, the quality of reproduction is severely reduced when imbedded in or forwarded by the email option. Actual inclusion will be controlled by monthly space constraints.

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Morning Tea – Easter Camp



Train Spotting at Spring Bluff – BOSQ Style



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