



QUEENSLAND BUSHWALKERS CLUB Inc.

Newsletter

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Guy Fawkes National Park

Club News

Notice Of Annual General Meeting

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th August 2009. It will immediately follow the usual monthly Club Meeting which starts at 7:30 pm.

The AGM will be held at the Little Kings Hall, on the corner of Carl and O'Keefe Streets, Buranda.

The nine management committee positions which will be up for election are:

President	Vice President
Secretary	Membership Officer
Treasurer	Training Officer
Social Secretary	Outings Secretary
Editor	

If you would like to nominate yourself or another person for a position, please fill the Nomination Form on Page 2 of the Newsletter and send to the Secretary to the postal address of the Club.

If you wish to vote at the Annual General Meeting you must be a financial member of the Club and attend the meeting.

The other important positions to be filled but which do not have a vote on the Management Committee are:

Supper Convenor	Equipment Officer
Two Delegates for Bushwalking Queensland Inc.	

No nominations are necessary for these positions.

Membership Now Due

Membership is now due and all members will receive a notice by email or by postal mail. Membership is \$30.00 which lasts till 30/6/2010.

A Membership Form can be downloaded from the Club website at <http://www.geocities.com/qldbwc/aboutus/membersh.html>

If you wish to have the Newsletter posted to you, it will cost an additional \$15.00. Otherwise the Newsletter can be downloaded for free from the Club website at <http://www.geocities.com/qldbwc/newsletr.html>

Members have until the end of August to renew their membership or risk having their membership cancelled.

For members receiving the Newsletter by postal mail, this will be the final Newsletter unless they renew their membership.

Photo Competition

Evelyn Campbell gave a presentation at the June Club meeting on "What Makes a Good Photo". This was in preparation for QBW's photo competition to encourage and help members to take that "special" photo.

Full details of the photo competition are on Page 4 plus Evelyn's talk will be included in the Newsletter over the coming months.

J C Slaughter Falls BBQ

14 June 2009

Thirteen members turned up on a beautiful sunny day at Mt Coot-tha for a short walk and BBQ.

Gathering at 9am in the car park which was almost full with walkers and picnickers, the walk was up the Powerful Owl trail, an old wide service road which led to the Channel 9 grounds. After a short rest the group returned via a more narrow track and were back at the picnic ground round 11.30am.

It was then time to fire up the barbie and have a meal round the table or in the shade of a large nearby tree. Many thanks to Traci for putting on this walk and social. Richard

Walks Planning Day

21 June 2009

Despite an overcast sky and occasional rain, fourteen members turned up at Dave K.'s place at around 11.00am to help with the walks planning. In the shelter of Dave's garage there was a flurry of activity as members looked and read up on possible walks and then began to fill the walks' calendar.

At about 1.00pm when the calendar was respectably full, it was time to throw some snags and steaks on the barbie. Some stayed on till late to enjoy a special coffee brewed by Dave.

Many thanks to Dave and Lynn for their hospitality.

QBW Christmas Party

4 - 6 December 2009

The QBW Christmas Party will be held at Mt Nimmel Lodge at Mudgeeraba on the 4-6th December 2009.

Mt Nimmel Lodge is a privately owned, family operated campground on 67 acres of Gold Coast Hinterland. It has bunkhouses with 52 beds, a separate shower/toilet block with hot water plus a kitchen and campfire area.

Cost will be \$20 for one night stay and \$30 for 2 nights.

General Information

Meeting Place

Club meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month starting at 7.30pm. There is no Club meeting in January.

Meeting are held at the Little King's Hall on the corner of Carl and O'Keefe Streets, Buranda. Entry is via the gate on Carl St. There is parking within the grounds and in Carl Street.

Tea/Coffee and cake/biscuits are provided after the meeting. A coin donation would be appreciated.

Membership

Probationary Membership

A non-member automatically becomes a Probationary Member on his/her first walk after signing the waiver form. There is no fee payable to become a Probationary Member.

However a Probationary Member must become an Ordinary Member on his/her second walk by filling out a Membership Form and paying the membership fee.

Ordinary Membership

A person may become an Ordinary Member by filling out and signing a Membership Form, having a proposer sign the form and handing the form with the membership fee to a committee member or walk leader.

The proposer may be a friend (who is a member of the Club) of the applicant, the leader of the walk that the applicant is on, the Membership Officer at a Club meeting or if the Membership Officer is not available, one of the committee members.

An Ordinary Member has the right to vote at an AGM or be elected to a committee position. A Probationary Member has neither of these rights.

Members of Another Bushwalking Club

Members of another bushwalking club which is affiliated with Bushwalking Queensland Inc. (or an interstate Federation) and who are covered by the same Insurance do not need to become a member of our Club to go on our walks. However Club members will have priority if there is a limit on numbers.

Club Equipment

Compasses	Topo Maps	GPS's
Emergency Lights	First Aid Kits	UHF Radios

The above are for free use by members.
Contact David at 3395 1838 or david_r_rael@optusnet.com.au

PLBs with inbuilt GPS

The Club has 5 PLBs with inbuilt GPS. The PLBs will be made available at each Club meeting and will need to be returned at the following Club meeting.
Contact Richard on 3341 7509.

Abseil Gear (ropes, harnesses, helmets, karabiners etc.)

There is a \$5.00 charge for use of the Club rope and another \$5.00 charge for use of harness and accessories by Ordinary Members.

There is a \$10.00 charge for use of the Club rope and another \$10.00 charge for use of harness and accessories by Probationary Members and members of affiliated clubs.
Contact Trevor at 0411 512 202

Back Pack for Hire \$5.00 charge

Contact Trevor at 0411 512 202

Bivy Bags For Sale \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00.

These bivy bags are 2 metres by 0.9 metres and are bright orange in colour. Use as a pack liner or emergency bivy bag.
Contact Patricia Kolarski on 3341 7509.

Space Blankets For Sale \$2.50 each.

Light weight and take up no room at all. A must for all walkers!
Contact Patricia Kolarski on 3341 7509.

The Management Committee

President	Patricia Kolarski	3341 7509 (H)
Vice President	Margaret Rae	3395 1838 (H)
Secretary	Sandra Thomas	3711 4134 (H)
Treasurer	John Hinton	3343 3724 (H)
Outings Officer	David Kenrick	3349 8238 (H)
Membership Officer	Frank Garland	3341 5207 (H)
Editor	Richard Kolarski	3341 7509 (H)
Social Secretary	Traci Nudl	3890 8196 (H)
Training Officer	Stuart Mackay	3890 8196 (H)

Other Voluntary Positions

Equipment Officer	John Brunott	3209 9598 (H)
Supper Convenor	Mary Sherlock	3209 8514 (H)
BWQ Rep	Stuart Mackay	3890 8196 (H)
BWQ Rep	Richard Kolarski	3341 7509 (H)

Campsite Monitors

John Brunott	Ballows, Paddys Knob
Kerry de Clauzel	Throakban, Barney Gorge and Lower Portals
Ann Kemp	Spicers Peak (east & west)
Richard Kolarski	Running Creek Falls
Barbara Makepeace	Rat-a-tat, Spicers/Doubletop saddle Rum Jungle
John Shera	Panorama Point
John & Julie Shera	Mt Superbus & Rabbit Fence Jct Lower Panorama
Ken Walters	Mt May saddle & Paddy's Plain

Editors Pic



All Fired Up for the Barbie at J. C. Slaughter Falls

Members

As at 30/6/2009 we have 102 financial members

Nomination Form For Committee Position

I wish to nominate

For the position of

Nominator

Seconder

Pilgrimage 2009



Pilgrimage 2009 will be at the Lake Maroon Holiday Park 535 Burnett Ck Rd., Maroon from Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd August. The activity is run on a non-profit basis.

Registrations Forms will be available at the July and August Club meetings or they can be downloaded from the web at <http://www.bushwalkingqueensland.org.au/pilgrimage.html>

Fees and Registration

Intending participants who are not financial members of a bushwalking club affiliated with Bushwalking Queensland Inc., must become a member of an affiliated club before being eligible to attend.

There are two separate payments for all attendees:

1. The flat Pilgrimage Registration Fee to BWQ, PLUS
2. A Site Access Fee to park management, dependent on length of stay.

1. Registration Fee to Bushwalking Queensland Inc.

The BWQ flat Registration Fee is per person of any age and for any number of days or for a day visitor.

Early Bird payment by 7th August 2009: \$10 per person

Payment on or after 8th August 2009: \$15 per person

Early Bird payment is requested to assist with catering.

Payment can be done by direct credit, Internet Banking, at a Bank Of Queensland teller or by cheque or money order.

After payment, complete a copy of the Registration Form with the required information and email or post to BWQ. Please read the instructions on the Registration Form and follow them carefully. No reference for payments received in the BWQ account are a problem so if BWQ does not receive this bank deposit information, the deposit will be have to be regarded as a donation.

Do not send cash by mail. Your registration will be confirmed by email only and a receipt will be issued when you check in at the Pilgrimage.

2. Site Access Payment Fees

No prepayment as fees will be collected at the gate on your arrival by the park management.

No charge for children under the age of 6.

Camping fee (tent, camper van, camper trailer or caravan) \$8 per person per night. \$16 for the weekend.

Powered Site (preference given to people with medical requirement) Add \$3 per night to the camping fee.

People requiring a powered site should contact the park manager direct to book, as powered sites are limited.

Contact: Jeff Wall on 0413 159 360 (Please indicate you are attending the Bushwalking Qld. Pilgrimage.)

Day Visitor Site access fee. \$8 per person.

Payable to park management on arrival.

Covers access to toilets and other site facilities.

Bunkhouse accommodation \$25 per person per night, payable on arrival. Limited availability.

Requests for bunkroom accommodation in one of the houses on site to be made by email to secretary@bushwalkingqueensland.org.au

Notices

Cape to Cape (WA)

22 September to 2 October 2009

8 days of walking between these dates to allow for a day or two at Margaret River and a stop over in Perth. Actual walking dates should be 23rd September and finishing on 1st of October with room for a rest day in between.

Considered by many the best time to see this area as the winter rains have eased, the winds are calmer and wildflowers which are more colourful than anywhere else I have been will be out. There will be no long days if we give ourselves 7- 8 days of walking.

There are several beach side cafe's and kiosks along the way to reduce the food load a little. It will be good for swimming then as well.

Contact David Haliczzer for further details. Ph 0432 901 030

South West Cape (Tasmania)

9 -15 January 2010

This will mark the third year in a row that I will have walked this circuit of the South West corner of Tasmania. The area is less well known than other sites in Australia but is the best undiscovered gem for bushwalkers.

My first two trips were done in six days both with a rest day and this time it will happen in 7 days so there will definitely be at least one rest day and maybe two if people would prefer not to explore Spain Bay which is a half day walk from Noyheener Beach.

A maximum of 4 - 5 people on these trips is possible as some camping sites may be a bit cramped with any more than 4 tents.

Contact David Haliczzer for further details. Ph 0432 901 030

Nepal, Annapurna Circuit

1 April 3 May 2010

I am leading a trip to Nepal in April 2010 which includes:

17 days trekking, 5 days mountain biking, 2 days white water rafting, all for approx \$3658.00. Includes return air fares, budget accommodation, and meals while on the adventures, and equipment.

Contact Julie Urquhart Ph. 3314 2776.

State of the Tracks

Moreton Island

The Cape Moreton walking track upgrade on Moreton Island is now complete. New steps, handrails, sections of boardwalk and interpretive signs make this a must see for visitors. Covering just over 500m this walk has breathtaking views of the island and is a great vantage point to view migrating humpback whales.

Mt Maroon

From: 22/06/2009 to 06/07/2009 there will take place prescribed burning on Mt Maroon pending favourable weather conditions. It is expected the burn will incorporate the whole mountain. Burning could extend past 6/7/09 if required. Please ring the QPWS Boonah office (07) 54635041 for more details.

Diana's Bath

An essential overhaul of access tracks to the rock pools at Diana's Bath in the D'Aguilar Range north west of Brisbane was begun in January 2009.

What were once exclusively pedestrian trails to the rock pools have become dangerous vehicle tracks by illegal entry of vehicles. These illegal vehicle tracks originated in the Mount Mee Forest Reserve, but they crossed the reserve's western border onto land owned by Powerlink Queensland to get to the rock pools.

A galvanised steel gate, steel fencing, and a five car parking area at the end of Diana's Bath Road is being installed on the western border of the Mount Mee Forest Reserve to control vehicle access to the area."

All existing tracks leading to Diana's Bath will be re-routed to form a single marked, signed and formalised pedestrian trail.

Queensland Bushwalkers Club 2009 Photo Competition



From 2009 The Queensland Bushwalkers Club Photo Competition is going digital. Entries of digital images only, no more prints.

There are 3 categories:

Pictorial: Photographs of any broad natural scene. Pictorial photographs can include for example creeks, seascapes, waterfalls, mountains, rocky outcrops, and clouds

Nature: Photographs depicting flora or fauna, excluding domestic animals. This category should also exclude evidence of man. Examples of nature photographs are birds, animals, native flowers, forest, fungi, reptiles, insects etc.

Club Character: Photographs showing one or more people participating in a bushwalking type of activity and can be humorous as well as serious.

5 entries allowed per category (limit of 15 in total).

Images must have been taken on a Queensland Bushwalkers Club event since the November meeting 2008.

Photos must be saved as a JPEG image file with no compression. Make them the maximum resolution from your camera and they will be resized to suit viewing.

The images may be produced from a digital camera or a scanned image of a print or slide.

Photos must be submitted on a CD or DVD, or USB Memory Stick (named, which can be returned).

Please do not email your entries.

Each entry photo needs to be titled as follows:

Name_Title_Location_Category_Image Number.jpg

e.g. Evelyn Campbell_MtNorman_GirraweenNP_Nature_1.jpg

Photos must be titled this way or the entries cannot be identified.

Hand your entries to Evelyn Campbell or post them to:

36 Oberon Street

Morningside 4170

by the November Club meeting 2009.

Any questions call Evelyn on 3395 8086 or 0434 985 371

Hike to Help Nepal

Date Sunday 26 July
Time 9am to 2pm
Where Simpson Falls Picnic Ground Mt Coot-tha
Cost Adult \$10, Child \$5, Family \$20

Join the Nepal Australia Friendship Association members and the Nepali community for a picnic in the park. There will be project displays, stalls, live Nepalese entertainment, authentic Nepali food and children's activities.

Receive a peace tika and get the youngsters involved in a spotting competition. Win a lucky draw prize. Also available will be a walk through the beautiful Mt Coot-tha bush.

Ask your friends to sponsor your walk and be in the running for prizes just for participating or a prize for obtaining the most sponsorship funds.

More information at www.nafa.org.au

The First Ten Years

The present list of Club members and when they joined:

1999

June Greenaway
Patricia Kolarski
Suzanne Robinson

Richard Kolarski
Lynn Nicol

2000

John Brunott
Judith Jones
John Morris
Frances Murdoch
Kenneth Walters

Trevor Davern
Barbara Makepeace
Steve Moyle
Michael Peel
Gary Woodward

2001

Evelyn Campbell
Trevor Cox
Linda Hellmuth
Paul Makepeace
Margaret Smith

Dianne Cox
Scott Gordon
Steve Hill
Stan Robinson

2002

Francis Bowling
Kerry Anne De Clauzel
Bob Hammelswang
Suzana Lesica
Peter Pink
Wayne Thompson

Lynne Cavanagh
David Haliczzer
David Kenrick
Helen McAllister
Trevor Smith
Robert Thoroughgood

2003

Noelene McCay
David Rae
Emily Woodward

Steven Pritchett
Mary Sherlock

2004

Chris Breitenbach
Gil Gunthorpe
John Lane
Neville McCay
Dean Workman

Frank Garland
Anne Kemp
Gerry Littee
Bill McWhirter

2005

Michael Anderson
Neil Douglas
Muriel Miller
Margaret Rae
Sandra Thomas

Gail Cibilic
Geraldine Jones
Steven Ponsonby
Maggie Samootin
Ryszard Wyrwich

2006

Fern Dorricott
Marlene Grace
Stuart Mackay

Paul Grace
John Hinton
Traci Nudl

2007

Mary Allen
Greg Burton
Pamela Morrison

David Bird
Murray T Haines
Julianne Urquhart

2008

Jon Beer
Lyla Cobiac
Barry Moburg
Mark Myers
Allison Riding
Bruce Stephens
Susan Ward

George Boldeman
Greg Mackrodt
Caroline Moburg
Tonia Osborne
Kamini Singh
Helen Stephens
Miro Zirdum

2009

Clair Bolton
Aileen Elliott
Marion Laban
Monika Mileva
Gabrielle O'Ryan
Lynn Sawtell
Julie Shera
Peter Weallans

Kay Chang
Gail Kraal
Robin Laban
Susanne Millett
Peter Pendle
John Shera
Kelly Watts
Anna Wickham

Past Walks

Guy Fawkes River

14 - 16 April 2009

Originally this was to be 5 day trip mostly walking along the Guy Fawkes River. However events unfolded very differently.

There were six of us on this trip, June, Patricia, John B., Dean, Dave K. and myself. We needed at least three cars as a car shuttle would be necessary. We left early on the Tuesday morning and drove down past Stanthorpe into NSW.

Just before Glen Innes we split up so that John could leave one vehicle at the end of the walk at Newton Boyd. Patricia, June and I continued to Glen Innes and had lunch there while we waited and waited for John, Dave and Dean to return. Finally after 3 hours we met up again. The car shuttle had proved a bit more difficult and had taken more time than expected.

We continued south to Guyra and then turned east towards Ebor. We took a turnoff to get to the starting point of the walk but on the way we met a farmer who told us that there was a locked gate ahead and we would not be able to go any further by car. Though the gate officially should not have been locked, there had been some cattle stealing recently. The farmer who had the keys would unlock the gate for bona fide people but he could not be contacted by phone unfortunately.

After some lengthy discussions about possible options and poring over a map, it was decided to start the walk at Chaelundi camping area which was still a fair distance away. However night was quickly approaching and we found a camp site near Ebor where some of us put up our tents, while others found a protected area in the campsite to just sleep in the open.

The next morning we did a detour to Ebor Falls where we were impressed by the amount of water going over the falls. The drive to Chaelundi National Park only took a couple of hours and we were pleasantly surprised by the facilities at the camping area.

The walk down to the river from the camping ground though was a 600 metre descent along what was described as a steep ridge. As none of us had done it before, it was decided to just do a day walk to the river and check out the ridge.

John, Dave, Dean and myself did this exploratory and it only took a couple of hours to get to the river along the ridge which turned out not to be all that steep to experienced bushwalkers. However the river was another matter. It was running fast and full and it would have been extremely dangerous to attempt swimming across it. This put the final nail in the coffin of doing the throughwalk. We would have to wait till the river had gone down.



The Guy Fawkes River in Full Flow

We spent another night at Chaelundi and the next morning walked to an impressive lookout over the Guy Fawkes valley. The drive back to retrieve John's car was a lot shorter as we were able to take a different route. After checking out Dalmorton camping area where we had lunch we drove back to Brisbane

Overall we learnt a lot from the trip though we had not been able to do the throughwalk. Plans are now under way to do the Guy Fawkes walk later in the year with the new knowledge obtained.

Many thanks to John for putting on this walk. Richard

Paddy's Peak

18 April 2009

A fairly large group had registered to do this walk two weeks previously, but continued heavy rain had forced its cancellation on that date. This time around, the weather was perfect and just seven of us set out from near Drynan's Hut on a beautiful autumn morning.

Barney Creek has to be crossed near the start of this walk, and with the recent rain the water level was well up over our knees – time to remove boots. However, we knew this was coming and many of us were prepared with spare sandals or sneakers which were left on the other side of the creek to change back into to wade back across at the end of the walk.

Paddy's Peak is located between Mt Barney and Mt Maroon and is overshadowed by its much larger cousins. The route for this walk follows a ridge line all the way to the peak with views of Barney Gorge and the two mountains along the way providing many photo opportunities. The top was reached in less than two hours and we stopped for a while to eat a snack on a rocky slab looking across to Maroon.

From the peak, we made our way down through fairly thick scrub using compass bearings to the top of a waterfall with views out to the east. That was the plan, anyway, though we did find a GPS useful at one point to check our location. From there we made our way around to a rocky outcrop for a lunch break with more spectacular views, this time across to Barney.



Barney Creek Wade Through

After lunch, it was fairly easy navigation to join up with an old vehicular track just above the second falls for the day (Paddy's Falls?) Both the falls are usually dry but had a small trickle of water going over them. Then all that was left of our circuit route was to follow a track down a steepish hill to join another vehicular track that led us back to Barney Creek and another wade through.

After this very pleasant walk that took us up Paddy's Peak, near Paddy's Plain, to the top of Paddy's Falls and down Paddy's Gully, the question on everyone's lips was – who is Paddy? Does anyone know?
Helen McAllister

Daves Creek Circuit

Sunday 19 April 2009

The weather was sunny with a very chilly wind.

Our group was made up of Traci, Stuart, John, Michael and new member, Monika and we set off from the Binna Burra carpark at approximately 8:30am.

This walk is a favourite of mine and it never disappoints me. I love all the changes in the landscape and there had been some rain up there recently making the track a bit slippery and also lots of mushy, muddy puddles.

We were going to have morning tea at the Molongolee Cave but it was very wet with a waterfall being blown horizontally into the cave. We then bush bashed our way to a ledge with a view but again there was water being blown up and over the top. We withdrew back to the path and found a dry section to sit down on and had some birthday cake which Stuart had kindly carried for me. It was a great way to celebrate my birthday. The wind helped me blow out the 'one' candle.



Daves Creek Circuit

We then headed off to Surprise Rock where we sat up on top to have our lunch. The views of the Numinbah Valley were very good with only a little bit of smoke haze around. The rocks helped block some of the wind and the sun kept us warm.

We finished the walk at 2pm and had something to eat and drink at the Binna Burra Cafe. It was a wonderful day and thanks to the other members of the group for making it so great. Traci Nudl

Cockscomb Point

25 - 26 April 2009

Five enthusiastic bushwalkers, met at our place at Jimboomba early on Saturday the 25th of April. Greg Mackrodt, Peter Weallans, Marion Laban, John and Julie Shera and a visitor from another club Andrew Koranski. We did the long two hour drive to the start of our intrepid walk.

John and I had not walked on this trail for a very long time and were eager to see it again. We did it once going to Point Lookout and used it on the way home from doing Nungulba, a very long and arduous through walk. We were hoping the track was in a fair and reasonable condition as it was several years ago.

Alas we were wrong! It has had very little use by the state of it. We could not believe how overgrown and how deteriorated it has become. Parts of the track are quite good and taped, but the moment you lose the tape you are suddenly standing in thick lawyer vine and what I call rose leaf vine and other scratchy stuff.

Many trees have fallen over the vague track so it is easy to lose the trail. We walked off track for quite a way and just followed the map and compass, this is where a good GPS that works in the rain forest and a good navigator comes in handy. Fortunately for us Peter and John rose to the occasion. We eventually found the track again, but only after scunge bashing through thick thorny vines, etc. We have the scratches to prove it. I am glad I wore gaiters, but we still got ripped through our clothing.

Our aim was to find the elusive Cockscomb Point. We took so long to get to the compass bearing at the turn off, we were running out of time. We decided to set up camp close to the track and in the flattest area we could find. We were a little disappointed in not finding our objective, but being a pre walk outing, we expected a little difficulty. All the weekends we tried to do a recce were raining so we had to keep cancelling.

We expected thick vines and rain forest to block our views, but as our camp site was close to the edge of the escarpment I thought I would try and have a look out and see if I could view anything that looked like a spur coming off the main escarpment. Well, to my surprise and delight I could see something, so I called out to Peter to come and have a look. While we were checking it out we discovered a ridge leading down to a definite spur on our left very close to our camp site.

We decided to check it out. So walking across we found a piece of pink tape, and to our delight we saw more pink tape leading all the way down. We were quite ecstatic at finding our objective,

late in the day, but never the less we had done it. We checked it out a bit and were amazed at what it was like. We then decided to leave it till the next morning when everyone could share the experience together.



Cockscomb Point

We had a lovely night chatting and enjoying the beautiful rain forest trees around us. Next morning we were up early and eager to discover the rest of the spur. We were not disappointed. Now I know why it is called "Nirvana Spur" it is absolutely fabulous. It is a spur that juts out into the beautiful Tyalgum Valley. It is only about 2 metres wide in places and a bit less in one or two other spots. The views are unbelievable of the Tweed Pinnacle and Mt Warning, Edinburgh Castle etc.

In one spot it is a bit narrow and it unnerved me a little, but a few of the others continued onwards where it widens out. At one point a rope was found tied to a tree, curious stuff. We wondered who would have put it there and where did they come from? An adventure for another time perhaps!

It just seemed to go on and on. In a rating of one to ten it would be a wow factor of ten. We were so happy to have found it. It is really worth doing and we would most definitely do it again sometime. We then set off for our return trip and decided to try and not lose the track, easier said than done, but we did do a better job than on the way in, although I think that most of the route we took on the way in was better than the one we took on the way out. There seems to be 2 tracks and the most easterly one is probably the better one.



The Effect of Lawyer Vine on Hands

I must say that by the end of the walk we were all absolutely sick to death of the lawyer vine and the scratches on scratches. Some of us would have some explaining to do at work on Monday about the mess our arms and legs and faces were in, such is off track bushwalking around Lamington and the Border Ranges. I look as if I have had a run in with a very angry and demented cat. Still, I honestly think we had a very interesting and mostly enjoyable time. I cannot speak for everyone, but they seemed to have enjoyed themselves in spite of some of the draw backs.

It is quite exciting doing off track through walking with a great bunch of people. I would like to thank everyone for participating and trusting us, as we are quite new to the club and are not well known for leading walks. Hopefully that will change, as we would like to lead more off track through walks in the future. Hope to see some of you out on the track again very soon. Julie Shera.