

Ramble On

Newsletter of Redland Bushwalkers Incorporated

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Next Club Meeting

Wednesday 13 October 2010

7:00 for 7:30 start

Indigiscapes Centre Runnymede Street Capalaba

Guest speaker: Jo Oirbans is presenting a slide show.

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.

I hope that the rain hasn't stopped you doing what you enjoy – walking. It is certainly lovely rain for our gardens and national parks.

As it is getting close to the end of the year please start to think about walks that you would like to see on the calendar in 2011, including walks that you may like to lead. The more walks we have on the calendar the more members we can accommodate. The next six-month walks calendar will be put together on 17 November. Remember we want a varied calendar for the varied walkers and some new leaders.

The Club now has two new radios which was the result of a federal government's volunteer organisation's small equipment grant. These will be kept with the equipment which is stored at equipment officer Denise Mitchell's place. Remember that the equipment is there to be used by all members.

The navigation training weekend put on by FMR and held on 6-7 November at Mt Barney Lodge would be an excellent weekend of learning.

The photographic competition has already started for 2010-2011 so have your cameras ready on every walk. The photos will go from August 2010 to August 2011. There is a committee with some new faces for the new year. Happy snapping Redland Bushwalkers.

Happy walking
Denise - President

Did you know?

... that the Club has tents, backpacks, stoves, radios and assorted other equipment for members to borrow? So if you'd like to try a through walk or base camp but don't have the gear, don't rush out and spend a fortune, borrow the Club's gear instead. All you have to pay is a \$10 deposit that you get back when you return the equipment in the same condition it went out in. Want to know more? Contact any of the committee members (details at the back of this newsletter).

PRIZE WINNERS

REDLAND BUSHWALKING CLUB PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2010

	Runner up (Great Photo Award)	Runner up	Category winner
STRENGTH	Sue Reid <i>"Which Rock Will I Hug"</i>	Peter Morgan <i>"Enduring Strength"</i>	Leah Stephens <i>"Port of Brisbane Giants"</i>
BROKEN	Mike Vose <i>"Stepping Out"</i>	Leah Stephens <i>"Wind Broken Steps"</i>	John Kolcze <i>"It Might Start with a Push"</i>
CAMARADERIE	Sue Reid <i>"Let's Skip Together"</i>	John Kolcze <i>"Kids Cookin"</i>	Bob Hartley <i>"Club Stirrers"</i>
ISOLATION	Franco Vendramini <i>"Waterfall on Toofoona Circuit"</i>	John Kolcze <i>"The Loneliness of the Long Distance Walker"</i>	Mike Vose <i>"Still Life"</i>
CHARACTER	Rob Santry <i>"Time Out"</i>	John Kolcze <i>"The Wisdom of the Ages"</i>	Franco Vendramini <i>"Happy Photography Competitor"</i>

MEMBER'S CHOICE – Sue Reid *"Which Rock Will I Hug"*

OVERALL WINNER - Peter Morgan *"Broken But Not Forgotten"*

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Harvey Norman Capalaba

And our judges: Lindy Blackburn, Jillian Blair and George Chapman

NB: keep snapping everybody because the comp is on again next year, open to photos taken between August 2010 and August 2011. There will be the same categories as this year and hopefully the committee (Mike Vose, Leah Stephens, Jo Oirbans, Betty Murray, Laurel Santry and Sue Reid) will also remain on board.



Upcoming Activities

What: Christmas camp
Where: Spring Gully Stays, Canungra
When: Fri 19 – Sun 21 November
Leader: Kerrie Coulter

Registrations are now open for our Christmas camp so it's time to book and select your accommodation. There are a limited number of on-site safari tents, so get in quick to secure one. Other options are your own tent or camper.

Cost: \$20 per person (\$15 if paid by 31 Oct) for the weekend (see what you get below), and \$10/person/night for a camp site or \$20/person/night for a safari tent.

If you haven't been to our Christmas camp before you are in for a fun time! This is the program:

Friday: bring your own evening meal and drinks, and nibbles to share for happy hour.

Saturday night: bring your own meat/fish/drinks. The Club provides salad, rolls and dessert.

Sunday morning: the Club provides pancakes and toast for breakfast.

All weekend: the Club provides coffee, tea and biscuits.

We have games, walks, swimming, lots of activities and also a live band to entertain us on Saturday night. So pack your dancing shoes (grass friendly) and bring your fun party hat!!

For registration, bookings and more information contact Kerrie on 3822 7259 or coulterk@netspace.net.au.

To pay via the internet, the details are Westpac Bank, account name: Redland Bushwalkers Inc, bsb: 034070, account number: 220127. **Make sure you write your name and "xmas party" in the relevant fields otherwise treasurer Wayne will have something very loud and rather rude to say!**

If you don't use internet banking, bring a cheque or cash to the next Club meeting.

Where: Mt Coot-tha
When: 10 October
Leader: Kerrie Coulter

Social Walk

Meet at 7.30 at car park past Hoop Pine Picnic Area on Sir Samuel Griffith Drive (not up to the summit). There are no toilets at this park so please go to the park at Hoop Pine Picnic area.

Walkers must bring poles, water and morning tea and lunch. Lunch is back at the picnic carpark. This is not a beginner's walk unless an experienced walker. There is some steep up and steep down, will get hearts racing. If you are interested please ring Kerrie 07 3822 7259 or 0402 130 759.

Where: Koreelah Gorge base camp, Main Range area
When: 16-17 Oct
Leader: Kevin Blain, kevin.blain@twocruisers.com

Base camp: various

Kevin's base camps are always interesting because he always seems to find new and different walks suitable for all levels. They are also extremely well organized!

Where: Wilson's Peak
When: Sunday 17 Oct
Leader: Jillian Wilson, 3824 5966

Day Walk: medium-hard

This is a great peak to get the heart racing. You follow the border fence up up up to the top, and then down down down back to the cars. Interesting terrain, and there's always a good chance of seeing lace monitors, echidnas and other wildlife. It's very close to Kevin's base camp at Koreelah Gorge, so why not combine the two??

Where: Kangaroo Pt cliffs rotunda

Abseiling

When: A Saturday by mutual agreement, date to be advised

Leader: Errol Perry, 0412 783 408, eiperry005@optusnet.com.au

If you have never tried abseiling, here's your chance. This activity is for those who have never done it. If you're nervous, we'll start off by being only a couple of feet off the ground. Cost is \$5. Everybody is most welcome.

Where: Mt Clunie, nr Boonah

Abseiling

When: 23-24 October

Leader: Errol Perry and Phil Fryer

Come and explore a dramatic area with some abseiling thrown in. Contact Errol for more information: 0412 783 408 or email eiperry005@optusnet.com.au.

Where would you like to walk next year?

It's time for us to put together a walks calendar for Jan-June 2011. Everybody is encouraged to contribute ideas, no matter what they are. The whole idea is to explore new areas as well as revisit tried and true favourites, so no suggestion is too silly to consider (well, some might be: how likely is it that the Club will organise a re-enactment of Amundsen's polar expeditions?).

Anyway, the meeting is **7pm, Wednesday 17 November** at Indigiscapes. And to get the process moving, you will soon receive an email with a link to a list of walks in south east Queensland that can be included. Have a look at the list and if any take your fancy, come along and tell us!

If you can't come to the meeting, please email your suggestions to any of the committee members or any of the leaders. If all else fails, email them to Denise Kolcze: dkolcze@bigpond.com.

NB! You don't have to be a leader to suggest walks! If you've ever been curious about a bushland area you've driven past, let us know and we can see if it offers any walk possibilities. On the other hand, if you do want to lead a particular walk, please let us know so somebody else doesn't pip you to the post.



Website news

Well the good news is that a small subcommittee has been formed to look after the Club's website and to take responsibility for updating etc. As many members would know, the website collapsed earlier this year. It has been resuscitated but it's still on life support and could snuff it at any moment. Another problem has been a lack of people with sufficient web expertise to act as our web updaters. The subcommittee plans to have several people able to step in when needed, which will ease the burden on Sue and Russell.

So, if there are any members out there who have website experience (designing and building) contact Mike Vose (sew@baystitch.com.au) or Laurel Santry, (laurelandrob.santry@gmail.com).

Walk reports

Social Walk, Saturday 25 September

Six of us started the Eddie Santagiuliana walk with a few spots of rain. Although we took umbrellas with us just in case, they were not needed as it turned out to be a lovely day.

This walk is always an enjoyable one as there is a lot of greenery around to enjoy. We happened to pick up a lady on the way back who was wandering along the path. We talked her into coming for a cuppa with us and she will be now be at the next meeting.

A lovely time was had by all: John, Denise, John's sister Sue, Libby, Sybil, Carol and Denise (our ring in)

Mt Cordeau and Bare Rock, Sunday 26 September

Nine walkers, including two prospective new members, met at BP Aratula for a cuppa before driving to Cunningham's Gap to start the walk to Mt Cordeau and Bare Rock.

Before we set off I suggested we try something different and have a "quiet" walk. It meant that instead of lots of talking we listened to the birds and really looked at our surroundings. We still talked quietly about what we saw but saved all the general chatter for our morning tea and lunch stops. At one point I handed round a bag of jelly babies and someone commented that perhaps I should be handing out gob-stoppers! But I really think that for the most part it worked well and everyone enjoyed taking in the sights and sounds of the bush which are often missed.



It was a perfect day for walking - overcast and not too hot. It was a steady climb on a muddy track through rainforest before it opened out and the grass trees appeared. We passed a shaft cut into the cliff face and wondered whether it was a well. I've now checked this and it was a mine shaft made by gold prospectors in the 1930s. We stopped for morning tea at the Mt Cordeau lookout but thick cloud blocked the view. We then continued on across a rocky saddle and this is where we saw many huge spear lilies which were magnificent. Lots of photos were taken which I'm sure will be entered into next year's photo competition. There were lots of other flowers and multi-coloured fungi on the side of the track. We also found tiny orchids growing on the tree trunks.



Lunch was eaten at the top of Bare Rock and the cloud started to clear while we were there so we had some good views of the surrounding area. Then it was all down hill, back to the cars and a stop at Aratula for a cuppa before heading home.

Definitely one for the calendar this time next year. And by the way, I'll certainly be suggesting "quiet" walks for any future walks that I lead. It will be interesting to see if anyone signs up for them!

Hilary Martyn, walk leader

Teviot-Mt Bell-Lizard Pt through walk, 13-14 September

Leaders: Judy Moody-Stuart and Tracy Ryan, with Errol, Alison, Rebecca and Hilary

This was a particularly good through walk for several reasons: it involved some interesting navigation, we walked through some really lovely open rainforest, the weather was perfect, we reached our destination, and most significantly it barely rained!

Since we set off on a weekend that was supposed to be wetter than wet, we really were lucky that the rain held off until we were nearly out on the Sunday.

The walk involved finding the elusive Mt Bell (several of the party had tried a number of times to find it before, but without any luck), hanging a left and heading along a ridge and up up up to the main track between Mts Superbus and Roberts. Judy, who *had* made it to Mt Bell earlier this year, led us virtually unerringly to the summit, along the ridge and on to the main track a mere 10m or so from the exact spot she'd intended; given that there were almost no traces of previous walkers, the rest of the crew were mightily impressed.

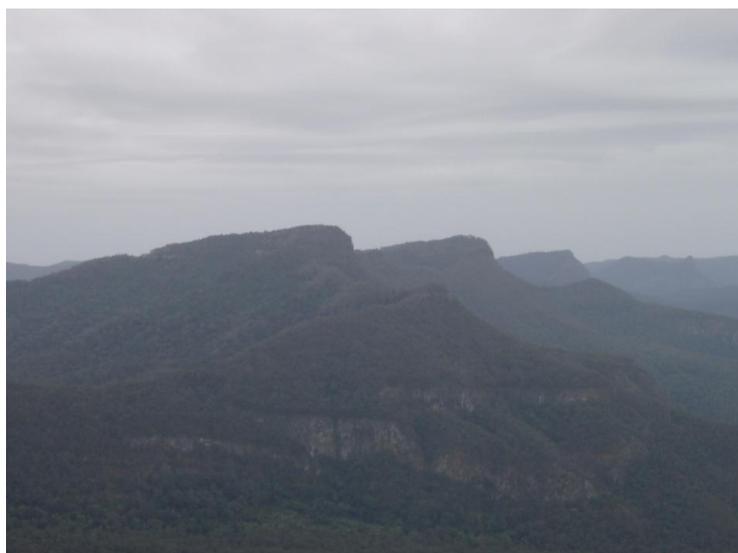


After climbing mountains all day, Judy falls off a 6-inch log.

Then it was on to the camping area about 10min before Lizard Pt, where we got ourselves all set up just on dusk.

We also tried a bit of night navigation to see Lizard Pt with the almost-full moon, but after losing the track a couple of times (how did we do that?? In daylight it's practically a signposted highway!) we abandoned the attempt and returned to camp for a rest after our 8-hour day.

We were on the track again about 7.30, and after popping off to Lizard Pt (which was the point of the walk) we made such good time back that we decided to test the middle ridge between Roberts and Superbus to see how easy it was to follow down to Teviot. Most of us had come up this ridge earlier in the year, so we knew it was fairly straightforward. And indeed it was, and we were back at the cars at about noon, just as the rain really got going.



The Main Range

Off to Boonah for burgers etc, and home by mid-afternoon. An excellent walk, and I'd certainly recommend it for anybody who likes this area of the Main Range.

Report: Tracy Ryan



Glen Rock (near Gatton), 12 September 2010
Leader: Mats Andersson

Sent: Sunday, September 05, 2010 9:35PM

..I am going to put on an overnight walk to Point Pure on the 11 & 12th.....has a 500m height gain on Saturday....fantastic views....6hrs walking each day, about 200m scrub to get through...rest done on cattle tracks mainly (trust me)

MATS

Sent: Monday, September 06, 2010 5.59am

Sounds good.....

Malcolm

Sent: Friday, September 10, 2010, 6:41pm

....will have to cancel the through walk, things have turned to custard at Hinze dam and I must be available to work...

maybe a day walk instead ?

...Jillian's walk cancelled due to car problems.....

MATS

Sent: Friday, September 10, 2010 10:14pm

.....day walk fine by me...

Malcolm



Glen Rock: would we or wouldn't we?



And so it came to pass that Mats, Tracy, Ruth, Jillian and Malcolm walked in a circuit from the Glen Rock Regional Park up a couple of roads and numerous cow pads to a lunch site where they could look across Blackfellow Creek valley to see Point Pure sticking out from the Mistake Mountains. There were very few of the usual " Mats-type" hardships of lantana etc. and many of the enjoyments of splendid views both north and south.

A thoroughly pleasant 6 hour loop up (with cooling breezes) and back and the only problem we had was in trying to figure out just why cows would want to walk up and along some rather steep ridges that were not close to either good food or water! We did meet the said cows at

the end of the day but they chose to bolt rather than give up their secret.

Saturday 2nd October, 2010 about 1pm

MALCOLM:

Hello Tracy and Nigel, nice to see you both and I do hope you had a pleasant drive up to "Moonview" this afternoon?

TRACY:

Malcolm, where the @#xyz...hell is your report on Glen Rock !!!!!?

MALCOLM:

sigh!

Moonview Canyon, via Boonah, 2-3 October 2010
Leader: Ted Wassenberg

With some trepidation about the weekend weather, we set off on Friday afternoon to set up camp at Moonview. Only a few arrived that evening, and the majority arrived early Saturday morning. My first job Saturday morning was to change a flat tire. The weather held out for us, with the occasional sprinkle, we set off at about 9:00 am for the head of the gorge. We followed a track that led towards the southern end of the gorge. Once in the gorge, we headed upstream, but were soon confronted by a portal that had to be by-passed, as this was a walk for easy to medium walkers. We scrambled up the



true left hand bank and continued along the rim of the gorge through some dense scrub until we reached a gully that led us back into the gorge. Here we rested briefly and took photos of the canyon either side of us. We then headed up the opposite side of the canyon and onto the right hand side of the gorge, to a spot where we could look down into the canyon. The route soon had us travelling down stream and then up a side gully to a rock slab where we had morning tea with views of Mt Bangalore. From here we continued up the rock slabs of the gully and then commenced a climb up an easy slope to the base of some interesting cliffs. These were left for some future adventure. A well defined track was located just below the cliffs, and here we had to make some running repairs to Laurel's boot that suddenly developed a gape at the front. This track led us back to camp just in time for lunch.

Tracy and Nigel then joined us and after lunch we went into the lower part of the gorge and reached some pools that could only be passed by swimming. However, a few, ably led by Kevin, chose to bypass these pools by climbing high above the gorge. I led the others through the pools and down to the lower end of the gorge and out onto the road leading back to camp. Back at camp, Don soon had a fire going and Nigel set up his drying laundry. The arrival of Jillian and Errol also heralded the arrival of a shower of rain. Mushroom umbrellas quickly sprouted over people seated around the fire, until Don brought out a large tarpaulin.



Look where we went!

Sunday morning, the sky was clear when we set off, minus a few people who had other things to do, for the top end of the gorge. Leah decided to join us for the canyon trip. We had a few light sprinkles of rain, but as we were ready to get seriously wet today, it did not matter. On arrival at the gorge, some donned wet suits and others their thermals for the promised descent into the canyon and rock pools. We spent four hours slipping and sliding and wading and swimming down the canyon. The rope was used a number of times to control the drop of up to four metres into rock pools. At one pool, the drop of two metres was too big a temptation for a free fall and nearly everyone took the plunge. Eventually the exposure of all that water became too much for one person, and some extra thermals were required to reduce the shivering. By this stage we were only 300m from our exit point and the person was sent ahead, with escorts, to get out and back to camp. At camp Don had a good fire going for people to thaw out and have lunch.

In all this weekend catered for both the beginner and experienced walkers and was enjoyed by all. The usual stop at Boonah rounded off a great weekend. Thanks to all the participants.

Report: Ted Wassenberg



For sale

Welcome to our buy and sell column. To kick it off, your temporary editor (come back Sue!) has put some of her own surplus gear in. If you have anything you want to sell, send a small photo and text to Sue: see last page for contact details.



Tarp/hoochie/fly: plastic, army disposal version. Ideal for through walks or as a temporary shelter. Sleeps one person comfortably. Good condition. \$20. Tracy: prestonhome@inet.net.au



Mess set, ok condition. \$5. Tracy: prestonhome@iinet.net.au



Size 10 wicking singlet from one of the camping shops. \$2. Tracy: prestonhome@iinet.net.au



Gas stove with gas canister thrown in. Ideal for through walks or quick cuppas along the track. \$5. Tracy: prestonhome@iinet.net.au



Three size 10 wicking polyester tee shirts from Kathmandu (the shop, not the city). Two worn about twice, the third, never. \$5 each. Tracy: prestonhome@iinet.net.au



Red alert from national parks

We've received the following email from QPWS:

"As many bushwalkers would be aware, recently there has been a proliferation of illegal trail marking in South East Qld National Parks, in the form of spray can applied paint dots or marks.

There appears to be more than one culprit, with some marks having been re-applied on more than one occasion. One club has photographed a person carrying a spray can in a national park, and another encounter has been reported to QPWS.

Clubs are asked to be observant of any activity in this regard, to record any suspect vehicle registration number and model, and a description of any person seen applying paint to tracks. Please report to QPWS:

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Leader news

Continuing our responses to the questionnaire earlier this year, quite a few people asked about the Club's insurance and what it covers. The committee is trying to get hold of somebody who knows our insurance intimately to come and talk to one of our Club meetings. It's looking like it will be early next year, so keep an eye out as it's a chance to get all our insurance questions answered on the spot.

Another question respondents asked was: **what equipment should leaders take on a walk?** While not everybody's a leader, it's worth reading on because it gives all our members some idea of the extra equipment our leaders carry to ensure our activities are as safe as possible.

Obviously it depends on the walk, but at the least the leader should take the following:

Before the walk:

- At the Club meeting before the walk the leader needs to provide a signup sheet, an information sheet outlining the walk, meeting place etc, a safety management plan and ideally a map showing the route.
- Once the walkers have signed up, the leader needs to collect all their emergency contact numbers and give them to the contact officer, along with their names, a map showing the route, and start and expected finish times.

At the walk, the leader carries the same basic gear as everybody else (water, food, waterproofs, warm gear, torch, etc), plus:

- Map of the area the walk is in (unless they and all the other walkers know it so well that there is absolutely no chance of them getting lost), plus compass, and gps if they use one.
- A sign-on sheet for all the walk participants to sign at the start and end of the walk. This gets left with the vehicles. Some leaders leave it on a car seat so any search party can look through the window and see who the vehicles belong to, who's on the walk, etc.
- Waiver forms if there are non-members on the walk.
- Any other paperwork, eg permits if required.
- If it's a big group, walkie talkies are recommended in case the group gets split up. The Club has them and all leaders are encouraged to borrow them.
- A fully charged mobile phone and a list of emergency numbers.
- If the walk is off the beaten track or out of mobile phone range, an EPIRB is also recommended. Again, the Club has one for leaders to borrow.
- The Club's emergency procedures sheet outlining what to do if there's an injury, and an incident form.
- NB: the leader needs to tell the other walkers where things like the EPIRB, phone, emergency procedures etc are, just in case it's the leader who has the accident.
- Many leaders carry a length of rope or tape plus carabiners if scrambling is involved.
- A full first aid kit.

So there you have it. Of course the leader needs to do more than just carry a well-equipped pack, but that's a story for another day.



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