

Ramble On

Newsletter of Redland Bushwalkers Incorporated

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Next Club Meeting

Wednesday 13th June, 2012 7:00pm for 7:30pm start

Also walks meeting before the club meeting, at 6:00pm all leaders those interested.

President's Report

Why do you do bushwalking?

I have been asked that question a number of times and been found wanting when it comes to a good explanation.

Once, my workmate Murray asked me that question. He had read his Visa statement following one of his holidays/shopping sprees and was on the lookout for some cheaper pursuits. I gave him a longwinded explanation about being out in nature, fresh air, beautiful views and when I had finished he said "But you could drive to most of those lookouts anyway and save the effort, couldn't you"?

He obviously had not understood a thing. Murray was a lost cause, but the question remains, why do we? We get eaten by ticks and leeches, our bodies get covered in cuts, bruises and blisters, not to mention the pong! But we still come back for more.

I am not going to try giving a well thought out explanation as to the reasons why, but one of the very important factors is definitely the camaraderie and friendship we have in our club.

The positive vibes you feel after a walk with the club really makes you want to do it again.

On the subject of walks, I hope you have not forgotten the planning session just before the next club meeting at 6PM on June 13th. If you have ideas or requests and can't attend, please send a note to Steve Tolcher, or anyone else in the committee.

Happy Walking,
Mats





Upcoming Activities

BUSHWALKERS PILGRIMAGE 2012

A chance to walk & meet with other clubs.

Hosted by REDLANDS BUSHWALKING CLUB

AT

CANUNGRA SHOWGROUNDS

(Showgrounds Road Canungra)

ON

7th – 9th SEPTEMBER 2012

Early Bird until 31/7/2012 - \$36

After 31/7/2012 - \$42

We are also offering a Tasty Spit Roast Dinner on
Saturday night for \$18.50 (BYO drinks)

The cost for the weekend includes:

Camping, Hot Showers, Friday Night Soup, Tea, Coffee & Nibbles all weekend, Bushwalks from Hard to Easy, Bush band "Stone the Crows", and Sunday Morning 'Sausage Sizzle'.

For more info and booking see our website: <http://pilgrimage2012.weebly.com/index.html>

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This is a "gathering of the clans" an annual weekend event that's been going for over 40 years, involving members from all SE Qld bushwalking clubs. Each year a club takes turns to host this non-profit event. In case anyone has missed the exciting news "Redlands Bushwalkers", that's us, are hosting this year's weekend. For more details about the weekend please see the website and attached flyer and please come and talk to Betty and Hilary at the next meeting. To make this event a success we need lots of help from all our members.

Saturday 8th will be the day for walking, and a variety are being pulled together by Ted & Judy. So far we have about 14 walks, Ted would like to be able to offer 20 – so we need a little more help here.

We have numerous names on the list to both cook beforehand and help in September, even if you are absconding and won't be at Canungra, we would still like the opportunity to enjoy your cooking! There can never be too many cooks or helpers for this weekend. Denise Kolcze is looking for volunteers to help man the kitchen throughout the weekend (no cooking involved – just a helpful smile).

Examples of other help - registrations, setting up tables and chairs, soup ladling, ice cream scooping, walk leading, tail end Charlies. So please let us know if you can help and if there is something special you would like to do – Your Club Needs You!!

Hilary Riley



Above photo is of the 'green hanger' where the bush dance and meal will take place.

Activity Reports



Where: Social Walk, Eddie Santagiuliana Way, Cleveland

When: 20th May, 2012

Leader: Denise Kolcze

We met at 7.30am on this gorgeous, crisp morning: Denise, John, Jennifer, Libby, Heather and Heather, Glenys, Marnie, Bernie and Joan.

The walk took us past peaceful parkland, wetlands, over wooden bridges, through a high and green rainforest area, and on the fringe of quiet suburbia. Some of us further honed our athletic skills on council exercise equipment in a park, towards the end of the walk. For some, further practice is needed.....

It was a truly delightful 9 K walk, followed by welcome coffee and chat. Thank you to our leader, Denise.

Libby Westacott



Thanks John K for the photo.





Where: Hell Hole Gorge-Double Top-Huntley-Lemon Tree through walk

When: 18-20 May, 2012

Leaders: Judy M-S, Tracy R (and Ted)

The team: Judy, Tracy, Ted, Betty, David R, Karla

We (Judy and Tracy) would like to claim total credit for this brilliant walk but honesty forces us to admit that it was Ted's idea, and without him we and our party may never have been seen again.

We first put this walk on a couple of years ago, but unseasonably warm weather meant it became a base camp with day walks instead of the through-walk we'd planned. This time the weather was perfect.

We got to Helen's paddock about 10pm on Friday and almost immediately settled in for the night. On Saturday we woke to solid ice on our tents, which explained why practically all of us had felt definitely coolish during the night. After the usual breakfast, car shuffle and general fiddling, we set off over the creek and up the hill, following Hell Hole Creek until it opened out into paddocks and a sawmill. Not long after that we had a bit of a deviation during which we got to see a whole new gorge that we hadn't planned to, but eventually we got it right and up we went to Double Top just in time for lunch.

It was perfect sitting on Double Top with views to the east and west and a light breeze. From there it was southeast down up down up down up down up through a mix of grass trees, rainforest, razorbacks, grassy knolls, more rainforest and more grassy knolls until we reached the saddle just below Huntley where we were all very relieved to drop our packs and call a halt for the day. Much to our relief, Saturday night was very mild and certainly degrees warmer than Helen's paddock down below.

Sunday was a shortish day so we didn't feel obliged to leap out of our sleeping bags and dash off at the crack of dawn. We were on our way by about 8.30am, and we reached the top of Huntley by about 10am. There was a surprisingly good foot pad to follow for the traverse around to the Huntley cliff face, which made the going much easier and faster than some of the party remembered.

Ted pulled out his rope for the scramble to the top of Huntley, and this was much appreciated by the rest of the party.

From Huntley it was down down down right down down down to the Lemon Tree campsite and the waiting car. Back to Helen's paddock, out of smelly gear, pack up, into cars and back to Brisbane we went.

As this was some of the party's first through-walk for some time, we found it a tough one, but being the finely tuned athletes that we are we were all walking quite normally again by the following weekend.

Tracey Reid





Where: Oxley Wild Rivers Green Gully Track

When: 21/4/2012 – 30/4/2012

Leader: David Rae

What a great walk NSW National Parks have put together here. This walk rates with the great walks of New Zealand. It has very good hut accommodation, walk variation which changes each day and one of the best creek walks I have ever undertaken. The walk is circular with the first and last night's accommodation in a hut where the cars are parked.

Our walk started from Cedar creek cottage where we were treated to a hut with electricity supplied via solar and wind, hot showers, BBQ, fridge, pot belly stove and a large deck.

Day 1 saw us following a management trail to Birds Nest hut. Normally I don't like walking on management trails but this one took us along a ridge which had stunning views into the deep valleys below, passed through interesting vegetation and historical cattle yards.



Day 2 was mostly off track following ridges and spurs. To ensure no one gets lost on this section National Parks have put in direction signs every 1km. Green Gully Hut awaited us at the end of this section with an added bonus of a hot shower. Well for everyone except Betty.

Day 3 saw us get our feet wet within 5 minutes of leaving the hut as we navigated our way along 13.5 km's of the Green Gully Creek. The creek is very easy to walk in, having a gravel base with very little rock hopping involved. Both John & Julie Shear had an unscheduled swim at the gorge which added to the video entertainment of the day's events.

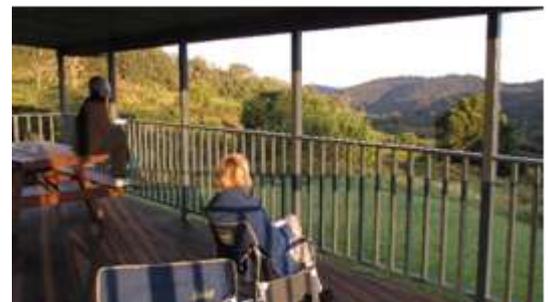


Day 4 we awoke to a light shower at the "smaller" Colwell's hut. I slept inside to protect the women while John slept outside under a small open sided shelter. To get back up onto the day 1 management trail we had to ascend 600 metres in a very short period. The rain held off while we were climbing giving us misty views of the valley below. The rain was short lived which then gave us time for lunch at the lookout. In no time at all we were back at the cottage, having hot showers and plunger coffee.

Autumn is a great time to visit this part of NSW. On our 4 day road trip we were treated to a splendor of colour's while traversing the various waterfalls of Oxley Wild Rivers National Park.

Thanks to Hilary, Betty and John and Julie Shera for accompanying me on this trip. A special mention goes to John for making the fire every night and giving us reports on the current temperature.

David Rae





Where: Glasshouse mountains

When: May 6 2012

Leader: Brian Leggett.

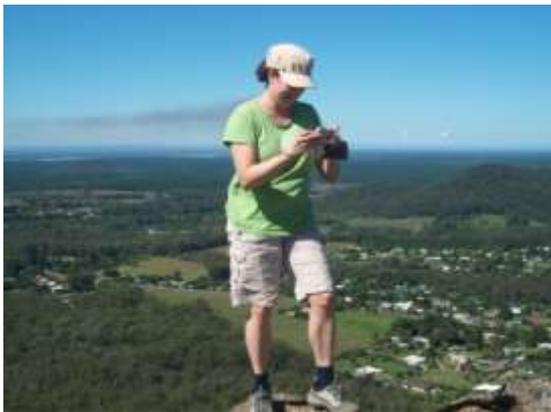
11 Bushwalkers met at Matthew Flinders Park on a glorious Sunday morning to enjoy a walk around the base of Mt Tborgargan.

As we approached the beginning of the track we enjoyed wonderful views of the mountain and found this to be an ideal stop for a group photo. We enjoyed the lush bush obviously replenished by recent rain.

As the group stood at the lookout admiring the views a discussion arose (out of curiosity) about walking up the mountain track, we agreed and some went a short way with the rest of the group continuing on to a point we felt comfortable with, some would be willing to go further had we had a more experienced climber with the group. We returned to the rest of the group feeling satisfied and hoping to return again at a later date.



Thanks go to Cheryl Leggett for the photos.



We completed the circuit and enjoyed morning tea at the car park. We continued the second leg of the day to trek Mt Ngungun, the first part of the track is surrounded by lush ferns. The track up the mountain was in reasonable condition and quiet dry as we clambered up to the top to be rewarded with 360 degree views on such a clear day. The entire group proudly completed the walk; we headed down to Rotary Park for a lazy lunch before heading home.

Cheryl Leggett



Where: Cedar Creek, rock hopping

When: 27 May, 2012

Leaders: Sue Donnelly

We had perfect weather for our rock hopping journey up Cedar Creek. Peter and Lynn, Karen and I, all had a great day out.

Following a good rainfall on the Friday night, the many waterfalls were looking gorgeous. There was plenty of white water and we enjoyed the constant sound of the running stream as we walked, hopped and scrambled our way upstream. We crossed backwards and forwards over the stream a number of times. Had it been summer time there were a number of large deep swimming holes but we weren't even tempted to jump in. Brrr!

A whiplike bird was calling, the scenery was beautiful. What fun to be there!

On the return home we stopped at a Samford coffee shop. There was a country carnival going on, a group of bikies on their Harleys and some vintage cars, all very lively and entertaining for us. The countryside is lovely out that way and it was only an hour's drive; worth revisiting.

Sue Donnelly





Interesting Information

BUSHWALKIN CODE OF ETHICS

(Taken from the Guidelines of the Qld Environmental Protection Agency)

Walking Safely

- ☺ Know where you are going; if possible take A compass, maps and GPS
- ☺ Do some of your own research about the walk so you know what to expect, and can prepare accordingly, if you are unsure talk to the leader.
- ☺ Never walk alone in the bush, always take friends or family with you.
- ☺ Always let someone know of your plans in case you get lost.
- ☺ Stay on the track and read all signs carefully.
- ☺ Think before you swim. Never dive or jump into waterways or waterholes.
- ☺ Take particular care walking on wet rocks, they will be slippery. Better to have wet boots than a broken leg.
- ☺ Avoid drinking creek water as it may be contaminated. Take your own.
- ☺ Stay well back from cliff edges and waterfalls.
- ☺ If you do dislodge a stone, warn others below of the danger by yelling “rock”. It is important to notify others however small or large the stone.
- ☺ On loose terrain try not to follow each other up in a direct line, instead try to angle up the slope and if there is need to switch back ensue that everyone below is out of the line of a falling rock.



