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# FOOTNOTES

Club Newsletter of Bushwalkers of Southern Queensland Inc.

**DW Sat 9 December**

## **Toolona Circuit**

We started with beautiful blue skies and cooler weather at O'Reillys. We knew because of recent rain the track and creek crossings would be slippery, but the waterfalls would be spectacular. They didn't disappoint!

There are supposed to be five waterfalls on this walk, but with all the cascades, we lost count. I annoyed my fellow walkers by stopping and taking pics at every opportunity.



**Toolona Falls**

Morning tea was held at Gwongurai Falls and lunch at Wanungara Lookout, with views to Mt Hobwee and Mt Warning.

The walk back is via The Border Track and is mostly downhill.

We were 20 minutes from the carpark when the heavens opened up, but being experienced bushwalkers, we already had our raincoats and pack covers on.

What we weren't prepared for were the hailstones! The pea sized ones were OK, but the ones slightly bigger than golf balls were definitely NOT OK.

Margaret said all she could hear above the din was Tom going 'ow' and 'ouch' whenever one hit him on the head.



**A (not very) heavenly missile!**

Eventually we made it back to shelter and taking Margaret's advice, I abandoned the idea of putting up a tent and walked into O'Reillys and booked a room.

Joining me for this beautiful walk were Margaret, Brenda, Heather, Tom and Peter. Thanks.  
Euey

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**MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Ordinary Membership \$35.00 p.a.

Current cover for financial members – Public Liability insurance under the BA group insurance scheme is \$20 million.

**Executive committee meetings for 2018:**

Last Monday of February, April, June, August, September, November.

**Membership Register:** Changed your contact details? Please advise Graham Englart at grahamenglart@hotmail.com, ph 0458 165 558

**E-Comms:** To register for regular email updates on the walks program or other club news, send an email request to bushwalksq@gmail.com. Please put E-Comms 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 QPWS if camping in a Queensland national park on a club activity. First confer with your leader, then contact the following to book and pay by credit card:

1. Contact the QPWS on **13 74 68**
2. Or visit the website at: <https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/activities/camping/bookings>
3. You can book online or check the website to find an office where over-counter bookings can be made.

**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 until 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.

In an emergency, life threatening or serious injury situation, or one that requires a search and rescue, contact the Police on 000 (or 112 on extended mobile network). If the party is overdue but otherwise safe, the leader should attempt to contact BOSQ committee members who can advise family members from club records.

Escalate if necessary to put the bushwalkers' search and rescue group FMR on standby. Their contact list is on the website: <http://fmrqld.bwq.org.au/contact.html>.

If overdue more than 24 hours, the Police should be notified. More search and rescue information at: <http://fmrqld.bwq.org.au/overdue.html>

**Insurance cover**

Insurance for BOSQ members is arranged through the peak body of Australian bushwalking federations, Bushwalking Australia Inc (BA). 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 policies can be viewed and downloaded at <http://bushwalkingaustralia.org/insurance>.

**Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs)**

The club owns two new and two old PLBs. Walk leaders are encouraged to take one on their walks, especially off-track walks, extended trips or survey walks.

The holders of the new PLBs are Neil Douglas 3875 1090 or 0427 138 871 and Heather Buchanan 3814 2556 or 0432 123 025.

The old ones are held by Euey Mangan 0418 726 509 and John Marshall 5498 6780 or 0474 480 056.

There is no charge to club walk leaders who borrow these PLBs.

## BOSQ Inc. ... Walks Programme

Walk Gradings (Further information: John Marshall at johnbne@bigpond.com)

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
<b>Activity Type</b> 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		
<b>Petrol Money Contribution</b> Current Suggested Rate when car-pooling is: 10c per km		

### Walks Program January – February 2018

½ DW Sat 13 January

#### **Bicentennial Bikeway Walk**

Grade: S 1 1 (one way – M 1 1 return walk)

Distance: 5.5km one way, plus optional City Botanic Gardens tour and return walk

Leader: Alison Horsley

Water: 2 litres min

Bring: Snacks, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent

This river walk is on the walking path adjacent to the Bicentennial Bikeway from Toowong to the City Botanic Gardens. There are good views of the city and of the Brisbane River. Participants can choose to walk both ways (11km total) or to return via the CityCat from the QUT Gardens Point CityCat terminal.

There is also an optional free volunteer-guided walk through the Gardens, starting at 11am and lasting about an hour.

It is proposed to have a leisurely 'coffee' break at the Gardens Club Cafe on arrival at the Gardens, before joining the tour of the Gardens, if desired. An easy walk, suitable for all.

**SOC Tue 16 January**

#### **Social dinner**

Venue: Breakfast Creek Hotel

Organiser: Neil Douglas

Nominations not essential

Meet: entrance to "Staghorn Beer Garden" from carpark 6.45pm.

Being January, it's time for our annual steak night at the Brekky Creek. Steaks are \$33-44 (slightly down from last year!), but there are a few non-steak menu options as well, \$27-35. There's also a counter for dessert and coffee available. You can just turn up, but if you nominate we'll keep an eye out for you if you're not there by the meeting time.

**D/W Sat 20 January**

#### **Albert River Circuit**

Grade: L 3 4

Leader: Heather Buchanan

Water: 2 litres min, extra if weather is hot

Petrol: \$20 ex Sunnybank, \$8 ex Canungra

Map: Lamington NP track map

Walking distance: Approx 21km

This long track walk is one of the "jewels in the crown" of Lamington NP. It passes through very pretty creek scenery, superb stands of the ancient Antarctic Beech forest, and a couple of lookouts with good views into NSW. Being January, do expect mud and leeches.

As the walk is around 21km we'll need to keep up a steady pace and it may be a good idea to bring extra snacks to keep energy levels up.

If weather is hot, Hydralite type drinks are also good to bring. Also be prepared for wet weather and always have something warm to put on as the temp can plummet quickly when it rains at this altitude. Refer to the "essentials checklist for daywalks" for what to pack. Please nominate by Thursday 18 January and please indicate on nomination form where you intend to meet.

½ DW Fri 26 January

#### **Sylvan Stroll and Fireworks**

Grade: S 1 3

Leader: John Marshall

Walk: 8km: Water: 1 litre

Most Australians live in a city, so come along on this stroll through some of Brisbane's more sylvan suburbs on Australia Day and finish with a flourish with fireworks!

We will meet at the Regatta CityCat ferry jetty near the corner of Coronation Drive and Sylvan Rd, Toowong for a 4.30pm start. Then we follow the bike path and back streets via Guyatt Park, St.Lucia, UQ – John Oxley Walk, the Eleanor Schonell Bridge and then through Dutton Park with its classic Queenslander homes on the hills by sunset.

We finish at the War Memorial Park at South Brisbane to see the fireworks at 7.30. This will be all

urban/parkland walking mainly on pavement. Do wear comfortable footwear and bring water but there are taps and toilets en route. I suggest you use public transport this day to get to the start and home again.

**DW Sun 28 January**

**Wagawn Track**

Grade: L 3 4

Leader: Lynne Skaines

Petrol: \$15

Water: Minimum 3 litres

This is a graded track walk of approx. 18km return in Lamington National Park. A side track to Garragoomba Lookout (600m one way) features uninterrupted views of Springbrook, Tweed Valley and Mt Warning. There may be similar views from Wagawn depending on regrowth after weather events. Much of the vegetation here is said to be significant species in the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area.

**½ DW Sun 4 February**

**Bribie Low Tide Sunset Walk**

Grade: S 3 3

Leader: John Marshall

Walk: 8km: Water: 2 litres

Cool your heels in the waters of Moreton Bay as we explore the southern coastline of Bribie Island from Woorim on the ocean side to Bongaree on the passage side. For those who like long walks along the beach in the cool of the afternoon – this one is 8km and we have the advantage of a falling tide to enable more sand between the toes as we watch the sun slowly sinking in the west behind the bridge, Glasshouse Mountains and the pelicans.

Bring your camera. We should have light contra-flow traffic going up from Brisbane and we will need to do a car shuffle. Sunset is at 6.41pm and we should finish the walk around the low tide time of 7.01pm.

Refreshments at one of the hotel bistros afterwards a possibility.

**DW Sat 10 February**

**Northbrook Gorge**

Grade: M 5 8

Leaders: Euey Mangan / Brenda Keough

Distance: Approx 8km

We walk a short distance on a dirt road, then some very steep downhill until we reach an old logging road, which is even steeper. At the creek we turn left until we can't walk any more, and then we swim through the gorge! I've given this an 8 rating because of the steepness of the terrain, possible scunge and the swim. You'll need a bag to keep clothes, boots and backpack dry, and a towel to dry off as well.

It'll be hot this time of year, but because it's mostly downhill with a swim, it should be very enjoyable. Also with an earlier car shuffle, we won't have to walk back up the mountain.

**Tuesday 13 February 2018**

**Meeting at 7.30pm**

**Little Kings Hall, cnr O'Keefe & Carl streets,  
Buranda**

**½ DW Sun 18 Feb**

**Redland Bay coast and wetlands walk**

Pencil this in for after the next meeting. Euey is leading a 3pm walk that includes views, creek, wetlands and ocean. And you can dine at the golf club afterwards. Sounds great. Details in the next edition of Footnotes.



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