

Ramble On

Newsletter of Redland Bushwalkers Incorporated

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Next Club Meeting

Wednesday 12th May 7:00 for 7:30 start
Indigiscapes Centre, Runnymede Street Capalaba

Guest Speaker:

Come early and sign up for your walks, stay after and have a cuppa with friends.

PLANNING FOR NEXT SIX MONTHS

WALKS CALENDAR

There will be a planning meeting at Indigiscapes Centre on
Wednesday MAY 26TH 7:30 pm

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME.

Come along with your ideas for new walks or your offer to lead a walk.

President's Report

My first year came to a close by a well attended AGM. It was wonderful to see so many people come along that night for the meeting and for the entertainment that was provided. It is always interesting to see other people's slides of their adventures.

Thank you to the past committee who did an excellent job. Although Hilary M and Heather B are stepping down, they have offered their support to the people taking over their roles, thanks ladies.

Welcome to new committee members: Mats, Carmel, Kerrie and Russell Mc. also thank you to the committee members staying on Errol, Tracy, Wayne, Sue and Phil for another year.

2010-2011 is going to be another wonderful year for Redland Bushwalkers as we will be working on our program for the second half of the year very soon, so start thinking about which walk you would like to lead. In saying that we have a new position this year and that is of Leader Liason which Tracy will be doing. If you think that you may like to lead a walk but are unsure of a few things then Tracy will be there to assist you. Please give yourself a small challenge in this next 6 months. The walks calendar will then be an abundance of walks from social to hard for all to enjoy.

The committee represent you the members, so if you have anything that you would like discussed then send us a note and it will be brought up at the committee meeting and the result reported back to you.

Happy walking Denise - President

Upcoming Activities

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Thank you to Jo Oibans for escorting us on a social walk on Sunday and showing us some hidden gems in Ormiston, some great photos were taken.

Photo presentation packs will be available at the next meeting to help you with the presentation of your photos for the competition. Packs are \$2 with 10 black card pieces prepared for your use. More Black card is available on request. Competition Photos will need to be given to the committee at the 11th August Meeting.

Sunday 9th May OBI OBI SECTION OF THE GREAT WALK Approx 12km Medium Rating

This walk involves a car shuffle. We are meeting at the Baroon Pocket Dam Lower Car Park at 8:00am. The walk starts from the first carpark as you come to the Dam area marked with "Great Walk" Signs. It begins on a down hill track into the valley. This is a very picturesque walk with a couple of side tracks to lookouts. We follow the Obi Obi Creek to Kondallia Falls and then it is a stair and track climb up the hill. Bring your bathers if you are game for a swim at the falls. Ring Dudley and Sue on 07 3822 1802 if you want to join the group.

Sunday 9th May WILSON'S PEAK AND KINANES FALLS Hard Walk with Mats Anderson Ph 3822 1303

Sunday 16th May MT MATHESON DAY WALK IN MAIN RANGE Medium Walk with Hilary Martyn Ph 3821 7801

This is a great beginners walk with medium fitness. The track begins uphill and takes you across the ridge to Mt. Matheson with some great views over the valleys. If it has been raining and the Ranger advises that the road in is not suitable for conventional vehicles the walk will be rescheduled.

Sunday 16th May VENMAN'S RESERVE TO DAISY HILL (& return) Redlands Easy to Medium Walk with Brian Leggett Ph 3393 5262

This is a great local walk, a 16km return trip to the Daisy Hill Forest park which will take about 5 hours and is suitable for medium fitness walkers. Meet at the Venman's Park Carpark at 8:30 which is 8km from the turnoff along West Mt. Cotton Road.

Sunday 23rd May BULIMBA CREEK SOCIAL WALK Marnie Thomson Ph 3286 4759

Sunday 23rd May MT WIDGEE Tracy Ryan Ph 3286 4759

Saturday 29th May LOWER PORTALS/BARNEY FALLS DAY WALK/OVERNIGHT CAMP Sunday 30th May Sue and Dudley Reid Ph 07 3822 1802

Our idea with this walk is to give beginners a chance to do a walk with an overnight camp. We will walk into the Lower Portals and set up camp. Those who wish to can then do a walk up to Barney Falls and return to camp for the night and walk out on Sunday morning.

This will mean carrying a pack with tent and food etc. from the carpark to Lower Portals this is a distance of approx 4km and it has several moderate hills to traverse. The campsite at Lower Portals has no facilities. We may need to ford Barney Creek.

If there are some walkers who would just like to go to the Lower Portals and return to the cars on the Saturday we can organize that as well. Members wishing to go need to book and pay for their campsite at www.derm.qld.gov.au and on the right "Book a campsite" Please ring to ask any further explanation.

Activity Reports

Where: AMAMMOOR STATE FOREST – EASTER CAMP
When 1st – 6th April, 2010
Leader: Kevin Blain

A total of 15 members attended this base camp at Amamoor Creek camp site. The weather was great and there was no rain. With the wet weather leading up to Easter it was not too promising. This rain cleared a few days before Easter and unfortunately it was a signal for a lot of other people to go camping. The camp site filled up to the 300 capacity. The campsite still had room to move around and we were all able to camp together.



A short walk was undertaken on Easter Friday, commencing from the campsite. This walk followed a track initially through some rain forest and then into the Hoop Pine plantation and down to Amamoor Creek where some members got confused as to which way it was back to camp in time for lunch. Following lunch members took the opportunity to investigate the Country Music Muster Site which caters for 20,000 campers during the festival in August.



On Saturday some members went into Gympie and Rainbow Beach to explore the area and swim and go swimming in the rain. Other members went on a walk to find a fire tower. This tower was located on a hill about 8 km. back towards Amamoor township. The Topo Maps showed some tracks leading to the tower, so we started on what should have been about a 8 – 10 km. walk through the forest. The track that we followed meandered through open forest and Hoop Pine Plantation. After walking some 6 km. we had to find a track up a steep incline rising some 300metres. Unfortunately all the tracks that we followed finished up being densely overgrown with Lantana and were impassable. We gave up and returned to camp. There are some excellent camp sites beside the creeks in this locality. I later went and drove up some other tracks and found a more accessible route to the fire tower.

Sunday morning some of the keen shoppers headed off to Gympie Craft and Farmers Market. I don't think that they overspent. The rest of us went for a walk commencing from Cedar Grove camp site. This was a medium walk crossing the creek and then up a ridge line into the rain forest to the top of hill where no views were available due to the dense vegetation. We returned to camp for lunch.

After lunch we proceeded on another walk to find the fire tower. We drove to a site about 4km. from the tower and then walked up to the tower. The tower overlooks the area from Gympie to Cooroy and up the Mary Valley. We then returned to camp for an enjoyable Happy Hour.

Monday was pack up day and return home for most members. Thank you to all who attended this camp and made it an enjoyable outing. President Denise showed everyone that you can have a good camping weekend even with a broken leg.

Kevin Blain



Where: Mt Cordeaux Cunningham's Gap
When: 14th April
Leaders: Sue & Dudley Reid

"Views!" I thought, as we drove through the fog. "I promised them views, but we won't see a thing." But we drove out of the fog before we reached the car park for the start of our walk, and nine of us set out. For some, this was their first time on this popular walk.

First stop was the Fassifern Lookout, and yes, there were views. Much of the valley was still wrapped in its morning shroud, and it was a different look with the hills showing above the mist. We walked on, with several photo stops, and reached Mt Cordeau for morning tea. Most of the fog had cleared by now, and there were indeed views to be enjoyed. Then it was on to Bare Rock. The valley had cloud rolling in, but we were able to see along Main Range, and across the plains. Some who decided to eat lunch before admiring the scenery were rewarded with views of the valley totally clouded over. With the cloud carrying the threat of rain, we headed back to the cars, the walk at one point slowed by a small python on the track. Then all that remained was the obligatory stop in Aratula for coffee.



Where: Kid's Camp Canungra
When: 17-18th April 2010
Leaders: Denise Kolcze & Denise Mitchell

Fun, laughter, relaxing, swimming, out in the fresh air, watching a very varied and enjoyable talent show put on by all of the children and kids just being kids was the weekend summed up.

Spring Gully Stays was an excellent venue as they have the permanent tents and excellent facilities which made hassle free camping for the families who were there.

Kids were able to enjoy a campfire and of course toast the marshmallows for all to enjoy. Spotlighting was a huge hit with all the stars the only thing shining above.

Thanks to Mardi for organising a variety of activities for all the kids and adults to participate in and enjoy. The weekend was topped off by some of the people going up to O'Reilly's and doing the treetop walk and feeding the birds and alpaca. It was wonderful to show our future bushwalkers the great outdoors.

After a great weekend we have all decided that we would love to do another one in 2010, so keep your eyes on the calendar.

Denise and Denise



Where: Binna Burra to O'Reilley's 24 km walk
When: 18th April
Leaders: Kerrie Coulter and Mike Voss



An eager 23 Walkers boarded a bus and hit the road with enthusiasm and good cheer, first pickup starting at 5.30 am. There were jokes and trivia questions on the travel to Binna Burra with chockies given to the talented few. Adam blitzed it with his knowledge of Australian geography.

The walk started off with mist in the trees and sun shining through and not long out the track down came the rain so raincoats came out and during the day we even saw an umbrella! Stops were short as the viewing areas were thick with cloud. We continued to walk through lunch time until we found a more protected area around the mountain. We found a spot amongst the Arctic Beeches for lunch then off on to the last leg of the walk.

Mike called the bus driver to pick us up earlier than anticipated, when we reached O'Reilly's we cleaned up and went to the Alpaca Farm Café. We enjoyed the view from the balcony, watching alpacas and after a longish wait for drinks we headed off homeward bound. The bus driver did a wonderful job with a smooth trip up and down the mountain. Fun was had by all and the rain didn't dampen our spirits. We would love to experience a bus trip again and last but not least a big thanks to 'Tail end Steve' for his faultless support and his two way radio's.

By Kerrie Coulter

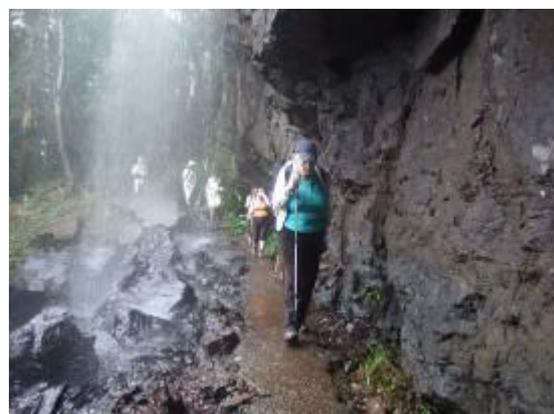


Where: Purlingbrook Falls/Twin Falls Springbrook
When: 25th April
Leaders: Sue and Dudley Reid



For the eight of us who walked the Purlingbrook Falls and Twin Falls Circuits on Anzac Day, in Springbrook National Park, the sound of water was ever present – whirring and distant, and rushing and thundering. The waterfalls we encountered were all beautiful: the tracks behind these veils of water a new and wet experience for some. The tracks, steps included, were in good condition. Waringa Pool in the shady gorge was our tranquil setting for morning tea.

During the day the different forest types, the bush flowers, ferns, impossibly green moss, huge rock clefts, grand valley glimpses and lovely misty meetings with Rainbow Falls and Blackfellows Falls, added up to a wonderful day. Many thanks to Sue and Dudley.



By Libby Westacott



Where: Sundown National Park Or:- A Magical Mystery Tour (for me Sue Donnelly)
When: 1st May
Leaders: Ted Wassenberg

I have been away traveling so it was 8 months since I had enjoyed an outing Redland Bush Walkers style. I wasn't disappointed, it was a fun filled long weekend. I had little idea where we were going. The Club Calender said "near Stanthorpe" I just knew that I had the weekend available and that I would be in the good company of very cheerful friends well experienced in bushcraft.



The mystery grew as with little vision, I sat behind Mats and Rob chatting on a long dark drive. We turned off at Ballandean. The last 20kms took 2 hours of bumping and shaking along the rough steep NP tracks. A deer crossed our path. We arrived after midnight! I had a lovely welcome when we met up with Ted, Errol, Phillip, Betty, Judy, Kevin, Bill and Richard. The cheeky ribbing started straight away and I knew that I was back home!

I didn't know yet exactly where I was but it was a beautiful campsite on the grassy banks of the Severn River. Sharp ridges surrounded us carved out with spectacular steep sided gorges to explore. A sparkling clear night sky and later, an almost full moon lit our camp at night. Rob gathered timber for a glowing campfire.

Each evening was filled with shared nibbles, cheery conversation, a drink or two and dinner. Throughout the weekend we were entertained by the crazy antics of Phil and Errol as they enjoyed domestic bliss, bickering in humorous fashion over much, including the timing of their fire baked dinner. Onions took longer to resolve and they were nibbling away burning their lips on them late at night.

On day 1 we walked up river from Burrowes Waterhole through Reedy, Pump and Red Rock waterholes. We relaxed beside them for drink and snack breaks. There was lots of evidence of a variety of animal life. Roos, deer, pigs and goats had left their mark. We saw a number of eagles and many other birds during the weekend. The Cyprus pines towered above us majestically. Spear grass stuck into our clothes everywhere, especially mine!



On day 2 we went down river, first along the track, up and down steep rugged sections, passed more water holes and up Blue Gorge. It was a really interesting rocky walk and climb up past waterholes and dry waterfalls. I was the Prickle Queen at first, soon though, most of us had become attached to a prickly pear or two and we carefully avoided stinging nettles and a couple of Gympie trees. We could hear the bleating of goats and when we sat high in our lofty lunch perch we could see a mother goat out on a high outcrop looking helplessly down to where her kid was bleating plaintively and apparently stuck on a ledge below. Phil tried calling out in "goatspeak" but to no avail!

Rob and Kevin drove to meet us and we snapped away with cameras, hearts in our mouths as their vehicles and drivers gamely tackled the steep washed out track. They offered a ride back but most of us preferred to walk.

Day 3 we packed up our camp and drove up past the old sheep pastures, abandoned now. It was just too rugged out there. A few interesting remains of settlement were still evident. We also passed the abandoned and fenced off arsenic mines and read of copper and tin mining. They bred them tough in the old days. The lookout out at Red Rock Waterfall was also spectacular and most walked down to the falls. I turned back with Rob. I was tired, it was extremely steep and I stabbed myself on a few sharp sticks. Enough for this time for me!



We finished with our usual stop for refreshments and a last gathering on the way home and said our farewells. Another successful adventure in the bush was complete.

Thanks to our leader Ted Wassenberg.

INFORMATION

THE PILGRIMAGE FRI 20th TO SUN 22nd AUGUST

<http://www.bushwalkingqueensland.org.au/pilgrimage.html>

Redlands BW at Pilgrimage 2009

The Pilgrimage is an annual bushwalking and social event of clubs from throughout the south-east corner of the state.

On the Saturday you can join one of many day walks through the surrounding areas. Social activities are organised throughout the weekend and it is an ideal time to meet and renew friendships with fellow bushwalkers.

This year the pilgrimage is hosted by the Toowoomba Bushwalkers Club Inc. at the Crows Nest Show Grounds (see How To Get There for more details).



Registration:

All attendees must be members of their respective clubs and therefore insured.

Cost will be \$25 per adult with an early bird special of \$20 (if paid by 8-Aug-2010). Children under 18 - free.

Fees will need to be mailed in with the appropriate registration form.



Activity Leaders

The Club relies on having willing and capable leaders amongst its membership to initiate, plan and conduct activities. Support and training are provided to leaders by the Committee and we are always seeking volunteers for this role.

Summary of Leader's responsibilities:

- Prepare & plan for their assigned activity
- Identify and control potential risks and hazards
- Promote the activity at Club Meetings
- Provide information for participants
- Arrange & liaise with the Contact officer
- Manage the sign-on and sign-off of members
- Brief participants prior to activity
- Monitor progress of all participants
- Manage incident or emergency situations



Contact Officer

The Contact Officer is the first point of contact for Leaders to ensure that all activities are completed in a safe manner. The Club also relies on volunteers to accept the responsibility of Contact Officer.

Summary of Contact Officer's responsibilities:

Liaise with the Leader and be contactable whilst the activity is being conducted

Hold a list of all participants of the activity

Alert the Club Safety & Training Officer of incidents as required

To find out more or express interest in leading activities or being a Contact Officer please contact Leader Liason Officer: Tracy Ryan prestonhome@inet.net.au Safety Officer: Errol Perry eiperry005@optusnet.com.au

Brisbane Bushwalkers has kindly forwarded this information to BWQ should any other club be considering doing the Illinbah Circuit in Lamington N.P..

Subject: [BBW Leaders] Illinbah Circuit Walk – Lamington
From: M. C. (BBW)-- Gavin Dale Secretary Bushwalking Queensland Inc.

Yesterday I led the Illinbah Circuit Version 4 walk. The idea was to go in from Canungra and after walking across 2 paddocks enter the rainforest on a trail which was the Old Cedar Road. We would join the main track at the lower end of the circuit then follow the creek upstream to Gwongoorool Pool and return the same way rather than going uphill to complete the usual circuit. This is how we started.

However since the very heavy rainfall earlier in the year there are many big tree falls along the track causing one to detour and spend time finding the way back on track. At one point some of the creek is flowing on a new route. Also in a number of places the banks have been eroded leaving a fairly large earthy drop down. So we had to find other places to do the crossings. As a result of extra time spent and with a group of 13 (2 walked out early on the walk due to injury), we didn't reach Gwongoorool Pool for lunch and swims until 1.30. I decided to take the group back on the high route as although it was much further would be far quicker and safer should we still be walking in the dark. There was agreement in the group that this was the right thing to do. We reached the cars safely at 5.30, just in time to change before it was dark.

I am suggesting that if any of you are considering taking this walk in the near future that you leave Brisbane at 6am rather than the usual 7am and have a smaller group, say 8 or 10 maximum.



29th MAY SATURDAY THE ACTIVE OUTDOORS EXPO 2010

THE CULTURAL FORECOURT, SOUTH BANK

On May 29 QORF, is once again hosting the Active Outdoors Expo on the Cultural Forecourt at Southbank. It has unparalleled events designed to showcase the diversity of Queensland's Outdoor Recreation industry. There is something for everyone at the Expo with an action packed, fun filled day of activities, demonstrations and exhibitions...

Come and Try... The K2 Climbing Wall | Anaconda Tent Building Races | Cycling Skill Sessions | Urban Orienteering Races | Eco-Tours | Horizontal Abseiling | The new X2 Off-road Seqways...

Check out the action... Freestyle Mountain Bike Demo | Outrigger Canoe Race | Climbing time trials | Camp Cooking Demonstrations...

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The Expo programme runs from 9:00am - 3:00pm at Southbank's Cultural Forecourt with the Resi River Race, an 18km marathon team's outrigger canoe event getting underway at 10:30am directly opposite the Expo site.

The Active Outdoors' Expo is a great day out for the whole family and an ideal opportunity to sample some exciting outdoor activities on offer in Queensland...for FREE!

Bushwalking Qld will have a stand there, advertising our sport in general and all clubs in particular.



The Ilpurla Trail - Contact Raymond Hawkins www.intotheblue.com.au

An invitation to members to join our inaugural season of the ILPURLA TRAIL A beautiful and culturally important walk into Arrentre Courty south of the Larapinta, from Roma Gorge to Palm Valley Northern Territory.

Spaces are left for the 2010 season for 17 – 24 July and 11 – 18 September trips. Call 0414 929 768