



NEWSLETTER MAY 2021



The view from Mount Maroon 8th February 2021

**Next meeting - Tuesday 8th June 2021 7.00PM
Logan Village Community Centre
30 Wharf Street Logan Village**

**Minutes of General Meeting
Logan & Beaudesert Bushwalkers
Tuesday, 11th May 2021**

Meeting opened: 7:05pm

Attendance: Peter Rice, Jenny Davies, Jon Zablocki, Lynne Lucas, Malcolm Hill, Sue Simpson, Bruce Ludlow, Brian Watson, Don Rostedt, Ruby Valle

Apologies: Andrew McLeod, Scherie Thompson, Chris Symons, Su Jewell, Alena Bonaventura, Suzanne Kerrison

Visitors: Leonie Slender

Minutes of previous meeting:

As per April Newsletter. Accepted by Peter Rice. Seconded by Lynne Lucas.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

- Nil

Chairman welcomes visitor Leonie.

Treasurer's report – Provided by Lynne Lucas

**Logan and Beaudesert Bushwalkers
Treasurers report for the period ending 11/05/2021**

Balance as at Last Report \$3713.55

Income

Camp fees	135.00
Membership	<u>0.00</u>
Total	135.00

Less Expenses

Oct Camp Deposit	364.50
Rent	<u>60.00</u>
Total	<u>424.50</u>

Balance at Close \$3424.05

Check Balance

Account Balance 3189.02

Cash on Hand 235.03

Balance **\$3424.05**

Accepted by Ruby Valle. Seconded by Bruce Ludlow.

Correspondence

IN:

1. Lacey Sawtell - Community Dev. Officer, Scenic Rim Regional Council – Volunteer Events
2. Gavin Dale BWQ
 - . Child Protection
 - . Petition – double number of national parks
 - . NSW Park passes go digital
 - . Easing COVID restrictions
3. Whitsundays News – walks
4. Francesca Play Sports, Marketing Co-ordinator – market our club
5. BOSQ Footnotes – April
6. Email from Gold Coast Marathon re: water station – Saturday 3rd July

OUT:

1. April Newsletter
2. Letter of support- Lisa Caruana for funding. Healthy and Active.
3. Email - Lorraine from Beaudesert Times - re: Advertising 30th Anniversary

Accepted by Sue Simpson. Seconded by Lynne Lucas.

Walks Report

- Brian Watson gave a brief outline of future walks as per walks calendar.
- Kayak camp cancelled due to rain.

Social Report

- Monthly dinner - Friday 21st May 6.30pm Middle Green 720-768 Middle Road, Greenbank. RSVP by Wednesday 19th May.

General Business

1. Proposed date for Gold Coast Marathon water station July 3rd. Waiting for confirmation.
Secretary to contact newspaper regarding doing a story on the club.
2. Proposed trip to Carnarvon Gorge in 2022.

Next Meeting - Tuesday 8th June 2021.

Meeting closed 7.50pm

DATE CLAIMERS & SOCIAL EVENTS

Have you RSVP'd for the club camping trips?

Where: Harding's Paddock Xmas in July

When: Friday 16th July - Sunday 18th July 2021

Contact: Su Jewell Mob. 0409 079 473

Where: Crow's Nest National Park

When: Friday 1st - Tuesday 5th October 2021

Contact: Lynne Lucas Mob. 0407 643 375



MONTHLY CLUB DINNER

Where: Middle Green 720-768 Middle Road,
Greenbank

When: Friday 21st May

Time: 6.30pm

LOGAN VILLAGE TRIVIA NIGHT

Tuesday evenings - 7.00pm (or 6.00ish if you wish to join for dinner). Please contact either Su or Denise on the Saturday prior due to COVID restrictions.

Denise Bouyer - 0417 243 127 or Su Jewell - 0409 079 473

It is sure to be great night with a lot of laughs!



30th Anniversary Dinner

When: Saturday 9th October 2021

Where: Coopers Colonial Motel
1260 Beaudesert Road
ACACIA RIDGE QLD 4110

Ph. 3875 1874

Link. www.cooperscolonial.com.au

Further details will be provided as the date draws nearer.



WALK REPORT'S

Coomera Gorge 08 May 2021

Off to Binna Burra again, last weekend. Don't say, "Again? You've been there before!" Yes, I've been there before – many, many times and I never get tired of visiting because there is such a variety of walks accommodating walkers with a wide range of fitness levels and because every walk is a new experience in itself. Whether it be a short walk around Tullawallal Circuit or a long walk to Mount Hobwee, each walk is an experience to be enjoyed.

Another group of members had decided to go westward and climb Mount Maroon with a few variations, a more challenging walk that has much upward slogging, then requiring great care to negotiate the almost vertical chimney that extends for over a hundred metres before beginning the final ascent of the granite slopes that bring you to the ever-growing rock cairn at the summit.

However, our less enthusiastic group had opted to do the walk out to the cantilevered lookout that overlooks much of the Coomera Gorge and gives great views of Coomera Falls that plunge vertically far into the valley below.

Six of us met at the usual rendezvous outside Canungra State School while three others met us at the carpark below the Binna Burra kiosk/café because parking outside the café is supposedly limited to two hours for café patrons. I, surprisingly, consented to travel in Dave's near new Land Rover Defender to check it out. Surprising, indeed, because in the nineteen years I have been with L.B.B.W. and the hundreds of trips to venues, I have travelled in the vehicles of other members no more than a dozen times. It's not that I have concerns about the driving ability of others, it's just that I like driving, even if by myself.

In the comfort of Dave's limousine, we travelled from Canungra to Beechmont and on to Binna Burra over a road that is, bit by bit, section by section, an improvement over what it was just a few years ago. The devastating fires of September 2019 certainly resulted in the one-way section below the tall cliff face seeing the addition of small pull-over passing bays.

Thus, at 8.10 a.m., nine of us set out along the Border Track after having diligently subjected our boots/shoes to the usual, thorough wash that destroys phytophthora, a fungus that is detrimental to our forests' flora and with which you might be familiar if you grow mango trees.

One of our walkers only walked to the 1.9 kilometre bench seat at which the track to Coomera Gorge leaves the Border Track. After many years of walking this region, his knees have a tendency to cause distress if he goes much further. Thus he returned to the Café, a place where he is well known, while the others started the extra 3.5 kilometre walk to the falls. Immediately the track changed in character. It was narrower with vegetation coming right up to the edge in places. It was much wetter in parts and the track was far from being smooth. There were many pit-falls for the unwary and it was essential to keep your eyes on where you placed your feet. The top layer of soil that usually covers the roots had been washed away over time leaving huge numbers of exposed roots wanting to conspire with the dampness to cause you to slip. The downhill side of the track was strewn in parts by large amounts of debris that had obviously been moved there after some devastating weather events of recent years. In some places, huge trees had been undermined and fallen, exposing massive root structures necessary to keep such forest giants upright under dry, less windy conditions.

We walked in small groups with Dave and me bringing up the rear, talking about the vegetation and, in the process, we happened to be shadowed by a young “eavesdropper” who dwelt on our every word. He was really interested as we spoke about this bit of vegetation and that, taking it all in. Eventually he broke the silence and wanted to know if we were “botanists” to which he received a negative response. We continued as previously with our “Shadow” stopping to take an occasional photo and then catching up. In due course, we reached the “safety” fence at the section where there is a warning sign advising of the narrow track and steep drops for the next 500 metres. Soon we were at the cantilevered lookout overlooking the Coomera Gorge with the falls being immediately opposite dropping hundreds of metres vertically to the rock-strewn creek far below. To our left was obviously another unseen falls hidden by vegetation but obvious by taking note of the amount of water that rushed from behind its leafy protector.

At this point, our party split with all but me continuing along the narrow, precipitous track to the usual morning tea spot above the falls while I, no longer able to negotiate this nemesis, stayed at the lookout as did our young sidekick who may have thought that there was more to benefit him there than continuing on as he had intended to do the whole circuit solo and, as it happens, there was.

I am a plant person and “Mitch” explained that he was a landscaper who had moved from Wollongong to Tugun and had a passion for Australian Native Plants and wanted to get to know as much about our plants as he could, having recently joined a Gold Coast group whose aim was to foster knowledge, appreciation and use of such plants in our own environment. His interest was genuine and showed me photos of trees and shrubs new to him and asked me about them. I explained that I had a connection on the Gold Coast, a recently retired gene-researcher, a leader of a group whose interest in life now is walking such areas as we walk but checking out the flora of such places in minute detail. Mitch decided that it was time to leave but started on the return to Binna Burra. I have put one in contact with the other and it would seem that one can benefit the other as my connection is also landscaping an area that needs revegetation with native plants and said that she can utilize his skills.

I waited for the others to return from their eating place, with an assortment of walkers continuing on without stopping for long to admire the view. One pair of interest were two fellows, one of whom had a safety helmet equipped with a go-pro attached to his waist and a back pack and the other a red duffle bag filled to the brim and from the top of which protruded a part of a climbing harness. However, they moved on. When the rest of my group returned, Dave said that there was a group abseiling in wetsuits below them as they had a bite to eat but it was obviously a group different from the one I had seen passing through.

All together now, the eight of us started the homeward trek. I found it easier than expected but I did appreciate an occasional rest, not really delaying by too much the return of the others. It was a matter of one small group moving on while others took their time talking re all manner of things. Then when all were

together another topic was pursued. And, thus, we moved on taking the usual care and talking and observing as we went. We reached the Border Track and high-tailed it, some did at least, back to the carpark, reaching it at about 1,15 p.m. We had travelled about twelve kilometres in all. Bruce was waiting for us so we adjourned to the café/kiosk, except for two, who had cause to be home early. There was the usual walk talk about what is future scheduled on the club scene as we sat down and partook of chips, coffee or coke. Another walk finished. How many walks have I done in the last nineteen years – it must almost be 500 with my third set of boots needing replacement. Is it worthwhile buying that fourth pair?

Thanks, Jenny, for your leadership and all for your ever pleasant company.

There's no Orchid and Foliage Society show or other stuff going on so these reports are a bit of a time-filler.

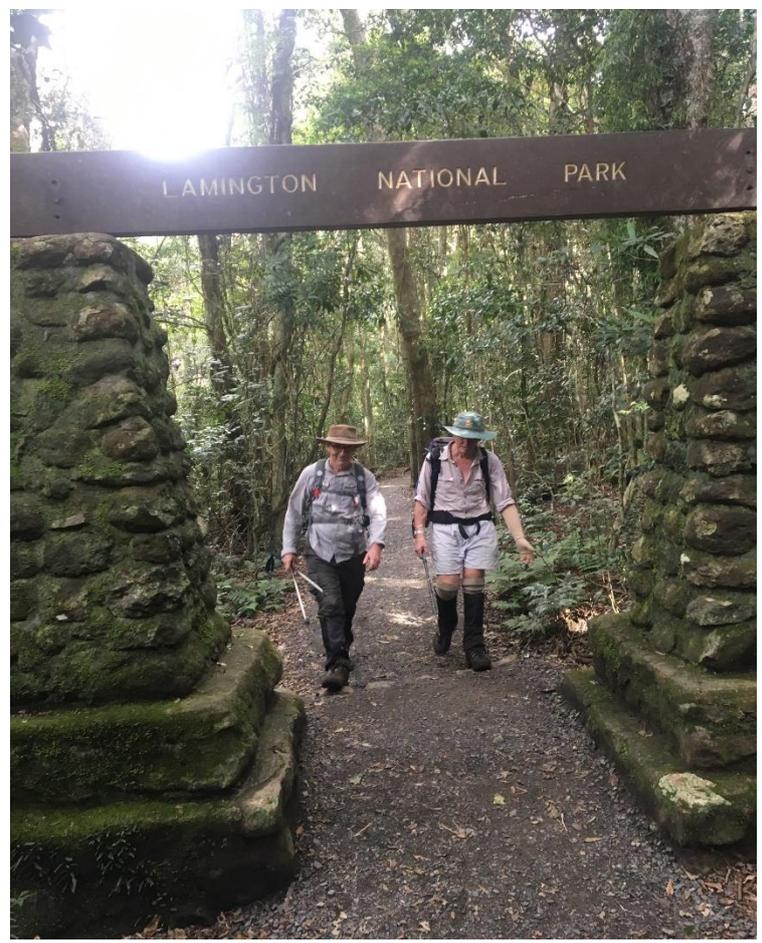
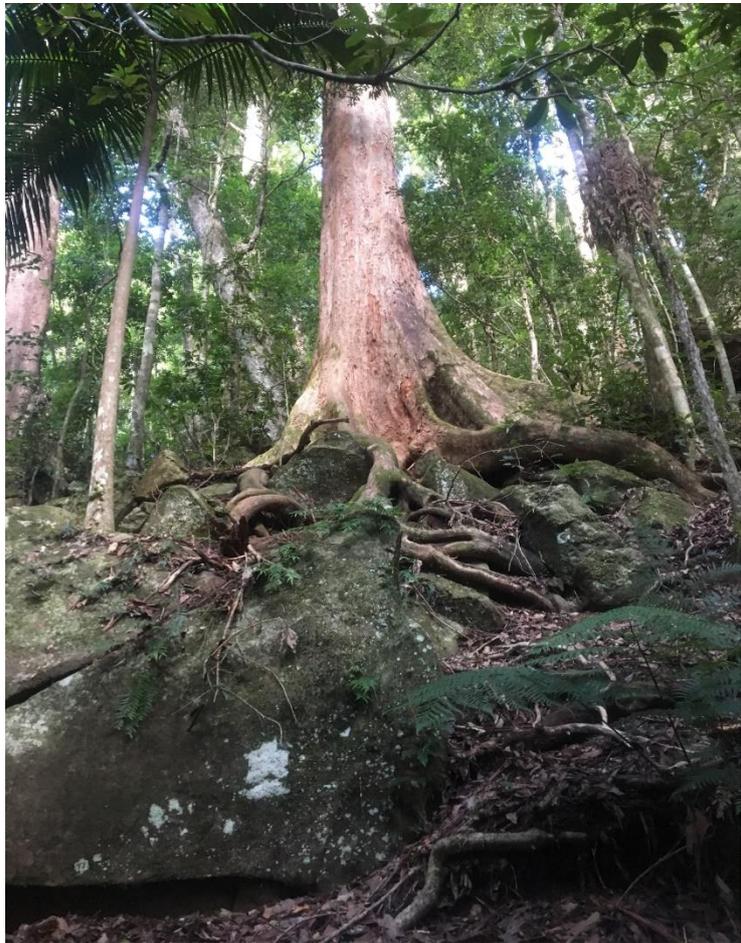
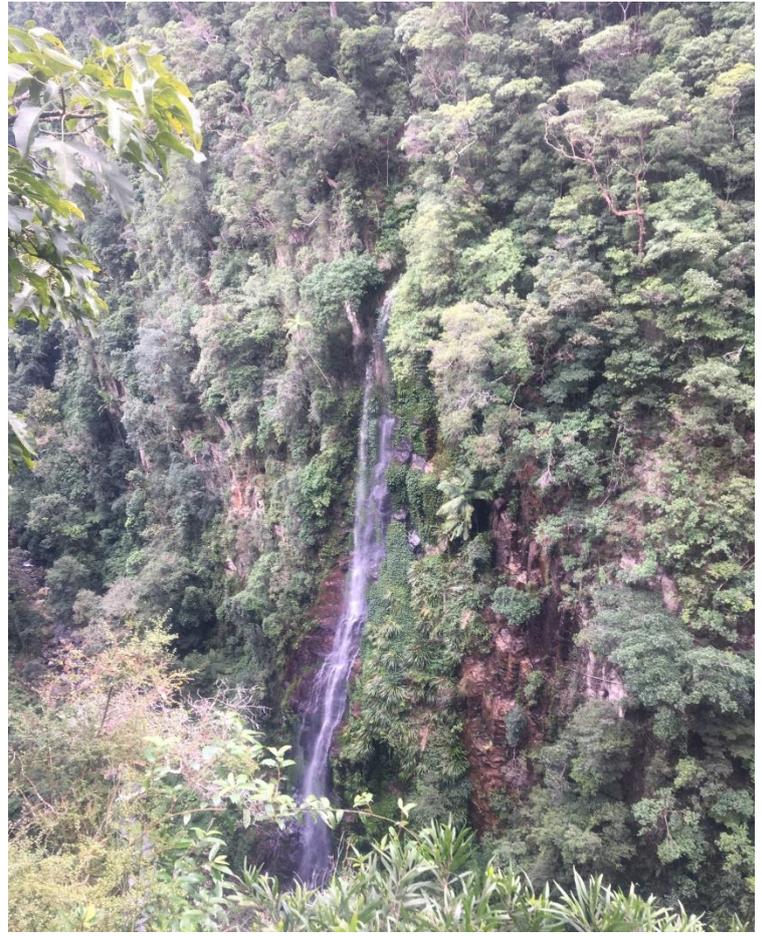
A little bit of skin and eye work coming soon so maybe walks will be put on hold for a while. This Friday and then June 01 will tell.

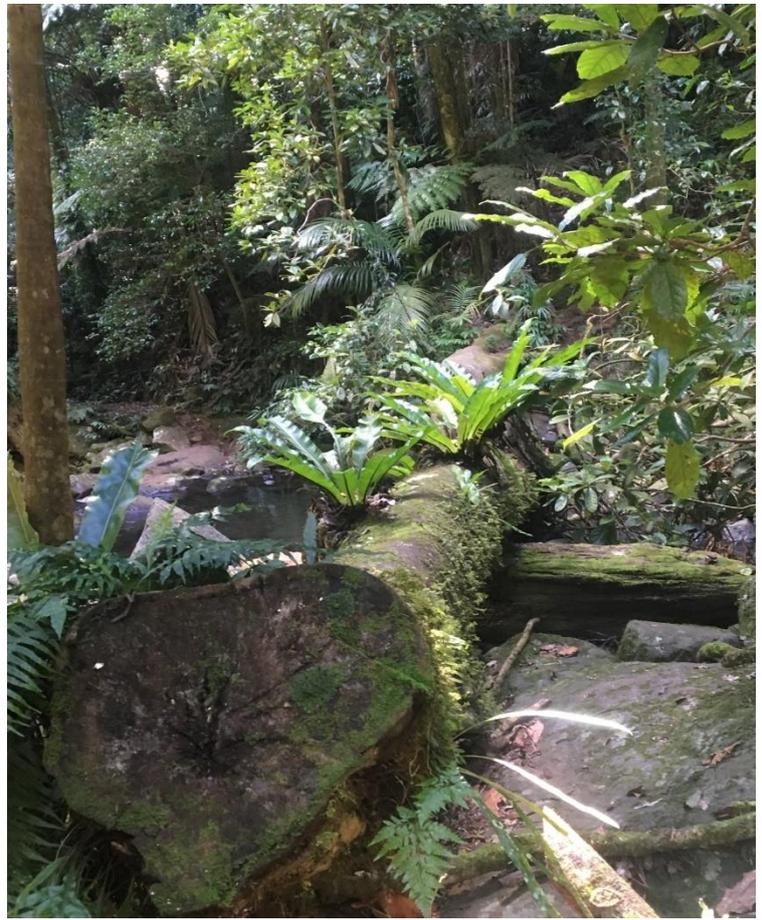
Peter Rice.

PHOTO GALLERY

Coomera Gorge

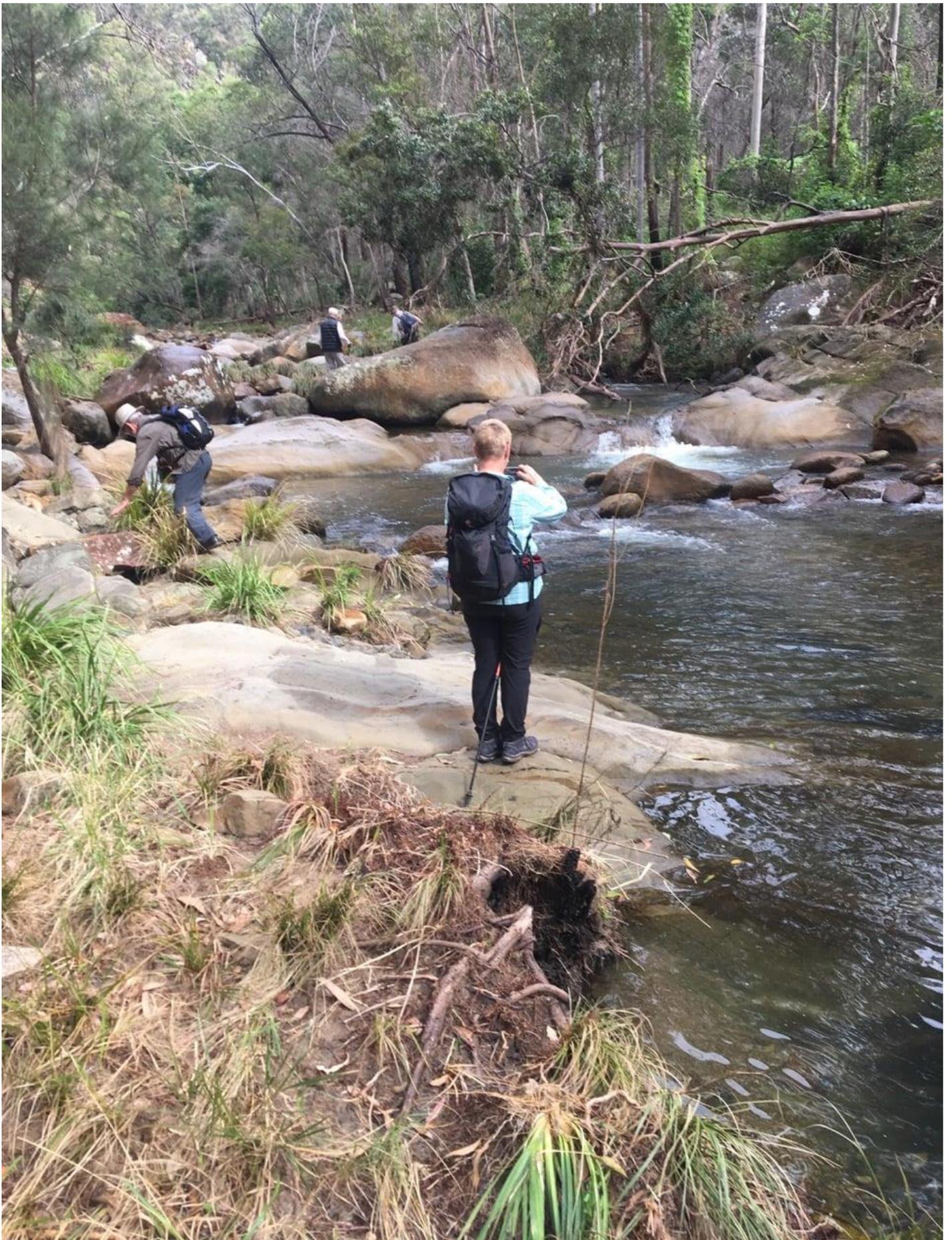






Yellow Pinch





WALKS CALENDER

MAY						
Date	Walk		Grading (D-T-F)	Coordinator	Leader	Contact No.
Sat 1/5 to Tue 4/5	Noosa Kayak	Camp		Andrew	Andrew	0404 480 214
Sat 1st	Cainbale Falls	DW	M-3-4	Brian	Brian	0409 010 436
Sat 1st	Coomera Falls	DW	M-3-3-	Jenny	Sue	0452 258 402
Sat 8th	Mt Maroon	DW	M-4-4	Andrew	Andrew	0404 480 214
Tues 11th	Monthly Meeting Logan Village Community Hall - Starts 7pm					
Sat 15th	Golden Staircase	DW	M-3-4	Brian	Brian	0409 010 436
16th - 20th May	Green Gully	TW		Jenny	Jenny	0452 258 402
Fri 21st	Middle Green - Greenbank Contact Su Jewell 0409 079 473 for bookings					
Sat 22nd	Enoggerra Reservoir	DW	M-3-4	Scherie	Scherie	0400 184 477
Sat 29th	Goan Trail	DW	M-3-3	Brian	Brian	0409 010 436
JUNE						
Date	Walk		Grading (D-T-F)	Coordinator	Leader	Contact No.
Sat 5th	Warrie Circuit	DW	M-4-4	Scherie	Scherie	0400 184 477
Tues 8th	Monthly Meeting Logan Village Community Hall - Starts 7pm					
Sat 12th	Spring Mountain	DW	TBA	Andrew	Andrew	0404 480 214
Fri 18th						
Sat 19th	Fassifern Rail Trail and Mt French	DW	S-3-3	Scherie	Scherie	0400 184 477
Sat 26th	Coomera Circuit	DW	M-3-4	Jenny	Jenny	0452 258 402
JULY						
Date	Walk		Grading (D-T-F)	Coordinator	Leader	Contact No.
Sat 3rd	Gold Coast Marathon Water Station			Jenny/Scherie		0452 258 402
Sat 10th	Mt Mitchell	DW	M-3-4	Scherie	Scherie	0400 184 477
Tues 13th	Monthly Meeting Logan Village Community Hall - Starts 7pm					
Fri 16th & Sat 17th	Hardings Paddock - Xmas in July	Camp		Su Jewell		0409 079 473
Sat 24th	Mt Mee - Somerset Trail	DW	M-3-3	Scherie	Scherie	0400 184 477
Sat 31st	TBA					

Phone numbers for Park Rangers and the web address for park

- Binna Burra - 5533 3996
- Boonah - 5463 5041
- Main Range - 4666 1133
- O'Reillys - 5544 0634

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing web site
<http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/park-alerts/index.php>

Emergency Numbers

If you are unable to get through to 000 use 112 on your mobile phone
If you are unable to speak text 106 and AAA for the ambulance and PPP for the police

Please Note

THURSDAY is the deadline to notify the Coordinator for through walks, base camps and Saturday walks

FRIDAY is the deadline to notify the Coordinator for Sunday walks

Some walks may be changed at the last minute due to weather or other conditions

PLEASE ensure you contact the coordinator before your chosen walk or check the Facebook Page

When carpooling, passengers are to pay \$7 petrol money to the driver at the Drivers discretion

Make sure the following are in your pack Every Week & Every Walk

Hat	First-aid Kit	Torch	Insect Repellent
Food	2ltr Water	Phone/Watch	Sunscreen
Warm Jacket	Paper & Pencil	Whistle	
Raincoat	Lighter / Matches		

Walk Grading's

Participants are required to read and understand the Grading System for activities as listed. They should ensure that they are able to complete the listed walk. New members will normally start with two shorter and easier walks with the Club, such as easy terrain, easy fitness, and or short to medium length and progress by one grading step per activity.

Distance

- S:** Short - Under 10km
- M:** Medium - 10 – 15 km
- L:** Long 15-20 km
- XL:** Extra Long 20+ km

Terrain

1. Smooth, reasonably flat path
2. Graded path / track with minor obstacles
3. Graded track with obstacles such as rock, roots,
4. Fallen debris or creek crossings
5. Rough unformed track or open terrain with
6. Obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or
7. Creek crossings

8. Rough or rocky terrain with small climbs using
9. Hands or rock hopping
10. Steep, rough or rocky terrain with large climbs
11. Using hands or rock hopping
12. Climb/descend step rock using hands or footholds
maybe some exposure, good upper body strength
13. Climb / descend near vertical rock with exposure,
14. Climbing skills may be required
15. Sustained climbing or descending of vertical or
16. Near vertical rock with exposure, advanced
climbing skills required, good upper body strength

Fitness

1. Basic - suitable for beginners, up to 4 hours walking, flat
2. Basic - suitable for beginners, up to 4 hours walking, minor hills
3. Easy - suitable for beginners, up to 5 hours walking, undulating terrain
4. Reasonable level of fitness required -up to 5 hours walking
5. Moderate level of fitness required - up to 6 hours walking, agility required
6. Medium level of fitness - up to 6 hours walking, agility required
7. High - up to 8 hours walking, high fitness, endurance and agility required
8. Hard - 8 hours or longer walking, high fitness, endurance and agility required
9. Challenging - up to 12 hours walking, very high fitness, endurance and agility required

Activity

DW	Day Walk	EDW	Easy Day Walk
O/N	Over Night	BC	Base Camp
TW	Through Walk	CW	City Walk
B	Boat Trip	BK	Bike Ride
K	Kayak	S&T	Safety & Training
AB	Abseiling	NW	Night Walk

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