



FOOTNOTES

Club Newsletter of Bushwalkers of Southern Queensland Inc.

Trip report.

Glen Rock Basecamp – Queens Birthday long weekend.

We had reports from throughwalkers of waist high grass and burrs, and overgrown roads with lantana. When Kath and I arrived on Thursday we heard a bulldozer at work on Mt Philp. On Friday morning he graded the roads near the Glen Rock viewpoint, so I decided to explore the lower track to the north of the campsite after lunch.

I found the throughwalkers' description accurate and was soon forced into the dry creek bed which was generally good going although slow. Eventually, after much rock hopping and scrambling I met a newly graded road. After some exploring of the newly graded roads I made my way back to camp on the newly graded higher road.

By this time people were starting to arrive for the basecamp. That evening we had a brazier going during pre-dinners and a bigger fire after dinner. This became the standard for the weekend as we had two 0° mornings and the third a little warmer.

Saturday's walk was to be to the amphitheatre, however the creek was flowing quite well and we had 12 creek crossings to the top yards. This put us an hour behind schedule so we had lunch at the yards and the photographers had fun trying arty shots of the yards and Point Pure.

All the roads in the area had been graded however none gave us an easy way to avoid any of the creek crossings on the way back. We were quicker though because we knew the easy ways across. Patrick still decided that wet feet was the quickest way.

On Sunday we followed the higher road to the north up to Red Rock then tracked up the slopes to the east, stopping for lunch under the cliffs. This gives a great view of Mt Philp and the hills and valleys beyond.

After lunch nobody else wanted to go to the top of Mt Philp so we explored the newly graded roads on the side on the way back to camp.

On Monday morning a few of us walked to Abbots yards, then up the twin roads on the ridge between Blackfellow creek and Flaggy creek until we had climbed far enough for morning tea, then retraced our steps back to camp.

Thanks to Peter and Amanda, Betty, Patrick, Mike and Robyn for a great weekend.

Bryan and Kath Read

Trip Report

Mt Greville D/W Sunday 30 May

Mt Greville is a rocky peak of 770 metres and is one of several in Moogerah Peaks National Park. We arrived at the parking area to find it already full, much to my dismay, so we had to find space along the road edge for parking. Our ascent route was via the lovely Palm Gorge with plenty of time for photos and admiring the variety of plant life. To my surprise, we didn't have to share the summit with hordes of others—people were travelling up and down the mountain all day. This mountain is usually under a lot of visitor pressure.

Because the summit was windy and chilly, we deferred lunch to the rock slabs on South East Ridge. Great spot for lunch and ample time to enjoy the panoramic views. On the way down, we detoured to a rocky lookout for a stunning view up Waterfall Gorge, then it was back to the cars and off for suitable refreshments in Aratula.



Joining me for the walk were Betty, John W, Mike B, Robyn, Francine, Mike H, Jo, John H and Di T.
Heather Buchanan



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MEMBERSHIP FEES

Probationary Membership . \$20.00/6 mths
Single Membership\$40.00 p.a.
Joint Membership\$60.00 p.a.
(receive one copy of 'Footnotes' per household)

Executive Committee meetings for 2009-10:
First Tuesday of February, May, August and November.

Membership Register Changed your contact details?
Please advise **John Edwards** of any change to address,
phone or email.
Tel 3379 6296 email johnewd@powerup.com.au

BOSQbytes To register for regular email updates on
the walks program or other club news, send an email
request to: bushwalksq@gmail.com

Please include 'BOSQbytes' in the subject line.
To be removed from the group, put 'Opt Out' in the subject
line.

CAMPING PERMITS: You need to make your own
campsite bookings with the EPA if camping in a Qld
National Park on a club basecamp. First confer with
your leader, and then contact the following to book
and pay by credit card:

1. Contact the EPA on: **13 13 04**
2. Or visit the website at:

www.qld.gov.au/camping or
<http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/>

3. Or in person at: **3rd Floor 400 George St,
Brisbane**

IF A WALKING TRIP IS DELAYED

Occasionally trips are delayed due to unforeseen
circumstances. Whom should the leader in the field
contact back in Brisbane? If friends or relatives of walkers
are concerned about the delayed return, whom might they
contact in the club to inquire about what has happened?
The contact should be with **any member of the BOSQ
Management Committee**, listed opposite. Move down the
list till you find someone at home.

Before leaving on a BOSQ outing, walkers should tell a
family member or friend where they are going and give
them a copy of Footnotes or a copy of the phone numbers
of the Committee members. Leaders should also carry a
list of contact numbers with them on the walk.

If there were a situation that required a search or rescue,
members of the Committee would liaise with experienced
walkers within BOSQ and within the Federated Mountain
Rescue, who would contact emergency services if
necessary. Members of the BOSQ Management
Committee hold a list of phone numbers for FMR contacts.
They will also hold membership details for all BOSQ
members, including the name of a family member or friend
to contact in case of delay or emergency.

Insurance cover

Insurance for BOSQ members is arranged through the
peak body of Australian bushwalking federations,
Bushwalking Australia Inc. (BAI). There is coverage for
both Public Liability and Personal Accident. Club members
and visitors are insured while participating in all activities
conducted by BOSQ, including survey trips, meetings,
social events, and travelling to and from club activities.
The Secretary holds copies of the policies for members to
peruse.

Personal Locator Beacons (PLB)

The club owns two PLBs and walk leaders are
encouraged to take one on their walks, especially on any
off-track walks, extended trips, or survey walks. The PLBs
are held at the homes of John Edwards (3379 6296) and
John Marshall (3311 5506) for collection and return. There
is no charge to club walk leaders.

BOSQ Inc. ... Walks Programme

Walk Gradings

Distance	Terrain	Fitness
S - 1 to 10 km	1 to 3 - Graded track or open terrain. No scrub	1 to 3 - Easy Suitable for beginners
M - 10 to 15 km		
L - 15 to 20 km	4 to 7 - Off track. Minor scrub, rainforest, rock scrambling, creek rock-hopping	4 to 7 - Medium Reasonable fitness required
X - Over 20 km	8 to 9 - Off track. Thick scrub, major rocks, scrambling using hands, technical climb	8 to 9 - Hard Fit walkers only

Activity Type

Graded Track Walk GTW Day Walk DW
 Through-walk TW Base-Camp, self-sufficient BC
 Base-Camp, accommodated ACC Social SOC
 Safety & Training S&T Federation FED
 Federation Mountain Rescue FMR

Petrol Money Contribution

Current Suggested Rate when car pooling is:
10c per km

Walks Programme July-August 2010.

DW Saturday 17TH July 2010

ANNUAL SHEPHERDS WALK

Run by BEAUDESERT HISTORICAL SOCIETY.
 Cost \$15-00 includes Return Bus and Sausage Sizzle lunch.

Intending walkers **MUST REGISTER THEIR NAMES BY 14th JULY with the SOCIETY.**

Meet: 8am Historical Society Complex, located at cnr of Brisbane St and McKee St Beaudesert to check in, pay and sign the Disclaimer Form. The Disclaimer Form is available on BHS website or use their own Club's Disclaimer Form prior to checking in and paying.

Buses will leave the Society Complex at 8.30am and travel to Christmas Creek where the walk will start and walkers will walk over the JINBROKEN RANGE and down to the WASHPOOL on the ALBERT RIVER in the KERRY VALLEY.

WALKERS MUST CHECK THEIR NAME" WITH THE SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE STATIONED AT THE RIVER CROSSING.

On the grounds adjacent to the river crossing, Society members will have everything ready for walkers to enjoy a real Aussie BBQ sausage

sizzle, with toast, tea, coffee, cordial and freshly cooked damper and syrup.

Buses will return to Historical Complex at approx 2.30pm. Off road parking is available in the grounds of the Historical Complex. Bookings can be made by phone during Business Hours on 5541 3740 or www.beaudesertmuseum.org.au

GTW Sunday July 18th Sunshine Coast Great Walk (Delicia Rd - Gheerulla Bluff – Gheerulla Falls)

Leader: John Hegarty [REDACTED] or johnheg48@yahoo.com)

Grade: M 3 3

Meet: 8.30am outside coffee shops in Mapleton.

Distance/ Directions: 115 kms – North Along Bruce Hwy to Nambour Exit then along Nambour-Mapleton Connection Road to Mapleton – 1 hr 20mins.

Water 2L. Petrol \$23.

For this walk we place cars in two places along Delicia Road (only a few minutes out of Mapleton) and go to the Tibla Tabla campsite and then on to Gheerulla Bluff where you will get a great view of the Mary River Valley.

From there to Gheerulla campsite and then along a creek of the same name to Gheerulla Falls and back to cars.

Estimated walk time is about 4-5 hours with coffee afterwards at a great place in Mapleton and we should be back in Brisbane well before dark.

This is a 15km graded track walk through eucalypt forest and some rain forest, suitable for fit beginners. A short car shuttle is needed to reduce the length of the walk.

The track is quite good. There will be minimal 'up', a fair bit of 'down', and a 6 kms or so of 'levelish' walking along Gheerulla Creek so it is one for **everybody**.

Come along and give it a go!

For more information on the walk or how to get there contact John Hegarty.

SOC Club Dinner Tuesday 20 July 2010

Venue: **Bunratty Brasserie -The Irish Club**, Qld

Irish Association 175 Elizabeth Street (Ground Level) Opposite Hilton Hotel Brisbane

Time: Meet inside 6.45pm

Contact: Chris Trehearn by Sunday 13th

[REDACTED]

Car parking close by in Myer Centre Car Park (discount for Irish Club Patrons) or by public transport.

A popular choice when the last BOSQ dinner was held there several years ago, the Irish Club has been renovated in 2008.

Long been regarded as Brisbane's authentic home of Irish hospitality, the club offers an a la

carte menu with traditional Irish meals along with modern Australian cuisine.

Main meals priced under \$20.00 as well as nightly specials. Guinness and a large selection of quality tap beers and wines available.

Great atmosphere, delicious food and good prices!!

DW Sat 24 July Lizard Point

Grade M 6 7

Leader: Jonas Bernotas (Keeper of the Bunyip)

Meet: 77 Church St Goodna 6.30am

Petrol \$20-00, Water 2L.

Please note early morning meeting -6.30am.

Lizard Point offers Magnificent view overlooking the scenic rim. We will leave the vehicles at Teviot Gap. The walk will take us en-route through rainforest and off track to our rocky platform & views & Lunch. A great winter walk so bring something warm

Limit of 12 participants apply for this walk.

DW Sun 1 August Dave's Hut and beyond

Leader: Di Edwards

Grade M 3 4 Water 2 litres

Meet Lake Manchester Picnic area 8:30 am.

Road directions on nomination and if car sharing is required will be arranged by leader on Friday/Sat.

Lake Manchester is a short distance north of Ipswich and we will explore the western side of the lake which is very full at the present. The walk is on bush tracks, dirt roads, and a short section off track.

There will be some steep uphill sections but these are quite short and we can take our time. This walk is suitable for fit beginners who are prepared to try walking that isn't on graded tracks.

A chance to enjoy walking in the cooler winter weather and not a long drive away.

DW SATURDAY 7 AUGUST WILSONS PEAK

Grade M 6 5

LEADER: HEATHER BUCHANAN

MEET: OPPOSITE 77 CHURCH STREET, GOODNA, AT 6.45AM

WATER: 2L

MAPS: MT SUPERBUS 1:25 000 & WILSONS PEAK 1:25 000 PETROL: \$20 APPROX

Wilson's Peak is a round turret-shaped mountain of 1231 metres at the intersection of the Great Divide and the McPherson Range.

We will be doing a circuit walk, ascending via the long steep northern ridge, then descending along the western ridge.

A short car shuttle will be required.

There is a short scramble through a cliff break to reach the summit. Expect steep terrain with long grass and loose rocks in places, with a vague footpad for some of the way.

DW Wed 11 August (Show Day) Mt Goolman

Leader Di Edwards

Grade M 4 3

Water 2 litres

Brisbane has an extra day off mid-week, so come and join me for a day in the fresh air exploring Mt Goolman which is just north of Flinders Peak on the way to Boonah. The walk starts in the spacious Hardings Paddock picnic area and follows a signed track route with some off-track walking on the final climb to the peak.

Gaiters and gloves may be helpful for the final part.

Folk not wanting to do the final climb could walk the marked tracks with us and return to the picnic area from Goolman lookout (this walk would be a grade S 3 2).

Only a short drive from Brisbane for this walk.

Meet at Jonas' place (77 Church St Goodna) at 7:45 am for car pooling, or 8:30 am at Hardings Paddock.

****Change of Date****

TW Fri 13-15 August Moreton Island

Grade M 3 5

Leader: Margaret Keys Phone:

Ferry: \$50 return Camping \$10 (for 2 nights) Car parking: \$30 per vehicle (3 days)

The plan is to travel on the vehicular ferry to Moreton Island on Friday, so it will be necessary to take Friday off work. The ferry leaves from 14 Howard Smith Drive, Port of Brisbane at 8:30 am arriving approx 10:00 am.

We will walk out along the track to Rous Battery (13 km) where we will camp two nights at a spot with beautiful ocean views. Bring enough water for the day.

There is good water available at the camp spot from a spear pump (boil or sterilize to be safe).

On Saturday we can do a day walk south along the beach and across Little Sandhills to see the township of Koorinal.

On Sunday we will walk back crossing the desert near Tangalooma resort (time for an icecream or cold drink) to catch the return ferry at 4:30 pm.

Mostly easy walking with some soft sand walking for first 2 or 3 km. Suitable for fit walkers able to carry a through walk pack.

Please note change of date.

****Advanced Notice**20-22 August 2010**

Pilgrimage 2010 Crows Nest.

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

www.bushwalkingqueensland.org.au/pilgrimage.html

The Pilgrimage is an annual bushwalking and social event attracting members of affiliated clubs from throughout SEQ.

It is usually held at a campground venue and on the Saturday you can join one of many daywalks through the surrounding areas. A Bush Dance and other social activities are organised throughout the weekend and it is an ideal time to meet and renew friendships with fellow bushwalkers. The activity is run on a non-profit basis.

TRIP REPORT

DW – NEGLECTED MOUNTAIN – 20 JUNE

No longer classed as “neglected” by the club, as we have now had walks to here 2yrs running!

This year's walk was well attended, with 14 people starting out. We had about as close as you could get to a perfect winter day.

We set out from Stinson Park, next to the former Christmas Creek fitness camp at 9 am. The first kilometre was on a gravel road, which then deteriorated to a farm track and began a steep climb to a lush paddock which had a small shed and a thunderbox toilet sitting in it. From there a minor track crossed over a gully to the main ascent ridge leading to the saddle between the Stretcher Track ridge and Neglected Mountain. At this point one person decided the walk looked like being a bit too hard, and elected to go back to the cars for a leisurely day at the picnic area.

The rest of us toiled up the steepening ridge and made quite good time to the crest, where the first morning tea break was held. There was a light cooling breeze after the hot climb. It was here that we got our first real views of the dramatic western escarpments of the Lamington Plateau, Buchanans Fort and other points of interest. Then we headed off again up the narrow ridge, which was mostly a grassy slope but at two points presented rocky buttresses. The second of these was the more difficult, with some people tackling the rock direct and others heading round the side to clamber up the steep grass. From there it was plain sailing up to the southern peak of the mountain. The route obviously still sees some use by walkers, as there was a faint but persistent track through the grass.

After the first peak there was a razorback to cross to the main, higher summit. This was narrow but quite easy apart from one slightly awkward step

down, which was avoided by some on the way back by going left to a small steep gully. The razorback provided superb views of the Scenic Rim to the west as well as to O'Reillys and other features of Lamington to the east. We had our 2nd morning tea on one of the outcrops. After the razorback there was one final climb to the second summit and our lunch stop. This all took three and a quarter hours from the cars.

The return was by the same route, with the views of Lamington looking perhaps even more impressive in the afternoon sun. We were away from Stinson Park heading for Maccas in Beaudesert by 3.30.

I enjoyed the walk and think most other people did, but one or two described it as a “once in a lifetime experience”!

Neil Douglas

TRIP REPORT

DW – MT. BANGALORE – 4 JULY

The walk did take place, but not on the scheduled day. The weather forecast the night before was for rain, so I postponed the trip to the following day because of fears that the rock slabs we would be negotiating would be treacherously slippery. Most of the original nominees were able to go on the Sunday.

After negotiating the farm track for a couple of kilometres in from the Head road turnoff, we left the cars and started our all-off-track walk. It took more than 1 ½ hrs to work our way around the base of the mountain across an intricate array of gullies and terraces to the slabby creek junction on the northern side of the mountain. The grass was longer than previously and not nearly as many cattle tracks, so the going was a bit more arduous. Once in the creek, it didn't take long for me to have a spill on slippery rocks that looked as if they'd largely dried out, providing a suitable cautionary lesson for the rest of the walk.

After morning tea in the creekbed, we headed up the creek on an almost continuous series of slabs. There were just a few places where they got so steep or slippery that we diverted up the bank for short distances. Views back towards Mt. Greville and other peaks soon opened out. Eventually we reached a big overhanging cave and dry waterfall at the top of the creek. John H & Mike had been finding it heavy going and decided to stay at the cave while the rest of us headed up to the summit. We headed off at a faster pace and got to the rocky little plateau just north of old trig point in a bit over 30 minutes. There were great views of the southern part of

the Main Range from this spot, but because of the late hour I only allowed just enough time for us to eat lunch.

Thanks to a strategically placed stick marker, I navigated easily back down to the cave. The others had been getting a bit anxious about seeing us again! After regrouping I took another route back to our morning tea stop, which consisted of following the ridge to the east of the creek well down before finally dropping into the creek again. Then it was the terraces and gullies in reverse order to get back to the cars. We were at the cafe back in Boonah by 5 p.m.

Those who went with me were John H, John M, Pat, Jonas, Heather, Tony, and prospective member Mike. "It was a good walk".
Neil Douglas

PRESIDENT'S PIECE **June committee meeting**

Here are a few of the things discussed:

-We decided to discontinue the club's mobile phone account, because the phone wasn't being used effectively as a contact number for prospective members. Instead, I agreed to listing my home phone in the Yellow Pages for a trial 12 month period.

-Membership renewal forms will be incorporated into the next newsletter. For insurance purposes, **everyone** needs to fill one out when renewing.

-Members will be asked at the meeting tonight what they would like for the club Christmas function. If you aren't able to get to the meeting and have any ideas or preferences, let one of the committee members know.

Membership fee increase

Donna presented figures at the committee meeting which showed that we've got to the stage where expenses are starting to exceed income. Therefore, a modest membership fee increase is needed – it will be the first for a few years. The committee has the power to increase fees, but we will put it to a vote of members as a courtesy. The recommended new rates are \$45 single and \$70 for joint membership, with probationary membership remaining at \$20 for 6 months. Please support this move so that we remain in the black!

Annual General Meeting

Time flies...only 2 months to the AGM in September. (We had thought about postponing it to October, but some office bearers will be away then, too.) Of course this is the time when all committee and other office bearer positions become vacant, so we will really need some new people to step forward. Di has indicated that she won't be standing as Outings Secretary again, and I said at the last AGM that I would only serve one year as President as a stop-gap. There may be other people I'm not aware of who are not standing again, too. So please consider doing your bit for the club. If you've never been on the committee before, you may find it surprisingly interesting and rewarding.

Congratulations

Neil Gray has been appointed Deputy Principal of the Maroon Outdoor Education Centre. Ironically this will mean less bushwalking for him, at least on weekdays, as taking kids out into the bush will be done mostly by other staff now.

Seems there is some kind of association between MOEC and BOSQ – Rob Simson was Principal there once.
Neil



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