



Ramble On

Newsletter of Redland Bushwalkers Incorporated

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Next Club Meeting

Wednesday 9th June 2010

7:00 p.m. for a 7:30 start

Indigiscapes Centre Runnymede Street Capalaba

**Our Safety Officer is to give a rundown on
“Items essential for your pack on a Through Walk”**

JULY MEETING There will be a “For Sale” table. Bring along any equipment that you might like to sell, Make sure it is labeled with the cost and owners name.

Unfortunately the Club WEBSITE has crashed and we have been unable to re-establish it at this present time.

I will notify everyone by email when it is up and running again.

We have listed below the committee and their contact details if you have any questions please contact one of them.

THE CALENDAR IS BEING SENT IN A SEPARATE EMAIL.

Committee meetings: 4th Wednesday of every month, 7.30pm. Rotating venues.

Club meetings: 2nd Wednesday of every month, 7.00pm. Indigiscapes, Capalaba.

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President's Report

Welcome to new members who have joined us in the last month. We are there for you so if you ever have any questions, do not hesitate to ask somebody.

Our website is down at the moment and we are looking into fixing it as soon as possible so please accept our apology for any inconvenience.

The next 6 months walks calendar was put together at a recent meeting held at Indigiscapes where about 14 people attended. Thank you to those people for coming along and putting activities on the calendar. The calendar can be added to easily so if you are thinking that you may like to lead or co-lead a walk then please do so. Thanks to Kevin Blain for adding a couple of canoe trips to the calendar. If you have the time and the canoe then these would be great trips.

With our newly appointed position of Leader Liason, Tracy, we are hoping to encourage a few more people to step out of their comfort zone and give it a go.

Tracy is holding a training night for people interested in doing this on the 16th June. So take this as an opportunity to learn more about becoming a walk's leader.

Remember we are wanting a varied calendar for the varied walkers.

Along with 19 other Redland Bushwalkers, I have just spent a wonderful weekend at Moreton Island helping the Moreton Island Protection Committee by pulling out the Mossman River Grass which has little burrs in it and is a menace to the Island. We managed to work for a total of 169 1/4 hours. Well done and thanks to everyone who went and especially to Carmel for organising the weekend.

Keep those cameras clicking in readiness for a very exciting photographic competition. I have seen some beautiful samples on cameras, print them off, mount them on available cards and enter them now.

Pilgrimage 2010 is fast approaching.

It will be held at Crows Nest Showgrounds on 20-22 August 2010, organised this year by Toowoomba Bushwalkers.

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

A great weekend is always planned, so put the date in your calendar now.

The hiring of Club equipment is no longer a cost but there is a deposit to be paid which will be returned to you on the clean and orderly manner that the equipment comes back. Denise Mitchell is our Equipment Officer.

Happy walking

Denise - President

Leaders and non-leaders get-together

We're holding a get-together for all the club's leaders, would-be leaders and anybody who wants to know what leaders do.

Date: 16 June

Venue: The Sands Hotel, Cleveland

Time: 6.30pm. You can have dinner there if you want, a drink or just come along.

The purpose is to refresh all our memories of what it is that leaders need to know.

We'll be handing out new leader packs, and dealing (hopefully) with any issues we might have.

Questionnaire

If you haven't sent back your questionnaire yet, it is not too late! Please take the time to fill it in so we can make sure our get-together is worthwhile. Even if you have no intention of being a leader, please fill in the relevant sections.

If you have only recently joined the club, we particularly want to hear from you!

If you would like another one sent to you, please email Tracy Ryan at prestonhome@inet.net.au and I will send it out poste haste.

After you've filled it in, please send it back to this email address, or the club email redlandbushwalkingclub@yahoo.com or post it to PO Box 101, Cleveland, 4163. If you'd like to be anonymous, post is probably best.

Upcoming Activities

Where: Mt. Mitchell Cunningham's Gap
When: Sunday 13th 8:30 at Aratula BP Service Station
Leaders: Sue and Dudley Reid 3822 1802 or 0407 133 240

This is a 9km half up hill half down hill, There is a small rocky ridge to negotiate at the top with amazing views over Moogera Dam and Fassifern Valley. This is a good beginner's walk but with medium fitness. Normal day pack requirements.



WINTER BASE CAMP

Take up the opportunity to go away for the weekend and stay at a favourite camping group for many bushwalking clubs - Spring Gully Stays located at the base of the Lamington National Park. Well liked for its excellent facilities and great locality.

Book your own safari tent if you don't want to take your tent/campervan.

Date - Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th June

Leaders - Laurel and Rob Santry - mob 0416 150737 or 0438 080157, email - laurelandrob.santry@gmail.com

Phone the venue directly to book in - (don't forget to tell the leader/s also)

Sarabah Road

Sarabah
QLD, 4275 Phone: (07) 5543 4490 Mobile: (07) 5543 4490

Email: info@springgullystays.com.au

Website: web@springgullystays.com.au

Activity Reports

Where: Mt Wilson and Kinnanes Waterfall - Main Range National Park
When: 9th May 2010
Walk leader: Mats Andersson

Following a leisurely 4am breakfast of bacon, eggs, mushrooms and toast prepared by our respective partners (except for Tracy, that is – her partner wanted to come along as well!) we headed off into the glorious sunrise towards our rendezvous at Teviot falls on the Head road. On the way we picked up various cheerful fellow walkers such as Malcolm, who, much to his credit, had decided to battle on despite an obviously broken neck and an unreasonable and brooding-like attitude. We took the leisurely route to Boonah to give Jillian time to bond with her new camera and to give Alison time to offer royal waves to all and sundry from the back seat and wonder if anyone would remember the MOTHERS in the group. When at our destination, we parked in an absolutely idyllic location – a paved area complete with linemarking, purposely set aside for sophisticated people like us.



Once the remainder of the party arrived, a car shuttle was hastily arranged. While we were waiting Tracy explained her new “Brazilian” feature and Phil explained his “little Aussie bleeder” problem. Wanda explained, as best she could, why she wanted to do this walk again. Malcolm explained why he did *not* want to do it again but it was generally agreed that memories can be faulty after 35 years.

We then set out through the sylvan kikuyu pastures that rose ever so subtly up the north ridge towards the verdant rainforest band that skirted the minor cliffs ahead. The constant calls of the local goat herd reminded our fearless leader of the hills of Switzerland (or was it the sheep flocks of Sweden?)

The 2 metre high bracken fern, cobblers pegs/farmers friends, lurking logs, raspberry and smilax vines, rough scrub (ticks ?), stinging nettles, gympie, lantana and

barbed wire/mesh rabbit fence etc. proved no obstacle whatsoever to our intrepid team and we soon easily scaled the cliff line. It was noted that while most of the menfolk gallantly broke the sticky, golden orb spider’s webs with their heads, Denise managed to slip quietly beneath them.

The view from the top was nothing short of breathtaking and Ted enthusiastically pointed out all the other peaks we could “bag” today, if we hurried.

So off we scuttled, skipping down the eastern ridge, following the rabbit fence through a series of ever so gentle steps whereupon we arrived at a predetermined luncheon spot – again, an area Mats had prepared earlier for our pleasure. Judy did apologise for forgetting to bring the seersucker table cloth and damask napkins but most of the crew made do with their custom-made sit-upons.

We ate at leisure to the calls of the avian world and beeping signals from GPS satellites above but as time was pressing on we set off, yet again, to find Kinnanes falls. It was simply a matter of locating the clearly defined and well maintained track that our meticulous and caring leader had promised the team.

It really wasn’t Mats’ fault we chose to wander aimlessly all over a slippery, long grass covered, rock strewn, pot holed, steeply sloping incline that crept ever so cunningly towards a rather precipitous drop of some thousands (‘000) of feet to the gorge below. Nor was it his fault that we kept throwing ourselves onto the ground in most undignified ways.



Our leader was not at all pleased with the way we kept breaking into song with such tunes as “...help me Wanda, help, help me Wanda....” at the most inopportune times. Wanda wasn’t very impressed either! He did feel compelled to chastise, on a number of occasions, the constant patter of profanities but a really very minor cramp in his upper thigh soon took his mind off that! He also found it is a great way to get a good lie-down while being fed lots of Gatorade. Mats made a point of politely thanking Nigel for asking if we look out for a really large clump of lantana for him. The request was ever so cultured and “British”. Why Nigel set about giving the one that Mats found him a jolly good thrashing with his stick, I guess we will never know.

So in no time at all (although to some it did seem like hours) we came upon a pleasant babbling brook and we followed this on to a well mown and beautifully tended Parks and Wildlife track which led us out of the wild, wild woods.



While waited for our vehicles to arrive, Phil kept us all entertained in his efforts to obtain a phone link with the outside world by throwing his phone up into the air and the ladies kept us amused by ducking behind a large tree, to change.

After a very pleasant drive in the gloaming and a couple of quick stops for views into gorges, lemon bushes and the like, we stopped for coffee at Aromas (Boonah). I am sure everybody enjoyed theirs but Mats’ failed to materialise for reasons best known only to the new cafe proprietor.

We then shot off on our final leg, home, after yet another very easy stroll in the Australian countryside.

Anon



Where: Obi Obi Creek Section of Sunshine Coast Great Walk
When 9th May 2010
Leader: Dudley Reid

Following a spate of late withdrawals (due to illness, work & a family injury), it was a small band of walkers who met at Baroon Dam for the car shuffle preceding the walk. We then set out, under clear sunny skies – a typical Autumn day in SE Qld.

On the various detours to the creek and lookouts, two of our party who had done Ted’s first “bush-bash/ slog/swim” through Obi Obi Gorge, were able to look at various parts and say “so that’s where we were”. Our path was much easier. The small group made good time, with lunch at Flatrock, and then on to the base of Kondalilla Falls, which were flowing strongly. We then made our way through the very busy picnic area (Mother’s Day crowd?) and into the equally busy car park. From here we did a reverse car shuffle, and most of us stopped at a little Tea House/antique shop for refreshments before the drive home.



Thanks to my fellow walkers for an enjoyable day out on a pretty walk.

Where Mt Matheson Main Range
When: 16th May 2010
Leader: Hilary Martyn



Six club members and two visitors met at the Aratula BP and from there we drove in convey to the picnic ground at Spicers Gap. As we were putting on boots and getting organised, several more cars arrived full of walkers, so we hurried off to start the walk before them. Although cool, it was ideal walking temperature and we soon warmed up and took off our jackets.

After the first hill there were a couple of rocky areas where we had to climb over boulders and squeeze through gaps in the rock. We stopped at the top for a snack, but the views were a bit hazy. When we moved on the scenery changed and we walked through rainforest and open meadow to the remains of an old timber jinker left over from the days when bullock teams hauled timber from the area. We stopped here to take a group photo which we'd forgotten to do in our haste to start the walk. The next

section was easy walking along a heritage track built around 1860. Signs along the way described the construction methods used.

The sun was shining when we reached Governors Chair Lookout and we had good views of the surrounding mountains, most of which the club has climbed over the last couple of years. Then it was all downhill to the picnic area for lunch, with the call of the bell birds ringing in our ears.

After lunch we were all keen for more walking, so we drove up to Cunningham's Gap and walked Palm Gorge. One of our visitors, Jack, somehow dropped his walking pole (borrowed from a friend) over the steep drop, but he clambered down and retrieved it and then had to be hauled up to the track by Kerrie Coulter.

We finished as usual with coffee at the Aratula cafe, where Anne Stone "forced" us to share her big bowl of hot chips! A good day was had by all.

Hilary Martyn
Walk Leader



Where: Venman's Reserve to Daisy Hill
When: 16th May 2010
Leader: Brian Leggett

10 Redland Bushwalkers met at 8.30am at the car park with Brian (OUR LEADER) being the only "Man on the island". The terrain was pleasant after recent rain. We completed the walk just under 6 hours having morning tea at Daisy Hill car park. There were a lot of people about with many Cyclists and more horses than usual. We had lunch stop by the quarry with lovely views and beautiful reflections across the water.

The Daisy Hill Koala centre was worth a visit after refurbishment and still home to 2 koalas. We all managed to complete the walk and enjoy another great outing.

Cheryle Leggett



Where: Bulimba Creek Carindale
When: 23rd May
Leader: Marnie Thompson



MORETON ISLAND ADVENTURE

Last weekend (4-6th June) a group of twenty club members and two guests spent time on beautiful Moreton Island assisting with the environmental care of the island. Under the guidance of 'Alan of Moreton Experience' who runs a school camp we weeded Mossman River grass from the edges of roads and camping sites. This plant flowers in a burr that can stick to clothes, shoes and even car tires proving an uncomfortable nuisance for people who are on the island.

With a combination of sunny days, clean beaches and interesting native vegetation we were spoilt for choice in selecting activities to enjoy in our time off. The social interaction of the group was very friendly and John and I as new members were made to feel welcome. In all, a great weekend and one I look forward to repeating again.

Judy Johnstone



Weeding



A night on the Beach



The Weed

Interesting Information

First Aid Kits	The Club has the equipment listed available for club members to borrow.
Large First Aid Kit	
Small First Aid Kit	
Small First Aid Kit	There are also two way radios that can be used on walks and base camps.
Camping Equipment	Denise Mitchell is the equipment officer and she can be contacted to arrange collection.
Poly Tarp	
Poly Tarp	A Deposit will be required to borrow the equipment and this will be refunded on return of the item in good order.
Tent Poles (20)	
Tent Pegs (20)	
Tent Ropes 20 (8 single) (8 double)	
Kovea Gas Light	
Oz Trail 3 man dome tent	
Bamboo Lantern Flares (8)	
RBW Club Flag	
RBW Song Books	
Plastic Table Cloths (3)	
Outer Limits Backpacker Tent (2 man)	
Rocket Billy s.s. 16cm.	
Rocket Billy s.s. 12cm.cm.	
Kovea Mini Gas Stove	
Denali Trek Light 3/4 Sleeping Mats (2)	
Black Wolf BagBOO 70 + Hiking Pack	
Black Wolf Mountain Ash 65 Hiking Pack	
Strobe Lights (2) + 4 batteries	
2 Mirrors	
Walking Poles	

MT. BARNEY LODGE

The 2009 Birdweek was a great success, and so I am planning the next one for Sept 7-12 2010. Please look at http://www.mtbarneylodge.com.au/bird_week.htm for further details. There will be more info as the program is developed..



Please find following information regarding K2 BaseCamp and K2 Odyssey in Fortitude Valley Brisbane.

We at K2 Base Camp have been helping adventurers, experience, explore and succeed for over 20 years now...with K2 Odyssey Travel backing up with a passionate team to help travelers get the right gear for their trip. The K2 team are only genuine outdoor and travel enthusiasts – people “who live it, breathe it, talk it, and know it inside out”. Some of our team are part time leaders in Nepal, NZ, Tasmania so offer insightful experience to any outdoor adventurer.

I would like to extend an invitation to you and your club members to attend an evening here at K2. The evening functions as a getting to know you night, with slides, product talks, refreshments and lot of a chatting!

Please feel free to phone or email with any questions you may have. I will phone you again within the next fortnight to follow up.

Please feel free to visit our website in the meantime should you wish:

www.k2.com.au



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