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(Flinders Peak)

Ipswich Bushwalkers Inc.

Newsletter

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February – April 2012 Edition

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR						
Date	Day	Event	Grade	Type	Leader	Time
February 2012						
05	Sunday	Meeting			Wendy	19:00
12	Sunday	Diana's Bath	S31	HD	Russell	8:00
19	Sunday	Warrie Circuit	L34	DW	Jill	7:00
26	Sunday	Mt. Coot-tha	S33	HD	Russell	7:00
March 2012						
04	Sunday	Meeting			Wendy	19:00
11	Sunday	Green Falls, Mt. Glorious	M23	DW	Cheryl	7:00
18	Sunday	Bindley's Road to Wirrabara Road, Mt. Crosby	S23	HD	Manfred	7:00
25	Sunday	Killarney Glen	TBA	DW	Russell	7:00
April 2012						
01	Sunday	Meeting			Wendy	19:00
5-12	Easter	Carnarvon Great Walk	L45	TW	Russell	
5-12	Easter	Carnarvon Base Camp	Various	BC		
22	Sunday	Park to Park Walk in Ipswich	S23	SOC	Robyn	7:00
29	Sunday	Springbrook Knoll(Scramble)	M44	DW	Dave	7:00
May 2012						
06	Sunday	Mt. Elliot	S34	HD	Russell	7:00
13	Sunday	Meeting			Wendy	19:00
20	Sunday	Spring Mountain	M34	HD	Kevin	7:00
27	Sunday	Goolman to Flinders Plum	L34	DW	Jenny	7:00

Please Note:

The Coming Events Calendar is **subject to change at any time without notice**. People wishing to participate in any listed event **must contact the nominated Leader beforehand**, in order to answer any queries they may have regarding that particular event, and to ensure that they are contacted in case of alteration or cancellation of an event.

Walks usually depart from the park at the intersection of South and Nicholas Streets, Ipswich, opposite the Civic Centre, *unless noted otherwise in the event descriptions*. The departure or commencement time of any event shall be as noted in the respective event description. For information regarding meetings please refer to the Meeting Venue section.

Walk Cost

We pool vehicles to minimise cost. The cost associated with each walk is based on each vehicle having the driver and at least 2 passengers. The passengers pay walk costs. If there are more than 2 passengers per vehicle, the walk cost will usually be reduced; this is at the discretion of the leader. Walk fees and driver reimbursements are usually organised by the walk leader at a café stop on the way home after the walk.

EVENT TYPE & GRADING CODES

TYPE		GRADE	
BC	Base Camp	S	Short (less than 10 km per day)
DW	Day Walk	M	Medium (10 - 15 km per day)
S&T	Safety & Training	L	Long (15 - 20 km per day)
SOC	Social Activity	X	Extra-long (greater than 20 km per day)
TW	Through Walk	1-3	Graded or open terrain. No scrub.
HD	Half Day	4-7	Bush. Minor scrub rainforest, rock, creek, rock hopping, scrambling.
		8-10	Bush. As above + thick scrub, major rock, scrambling using hands, technical.
		1-3	Easy. Suitable for beginners.
		4-7	Medium. Reasonable fitness required.
		8-10	Hard. Strenuous, fit walkers only.

Note: Grade M **3 3** is recommended for first time walkers.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS FOR DAY WALKS

* Back pack	* Sturdy walking shoes or boots, and socks
* Two to three litres of water	* Rainproof jacket, jumper
* Small First aid kit	* Personal toiletries
* Hat	* Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea
* Torch and Whistle	

ADDITIONAL ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR DAY WALKS

* Sunscreen	* Shorts and light long-sleeved shirt are recommended
* Insect repellent	* High energy snacks such as chocolates or raisins
	* A change of clothes for the trip home

You should always contact the trip leader a couple of days before each trip for last minute details or changes. This is also a good time to let them know if you have any special requirements.

COMING EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

Sunday 12 February 2012 Diana's Bath S22 HD \$15

Diana's bath is the name of a swimming spot just south of Mt. Mee. It's an exceptionally pleasant swimming hole only 2 to 3 kilometres walk from the cars. To make the day a little more entertaining bring an airbed, tennis/beach ball, frisbee and your inner child.

Depart Ipswich 7:00am

Leader: Russell Ph. 3282 5534 a/h

Sunday 19 February 2012 Warrie Circuit L34 DW \$20

This is a long walk of 20km which takes about 5-6 hours along a well-worn track. It starts at Canyon Lookout car park in an anti-clock-wise direction. The Warrie circuit is part of the World Heritage-listed Gondwana Rainforests of Australia in Springbrook National Park.

The walk's first major site is Rainbow Falls, then Goomoolahra Falls, an un-named waterfall, The Pinnacle, Ngarridhum Falls, Kadjagooma Falls, Meeting of the Waters, Gooroolba Falls, Poonyahra Falls and Blackfellow Falls, before returning to the car park at Canyon Lookout.

If you don't mind the long distance this is the perfect walk for you with lots to see.

Depart: Orion Shopping Centre car park -Springfield Lakes 6:30am

Leader: Jill Ph. 3437 8385 a/h

Sunday 26 February 2012 Mt. Coot-tha from Chapel Hill S33 HD \$10

We'll start at Chapel Hill and ascend a western trail to the Lookout & café on the summit of Mt. Coot-tha. Morning tea will be at the cafe before returning to the cars.

Depart Ipswich 7:00am

Leader: Russell Ph. 3282 5534 a/h

Sunday 11 March 2012 Green Falls, Mt. Glorious M23 DW \$15

The Maiala Picnic Area is located at Mt. Glorious and is the starting point for all walks on this day. In the morning we will do the Westside Track which is 7 km return (or as short as we want to make it) and offers more varied rainforest than other walks in the immediate area. We should also be able to see Cunningham's Gap and Mt. Barney from the Western Window if the day is clear. After lunch we will do Greene's Falls, taking in Cypress Grove Track and Maiala Circuit - approximately 4 - 5 km return. All tracks are either heavily shaded or fairly well shaded. At the end of the day we should have plenty of time for coffee just up the road a bit, or on the way home.

Departs Ipswich 7:00am

Leader: Cheryl 3282 4212

Sunday 18 March 2012 Bindleys Road to Wirrabara Road, Mt. Crosby S23 HD \$4

This walk is north of Mount Crosby. The first section is through grassland, past one old farmhouse. The track leads uphill through forest to another track which goes to Mermaid Mountain. We follow this track east for 9 km which brings us to Wirrabarra Road.

Depart Ipswich 7:00am

Leader: Manfred Ph. 3281 7891

Sunday 25 March 2012 Killarney Glen S43 DW \$18

A short walk down to Back Creek and this begin a lazy day of swimming and exploring the beautiful pools, waterfalls and rock formations of Killarney Glen. This is a magical place, unspoilt although it is part of the buffer zone for the military, with a unique history of its own. We will dawdle down and have morning tea and a swim then explore or swim till lunch after which we will begin the ascent back up the ridge to the cars. On our return trip to Canungra we will stop and look at the historic railway tunnel. Coffee at Canungra will finish the day off very nicely.

Depart Ipswich 7:00am

Leader: Russell Ph. 3282 5534 a/h

Carnarvon Great Walk, Thurs 5/4 to Thurs 12/4/2012

There are still vacancies for this walk if you are interested.

Leader: Russell Ph. 3282 5534 a/h

Carnarvon Base Camp, Thurs 5/4 to Wed 11/4/2012

Bookings have been made. There will be a meeting in late March to finalise arrangements.

Leader: Wendy Ph. 3282 5534 a/h

Sunday 22 April 2012 Park to Park Walk in Ipswich S23 SOC 7.00am

Starting at Queens Park kiosk, Limestone Park and Denmark Hill finishing at Queens Park Kiosk for brunch.

Depart: Queens Park Kiosk 7:00am

Leader: Robyn Ph. 3288 8215 a/h

Sunday 29 April 2012 Springbrook Knoll M44 DW \$20

This walk includes both on-track and off-track with approximately 3 hours of continuous off-track walking. The walk begins at Canyon Lookout and follows the Warrie Circuit past Twin Falls, Rainbow Falls and Goomoolahra Falls to a point where the track turns back on itself. At this point we leave the track and follow a ridge line out to Springbrook Knoll where we expect to have lunch. The off-track section is not difficult but reasonable off-track ability and fitness is required. Good views from the Knoll can be had of both the valley and the escarpments.

Depart Ipswich 7:00am.

Leader: David 3282 4212

PREVIOUS OUTING REPORTS

9th October Matheson's Trail, Spicer's Gap

Just a quick report on Robyn's Spicer's Gap walk, well thanks to Robyn for a well led walk. We started out early Sunday morning heading South West to Aratula township. After a short stop at Aratula we took a left onto Lake Moogerah Road and began our climb up to the departure point for our walk. Fantastic views greeted us as we climbed through heavily wooded hillsides, starting our walk with a quick look at peaks rising out of the plains below, what an ancient landscape. Bellbirds chimed around us in unison and whipbirds cracked the air as the happy group began the walk down to Mathieson's trail. Traces of settler struggles met us as we viewed grave spots, early deaths and aboriginal attacks, tough times in those days. We climbed steadily through lightly wooded scrub, eventually stopping for a lunch break with great views of distant cliff peaks wow! It's not hard to imagine volcanoes towering over us. After food and chats we were off along the ridge line. An interesting walk moving through and around boulder formations along the ridge plus some nice little climbs made a nice change of pace. Eventually we began to move slowly downhill onto an easy wide trail towards our original point of departure. We came across again early settler logging evidence. An old jinker for logs showed the hard life style experienced by pioneers. Goannas greeted us along the way as we walked back to the cars. Everyone brushed off ticks and jumped into the cars off to Aratula for a well-earned food stop, a great all-round day.

Chris Hogan

16th October Mt. Maroon

After the week of unsettled weather it was decided to change the venue from Mt. Clunie to Mt. Maroon, walk leader Russell decided this walk would be ok to go ahead. The day turned out to be fine sunny weather although a little cooler would have been welcome.

Six walkers set off on the more difficult side of Maroon at 9am. A very fit Jill (who had been bucked off a horse the day before) was the only lady. The others were Russell, Gerry, John, Kevin and Geoff from the Gold Coast who met us at the turn off to the walk start.

After a short distance we had to cross Mt. Barney creek. This was running quite strongly but we found some boulders just under the surface to step on. Stinging leaves, lawyer vine, various thorny plants, thick lantana, I think all of these would be less trouble to walkers than the vine that we encountered on the flat forest area for hundreds of metres. We all got tangled and tripped by this vine several times. With no distinct track it was a challenging climb. The last hundred metres or so was steep, rocky and exposed. During the final 10 minutes to the summit a helicopter was buzzing around just above. Once on the top there were about 25 protesters against "the coal seam gas exploration" that is being considered for the Fassifern area. The helicopter was filming them holding up sheets painted with "say no" "lock the gate" etc. This large group had come up from the Cotswold (track) side. The views from this peak were excellent with mountains in all directions and a clear view of Maroon Dam. Although the dam was so far down below the tiny white "wakes" behind the power boats could easily be seen.

The walk's total time was 7.5hours. The weary return journey through the forest area was pleasant apart from the vine once again. Russell found a tick that was just about to get a meal from his neck. This looked as though it had been a logging area a long time ago, with the usual evidence of old bushfires every so often.

The end of a tough walk/climb roughly 7km round trip and 967metres above sea level at the summit was certainly a good Sunday's workout.

Kevin

23rd October Mt. French

A lovely day for walking as we drove towards Moogerah peaks park, driving through Boonah and then a gradual climb through beautiful surrounding farmlands. Reaching the car park we were surrounded by heath lands stretching to the edge of the plateau. A short graceful walk to the best lookout I've been to and a magnificent panorama of lowlands and mountain peaks, another easy walk through clustered heath similar to coastal cliff walking. Soon we arrived back at lunch tables and after sociable brunch we were on our back to Ipswich a great day out.

Chris Hogan

13th November Toolona Circuit

In the end there were only five of us in one car to Toolona Circuit – I was the only girl. After taking a wrong track quite close to the start we got ourselves sorted out and were on our way. We did the detour to Elabana Falls which is always worth the effort. There appears to have been some changes to track direction at the base of the falls possibly due to flooding in recent summers.

The walk provided the promised waterfalls, boulder-strewn creeks and of course the Antarctic beech trees – very impressive. Although travelling a little behind time, we pushed through to one of the magnificent lookouts for lunch – well worth the effort. The day was fairly overcast with the sun appearing from time to time but it did not rain and no late afternoon storm.

Back at O'Reilly's we discovered the cafe is now open until late with a choice of seating in the cafe itself in the western sun, or in the take-away area on the eastern side in the shade. Exorbitant prices though for cardboard cup take-away coffee. However, we were very appreciative of the fact it was there for us before heading home.

Cheryl

20th November Kirra Beach to Point Danger

After an hour and a half journey from Ipswich we arrived at our destination at Kirra Beach. Surprisingly, for a Sunday morning, car parking along the beach front was quickly becoming scarce. Kirra was already a buzz with kite flyers, people meandering through the market stalls and families enjoying the sun, sand and surf. Manfred managed to find a park in a cull de sac not far from the Kirra Surf Club. Once organised with our backpacks nine of us headed off at a leisurely pace along the beach front footpath passing through Coolangatta, Rainbow Bay and along the boardwalk around Greenmount and Snapper Rocks. From the boardwalk edging along Point Danger we were able to read a plaque or two detailing the historical significance of the area and also view the Tweed River entrance to the Pacific Ocean, where large pipes feed sand that is pumped from the Tweed River to the southern beaches of the Gold Coast.

After a morning tea break under the trees of a nearby park we headed off along local streets which lead to Razorback Road and uphill to Razorback Lookout. Here we were able to enjoy views in all directions; including north over the Tweed River and back to the Gold Coast and west over the Airport to the hinterland. As time was getting close to midday we headed downhill, once again along local streets to Kirra Hill and the Sea Eagle Lookout where we were rewarded with magnificent views that stretched way out over the Pacific Ocean to the horizon. Continuing on the pathway along the hill top we ventured upon the Kirra Hill Community and Cultural Centre. The buildings first established in 1919 as a school were close to being demolished after the school was relocated and the site was earmarked to be sold to developers. To cut a long story short, the locals banded together to save the buildings and the site as community space for all to enjoy.

Arriving back at Kirra Beach we joined the queue to be seated for lunch at the Pizza Hut. With the queue not getting any shorter any time soon, it was decided to abandon Pizza Hut and shift next door to the Kirra Surf Club where we enjoyed a very relaxed lunch. After lunch most of us changed into our togs and hit the surf. A perfect way to end a perfect day, on behalf of all who participated, thank you Manfred for organising the trip and leading a fabulous beach/bush walk.

Jenny

27 November 2011 Ravensbourne

Six of us set out from Ipswich on a very clear and humid morning. We met up with Trevor at Esk who rang and wished to come on this walk now that he is living and working in Esk after transferring from Brisbane.

We arrived at the Ravensbourne car park and set off at 08.50 with the conditions being rather comfortable. We firstly did the Buaraba Creek walk which took about 45 minutes. At the end of the trail was a beautiful spot at the creek where we decided to have morning tea sitting under the shade of the Piccabeen Palms. It wasn't long before some ticks and leeches made their presence known and started crawling on several of us.

After morning tea, we set off back up the track and after stopping for a small rest, Matthew discovered that he had 5 ticks crawling up his socks. We all checked ourselves where only one or two were discovered. Matthew soon was dubbed the "Tick Magnet" as they seemed to take a liking to crawling on him and leaving the rest of the group relatively free of them.

We continued to the caves area of the trail, several small sandstone caves, which we sat in for 15 minutes just to have a chat and take in the scenery. We then proceeded back to the car park via the palm circuit, arriving back at 11.45hrs, where we decided to have lunch.

After lunch, we drove up to the lookout to take in the views of the Lockyer Valley as well as the D'Aguiar and Border Ranges and Flinders Peak in the distance.

On the way home, we stopped at Esk for a coffee, said our goodbyes to Trevor, and arrived back in Ipswich at approximately 15.25hrs.

A good time was had by all.

Gerry



Ravensbourne Group

CONTACTS

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Position	Name	Phone/e-mail
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CLUB NOTICES

“Finding Your Way in the Bush”

Price: \$7.50

Canberra Bushwalking Club has published the above book. It was written to provide a guide to navigation and information on how to design bushwalks. Anyone interested in purchasing this book should contact **Cheryl Lyons (Ph. 3282 4212 a/h)**

The club subscribes to **Wild** and **Great Walks** magazines. These are available for members to borrow, either by coming to a meeting or by contacting Russell by phone or email to make other arrangements.
First Aid Certificate

The Club subsidises members wishing to obtain their First Aid Certificate as follows:

75% subsidy: for members who have led more than one walk (i.e. a minimum of two walks).
50% subsidy: all club members.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Introductory (3 months) – available only once per financial year.....	\$5.00 p/p
General	\$22.00
Student (full time > 18 Years)	\$22.00
Family (this Membership Class defines <u>Fees only</u>)	\$10+\$12.00 p/p
Newsletter Subscription onlyby e-mail is free	by post..... \$5.00

PROCEDURE FOR USING EMERGENCY CONTACT OFFICER

1. The Walk Leader rings the Contact Officer before leaving Ipswich and advises him/her of the destination and the number of walkers.
2. The Walk Leader rings the Contact Officer after returning to Ipswich, or if it is getting late, prior to arrival back in Ipswich.
3. If the Contact Officer has not heard from the Walk Leader by 10:00 pm on the day of the walk, he/she will:
 - i. Attempt to contact the Walk Leader. If unsuccessful:-
 - ii. Contact the Police to advise that walkers are overdue and provide details. Do not wait past 11:00 pm to contact Police.
 - iii. Obtain a contact name and telephone number from the Police to be able to advise them of any messages, which may be received from the walkers.
 - iv. Liaise with Police as necessary or nominate someone else to do it.
4. With the agreement of the walkers on any particular walk, item 3 may be varied by the Walk Leader. The revised arrangements must be conveyed to the Contact Officer before that walk departs Ipswich.
5. Walk participants should advise anyone who might be concerned about you returning late, to phone the Contact Officer if you have not contacted them by 8:00pm.
6. The Contact Officer is Ted — Mob: 0418 882 966

MEETING VENUE

Club meetings are usually held on the first Sunday of the month, February to December inclusive. Meetings commence at 7:00pm, and are held at Councillor Trevor Nardi's Electorate Office, Shop 1, 36 South Station Road, Booval, opposite Sloman Street. Entry to the Office is via the back door, and parking is available at the rear of the building. At the meetings, after the formal matters have been attended to, future walks and events are discussed in a casual atmosphere.

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