



# FOOTNOTES

Club Newsletter of Bushwalkers of Southern Queensland Inc.

## Walk/social Sun 7 January Rocks Riverside Park

It was the coolest spot down by the river at 4pm in the western suburbs. Nobody wanted to start walking!

Seven of us finally set off alongside the river but soon left the cool breeze behind, climbing the zigzag track up the cliffs to the verandah area.

Another shady up and down in an area of recently restored native bushland near Fort Road and we were ready for a water break.

No swimming, but just cool drinks and energy snacks before another downhill, a final up, and back to the riverside. Not a long walk but active enough even at 5pm in January.

Four non-walkers had saved us a very cool table where we all enjoyed cold food and drinks, refreshing breezes, a great social time, and the slowly darkening Brisbane River.

Thanks to all who joined me.  
Di Edwards

## DW Sat 20 January Albert River Circuit

It's always a delight to step out of the car into the fresh mountain air up at Green Mountains, as it's so much cooler than the lowlands, usually by several degrees. So without too much ado, we were soon immersing ourselves in the beautiful rainforest of Lamington for the day.

Lots to see, but of special interest were the gnarled and ancient Antarctic Beech trees, very pretty creek and waterfall scenery and specky views from the two lookouts into NSW. On two occasions we spotted brilliantly coloured Noisy Pittas foraging in the leaf litter but they were startled into flight as we approached.

Being a longish walk we had two morning snack stops, then a late lunch at Echo Point around 1pm.

Views were a bit on the hazy side, but still spectacular and dramatic. After a good snack of jelly snakes and with energy restored at the junction of the Main Border Track, it was full steam ahead back to O'Reillys.

Joining me for the day was the small but enthusiastic little group of Alison H, Robyn B, Gail C, Betty C and Kerry N. Thanks for your company on this most enjoyable day out.

Heather Buchanan

## Walk/social Fri 26 January Sylvan Stroll

We had 13 participants in this potentially cool afternoon/evening walk from Regatta CityCat jetty via St. Lucia, UQ, Dutton Park to South Bank to watch the fireworks. Not quite a cool walk as it turned out – the air was humid and the sun still had a bite between the shady bits. The shady bits were welcomed though, from the highrise apartments and street tree plantings along the back streets to Guyatt Park and beyond.

At one stage we lost Bronwyn. We had passed a woman digging in her garden and it turned out she was Bronwyn's cousin, so a brief catch up ensued.

We continued on over to the southern side of the university and followed the river bank around to Eleanor Schonell Bridge then over to Dutton Park. The back streets here are populated with classic Queensland architecture and we noted the many variations of Campbell homes – one of the original kit homes based on a standard design.

Then we picked up a laneway beside the railway which offered a good view of the tunnels and the site of the now vanished Gloucester St station. Up over the hill and past some incredible reworked dwellings that must have some of the best views of inner city living.

We finished the walk near the Maritime Museum and found a spot on the grass in readiness for the fireworks. The fireworks were really great, with artistic representations of Australian wildflowers exploding above, including wattles and waratah, with a spectacular finale in green and gold.

Perhaps to illustrate what Australia Day is all about, the guys standing near us were speaking in Russian on their mobiles, and some of us later adjourned to a Lebanese restaurant for a meal and drinks. We were suitably "wrapped" in the good service and scrumptious food. I had an Aussie lamb kafta.

The 8km walk took us 2½ hours with pleasant company and good conversation. We should do more of the same in the cool of evenings.

Thanks to: Judy & John, Helen, Suzie, Susan, Neil, Alan, Peter, Bronwyn, Lorraine, Patrick and Alison.  
John Marshall

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### MEMBERSHIP FEES

Ordinary Membership \$35.00 p.a.

Current cover for financial members – Public Liability insurance under the BA group insurance scheme is \$20 million.

### Executive committee meetings for 2018:

Last Monday of February, April, June, August, September, November.

**Membership Register:** Changed your contact details? Please advise Graham Englart

**E-Comms:** To register for regular email updates on the walks program or other club news, send an email request to bushwalksq@gmail.com. Please put 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 QPWS if camping in a Queensland national park on a club activity. First confer with your leader, then contact the following to book and pay by credit card:

1. Contact the QPWS on **13 74 68**
2. Or visit the website at: <https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/activities/camping/bookings>
3. You can book online or check the website to find an office where over-counter bookings can be made.

### 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 until 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.

In an emergency, life threatening or serious injury situation, or one that requires a search and rescue, contact the Police on 000 (or 112 on extended mobile network). If the party is overdue but otherwise safe, the leader should attempt to contact BOSQ committee members who can advise family members from club records.

Escalate if necessary to put the bushwalkers' search and rescue group FMR on standby. Their contact list is on the website: <http://fmrqld.bwq.org.au/contact.html>.

If overdue more than 24 hours, the Police should be notified. More search and rescue information at: <http://fmrqld.bwq.org.au/overdue.html>

### Insurance cover

Insurance for BOSQ members is arranged through the peak body of Australian bushwalking federations, Bushwalking Australia Inc (BA). 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://bushwalkingaustralia.org/insurance>.

### Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs)

The club owns two new and two old PLBs. Walk leaders are encouraged to take one on their walks, especially off-track walks, extended trips or survey walks.

The holders of the new PLBs are Neil Douglas 3875 1090 or 0427 138 871 and Heather Buchanan 3814 2556 or 0432 123 025.

The old ones are held by Euey Mangan 0418 726 509 and John Marshall 5498 6780 or 0474 480 056.

There is no charge to club walk leaders who borrow these PLBs.

## BOSQ Inc. ... Walks Programme

Walk Gradings (Further information: John Marshall at johnbne@bigpond.com)

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
X - Over 20 km	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

Nominations: by 18 February (specify if going on walk)  
 Meet: for the walk – 6.15pm at southern end Goodwill Bridge  
 for meal only – 7pm outside restaurant

As far as I know the Club hasn't been to a Lebanese restaurant before, so this is something different. For a light meal they have tasty wraps for \$13-\$17. Mains are mostly \$20-\$25.

There will be an optional sunset walk before the dinner, weather permitting, starting from the Goodwill Bridge and going through the Botanic Gardens to the Edward Street ferry. We'll cross on the ferry then walk back along the Kangaroo Point cliffs to South Bank. Bring your Go Card for the ferry. If it's raining, we'll just eat.

There's paid parking near the restaurant, or you might be able to get free parking along the Kangaroo Point cliffs, but why not consider public transport? The restaurant is within a 3 minute walk of the South Bank railway and busway stations and South Bank 2 ferry wharf. (If you use public transport, your ferry crossing will be effectively free.)

### DW Sat 24 February

#### Coomera Circuit – Binna Burra

Grade: M 3 3

Leader: Helen Sutherland, 3720 8081, 0400 208 081

Meet: Please put on nom. form where you intend to meet.

Water: 2 litres min

Petrol: \$15

Map: Lamington National Park graded tracks

Coomera Circuit is one of the popular walks in hot weather. Attractions are: the spectacular Coomera Falls from the lookout; the very pretty creek scenery with numerous smaller falls and cascades; the giant brush box; and the delightful cooling effect of being beside a gurgling creek on a hot day.

The circuit is 17.4km and is almost entirely in rainforest. Some creek crossings have 'stepping stones' and do expect wet boots on several crossings.

Please nominate by Thursday 22 February. Also, please refer to the 'essentials list' for the important stuff to bring on a day walk including warm clothes, if needed, as this area can get cool.

### BC Fri 2 - Sun 4 March

#### Sheepstation Creek Campground

#### Border Ranges National Park, Northern NSW

Leader: Lynne Skaines, 07 5463 2426/0407 030 152

Sites: Suitable for tent, camper trailer, caravan, camping beside vehicle. Pre-booking not available. Book and pay on-site

Costs: \$6 per adult per night + \$8 per day vehicle entry

Facilities: Non flush toilets, picnic tables, gas/electric/wood BBQs. Bring own firewood, water, insect repellent and rubbish container.

Roads: 2wd dry weather unsealed roads within National Park.

Directions: From Brisbane take the Mt Lindesay Highway to Innisplain (just before Rathdowney). Follow the scenic Lions Road across the border at Richmond Gap, then past Border Loop Lookout and picnic

## Walks Program February – March 2018

### ½ DW Sun 18 February

#### Redland Bay coast and wetlands walk

Grade: S 1 1

Leader: Euey Mangan, 0418 726 509

Meet:

Distance: Approx 7km

After meeting we'll have a short car shuffle to the other end of the bay. We start at Esplanade Rd, with views to Moreton Bay and Garden, Macleay, Karragarra and Pannikin Islands.

Then we walk along Veinam Creek through melaleuca wetlands until we reach Redland Bay Marina. Then more beautiful views of Moreton Bay until we arrive back at the golf club.

No need for hiking boots, runners or sandals are fine. Also mostly shade. The club is open for dinner until 8pm for anyone who wants to join me. No thongs after 7pm and shirts with collars.

### SOC Tue 20 February

#### Social dinner and optional walk

Venue: Baba Ganouj Restaurant,  
 6A Little Stanley Street, South Brisbane

Organiser: Neil Douglas, 3875 1090

area. Further on turn left into Simes Road and follow National Park signs to Campground. NB The Lions Road is unsuitable for caravans and trailers. Please check alternate route via Summerland Way.

Both Saturday and Sunday walks are planned to explore tall rainforests, ancient beech forests and crystal clear creeks.

The park is within the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area on the rim of a vast, ancient volcano.

There are spectacular views of Wollumbin Mount Warning and the escarpment to the coast.

For further info – [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au)

### **DW Sat 10 March**

#### **Springbrook to Pinnacle and Twin Falls**

Grade: M 3 4. Not a long walk but has approx 1½ hours of graded track walking.

Leader: Di Edwards, 3379 6296 (0428 893 040 on day of walk only)

Meet:

Notify which meeting place you choose. The leader will also arrange share cars on nomination if possible.

This is a reasonably level graded but rough track at times out towards the rocky landmark named The Pinnacle. The final 1½km is on an overgrown footpad.

We walk behind the beautiful Rainbow Falls and below a triple drop waterfall and should enjoy great views down towards the Gold Coast. Conditions on the recce were quite dry but by early March Springbrook could have roaring waterfalls and slippery, muddy tracks.

We plan to visit Twin Falls area on return for a possible swim and can extend the cliff top walk at this stage depending on the wishes of the group, weather, and time available.

Bring food for the full day, minimum 2 litres water, repellent, wet weather gear, and expect anything weatherwise.

**Tuesday 13 March 2018**

**Meeting at 7.30pm**

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

## **ADVANCE NOTICE**

### **EXT Katoomba Accommodated – Blue Mountains Walks**

**Wed 2 May - Wed 9 May 2018**

We now have 18 interested members for our BOSQ accommodated stay for 7 nights at KCC Conference Centre in Katoomba – we can still accept more.

Confirmed nominations and payment should be made by end of March when nominations will close. All up accommodation costs including some catering and

bed linen charge will be approx. \$530 per person for the 7 nights. Payment arrangements will be advised on nomination.

Accommodation will be in 'Hartley' building with heated bunk rooms, a large meeting/dining area and fully equipped kitchen. Bunkrooms have mattresses, doonas and pillows supplied and an ensuite. You will not need to bring a sleeping bag, but for hygiene reasons a bed linen set must be hired for a nominal fee (even if you do use a sleeping bag).

#### Preliminary program outline:

Check in: Arrive Wed 2 May from 2pm. Allow 2 to 3 hours for train travel from Sydney airport to Katoomba, so choose a flight arriving Sydney around midday. There is a local bus from Katoomba station to the venue. Catered 3 course evening meal at the venue 6pm.

Thursday 3 May: Catered cooked breakfast and supplied pack lunch for an early start on our first walk down into the Jamison Valley to Mt Solitary (16km return). This starts just a short walk from the venue. You can choose to go all the way to Mt Solitary or do the shorter version to Ruined Castle. Return the same way with an option to catch the Scenic Railway back to the top.

Thursday night we will eat out in one of the many eateries in Katoomba.

The rest of the walks have yet to be determined, but suggestions are welcome. There will be a moderate/difficult walk (grade M 4 4) and an easy tourist walk each day to choose from.

We can hire a local mini bus to ferry us around to the start points and pick ups, some days we may use the train and local bus services.

In-house Catering is suggested for 3 nights – the first night on arrival to obviate the need to do immediate shopping, and the Friday and Saturday nights to avoid weekend crowds at the restaurants and cafes. The catering cost is \$37 pp per day but includes cooked evening meal and breakfast, lunch, morning and afternoon teas and supper. The portions are very generous! Special diets can be catered for.

These costs are included in the indicative accom. cost of \$530. Other days we can eat out or self cater using the kitchen.

Check out: Wed 9 May by 2pm.

Opal Cards will be required for all travel on trains and local bus. These can be purchased at Sydney Airport. If you have a Queensland Seniors Card, you can apply in advance on-line for the Opal senior/pensioner concession card and enjoy impressive savings!

Fitness and gear: While most of the tracks are popular and well maintained, effort is required to get down and up the huge cliffs, usually by sandstone block steps or steel gantry steps and ladders. Ensure you wear comfortable footwear with good grip – such as quality joggers or walking shoes/boots. A daypack is all you will need to bring, and include a warm jacket.

Enquiries: John Marshall – [johnbne@bigpond.com](mailto:johnbne@bigpond.com)  
0474 480 056, or leave message on 5498 6780.

## **More trip reports**

**DW Sun 28 January**

### **Wagawn Track**

It was wonderful to have a roll-up of 11 other eager walkers set off from Binna Burra on the Border Track, destination Wagawn. There was initially some light drizzle and a few of us put pack covers on as a deterrent to any possible rain when we stopped for a short break at the junction seat at the half hour mark.

It was warm and humid with occasional drizzle continuing when morning tea was declared at the rocks just prior to Wagawn Track junction. As if on cue, the heavens opened causing a mad scramble for pack covers and rain wear. We continued on in these conditions plus with an ever burgeoning invasion of leeches.

The group was becoming increasingly strung out as walkers stopped for de-leeching and just prior to the Hobwee junction the consensus was we should about turn and head for Binna Burra and a probable late lunch spot as there were certainly no dry places to sit along the track.

The closer we got to BB on the return journey the less cloud and more weak sunshine appeared although, as if to vindicate the abort decision, the drizzle commenced again as we were about to take up position at the outdoor picnic tables for lunch.

Whilst it was disappointing to have to make the decision to cut short the walk, some of the group were spilling lots of blood in the cause and it was certainly not pleasant walking in the quite heavy rain making conditions slippery.

There were no views from any of the lookouts along the way just white-outs although the mist in the rainforest created beautiful atmospheric scenes.

We were aware of 2 other large bushwalking groups also walking at Lamington on the day and it was reassuring (and made me feel a little less "woosie") to learn that they both had cut-short their walks due to the conditions.

My thanks to all for their forbearance and support – Helen, Bronwyn, Betty, Linda, Heather, Brenda, Tom (our lovely token male!), Di E, Nela and a special mention of 2 new BOSQ walkers, Robyn Boyko and Cynthia Guymer who, despite the conditions, assured me they loved the walk and were not deterred from joining future walks!

Lynne Skaines

**DW Sat 13 January**

### **Bicentennial Bikeway River Walk**

Despite the 35 degree forecast, ten keen hikers met at the Regatta City Cat Terminal at Toowong at 8am. We appreciated the light breeze coming from the river as we walked along the pedestrian path beside the Bikeway to the City Botanic Gardens.

A lengthy coffee break at the Gardens Club cafe was a fitting reward for walking the 5.5km on a hot morning without complaint.

Our Brisbane Greeter arrived and first shared some fascinating history about the establishment and development of the Gardens, accompanied by historical maps and photographs.

He then took us on a tour of the Gardens, identifying trees and plants and pointing out historical points of interest.

Most of the party wisely decided to make use of the CityCat or other public transport to get back home, but four foolhardy individuals joined other mad dogs and Englishmen by walking back to the starting point.

Joining me on the walk were Robyn, Judy, Graham, Sandra, Dallas, Kerry, Alan, Maryellen and Maurice. Welcome to Robyn on her first walk with BOSQ.  
Alison H



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