



Ramble On

Newsletter of Redland Bushwalkers Incorporated

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February 2013

Next Club Meeting

Wednesday 13th February, 2013

7:00pm for 7:30pm start

Indigiscapes Centre, Runnymede Rd, Capalaba

Video: Dave Rae's South American Trip

Presidents Report



Another year has passed and a new one has just started.

2012 was a numerologist's nirvana, we had 12/12/12, 13-01-12, 10/11/12, 08/10/12, 04/08/12, 03/06/12, 24/02/12 and my favourite: 20/12/2012. Twenty Thirteen (Two Thousand and Thirteen??) shapes up as much more modest prospect, there is of course 11/12/13, come to think of it, 13 is a prime number, we could have 07/11/13, all primes. – STOP IT!! This goes to show the perils of having a one track mind.

Numbers aside, 2012 was a great year for the Redland Bushwalkers, not only did we host a splendid Pilgrimage enjoyed by all the participants; we had a very packed and exciting walking calendar. On top of that more club members than ever took to the skies and flew to almost every continent for challenges and adventures, coming home filled with memories, stories to tell and pictures to show. This bodes well for the club meetings in the beginning of the New Year.

If 2013 is a bit lacklustre for number nutters, Redland Bushwalkers are busy getting into its 10th anniversary year with plenty of walks, talks and activities throughout the year. Please remember to book tickets for our 10th anniversary dinner on the 9th of March, there will be no opportunity to pay on the day.

If you are interested in doing a first aid or CPR course, please contact Denise Kolzce, she is busy trying to fit in a course during February so you need to be quick, the club will sponsor half the cost.

The committee has decided to revert back to the original walk grading system as no other Queensland club has adopted the Australian standard apart from us. It was also noted that the Australian standard was not very suitable for what we do as almost every walk the club puts on is a category 4 or 5. The new (old) format will be rolled out gradually during the first half of the year. But then again there is 09/11/13.....

Cheers,
MATS (5404084898)



Redland Bushwalkers 10th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday 9 March 2013

Indigiscapes, Capalaba

**Arrival 5.00 pm for
Function 5.30 – 8.00pm**

COST:

\$15.00 per person

PAYMENT OPTIONS (3 easy options):

1. **Electronic Funds Transfer** to:
Name – Redland Bushwalkers Inc
BSB No – 034 070
Account No – **220127**
Account Name - Redland Bushwalkers Inc
Reference - Your name + 10th AE
IMPORTANT: Also send email to indicate payment made - rbc10thanniversary@gmail.com
2. **Send cheque** to:
10th Anniversary
Redland Bushwalking Club
PO Box 101
Cleveland 4163
3. **Pay to Event Treasurer** at February Club meeting (Wednesday 13/2/13)

PAYMENT DUE DATE:

Payment must be received by: **Friday 22 February 2013**

MORE INFORMATION:

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COMMEMORATIVE E-BOOK

As part of our celebrations we are compiling an historical snapshot of our club's history in an E-book format. Ted Wassenberg is co-ordinating this project and would like to receive from current and past members any articles/blurbs/photos that might contribute to this E-book. He is particularly interested in hearing from you about the impact the club has had on your life and any story you may have about your experiences while in the club. We believe there are many untapped wonderful snippets of history out there....we want to hear about them!

Contact Ted: email - twassenberg@optusnet.com.au or mob - 0428 753 297

New Members

We had two new members join since the last newsletter, they are: Christine & Greg Wedlock & Stephen Wynn.

Welcome, we hope you enjoy your bushwalking experiences with Redlands Bushwalking club.



Activity Reports

Where: Mystery Champagne Walk (2nd Year)

When: 3pm. Sunday 13 January

Leader: Carmel Cash

25 members and 10 Guests appeared from all directions at Platform 10, Roma Street Railway Station in readiness for the Mystery Champagne Walk where all was revealed as maps were distributed.

A Discovery Walk through a small section of our Young Growing City saw us strolling through and by some lovely features of the Roma Street Parklands and up the first and only hill to Wickham Terrace. From this point it was all downhill as we wandered past and through many parks, points of interest, sculptures, down Jacob's Ladder, (85 steps) and past heritage buildings, seeing many interesting features that most didn't realize existed.



The Brisbane River supplied a cooling breeze as we were directed and corrected along its busy bank. A brief wander through the Botanical Gardens, up to the grand Old Parliament House, a significant landmark in Brisbane.

Continuing to walk along the road at QUT, passing the campus's art gallery and theatre, most were surprised at the size of the Garden Point complex.

While most of the group were lead down the garden path by their "Trusty Leader" a group of men went off to set up for the well-earned Champagne!!

At last, Pop! Pop!! Pop!!! and a toast to a wonderful year of walking with our Club and the proposed exciting "TENTH" year of celebration. Soft, lush grass enticed many to sit, sip, and enjoy the nibbles, laughter & fellowship while catching up with friends, using the opportunity to share walking experiences with guests while the champagne flowed.

Time like the champers slipped away all too quickly. It was a great walk, with happy memories which was enjoyed by all.

Made possible by "ALL" who attended.

THANKS EVERYBODY!



Where: Social table tennis night

When: 18 Jan, 2013

Organiser: Brian Leggett

On Friday evening fourteen Bushwalkers turned up to the Wynnum Table Tennis Stadium for a session of Round Robin Doubles Format.

Participating were Narelle, Cheryle, Allison, Geoff, Hillary, Bob, Sue, Rosemary, Dudley, Ruth, David, John and Denise.

Each played 6 games to 21. Brian sorted out the pairs with "BURGLAR" Dudley combining with Rosemary to go through undefeated.

Two Club players Geoff and Greg put on an exhibition match displaying how the sport can be played.

Cheryle dished up an appetising supper to end the evening.





Where: Purlingbrook Falls
When: Sunday 20 January 2013
Leader: John and Denise Kolze

Our group of fourteen eager walkers met at the Gwongorella picnic area around 8.00 AM and after introductions set off for the coolest of walks lead by John and Denise Kolze.

The first stop was at a lookout with great views of the Purlingbrook Falls and the surrounding cliffs. Descending into the valley down a series of steps



we cooled off walking under the falls then down to the pristine Warringa Pool where we had morning tea. This was one of John's many photo opportunities to capture glimpses of the surrounding rainforest, waterfalls, cliffs with our group prominently featured. There were many lovely views of the cliffs of the border ranges and beyond to the small hills and valleys of Northern NSW on this walk.

We were unable to complete the circuit as the track was still fenced off near the falls so we returned up the valley via the same steps we had descended.



After returning to the cars and a Picnic Lunch we set off for the Best of All Lookouts passing a spectacular stand of ancient Antarctic beech trees along the track. More photos before reaching the viewing platform with a marvelous vista of Mt Warning, the Tweed Valley and the twin peaks of the Cougals.

This was a perfect walk for a hot day.



Where: Back Creek Abseil (Cancelled) Coomera Gorge Walk
When: 26 Jan 2013
Leader: Ted Wassenberg

I had been monitoring, over the last couple of days, the severity of the impending storm approaching SE Queensland. The last thing I wanted was to be caught in Back Ck Gorge with floodwaters. The decision was made at 6:00 am on Saturday morning to cancel the abseils, however, everyone had agreed that we would do a walk somewhere.

The arrangement made was to meet at Canungra at 8:00 am and decide where to go. So it came to pass, and we decided to go for a walk on the Coomera Circuit and observe the waterfalls. The drive up from



Canungra to Binna Burra was through a whiteout, the clouds were very low with light rain. At Binna Burra car park, we donned wet weather gear and set off at about 9:15 am. The track was relatively dry and not the least bit muddy. As we descended towards the Coomera Gorge, the rain increased and we saw a number of blue crays on the track. The view from the lookout platform was spectacular with the two waterfalls in full flood.



From the platform we continued along the top of the gorge, observing numerous side waterfalls not normally visible dropping into the gorge. The first ford across the Coomera R was flowing fast with muddy water that had not yet covered the stepping stones. However, as the forecast was for heavy rain later in the day, we decided that we would turn back as there were at least 6 more serious crossings further up the track.

The return journey was through ever increasing rain and we began counting the leeches. Both our new chums on this walk (Heather and Gary) were blooded to an onslaught of leeches, as were the rest of us. Back at Binna Burra by 12:15, we stopped to pick off the leeches, stem the flow of blood and change into dry clean clothes. A well-deserved stop at Canungra had us devouring pies, chips and coffees or chocolate drinks.

Thanks to Alison, Hilary, Betty, Heather, Judy, Tracy, Trevor, Gary for your pleasant company on this walk.



Where: Mt Cotton Walk
When: 12th January 2013
Leader: Betty Murray and Hilary Riley

It was a hot morning as predicted by the weather man/girl as 23 people gathered at the green box on West Mt Cotton Road. We had a good mix of seasoned and new walkers who headed off up the track on the shortened version of the Mt Mongrel track. Everyone reached the top of the Mongrel; but heat claimed four bodies who chose not to go any further. Thank you to Kevin Blain for your wonderful support in escorting them back to the cars.



By this time Dudley had led the rest of the group to the top of Mt Cotton and we were leading from behind. As we rounded the corner at quick clip there was Malcolm waiting to show us the koala that he'd carefully placed in the gum tree earlier.

When we re-joined the party, morning tea was in full swing with our group happily ensconced in the shade of the gum trees. We checked out the new road that until recently has been our regular track up to Mt Cotton. "And then we went home!"

Thank you all for being such a fun, enjoyable group and we look forward to seeing you in the bush again.



Where: Thylogale track at Mt Nebo.

When: Sunday 9th December 2012

Leader: Laurel Santry

Prologue

“The naming of cats is a difficult matter,

It isn't just one of your holiday games;

You may think at first I'm as mad as a hatter

*When I tell you, a cat must have three different names.”**



Cast

The Toms

Rum Tum Tugger Rob

Wayward Wayne

Deuteronomy David

Jellylorum John

Mistoffelees Michael

Mungo Jerrie Mats

Poncival Pedro

Growltiger Graham

Delerious Don

Macavity Malcolm

The Farts Mollys

Leafy Laurel

Doraemon Denise M

Highly Strung Hilary

Delilah Denise K

Lady Griddlebone Leisa

Coricopat Christene

*Trim*** Terese

Naughty Nikki

Jennyanydots Jean

Luscious Lauren

Cassandra Christine

Soxy Sue D

Skimblehanks Susan

Act 1

As the sun rose over the bowspit, a passing shower caused a ripple of hissing and spitting but after rhyming-name introductions off we trotted on the 4km walk to Boombana picnic ground.

The Cicadas drowned out most of the catawalling and a dead Black Rat was spotted by someone.

Act 2

For elevenses we all ate our kitty snacks, used the flushing litter tray, looked at a couple of satin bowerbird cat lures and made the return trip to Jolly's Lookout.

The dead rat was re-identified as a native Bush Rat by someone and the cicadas once more drowned out all but the loudest of meows.

Act 3

As the sun was now over the yardarm and this was the first of our 10th Anniversary walks, free chocolate cake and saucers of gin and tonic were served all round.***

Epilogue

When the dust in the litter tray had settled, Laurel was asked by the local press to describe what it was like to lead a walk of 23 people. She was heard to mumble.....

“.....a bit like herding cats, really.”

*Old Possum's book of practical cats – T.S.Eliot

** Matthew Flinders' famous cat

***I felt that the gin was a bit light on.

Malcolm – *Macavity*

The cats:



Where: Cobb Valley and Kakapo Peak NZ

When: 19 – 22 Nov 2012

Leader: Ted Wassenburg

Rob Santry and I flew to Wellington and then onto Nelson where we met up with Lance Rutherford, an old mate of mine. We stayed at the Nelson YHA overnight. Lance had flown in a couple of days earlier and had purchased some of the food we would need and had booked a car. Our destination was the Cobb Valley and Kakapo Peak. Rob and I completed food purchases that evening and we prepared our packs for the trip. That night we feasted on gourmet pizzas at a spot we knew from previous trips to Nelson.

The next day we collected our hire car and left for the Cobb Valley. The road into the Cobb Valley is a dirt road, steep and one car-width wide for much of the way through a gorge, eventually climbing over a ridge and down into the valley. We left the car at the Trilobite Hut and commenced our walk to Fenella Hut following the shores of the Cobb R. past Cobb Hut and then climbing up to Fenella Hut. Here we met a NZ couple who described some trails which Lance and I would explore two days later.

Early next morning, the sky was clear and blue; we set off up the ridge behind the hut with day packs to climb Kakapo Peak (1783m). We ascended this ridge, crossed to the opposite side and sidled just below Waingaro Peak (1604m), across a kilometre of scree, through a pass, up over a small knoll, down into a deep saddle and finally a long climb up an open ridge to the snow-capped peak of Kakapo. Here we took photos and settled down for lunch. We had fantastic views of many of the peaks and lakes around us, particularly the range called the 'Dragons Teeth'. The return to the hut was uneventful except for Rob spraining an ankle - we arrived back at the hut by late afternoon ready for a dip in a cold clear tarn 200m from the hut.



Next morning, Lance and I set out to explore the trails below Mt Xenicus – Rob having elected to rest his ankle and do some fishing instead. We had been informed by the NZ couple of the existence of this trail, but they were unsure of where it led. We had hoped it would give us access to Mt Xenicus (1525m) – a craggy block of mountain looking down on Fenella Hut. Instead, the trail led us up some of the lower rock slabs and then skirted around the base and down into a valley hidden from view from our Hut. The trail led up this valley to a saddle between Mt Xenicus and Mt Gibbs - a beautiful open valley of tussock grass and small waterfalls.



As we surmounted the top of the saddle we looked down onto Round Lake. The map indicated that we had to traverse Mt Gibbs (1540m) to get to Round Lake and then down a defined track to Lake Cobb and eventually back to Fenella Hut. While having morning tea on top of Gibbs, we could see that the ridge down to Round Lake was relatively easy to traverse but it was very narrow with sheer drops to Island Lake 300m down and Round Lake 150m down on the other side. Several hours later we had lunch on the shore of Round Lake and watched some sea gulls enjoying a fresh water bath. It was a straight-forward walk back to Fenella Hut past Lake Cobb.

The following day, weather still good, we packed up and departed the hut for the walk back to our car and a drive back to Nelson to restock and leave Rob to catch up with Laurel. Over the weekend in Nelson, Lance and I planned our walks for the following week. To be continued:



Something to make you smile

The Lone Ranger and Tonto went camping in the desert. After they got their tent all set up, both men fell sound asleep.

Some hours later, Tonto wakes the Lone Ranger and says, "Kemo Sabe, look towards sky, what you see?"

The Lone Ranger replies, "I see millions of stars."

"What that tell you?" asked Tonto.

The Lone Ranger ponders for a minute then says, "Astronomically speaking, it tells me there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets.

Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo.

Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three in the morning.

Theologically, the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant.

Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow.

What's it tell you, Tonto?"

"That somebody stole the tent you dumb bastard."



Important Information

Guidelines for Club ethics:

- When nominating for a walk, members and visitors have an obligation to write legibly on the nomination form.
- Please contact walk leaders at least early in the week before a walk. If you leave it till Thursday or Friday night you may be disappointed to find that the walk has been cancelled, due to apparent lack of interest. Also dates, details etc. can & do change. Leaders give their time to organise walks and need to know if they are committed to lead a walk. The leader may assign you to a car for the trip.
- Read the walk description and note the rating. If you are unsure of your abilities, please discuss this with the leader before nominating. Neither you nor other walkers will have a good day if your fitness is not of a suitable standard.
- The leader of a walk has the final say on whether a person can come on a walk. Members and newcomers should be aware of this and accept it.
- Do you have a health problem that may affect your performance on a walk? It is important that you inform the leader of this and discuss the matter.
- If you have commitments after a walk please discuss this with the leader before commencing a walk. Leaders cannot guarantee the time of return, due to weather, terrain & the expertise of walkers.
- Arrive at the agreed meeting point before the set time. We try to be punctual. Late walkers can be left behind!
- It is a normal practise to share the costs of transport to and from a walk. This may vary between car owners and may be as simple as sharing the cost of the fuel among the passengers or a fixed amount for example: (10-20kms \$5/person, 20-50kms \$8/person, 50-100kms \$10/person 100-200kms \$15/person, 200-250kms \$20/person, 250-300kms \$25/person) Discuss this with your driver.
- Please have a change of clothes and shoes available in the car for the return journey as a courtesy to your companions and the car owner.

DAY WALK CHECKLIST:

Please ensure you have the following items so you are prepared for any eventuality whilst on a day walk.

ABSOLUTE ESSENTIALS:

- Boots (must be fully enclosed – no sandals. Boots are preferable although joggers are suitable for most social walks).
- Gaiters or long pants (unless otherwise specified).
- Daypack of sufficient capacity to carry all your needs.
- Water – Minimum of 2 litres – (bladder or two separate containers).
- Torch/headlamp with spare batteries. (Lithium batteries are lighter and last longer than alkaline batteries).
- Raincoat or Poncho.
- First-aid kit
- Whistle
- Lunch and snacks.

RECOMMENDED:

- Light fleece or Thermal top.
- Pack liner and pack cover. (protects pack contents in case of rain)
- Sunscreen and insect repellent.
- Rubbish bag (we take out what we take in; also for wet muddy gear).
- Map and compass (ideally the leader is not the only one with these items).
- Toilet paper and trowel.
- Spare change of clothes in a bag to be left in the car for the return journey – be considerate of fellow passengers and those who provide the transport.

OPTIONAL ITEMS:

- Camera or binoculars.
- Walking poles.
- Gardening gloves or similar for off track walks.

IMPORTANT:

1. Trip leaders can choose to leave you behind if you are not properly equipped.
2. Keep to walks within the bounds of the walk grading as shown on the walk calendar.

