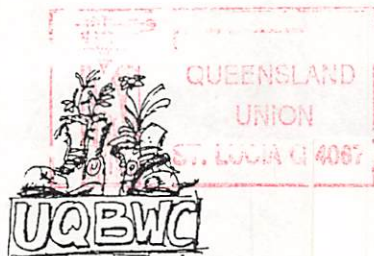


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## APRIL/MAY 97

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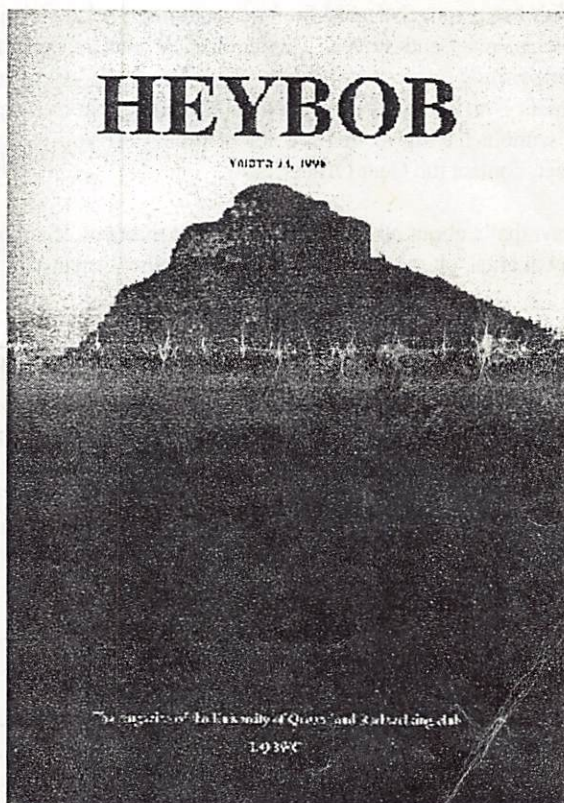
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or by approaching executive members.



## 1997 President's Welcome

Greetings to all new members and welcome back all those returning from last year. 1997 looks like it will be as good or even better than last year for UQBWC. Here's is a quick run down on what our club does and how it works.

### What do we do?

Well, we bushwalk. Then we bushwalk some more. Then we bushwalk after lunch. We are a bushwalking club! But just so you don't think we have a one track mind, we do socialise, hold gourmet eating nights in strange and exotic locations and generally have fun. Other outdoor activities such as rockclimbing and abseiling (for example) do occur, but usually only when needed on walks.

### Meetings

Held on the first Wednesday of every month, 7pm in the Clubs and Societies room, Union Building. This is where the trip list is formulated (more on that later). We talk about previous trips, upcoming trips, club business, eat biscuits, drink caffeinated beverages and then proceed to watch slides of trips to rugged and beautiful places around the world. Basically we socialise, so it is a great time to meet people (and see which loony will be running the trip you're interested in—just kidding!)

### Gear

The club has a range of gear for hire including packs, sleeping bags, tents, mats and stoves. This equipment can be hired for *club trips only* at a very cheap rate. The purpose of the equipment is to encourage our members to engage in overnight walks without having to invest a lot of money. If you wish to hire gear, contact the Gear Officer.

Anyway, that's about all I can think of at the moment. If anyone has any queries, please ring me or one of the other executive

Tom Willmott

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### Australian Rogaine Championships 1998

UQBWC is considering providing the Hash House for this event which, for the first time, is located in Qld and close to Brisbane. Peter Allen is coordinating our duties and will be looking for about 20 volunteers. (Setting up chopping up, washing up, serving up; that sort of stuff). Contact him for details.

## Executive List

Please feel free to contact any of the people listed below if you are interested in information about the club.

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President	Tom Willmott	3870-2724	
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## UQBWC Email List

If you have email access and want to keep your finger to the pulse of UQBWC, put your name on our electronic mailing list. Send email to factotum@mincom.oz.au with the following as the body of the message: subscribe UQBWC.

The automated server will send details about the list and send you the latest about new trips, gear for sale and other club information.

Many last minute trips are advertised this way - so it's well worth subscribing.

## Gear Officer

If you have some spare room in a garage, willing to be contacted during work hours and after hours, and interested in looking after the Club's tents, packs, etc for hire - David Shrimpton would love to hear from you.

No prior experience necessary. Contact Dave on 3365 1539 for further information.

- The Spider Web -

Dew drops glisten in the early light on spider webs hung  
suspended.

Intricate rhythms come to life.

Delicacy of form delights the mind.

The centre of the Universe plucking the rhythm of the spheres.

And all around a golden glow refracting in the light.

The warmth enlivened insects come filtering into sight.

With certain, precise movements, held fast by that hideous,  
tenacious strength.

Death comes slowly, cocooned in the light.

Reg Pollitt  
October 1996

### Pyramid of Balls

Ball's Pyramid, 700km from Sydney and 20km south-east of Lord Howe Island is the world's biggest and most isolated sea stack. Its bare rock walls emerge from Tasman Sea, and soar to 548m above the water. They were first climbed by an Australian team in 1965.

The difficult access, the unpredictable weather, brittle rock (and difficulty in obtaining permits) still make a trip to the Pyramid a serious challenge.

The rock is a safe home to an abundance of birdlife. Species thought to nest there include the providence petrel (endemic to Lord Howe Group) and the only colony of Kermadec petrel in Australian waters.

There is a possibility that the plasmid *Dryococelis Australis*, a huge terrestrial stick-insect may survive on some remote ledge of the Pyramid.

I sent a letter addresses to the Lord Howe Island Board, requesting a permit to climb the Pyramid, and received a reply. The climb can generally only be undertaken with a scientific research purpose in mind. I propose to organise UQ/UQBWC expedition to the Pyramid and would like to discuss this idea at the next meeting 2nd of April 1997.

Please BYO ornitologist/biologist relative or girlfriend if possible.

Let me finish this fearless message with the quote  
" who dares , wins!"  
*Andrew Klonowski*

### The Crater Rogaine

By the time you read this, it is only 4 weeks to the next rogaine. The rogaine will include a rogaine training afternoon on Saturday 12 April and a "up to 6 Hour" rogaine on Sunday 13 April. The course is located within a remnant of a volcano on the Burnett Range. This is a fertile grazing property which is lightly wooded. At the centre is a volcanic plug rising to 563m. This is one of the highest points within a 40km radius of here. The course limits are marked by a ring of hills which form the edge of this volcano. Superb views are to be had from these hills, plug and main road in. The start/finish and camping area will be located just off the main road and close to the centre of the map.

The map is based on a published 1: 25 000 topographic colour map with 10m contour intervals. Map detail is excellent and will be comparable with the "Seven Mile Rogaine". For this event we will not provide a Hash House to enable us to keep costs and workload down. As well as being a rogaine, this event will put a lot of focus on the social aspects of the sport.

The weekend will start with a training afternoon for beginners and experienced rogainers on Saturday from 12noon. This will not be conducted on the course map. The controls on this training map can be used by those who wish to practice their night navigation skills. The afternoon will consist of a brief outline on preparation, nutrition, course planning, map preparation, clothing, equipment and navigation techniques. Past rogaine maps will be on hand and some experiences shared about past events. Most of the afternoon will be taken up by practical exercises for beginners and the experienced.

Socialising will take precedent Saturday evening with a fire to keep warm. The weather is expected to be warm during the day and cold at night. (However we could get record breaking rainfalls !?!?)

Maps will be issued 8am, Sunday morning for a 9am start, event finishes 3pm. You should allow 7 hours travel time from Brisbane and 3 hours from Bundaberg or Gladstone. Entry fee is \$10 per person, entries need to be in by the 4 April. Entries and enquires should be directed to Peter Zund, 9 Wyper st., Bundaberg, 4670. Tel: (071) 537 834 (work), (071) 52 1237 (home). Brett Watson also has a stack of entry forms.

#### Question:

What's the difference between a homeless person and a through-walker?

Answer:: Goretex.

## Gear Freak

I'll confess that I am an addict. I like gear. I like to own it, I like to fix it, and occasionally I even like to use it. I loiter in gear shops and may be caught drooling over the canvas pack (with the comfy harness) that one day will replace the cordura atrocity that I bought in 1986 for the lowest possible price. I kid myself, but we all know where this will eventually lead. One day I will return home broke to a table eventually in bills saying "Hi Honey, look at these magic beans I bought!"

While I am not the worst example that I know of, I thought that the others out there, you who may know addicts, may walk with them or worse, are at risk of becoming one, should know where this terrible affliction can lead.

### THE SIGNS AND HABITS OF THE GEAR FREAK

#### THE GEAR FREAK:

- 1) Has more equipment for walking than can actually be fitted into one pack.

And may have more adventure equipment than can be fitted in the boot of a car.

- 2) Has several items of the same kind (just in case)

I became fascinated by fuel stoves, and within a year I noticed that I had collected:

- 1 cartridge gas stove
- 1 ex-army petrol stove
- 1 coleman shellite stove
- 1 metho stove (cheapo trangia look-alike)
- 1 kerosene stove

While its true that # 1,2 and 3 were garage sale stuff averaging \$8 each, and # 5 was a gift from a well meaning relative (I hate kerosene), how many of these can a man use at once?

- 3) If there is a real bargain they are allowed to buy items that they already have. (for their friends who weren't there of course).

Do you know I got a Pezl Mega Headlamp (for Beth) for \$5.00 last week? We're both on Austudy and renting.

- 4) Will not under any circumstances part with equipment, regardless of usefulness.

When we moved house, Beth asked me if I still needed the box of torn gaiters, canvas patches and old boots which even I can see are unlikely to be used. I told her I would sort through them and they are still under our house.

- 5) Is aware that everything currently owned could be upgraded.....

- 6) Thinks that if it was ever needed in the past (just once) they should have one.  
And one day I WILL have that vapour barrier suit!

- 7) Knows that if they will ever need it in the future, it should be bought.

I have actually planned the trip for which I will need that suit in the -30 deg ice :-)

- 8) Doesn't ever get to use the beloved equipment enough.

And if you ask me I will tell you I should be out there about every second weekend:-) Beth, on our honeymoon, confronted with the bootload of camping gear I had brought, remarked that apart from her pack (which a generous friend gave to us), I had provided enough for both of us without getting ANY new gear. She swore that I only married her so that she could use my spare stuff.

- 9) Loves to meet other people interested in gear and compare notes.

Do you know everything about the attributes and care of Goretex (TM) without owning any yourself? You may be becoming a GF or walk with friends who already are! It's far more common than you might think. There is an entire industry out there organised to prey on we weak members of the bushwalking society, they have shops, advertisements, magazines and even free seminars. I thought I had escaped when I went back to being a student and assured myself that I could no longer afford "new" things. Now I find that 2nd hand things can be found everywhere at very reasonable prices!

There is only one cure, one way to go where there are none of these things, BUSHWALKING. (but of course you may need a little gear to get you there.....)

*Graham Harden*

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## Rogaine Entry Forms

If anyone wants an entry form for the Crater Rogaine, Brett Watson has a bundle.

Contact him via email at [watson@elec.uq.oz.au](mailto:watson@elec.uq.oz.au) for further information.

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## Club Library

The Club has a large range of maps, and books which club members are able to borrow. Contact Jane O'Sullivan for further information.

### Only in America...

A visitor to Glacier National Park in Montana lost his car keys while attempting to lure a ground squirrel by dangling the keys out in front of the critter. The squirrel grabbed the keys and ran down a hole with them.

The keys were never retrieved, a ranger cited the man for harassment of wildlife, and a locksmith was called to make new car keys.

.... putting our loved ones at risk for a photo  
In May of 1994, Tony Moore, 43, of Marietta, Georgia, was gored and seriously injured by a large male bison in Yellowstone, next to the Lake Hotel. Moore and a friend had approached within 15 feet of the bison to have their pictures taken. While standing with their backs to the animal, it charged. His companion escaped, but Moore received a severe puncture wound in his right thigh and was taken by ambulance to a hospital in Jackson for treatment.

.... all tuckered out from our day hikes  
In 1993 a woman called 911 from the top of Half Dome using her cellular phone. According to dispatch, she reported: "Well, I'm at the top and I'm really tired." The answering ranger asked if she felt sick. "No," she said, "I'm just really tired and I want my friends to drive to the base and pick me up." The dispatcher explained that she would have to hike down the trail she had ascended. The visitor replied, "But you don't understand, I'm really tired." What happened next? "It turned out we got really lucky," the ranger said, "her phone battery died."

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### Rope For Sale

One Mammut 50m x 11mm "flex" dynamic rope. Bought last April prior to another attack of glandular fever and hence never used. Sexy blue colour. In effect it is still new and has been in the dark of a cupboard. I need the money now more than a new dynamic. \$210 ono (normally \$350.00+)

Graham Harden (h) 3378 7755 email  
s072536@student.uq.edu.au (0 = zero)

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### Name Change for Kosci

Mt Kosciusko would now officially contain a "z" and be known as Mt Koszczosko. This is the correct spelling of the Polish patriot after whom the mountain is named. The Polish explorer Paul Strezelecki who discovered the mountain didn't mistake the spelling in his diary, even if the rest of us are understandably befuddled by the spelling of Polish names.

### Ode to Acoustic Pot

50km out of Brisbane  
On our journey to Bungonia National Park,  
Glenn begins to voice his poetic words  
On climbing cliffs oh so stark.

It is not the first time that he tries  
To let out his creative side,  
For we arrive, sleep, eat and then  
Descend into a cave where we can hide.

Acoustic Pot is it's name  
A gap carved from limestone rock,  
Into which we lower our bods  
Plus torches, matches, and overalls to mock!

My first time in the earth  
I watch the CO2 level like nothing else,  
Whilst marvelling at strange stone walls  
Happy to find the temperature a good cels.  
(short for celsius 'cos it rhymes with else)

We crawled a bit, dragging the gear  
Then arrived at the so named pit,  
I tried to sing, yell, whatever  
Glenn thought of rope skills poetry a bit.

A long free-hanging abseil  
Descending down the 20m drop,  
The anchors held and we're all standing  
on a platform announcing 'stop'.

Someone had written graffiti  
About God and places like this,  
But I just wondered how under earth  
Your suppose to take a piss!

The jumar back up was strenuous enough  
Training had been handy,  
But leaving behind dust clogged nostrils  
was something really dandy.

The Ode to Acoustic Pot was discussed  
As theories espoused over camp food,  
On what constituted a good tune  
In order to set the right mood.

One was for dance music - techno  
While one was plugging rap,  
The third went for straight poetry  
And guess who chose heavy metal - crap!

*Kelly Southee*

## The Illusory Uki Hell Hole Gorge

Canyoners: Brett Watson, Glenn Sharrock, Loretta Davis  
Date: 12-Jan-1997

Things are not always as they sound.....

The words "Hell Hole" had tainted our expectations. We assumed we would be abseiling down a death-defying canyon filled with hellish waterfalls, toppling boulders and devilish abseil stations.

In hindsight, we discovered our imaginations had altered our expectations - and decided that this canyon would be better described as "Uki Very Nice Abseil".

The only hellish part of the entire trip was driving the indestructable Daewoo along the water-gouged and rut-filled tracks to the start of the canyon. For those people who hate lugging gear - this is an ideal canyon - the start of which is a mere 100 metres from the road!!

Brett had opted for the "no wetsuit" option and while not in the true spirit of canyoning, managed to avoid anything vaguely resembling water for the first 400 metres of the canyon.

The first abseil was off a large tree down a 15 metre waterfall into a small pool (containing mysterious insects noone had seen before)!. A little further down the track is another smaller abseil.

Then the fun begins... The next abseil is from a large jammed log. The abseil actually goes down next to the log, then underneath the log into a small cavity. After a bit of manoeuvring, the small cavity open out through a hole in the wall, and continues down a waterfall, ending on a large ledge.

This is apparently the "hellish hole" part of the canyon.

It's great fun to crawl along the ledge behind the waterfall and watch the feet of the next person appear!

The final abseil is down a steep section of rock into a pool.

Rather than returning via the steep track - we continued down to the junction of the creeks - and rock-hopped up the second creek. A bit of cross country navigation to get on the right ridge - and it was a simple walk downhill to the car.

All in all it was a good day out. The canyon is good fun - despite the long drive to get there.

*Loretta Davis...*

## Illinbah Lantana Plot

Myself and a friend recently did a short through walk at Binna Burra to Illinbah clearing (or more appropriately "Illinbah lantana plot"). We started about 1pm on a Friday, after obtaining our camping permit from the information centre. The walk was easy-going and after a short lunch break we arrived at Illinbah Clearing around 3:45pm. This half of the circuit traverses down the side of the valley and ends up at the Coomera River. The lantana was very thick at the old timber drop-off point (Illinbah Clearing) and it was pretty much inaccessible. A small track starting behind the circuit half way sign lead to the river and good spot to camp.

Illinbah clearing is at the very most northern point of Binna Burra Nat Park and is just inside the park's boundary. Being a wet weekend the leeches were out in force and not to mention the few that managed to sneak into our tent at night and had a feast. The next day the track followed up the Coomera River along the old timber cutter's road, crossing the river 12 times. Due to the rain, all of these crossings were flowing moderately fast, but we managed to wade through with the deepest being up to my knees. The track in general was overgrown by Nat Park standards and in some areas the lantana was high enough to just cover the orange track markers which are used to find the track when crossing over creeks.

We saw plenty of wildlife, including several scrub turkeys, a carpet snake, some large eels, a paddymelon (however you spell it) and stacks of leeches. The trek was about 18 km including a stop at Gwoogoorool pools where we saw the eels. The walk goes through a series of rainforests and a variety of open forests. Probably a good through walk for beginners, but the entire circuit can be done in one day.

*Huw Mason...*

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## Newsletter Contributions

You too can have your name up in lights... well in 12 point times Roman Font at least!! Contributions are always welcome for the newsletter.

It doesn't have to be anything fantastic - just a couple of paragraphs on your latest walk would be great.

Please email your contributions to [lorettad@mincom.com](mailto:lorettad@mincom.com) or call me on 33033028 if you'd like any further information.

Thanks in advance - *Loretta*



## Minimal Impact Bushwalking.

Our club is committed to minimal impact bushwalking. Many members will find it offensive if you blatantly disregard these principles. We encourage all new members to understand and practice Minimal impact walking.

### *What is Minimal impact bushwalking?*

Essentially it means not damaging the bush you are trying to enjoy during your visit. - Making sure you don't degrade the area you are visiting.

### *How do I do Minimal impact bushwalking?*

Well, first there are the obvious things...

- Don't leave litter. (Paper, plastic, tins, metal, general rubbish).
- Don't have fires in unless there is a fireplace and firewood provided by NPWS. (I know its nice to have fires, but it is horrible to camp in an area where people have burned all the ground wood and small trees. Ground wood is habitat and part of the ecosystem, burn it and you lose a link....)
- Try to camp in designated campsites. (Don't flatten virgin bush to put down your tent, don't camp in areas closed for re-vegetation, don't camp in sensitive areas)
- Stay on tracks or trails in the area (besides it is faster on a track)
- Don't remove anything from the bush. (No wood, fish, orchids, seeds, flowers, endangered parrots, bunyips, frogs, etc)

Then there are things that are less obvious

- It is not acceptable to leave biodegradable rubbish in the bush.
- It detracts from the wilderness experience of others
- Some things take ages to rot away eg. orange peel
- It is easy to introduce feral plants to fertile areas eg. apple cores

Many club members find leaving biodegradable rubbish offensive!

- Be very careful about polluting water courses. ie. no soap, detergent, toothpaste within 100m of a possible water course! Wash-up by carrying water away from creeks.

### *How to Shit in the Bush*

- Take care not to pollute campsites/water course/tracks. Go 100m away, dig a hole, bury all waste and toilet paper. Light weight shovels are available from bushwalking shops. Carry tampon/sanitary napkins out of the bush in a sealable plastic bag (These do not degrade)
- Special conditions apply to some areas! (eg. alpine areas, where you have to carry everything solid back out with you!!! It takes ages to degrade in the cool dry air, and digging destroys the alpine vegetation. These areas sometimes have loos provided and waste is helicoptered out by NPWS)

*Anthony Smith - Conservation Officer*

## Gear for South East Queensland Bushwalks

(The often amended and often printed gear article, originally written by Bob Hoey. Now with fewer custard references, and more 'I'm I am's!)

Remember all those times you've arrived at the starting point of a bushwalk on Friday night; howling wind, freezing cold, urinating down rain, pitch black etc, only to discover you've forgotten : (a) tent (b) sleeping bag (c) torch (d) raincoat (e) wool shirt (f) Teddy bear or (g) all of the above? (Actually I am trying to forget those occasions).

Remember the thrill of taking out one's camera for that never to be forgotten view of that glorious, cloud filled sunrise to find (oh joy, oh joy) you've forgotten the film.

Remember when you've come to take your pill in morning and guess what - it's at home in the drawer - WHAT FUN!!

Isn't it nice having steak and eggs cooked in a enamel cup - at least the fry pan and billy will be nice and clean when you you get home (in contrast to their usual state). BUT (drum roll please) these and other euphoric, deliriously (should I say orgasmic) moments can from now on become vague but warmly pleasant memories because the new ultimate bushwalking list is here!

But first a warning from our sponsors; no list can be all things to all people; there will always be additions or subtractions you can make. This list is intended to cover most needs for relatively short trips in S.E. Qld. or Northern N.S.W. but not to Tasmania or other places with horrible weather. Not all items will be necessary for any one trip. Some items probably aren't essential and are a matter of choice.

Good quality equipment is expensive, but it is usually possible to survive without much by begging, stealing or borrowing some or hiring it from the club until you are sure you are committed to bushwalking and need some of your own.

The club has a range of equipment for hire at cheap rates. Club gear includes packs, tents, stoves, sleeping bags, sleeping mats, and first aid kits. To enquire about these, ring the equipment officer.

Some advice on equipment for overnight walks:

1) Tents are not essential in Queensland. A fly and a ground sheet will frequently suffice, but in any case there is generally heaps of tent space. They can be hired from club.

2) Sleeping Bags: a down sleeping bag is expensive but a great investment if you are serious about walking. They can be hired from the club. A cheaper range of down sleeping bags would be



suitable for most Queensland conditions - the more expensive ones would be too hot (unless you are an Englishman from Kent).

3) Packs: There are a wide range of packs varying in price, size and degree of sophistication. Internal frame packs in vogue at the moment are very comfortable. The club has several packs for hire.

4) Footwear: The most important thing is that your shoes are well worn in and won't give you blisters. A bushwalker's most vulnerable part is her/his feet. Boots are not essential for most Queensland walking, and sand-shoes will suffice. Some people swear by Dunlop Volleys, some swear by \$25 Chinese boots, some swear by \$250 Scarpa boots, and some just swear at whatever they have on their feet when their blisters start forming. Boots should have solid rubber (not synthetic) soles, and generally it is most comfortable to wear 1 thick (e.g. woollen) and 1 thin pair of socks.

5) Gaiters: are great for protecting your legs when pushing through thick scrub.

6) Clothes: For Queensland weather, shorts are usually most comfortable, particularly in wet weather as legs dry out easier than jeans. Warm clothing (jumper and trousers) are generally necessary to change into at night, as it can get very cool in the mountains even in summer.

7) Waterproof Gear: Some form of raincoat is necessary for all trips (unless you enjoy getting wet). A plastic raincoat is suitable until you decide to go in for quality and buy Gore-tex or Reflex.

8) Water-carrier: Often essential in S.E. Qld., and always useful. Ask the trip leader what the water availability will be like. Don't rush out and buy an expensive aerodynamic non-rust titanium alloy water bottle, a plastic cordial bottle or wine bladder will do (and it is more fun emptying the wine bladder).

And of course the most important thing on a walk is .... Food.

Food is an area of great interest to a large number of people, including bushwalkers. Generally on short walks it does not have to be worried about greatly, except for the Tim Tams and chocolate. No bushwalk is complete without Tim Tams and chocolate. There are four general aims (and one specific aim) in preparing food.

- 1) Keep it light ie. no tins where possible.
- 2) Make sure it will keep.
- 3) Food should be high in energy and easy to prepare.
- 4) Bring lots of extra goodies for those people with only a fork!
- 5) BRING TIM TAMMS

There is available a wide range of dried foods - chicken supreme, beef chow mein, surprise peas Alliance dried meals are considerably more palatable, but correspondingly more expensive. Dried meals are useful for very long walks or when you are excessively tired.

However, with a little inventiveness, and a few decadent friends, bushwalks can be turned into gourmet events. Fresh vegetables (e.g. carrots, zucchinis, tomatoes) can be carried for several days. A weekend trip will usually involve two breakfasts, two lunches and one dinner. Trips longer than three or four days require careful planning regarding the amount and weight of food (must make sure you have enough chocolate for the whole trip). This article should not be considered a guide for an extended trip.

The following is a recommended list for preparing for a short trip. If you have any other questions concerning suitability of gear - or what you should take on a walk - contact the trip leader - or any member of the Club Executive.

<b>Sleeping gear</b>	<b>Foot wear</b>
Sleeping Bag	Boots/sandshoes
Inner Sheet	Gaiters
Groundsheet	Ankle bandages/elastroplast
Sleeping Mat	Thongs/sandals

<b>Clothing</b>	<b>Other gear (optional)</b>
Spare clothes (leave in car)	Map/map case
Wool shirt/Jumper	Compass
Balaclava/beanie	Pack hauling rope
Shirts/Shorts	Torch and batteries
Spare underclothes	First aid kit
Hat	Daypack
Raincoat/jacket	Repair kit
Garbage bags (to store)	Waterbottle/ wine cask
	Books/cards

<b>Cooking Gear</b>	<b>Change for phone</b>
Frypan or wok	Camera Gear/film
Billy and lid	

<b>Tent Gear</b>
Tent/fly, poles, pegs
Groundsheet

<b>Toilet Gear</b>
Toilet paper
Sunburn cream, insect repellent

<b>Plate/Bowl/Cup</b>
<b>FOOD</b>
Knife/Spoon
Matches in waterproof cont.
Lighter, Candles
Stove (full) and fuel





## Trip Notes

More trips are run than appear in the trip list. Contact Darren Osmond (3397 3796) if you would like to run extra trips or are interested in what trips are running.

If you are interested in going on a walk please let the trip leader know as soon as possible. This helps with organisation of transport, etc. If book on a trip and can't go, let the trip leader know so people aren't kept waiting for you!

## Trips by the Brisbane Members

Apr 19 Abseiling training day at Kangaroo Pint. Early start. Limited number available. Contact Malcolm Haskins 3378 8902 or Darren Osmond 3397 3796.

Apr 19-20: Cycle tour on the north coast. Easy. Contact Kelly Southee 3844 9420 (h)

Apr-25-27: Fraser Island. Medium. Contact Don Roberts 3351 6563. Limited Numbers

May 3-5 (Labor Day weekend). Mt Lindesay to Richmod Gap throughwalk. Rainforest and mountains! Hard. Contact Anthony Smith 3286 4288.

May 5 Entries close for the Sweet and Sour Rogaine

May 6 A visit to the Queensland Emergency Services centre is being organized by the FMR. Contact Brett Watson 33001270

May 7 Meeting, 7pm in the Clubs and Societies room. Discuss and plan trips, show slides. Contact Tom Willmott.

May 24-25 The Sweet and Sour Rogaine (QLD Rogaining Championships). 8 or 24 hour cross country navigation events. Entries close 5 May. Contact Brett Watson 33001270 for an entry form.

30 May-1 June Base camp at Yellowpinch and ascend Mt Barney (long daywalk), gourmet recovery. Contact Peter Allen 3365-4138 (work), 3870-2820 (home).

June 4 Meeting, 7pm in the Clubs and Societies room. Discuss and plan trips, show slides. Contact Tom Willmott.

## Trips by the Bundaberg Members

(for further information on walks in this area - please contact Peter Zund on 071 52 1237)

Apr 12-13: Up to 6 hour rogaine - The BYO Crater Rogaine - contact Peter 071 52 1237.

Apr 17: Meeting Jane's place, need to determine next trip list, and determine final details for ANZAC and May day weekends, contact 59 1274.

Apr 25-27: 3 day trip to Bustard Heads, (Peter on 52 1237).

May 03-05: 3 day trip to Mt. Molangul, (Jane on 59 1274).

May 17 or 18: day trip to Utar Range, exploratory, contact Jane on 59 1274.

## Membership renewal

1997 Membership fee: \$7

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## Rogaining what is it?

Rogaining is the sport of long-distance cross-country navigation. Teams of 2-5 people compete by locating controls on a map within a given time period. Unlike orienteering (where the controls must be visited in a specific order), rogainers choose which controls to visit.

Each control is allocated a number of points. These can be due to navigational difficulty in finding the control, or the effort required to reach it - or simply at the whim of the organiser.

The aim is to score the most points and return to the start area within the allotted time. Points are deducted for late returns.

The courses pass through spectacular terrain, and are always both challenging and also great fun. If you'd like to go, but don't know anyone else - talk to any of the exec. members.

## WHERE DOES UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND BUSHWALKING CLUB GO TO BUSHWALK??

(by Tom Willmott)

This was definitely one of the most frequently asked questions at the O'week stall and from people who rang me at home, so I decided that some comments on the various places we go would probably be a good idea. This article is designed for all those people who are a) new to the country, b) new to the state, c) new to bushwalking or d) have lived in Brisbane all their lives yet never ventured out into the great wilderness that is south east Queensland.

The great thing about SE QLD is that the area contains such a diversity of walking environments, not to mention the huge range of ecological niches. From the rainforests of Lamington to the granite slabs of Girraween, from the beaches of Cooloola, to the rugged mountains of the Main Range, SE QLD has something for everyone. The area also has a huge range of different grades of walks, from easy man made tracks to scrub bashing. As I said - something for everyone!

What follows is a list of the main areas of bushwalking in SE QLD. Obviously I can not name all the places where walking is possible - all that information would fill a book. If you are interested in finding out in more detail some of the places described below, or reading about new places, I suggest reading *The Bushwalk Book of South-East Queensland*. Most of the information below was obtained from this book.

### LAMINGTON N.P., SPRINGBROOK N.P., MT WARNING N.P. and the BORDER RANGES N.P.

All four of these national parks are the remains of a large volcano that was centred over Mt Warning (which is actually a volcanic plug). These four national parks are covered mainly in rainforest and eucalypt forests, however patches of other vegetation types do occur. These areas are quite popular with tourists, mainly because of an extensive network of tracks running throughout the parks, so it can get quite busy on weekends. However the beauty of Lamington and Border Ranges National Park is that they also have great off track walks. I strongly suggested Lamington National Park as a place for new bushwalkers to explore and gain experience, mainly because navigation is as easy as reading the signposts!

### MT BARNEY NATIONAL PARK.

The Mt Barney National Park consists of Mt Barney, Mt Ballow region, Mt Lindesay, Mt Maroon, Mt May and Mt Ernest. It is generally considered to be an area for experienced bushwalkers, though Maroon and May can be tackled by people with less experience. The region is host to a large range of vegetation types; with Antarctic beech trees at Mt Ballow, heath on Mt Maroon, open forests and rocky slabs on Mt Barney and the banksia forests of Mt Lindesay. There are no made tracks in this area, at most rough foot pads through the area.

## MAIN RANGE NATIONAL PARK.

This is another area that is quite rugged and generally considered to be the domain of experienced walkers. The Main Range borders SE QLD to the west, and is part of the Great Dividing Range. The impressive escarpments and mountain after mountain provide walkers with many impressive views. Vegetation along the range generally consists of thick rainforest, open forests or stands of grass trees. As mentioned before, the area is rugged, however a system of graded tracks does exist at Cunningham's Gap which new bushwalkers could quite easily tackle.

## GIRRAWEE AND SUNDOWN NATIONAL PARKS.

Impressive rock slabs, huge granite domes, colourful wildflowers and peaceful creeks are just some of the things to be found in Girraween National Park, whilst Sundown National Park offers towering cliffs over deep river waterholes, a large waterfall and generally more rugged walking. Girraween caters for a large range of walking levels, there is an extensive graded track system, which goes to most of the major places of interest, however off track walking is possible. The area is mainly covered in rolling open forest, with patches of heath (which flower spectacularly in the spring).

Most walking in Sundown is done along the Severn river, which has carved a gorge through the sedimentary rock in this area. There are no graded tracks in this area, however the river provides a nice walk, overnight or day! Oh, by the way- DO NOT GO TO THESE NATIONAL PARKS IN WINTER, unless you enjoy freezing to death! These national parks are probably the furthest away from Brisbane in SE QLD.

The above information describes only the largest national parks in the area, however a huge number of smaller parks exist. I have excluded mention of the coastal sandmasses, mainly due to lack of personal knowledge, however these areas also provide a lot of walking possibilities (no doubt most people have heard of Fraser Island). It is simply not possible to describe all the places of SE QLD. However, a few books do exist, but the one I found most comprehensive was *The Bushwalk Book of South-East Queensland*, Ross Buchanan, Bushpeople Publications. There is a second edition of this book, however I'm not sure if the title remained the same. Another great way to find out about places is to talk to the older members, most can tell you all about the different areas (and probably all about the fungi that grow there). Have fun reading and I hope to see you all on the track sometime!

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