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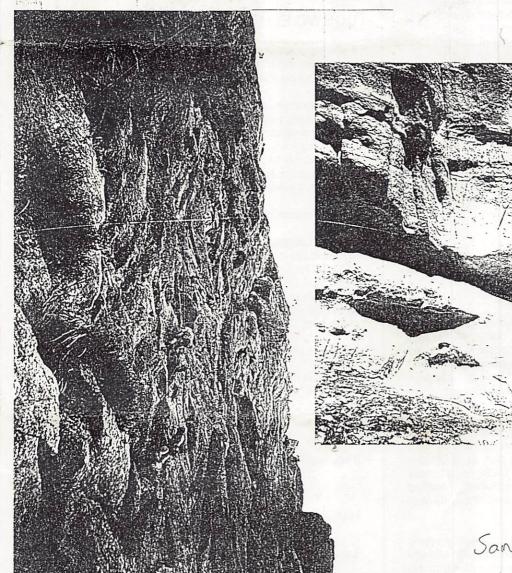
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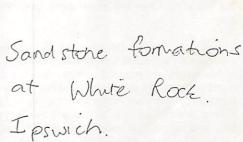
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Gleny Sharrock + Noel Meyers on. "The Anti-Christ" Mt Maroon.

Heybob Magazine

The Heybob is the club's annual magazine. Louise Colthorpe is currently collecting articles and is interested in hearing from anyone who may be able to supply some recipes for bushwalking cooking, cartoons or poetry. Contact Louise for more information.

For Sale

Climbing Shoes Boreal Ace, size 4 (i.e. 36) near new. Asking price \$150 Contact Liz Graham 3371 6402 (home)

Hiking Boots

I have a pair of dark brown ARKOS hiking boots for sale. They were purchased for \$200 and I will sell them for \$100. They are in very good condition, having only been worn about a dozen times on easy, well-defined tracks. Size US 9 1/2. My phone no.: 3217 8467 (h) or 3365 3402 (w). Jacqui Scherret.

Queensland Federation of Bushwalkers Annual Pilgrimage 13-15 Sep 1996

This yea's pilgrimage is being hosted by the Binna Burra Bushwalkers Club and the venue they have selected is Tooloom Falls which is in NSW approx. 30 mins drive south of the boarder date on the Mt Lindsay Highway.

Program:

Friday Night

Arrive (not before 4pm please). Register for walks and meet leaders. Supper around the campfire

Saturday:

A variety of walks will be offered including North and South Obelisks, Edinburugh Castle, Glassy Mt, Battery Hill, Rock Hill Falls, Mt Earnest razor back and many more. Social gathering before the evening meal/. Bring some bibblies to share. Musical campfire entertainment from seven thirty onwards. Supper

Sunday:

Bike rides through the forest, short walks, swimming, etc.An open market where you can sell any of your pre-loved camping gear or possibly pick up a bargain (Garden stakes will also be on sale for \$3 for a bundle of 10). Tug of war and other activities. Morning tea. "Handing Over the Boot" ceremony. Pack up and leave.

The Camp: we will be camping on private property immediately adjacent the falls. We will only be allowed to have fires at prepared communal sites also you will need to bring fuel stoves for cooking. -You will need to bring all of your own water for cooking and drinking.

-There are no facilities so we will be hiring four porta loos and digging pit toilets for extra urinals. Campers will have to carry away all their own rubbish.

-Please not that while children are welcome, they must be closely supervised at all times as there are dangerous cliffs nearby. -On the positive side there are excellent views from the site and nice swimming holes near by.

The cost: The cost per head will be \$14 for adults and \$12 for children under 12 years of age. This cost includes:Supper Friday and Saturday nights
Morning tea Sunday morning Musical campfire entertainment Saturday evening Provision of basic amenities

Road directions: Coming from Brisbane the easiest route is to follow the Mt Lindsay Highway to the Lindsay boarder gate. All 2..5 hours driving from the southern suburbs of Brisbane (total distance approx 160 km).

For further information, please contact Kym Schluter (President BBBWC) on (07) 3398 3914.

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Loretta Davis...

Law of Maps

The place you want is always on the junction of two maps.

Anything really important will be on the corner of four maps.

Trip Report : Fraser Island Fungal Froughwalk : 8-10 June 1996

We were an UQBWC party of five: Trip leader (Phenomenal) Peter Zund, Brett Watson and Dave Shrimpton, (Lo)Retta Davis and myself, David De Wit. (This was in fact the only viable party size: we had to fit into the only 4WD taxi on the island.)

"The last long weekend of the year", Dave Shrimpton called it. We used our 'public servant's sorrow' to test the unexplored on a three day walk in the north of the centre of Fraser Island; all except Pete had not been to Fraser before. Pete had earlier advertised that we would "walk on wards" in his trip specification. This "walking on wards" turned out to be a euphemism for "scrub bashing through scungy rainforest understory overgrown with three types of sharp vines", more below!

Day 1: Saturday, 8 June 1996 (track walking Dundubara to Lake Bowarrady):

Friday night we had driven to Maryborough, and were up before dawn on Saturday morning to drive to the barge at (Mary) River Heads. We took the half hour barge to Wanggoolba Creek, and then the (Eurong) Taxi to Dundubara to the north on the ocean beach, the start point for our walking. Enroute to Dundubara we saw a lot of seabirds; an Osprey, many Pelicans and Cormorants, a Brahminy Kite, several Masked Lapwings (Plovers), flocks of (Com-mic) Terns, and (only one) pair of Pied Oystercatchers. The taxi driver said that he had recently seen a Caspian Tern and some Sooty Oystercatchers, the latter for the first time in his 25 years on the Island.

On the beach I saw pretty much the only mammals of the trip (apart from a good lot of humans): the dingoes. Near the bins in several popular places we came across them, yea we even got a photo, but we neither saw nor heard any inland. (The only other mammal I saw was a little bat at dusk on Sunday night.)

All told, we started walking inland from Dundubara about 9AM. The morning was a pleasant 4 hour stroll westwards along a 10 (hah!) km graded walking track to our first campsite: Lake Bowarrady. This part of the walk was through what has been National Park for a long time, and showed various vegetation types including Banksia, Heath and open dry Eucalypt. On the way we detoured to the Wungul Sandblow, and went loafing in the big yellow sandpit: yes, and I did the old sideways try-to-give-yourself-spinal-injuries roll down a dune: only half a dozen spins, but leaves one dizzy and winded nonetheless. A great way to get sand under your backpack hip support.

Along this track were a lot of the commonest birds we saw; the treat was the Scarlet Honeyeater (one of the few red birds in Australia), but there were also White-Cheeked Honeyeaters with their distinctive rapid fire song, a few Eastern Yellow Robins (the cheeky campsite visitors), ubiquitous crows and, in the canopy all day, flocks of Sulphur-Crested Cockatoos. To be heard but not seen were also various parrots and either

a Spangled Drongo or a Noisy Scrub Bird, and the occasional raptor. Beside the track at one point was a complete skeleton of what looked like a large cane toad; further on the opened shell of a Eugarie (Venus Shell, Pippy) quite far inland. Regularly on the sand were the shells of (land) snails.

We downed packs on a beach at Lake Bowarrady, and lunched. Several Snake-Necked Turtle heads bobbed up in the water nearby begging for food, and a little snake swam in front of us. Ol' Phenomenal guaranteed that we'd see no other people as there wasn't a road to this place (very few walkers on Fraser. and many of the old Forestry roads have been closed to traffic). Presently a man carrying a video camera appeared; walking along to the entrance to the lake beach we heard him dictate "approaching Lake Bowarrady", as he tripped over a fallen branch. With him appeared two (and later another) young English women planning to swim in the lake. A few warnings about the snakes and turtles made them nervous; eventually they shied off swimming because the water had particles floating in it! Then we had the place to ourselves.

We went off exploring, Brett and Pete taking Fungi photos. Fraser was loaded with mushrooms and other fungi; recent rains had left the forests soggy, and the slowly rotting forest floor provided ample habitat. Over the weekend we repeatedly saw tiny luminous scarlet mushrooms, larger purple-then-black ones and various half-eaten pink-red ones, coral fungi from white to buff to yellow to orange, beautiful layered Jew's Ears, large white kickable mushrooms, and lots of weird shapes on tree trunks. A brief rainshower finished the afternoon, and we settled in after doing some minor planning for the next day.

Day 2: Sunday, 9 June 1996 (rainforest throughwalking Lake Bowarrady to Deepwater Lake):

We launched out of camp at 9AM, and trotted 2km south along a closed Forestry road into a section of National Park that was until recently State Forest. In this region the forest is full of largely unmarked old roads and snigging tracks that cut through logged rainforest. Enroute Dave Shrimpton got slapped in the eye with a bush; a lot of pain and weeping. In compensation, we came across a handsome 2m carpet python lying across the track. It didn't move a scale as we pussyfooted around it.

On an (unmarked) road, we reached the highest point on the island (244m, no views, just a tall ridge), from where we aimed to traverse south a total of less than 3km to Lake Allom. Our maps were varied; a couple of Sunmaps with almost no roads or tracks marked, a laminated tourist map with questionable roads and contours, a more useful larger scale Forestry map (with vegetation) and a photocopy of an old 1:25000 topographic map. On the maps it looked like a one hour plough, but on even the best map the tall trees hid the contours of the east-west ridges. (On the sand islands of SE Queensland, the dune systems naturally runs this way as the predominant wind is from the south.) Furthermore, the scrubby rainforest impeded our progress. Unlogged rainforest generally has an open floor, but this stuff was choked with saplings, bushes and nasty prickly vines. Progress was at less

than 1 km per hour, and we must have crossed four snigging tracks in the valleys between the ridges. Visibility was often less than 20m.

Nevertheless, we had a jolly good trouser-shredding hike on a solid bearing of 190 through leach-infested rainforest-on-sand. (I personally couldn't believe how people could go walking so unprepared as not to wear long pants!) After a short while, Retta gave me some stick about the quality of my underwear; we agreed that she walk first.

After a couple of hours, we stopped on a heavily forested ridge, Pete anxoius that we'd overshot the obvious road/lake that we were looking for. Over lunch we debated this, deciding to plough on. Loretta found, clobbered, announced, and shooed off a tiny scorpion in a single movement; this was a good excuse to hoof it on wards. Immediately at the bottom of the ridge we found a small swamp -- exactly where it was supposed to be on the map! A large turtle shell lay ominously amongst the reeds, sans turtle.

The Forestry map promised a stand of hoop pines adjacent to Lake Allom, our destination; and a 10 minute open forest (wow!) walk led us there. Indeed Lake Allom was pretty: a delightful sand-bottomed lake circled with beaches, reeds, sundews and marsh plants. A couple of Grebes croaked periodically, and the northern shore rose up into a glade of hoop pines nestled in a larger Eucalypt forest. Very much livingroom-poster stuff. At the main beach, over 20 turtles peered out from the water's edge to view the humans: the result of humans feeding them. A sign cautioned against this, informing the reader that unnatural food might be harmful to turtles and fish. This lake was the site of a camping ground, so there were several 4WDs and quite a few people around. We lunched again. A sloppy-looking young man approached us from one of the noisier 4WDs and spoke to us in a curious language:

"'A yu' 'el 'e ao-u 'eta lak'a-lom".

It turned out that he was a backpacker from a non-English-speaking part of the world; he was faintly surprised that the road didn't quite go up right to the water: his group had to climb out to reach it. To their credit, they did so. (Later, the taxi driver mentioned that his towing service had dragged a bogged backpackers' 4WD out of the mudflats on

the western 'beach' over the weekend.)

It didn't look promising to try and camp at Lake Allom. A shortcut to the road south had us charging off on a 190 bearing into the jungle again; to the eternal consternation of a woman whose sandwich became stuck in the empty space between her hands and her gaping mouth. In time this fine, universal bearing led us to the road, and thence through scrubby forest to Deepwater Lake, the third and last of the lakes we visited. The latter lake appeared to have no beaches, but more than made up for this with mosquitoes. It seemed the right place to camp.

Day 3: Monday, 10 June 1996 (Queens Birthday Holiday) (southerly beach walking Deepwater Lake to Happy Valley):

Ready by about 8AM, we had 6 hours before we had to meet our taxi at Happy Valley. This first involved a gentle roadwalk (very few 4wds to be seen) down to the beach at "The Pinnacles", a beautiful colouredsand cliff, and secondly an against-a-mild-wind, in athreatening-to-rain trudge 11km down the beach.

The former included a stopoff at a lookout to see the "Knifeblade" sandblow; again a huge beautiful yellow sandpit. We could clearly see the sandblow encoaching on the forest. In its centre were the stumps of dead trees. The ocean was periodically visible.

Down at the beach at 10.30AM, we stopped for a looksee at the Pinnacles, then headed south. This is a worthwhile strip of beach to walk as every few km is a point of interest, and anyway it was full of ocean-strewn debris and rubbish to pick over, which I did. We were periodically buzzed by light aircraft; they ran joyflights around this part of the island.

Firstly we came to the wreck of the "Maheno", where there were again dingoes and tourists. Farther down was the opening of Eli creek, the largest on the island (a million gallons an hour, it's said), where Pete and Retta had a swim. Yes, it was winter, but the overcast weather kept it warm enough. Along this strip I saw a pair of White-Breasted Sea Eagles. Wow!

We arrived at Happy Valley in time for an ice cream before our taxi arrived. The rest of the trip was efficient, safe and uneventful. Many thanks to our drivers, Pete and Brett. We arrived home satisfied about 10PM Monday night, ready for suburban life the next day.

Recommendations:

Cost in transport for non-drivers per person ex Brisbane;

Car share: \$14, Barge \$12, Taxi and parking at river Heads: \$30, total: \$56. The taxi (\$145 for a total of about 100 km) at first seems expensive, but compares very well with the minimum \$60 per day for a troop carrier (if you can get it, more likely \$130 for a new 4WD) at Hervey Bay, then add fuel and barge fare. Clever planning on a longer trip, combined with judicious hitch hiking (not really feasible for groups) could drive the cost of transport way down. The barge/taxi/walking trip is a financially viable way to visit Fraser Island which I would recommend to anyone.

Look out for a wonderful evening of our Fungus Fotos!

Engagement

Graham Harden recently announced his engagement to Elizabeth Ann Butler.

They recently returned from spending a few weeks in the UK (although they only spent 3 days together) watching other family members do the wedding thing which seems to have been the catalyst for their recent announcement!!

The wedding is planned for early next year.

Congratulations from everyone at UQBWC!!

Thoughts for the day....

If you're not lost - you're not trying!

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Instant Fame and Fortune...

All you need to do is submit your photos, articles, poems, (anything basically) for use in the Mini Heybob.

I'm always scrounging around for trip reports - it doesn't have to be anything fantastic - just a couple of paragraphs on your last trip is all we need!

Remember the Mini Heybob is your magazine - so if you have any suggestions for improving it - please let me know.

Loretta...

PS - OK - so maybe I lied about the fame bit, and the fortune bit isn't all that true either!!

Black Canyon 31-May-1996

Canyoners: Loretta Davis, Glenn Sahrrock, Eric Young, Merrick Ekins, Chris McGrath.

After several epic adventures last year, one of my new resolutions for this year was to spend more time with short fat unfit 4-foot tall men. My other resolution was to eat less chocolate.

It's Friday afternoon and I find myself yet again munching on a chocolate bar surrounded by a group of 6 foot tall men with leg muscles like robocop, organizing gear for a midnight canyoning trip down Black Canyon...it seems that old habits really are hard to break.

My original plan had been to do Black Canyon at midnight on the new moon - however due to a surprising lack of interest (possily due to torrential rains that week), Glenn and I postponed my original trip idea, rather than lug all the gear ourselves.

So - here we are - rearing to go. Well - let me clarify that a little - Glenn and I are rearing to go - Eric is grumbling about being tired, Chris is cutting down on the gear he's brought (hopefully we're not going to need the tent - it's not supposed to be THAT much of an epic), and Merrick is unwrapping his brand new ascenders wondering how he should set them up. Hmmm - not the best start - but at least it's a start!

After some discussion over the required gear, and a lengthy discussion on the potential benefit of wetsuit booties, we departiwetsuit bootie-less) in Merrick's volvo stationwagon (is there some rule that all uqbwc members are required to buy volvo stationwagons)! with Merrick demonstrating his kamikaze-style driving technique through the peak hour traffic and rain.

Half way down the coast and it's still raining....we decide to continue and re-assess the situation at the falls.

After reaching the carpark, Eric decides he would rather spend some serious snoozing time in the stationwagon and catch up on his beauty sleep. The remaining 3 robocops and myself set off on the 2.5 hour walk to Echo Falls - the start of the canyon. The night is relatively clear so we start walking without torches under the moonlight - however as the forest canopy grows denser, and our hilarious tripping antics grow more frequent - we don headlamps again. During the walk Merrick thrills us all with his ability to trip and fall down without causing himself serious bodily injury. (personally I think he missed his calling in choosing to be a botanist rather than a stuntman)!

Finally we arrive relatively unscathed at the falls. The downpour earlier that evening, and the rains from the previous week ensure there is a sizeable amount of water flowing through the falls. I do what all good leaders do - and let the others rig the first pitch. My reasoning for this is based on 4 facts:

- 1. the water is bloody freezing
- 2. there is way too much water to do the entire canyon anyway
- 3. there's no way I'm getting wet at 1:00am unless it's going to be good and (most importantly)
- 4. I was in charge of a large amount chocolate and I was nice and warm in my polarplus and trendy trakky pants!

The first couple of pitches we downclimbed on a previous trip are rigged due to the amount of water - and Merrick and Chris have their first go at canyoning. From the looks on their faces - they quite enjoy it. Mind you - the return trip is perhaps better scheduled for summer rather than winter judging by their goosbumps and shivering after exiting from the water!

After feasting on some more chocolate, we packed up and started the trek back out. The return trip seems even longer with the wet ropes, but as we walk the forest gradually comes to life. The birds and wildlife start stirring, and the sun sheds its golden light through the canopy.

Sleeping Beaty awakes (looking more sleepy than beautiful) and we make our way homeward.

Loretta...

PS - if anyone is interested in trying the return trip (possibly during, the day, and possibly not after torrential rain - please let me know).

Interesting Net Sites

Visit the Bicycle Tasmania Home Page and read the latest issue of SPOKE, the Bike Tas E-Zine. Bicycle Tasmania and SPOKE http://www.ozemail.com.au/~spoke/biketas.html http://www.ozemail.com.au/~spoke/spoke.html Visit the Ausralian Koala Hospital at: http://www.onthenet.com.au/~jbergh/koala1.htm The wildlife pictures have been changed - so go and have a look at the Koala Hospital. No more violence - this time it's all about making and looking after babies! World Heritage Management Plan Review site (http://www.delm.tas.gov.au/wha/)

News from abroad....

Dear All,

Just a very quick note to say that if anyone is planning to spend some time in the UK, then trip to the NW of Scotland (the Wester Ross) is REQUIRED.

An amazing place; probably more so given that in one week I did more contours than in probably the previous 18 months put together! A proper report will follow sometime (this weekend?), i.e. when I get a chance to type up something that will do it justice.

I took 6 rolls of film (would have been more like 12 if the weather had been kinder), and at some stage will scan some in and send them to those who

- (a) are interested, and
- (b) are jpeg-capable.

More details later.

Robert Dancer.

Coomera Circuit

Date: Sunday 19 May 1996

Walkers: Rob Geraghty, Loretta Davis, David

We had picked the perfect day for a walk, and the first day of decent sunshine after nearly a week's worth of rain ensured the falls would be spectacular.

Since he had the nicest car - Rob was deemed to be the designated driver, and performed his duty well - narrowly missing a large group of people hell bent on running into us in the Binna Burra carpark. Luckily we escaped unscathed (although Rob was a sure candidate for a valium afterwards) - and we all delighted in informing the kamikaze driver that he wasn't allowed to take his dog into the national park!!

We started off - being constantly reminded of Tasmanian conditions by the large bog holes along the track. The previous week's rains had caused some destabilization of the cliff, and the viewing platform overlooking Coomera Crevice was closed. Rob made an executive decision that it was probably only closed to pensioners and small children without adult supervision. Having no adult to supervise us at the time, we gingerly ventured one by one onto the platform for some awesome views of the Coomera Crevice falls.

Elsewhere along the track, the falls were also flowing brilliantly - there was enough water for the falls to be spectacular, and for the river crossings to be relatively easy (unless of course you have no sense of balance to start with)!!

Eventually our (sorry - my) rumbling stomach dictated a lunch stop. In true UQBWC fashion we stopped at the base of some falls to eat our lunch, only to discover that the best views were to be had a little further up the track. Funny how we always seem to eat in the sewers! Not to be daunted, we continued on, and stopped for a few minutes to bask in the warm sun near the top of

the next falls. Now I know why cats look so content when they sleep in the sun!

After a while we continued on our way, and after passing several more falls, eventually made our way back to the main border track, and back to Binna Burra, passing the mandatory day walkers in high heels along the track.

Rob's ankle was feeling the pace back along the track - although he managed to hold out long enough to get back to the cafe.

Hot chocolate and strawberry shortcake is definately the best way to end any walk at Binna Burra.

Loretta Davis...

Mt Lindsay - an exercise in vertical bushwalking.

The participants - Glenn Sharrock, Loretta Davis and Eric Young.

For the last few years I had always wanted to climb Mt Lindsay, if for no other reason than so at least I could verify that there was no view to be had from it's summit.

Unfortunately most of the experienced club members had all been up Lindsay and claimed there was no view from the summit, so why would they want to go up it again?

Finally an opportunity arose, with Glenn and Retta eager to verify that there was no view. None of us had been there before, but...how hard could it be?

One way to answer this question is to report that those cliffs that are so visible as one drives down the Mt Lindsay highway are also present in their full majesty on the southern face. The track to the summit is actually located on the south east corner of the cliffs and basically goes straight up.

I'm not always silly, I had seen those cliffs, so I brought my climbing hamess. Glenn, climbing animal that he is, does not need a harness or for that matter a rope but he brought a rope for us lesser mortals, just in case. Retta who was quite vocal about the need for a rope promptly forgot her harness.

As it was, there are two different way to view a wander up Mt Lindsay. Either it is an easy rock climb or an exposed rock scramble. Either way, one is still going up a large cliff, so if you don't like having a brilliant view of a 100 meter drop that starts 2 feet from where you are standing, don't put Mt Lindsay high on the 'must do' list. As it was, the rope was used by the mortals during the ascent, specifically for the very last bit, which is quite interesting.

Once on the top of the cliff, there is a walk along a rising ridge to the highest point which indeed, does not really have a view. After having lunch looking out through the small gap in the trees toward Mt Barney, we headed down.

During the decent we passed another party ascending (with one of their number looking rather white and hanging onto the rock rather more forcibly that one would have thought necessary). They mentioned that if we had proceeded another 200 meters past the summit, brilliant views were to be had over the cliffs that were so evident on our drive in.

Damn, I will now have to go back to verify that there may actually be a view on the mountain with no view.

The decent is probably best done by abseiling. Due to our shortage of harnesses, the joys of down climbing were experienced by two of our party.

Now quite a few of you have probably also noticed that while Mt Lindsay has some quite spectacular cliffs, these cliffs are actually mounted quite high up on the mountain.

There are two ways to climb the slope below the cliffs. On the way in we walked along the border fence and headed straight up the slope, due north.

For the return trip we skirted along the base of the cliffs until we reached the westerly corner whereupon we descended.

This decent route, while less clear and more scrubby in places, but did have some very 'cute' grass slopes towards the bottom. Glenn and Retta appeared to take turns sliding down the slope on their posteriors. Retta claimed it was deliberate and fun (until she found a few sticks).

Anyway, a fun day was had by one and all. Lindsay, the mountain without a view, is still worth ascending for the ascent route alone.

Just make sure you either have someone in your party who knows where they are going, or do as we did, and take a Glenn or some other suitable climbing device.

Eric (who actually thinks the view was not that bad)

Ships Stern (the walk that almost wasn!t...)

Date: 27-Apr-1996

Walkers: Loretta Davis, Eric Young, Simon Hoyle, Larissa Fitzsimmons, Dave Stump, Trish.

Despite the early 7am start...which lapsed into a 7am coffee and 8am start, (some poor sods thought the walk may be cancelled due to the pouring rain - they should have known better)!.... and despite the rain and occasional bouts of car sickness (is my driving really that bad Dave??) - several intrepid walkers arrived at the start of the Ships Stern Circuit at Binna Burra..... well almost.....

After ANOTHER coffee break (this time at the cafe), the less than perfect weather cleared briefly and we set of on our 19km walk....well almost...

A near mutiny was subdued at the start of the shorter Daves Creek Circuit, and we were finally on our way.

The Ships Stern Circuit is an excellent track walk revealing that Lamington has much more to offer than just rainforest. The track passes through varied country, with patches of rainforest, cascading waterfalls, palm-filled gorges, antarctic beech forests, and some spectacular views of the Numbinbah valley and cliff lines.

We stopped briefly for lunch, took in the views of the Numinbah valley, and marvelled how some people could make sandwiches that still looked appetizing several hours later. As there was no outright winner to our Leach Lotto competition (there were far too many of the blighters) we continued on our way.

Just as our leg mescles began to make their presence known, we began meeting other walkers along the track. Civilization (and hot chocolate) was close at hand!! Half an hour later after de-leaching ourselves, and removing most of the muddy track from our boots, we sought refuge in the cafe.

Mid-way through hot chocolate and nachos, Simon treated us to the sport of leach burning...much to Larissa's dispair! It may not be an Olympic sport - but it definately drew the attention of some other diners!

Dave and Eric were not to be deterred, and once again braved my driving and techno music all the way back to Brisbane! A great track walk - highly recommended!

Loretta Davis....

Farewell Brett!!

As Many of you know - Brett Henderson has left Brisbane for "sunny" Geelong.... we hope that he'll eventually come to his senses, tire of the lousy Melbourne weather, and head back up this way again soon.

Best of luck Brett!!!!

...and make sure you send through some reports of the walking and climbing down south!

Cross Country skiing

Phil Norman is organising a cross country skiing trip in Tasmania from the 31 August 1996 to the 07 Septemerb 1996.

This is an open invitation!

If anyone is interested in coming along with a group of beginners and some friendly skiers, please contact Phil Norman between 8am and 5pm on 3371 6677.

Anything for sale?

If you're just about to undertake that spring cleanout of the garage, or tempted to delve into the forgotten contents of your cupboard - and you've discovered some forgotton bushwalking treasures (or anything you want to sell) - call/email Loretta with the details and we'll run your ad in the next newsletter!

Mt Barney

Located 40km west of Lamington National Park and 120km south of Brisbane, Mt Barney National Park (11900 ha) has long been a Mecca for bushwalkers.

There are three main peaks East (1351m), West (1359m), and North (1230m). West Peak is the second highest peak in South East Queensland, while Mt Superbus (1381m) is the highest. Surrounding peaks on the massif are Barrabool (1151m), Bippoh (946m), Leaning Peak (1138m), and Isolated (North East Peak) (919m).

Mt Barney is a mass of granophyre (a medium to fine grained igneous rock composed of quartz and feldspar crystals) 23 million years old, which has intruded the surrounding Carboniferous and Mesozoic sediments.

The Ugarapul aboriginal people held the mountain in awe and called it Bugera Bugera (keep away), an injunction which has had little influence on generations of walkers, starting in 1827 when Captain Patrick Logan, Commandant of the Moreton Bay Penal Settlement, climbed what is thought to be Isolated Peak as part of his reconnaissance for his ascent of Logan's Ridge on 3 August 1828.

The lower slopes adjacent to the creeks are wooded predominately with Eucalyptus tereticomis, turpentine Syncarpia glomulifera, and brush box Lophostemon confertus, while many of the creeks particularly on the moist southern side are heavily infestated with Lantana camara. As you move up the drier slopes the lantana becomes stunted, the brush boxes spread out and are joined by tallow-woods Eucalyptus microcorys, white bloodwoods E. trachyphloia, red bloodwoods E. gummifera, grey gums E. propinqua and E. major, yellow stringy barks E. acmenoides and E. camea, ironbarks E. drepanophylla and E. racemosa, and scribbly gums E. signata. Sparsely interspersed are spotted gums E. maculata, and on the drier slopes the narrow leaved grey gum E. seeana, and Moreton Bay ash E. tessalaris.

Rainforest species exist in Barney Gorge and the streams on the cool southern side. Figus species are present in many of the creeks and other moist areas. In late winter the low growing Acacias cunninghamii, linearis, and adunca make a pleasant show. There are over twenty species of orchids found on the drier eastern slopes including the lovely yellow donkey orchid Diuris sulphurea among the grasses and herbs. The ubiquitous Hardenbergia violacea grows widely over the grass slopes. Numerous wildflowers such as the white flowered wild parsley Persoona comifolia and the purple flowered, oval leaf mint bush Prostanthera ovalifolia are found on the ridges with Leptospermum species making a spectacular show in spring time.

The serenity of sitting on East Peak in the sun with the skinks playing hide and seek among the rocks as you gaze out to the south over Mt Ernest and Mt Lindsay makes it a wonderful place to have a Sunday lunch.

It is a good place to speculate and plan your next trip to the mountain. The following descriptions are included to assist you. However, the possibilities are enormous and are only limited by your imagination.

Barney Spur leading from Burrajum Peak is recommended as part of a two day trip up over Mt Ernest (960m) from the Mt Lindsay Highway, around past the headwaters of Cronin Creek following the ridges up over Burrajum Peak up on to West Peak via the chimney and down Eden Creek. The chimney can pose difficulties in the wet, and a rope is recommended if descending.

Savage's Ridge is either a good ascent or descent route. Excellent views of East and West Peaks are afforded from Savage's Point. When descending veer to the east to avoid the horrendous lantana at the bottom of the ridge. Not recommended in fading light.

Eden Creek is a quick and delightful down route south from the Rum Jungle saddle. Take time with the abseil for the surrounding trees contain many epiphytes.

South Ridge (Peasant's Ridge) is the easiest route on Mt Barney and leads directly to Rum Jungle, the saddle between East and West Peaks. Due to overuse it is not recommended.

Garth's Gorge to the east of South Ridge is an excellent down route with a free 15m abseil near the upper section off South Ridge, a very attractive entry to an infrequently visited gorge.

Mezzanine Ridge is a comparatively unfrequented ascent route with an interesting razorback halfway up. Towards the top, a ten metre cliff needs to be negotiated to the left. I recommend this ridge as a very interesting ascent route.

South East Ridge is both an excellent ascent or quick descent route from East Peak. When descending care needs to be taken to ensure that you don't deviate from the path for the lower slopes are quite scungy with infestations of lantana. I recommend this ridge as a quick descent route.

The East Face Refer to J. Tillack, "First Ascent of East Wall - Mt Barney", *Heybob*, Vol. IX, p.2, 1967

It would be good if someone from the Club re-climbed this face and wrote up their findings.

Logan's Ridge is a good straight forward ascent route which affords good views to both the north and south. Not recommended as a down route 20m of rope may be useful if descending this ridge.

Rocky Creek is an excellent down route in dry weather. There is a 15m steep section which can be abseiled or bypassed on the true left (The left hand side when looking downstream). In hot weather it is a good ascent route after recent rains when water is available obviating the need to carry water.

North Ridge is an infrequently visited ridge which provides easy access to North Peak and affords superb views out to the north over Isolated Peak and the rock buttress of Logan's on the southern side of Rocky Creek. Water is obtainable down in the North-East saddle.

North East Ridge commenced at (726 740) is another interesting variation which leads you up over Isolated Peak.

Eagles Ridge is magnificent, providing superb views of the mountain. Commence the ridge from where the Lower Portals track crosses Barney Creek at (703 747). All knolls including Tom's Tum (767m) can be negotiated by traversing the eastern side. Head south when dropping off the shoulder of Isolated Peak (North East Peak) (919m). If you encounter steep sections backtrack 150m and follow a more southerly route which will lead around the base of the rock on a level with the Isolated-North saddle. There are some exposed slabs leading up to North Peak which are easily negotiated. By dropping down from the Isolated-North saddle, Leaning Peak may be reached by skirting the base of Leaning Peak which brings you on to Leaning Ridge. An alternative route for rockclimbers is the Comino Ledge on the north face of Leaning.

Moonlight Slabs is a quicker route to the Isolated-North saddle. Follow the frequently dry stream from the top of the Barney Waterfall which is accessed by climbing on the true left of the falls.

Short Leaning Ridge is accessed from the top of the Barney Waterfall at (697 735). Below the point where Long Leaning joins the ridge from the west there are some easy slabs which speed up the ascent. Higher up the slabs require more caution. A 50m rope is required for the abseil off Leaning Peak into the Leaning-North saddle. It is worthwhile to carry slings in case replacements are needed for the abseil.

Long Leaning Ridge is recommended. It is accessed from just below the junction of Barney Creek and Barney Gorge at (690 738). In order to avoid a difficult climb 900m up this ridge move to the left keeping as low as possible through the scunge prior to traversing a 20m slab and another strip of scunge before an easier cliff is reached. After negotiating the narrow razorback, the next obstacle is the massive rock outcrop which is bypassed by skirting into the gully on the right. After initially following this gully as close as possible to the rock outcrop you drop down across the gully to some slabs which avoids a scunge bash up the gully. The top of the gully brings you out above the rock outcrop from which superb views are to be had. From here keep to the right of the small gully. Short Leaning joins the ridge on the left prior to negotiating these slabs that require caution.

Barney Gorge is a delightful up or down route with excellent views of Bippoh, Leaning, and North Peaks. There are really only two sections requiring care. Firstly, the waterfall not far from the bottom can be bypassed via

the chimney on the true right or the sloping slabs on the other side. Care should be exercised on these slabs in wet weather. The other section is halfway, and is negotiated on the true left.

Midget Ridge is a good down route from West Peak. Coupled with either Short or Long Barrabool Ridges it is an interesting way to return to Barney Creek after an exploration of the part of the Barney Massif least traversed these days. Ironically, Midget Ridge was once a common ascent route. When descending initially keep to the east to avoid Barrabool Ridge. The ridge is well forested with eucalypt saplings giving away to dry sclerophyll forest on the lower sections. Superb views of Leaning Peak are to be had from Bippoh and other rock outcrops. Below Bippoh Peak the ridge divides, the eastern one having its base immediately to the west of the confluence of Barney Gorge and Barney Creek.

Short Barrabool Ridge is accessed by following Barrabool Creek up to the Y junction and taking the ridge between the creeks at (679 730). Since it is very steep and only lightly covered with scrub it allows you to gain height quickly although the ridge becomes scungy after a while. Water can be obtained by dropping off the southern side of the Barrabool-West Peak saddle campsite.

Long Barrabool Ridge is gained by ascending the ridge at (677 726) further up stream. Although slower, it enables you to explore more of this delightful Creek.

While the above route descriptions are the main recognised ones, there are many variations such as the ascent of North Peak by whatever route takes your fancy, dropping down to the North-East saddle and following the creek down into Barney Gorge. Much of the pleasure of walking on Barney is derived from the combination of appropriate routes depending on the time of the year.

One of the most exciting aspects of Barney is to be high on a ridge and to watch a wedge tailed eagle riding the thermals. There is a real sense of accomplishment in climbing and an appreciation that the eagle is a fellow traveller. Being such an ancient continent, Australia has few real mountains. However, by climbing Mt Barney you experience what a mountain imparts to the soul.

REG POLLITT 3/8/93

Triplist: July-September 1996

If you need more information, wish to recruit people for your trip, or want to suggest trips for the outings diary, phone Ashlea (Outings Officer) 3371-0196(h) or 3365-6796(w) or email: ashlea@psych.uq.oz.au. Please remember not to call before 8am or after 9pm.

Many last-minute trips are also advertised on the uqbwc email list. See elsewhere inthis newsletter for details on subscribing.

July 20-21 Mt Doubletop and Mt Huntley: A moderate to hard throughwalk Main Range National Park. Starting at Hell Hole Gorge. Contact Brett Watson 3300-1270(h), 3365-3985(w).

July 28 Mt Tibrogargan: A moderate day walk up a well known Glass House Mountain. Contact Eric Young 3892-4093(h), 3303-3344(w).

August 3-4 Rogaine: A 6 hour and 12 hour event is being organised within 1 1/2hours drive of Brisbane. Contact Bob Hoey for more details. 3818-3171(h) 3227-7796(w).

August 7 Meeting: A chance to discuss previous trips, furture trips and view slides. Cake, tea and coffee provided. Contact Brett Watson 3300-1270(h), 3365-3573(w).

August 10-11 Mt Phillip-Mt Ballow-Minnages Mountain: A moderate to weekend walk with fantastic views of the Barney-Ballow area. Contact Brett Watson 3300-1270(h), 3365-3573(w).

August 14 Tweed Pinnacle from South Pumpenbill Creek. Must have rock scrambling and rope skills. Hard. Contact Loretta Davis 3371-1886(h), 3364-9999(w).

August 17 Mt Barney via Eagles Ridge. Rock scrambling and rope skills required. A long, hard day. Contact Loretta Davis 3371-1886(h), 3364-9999(w).

August 18. Daywalk/Mountain Bike Ride somewhere in the Tweed Range Region. Possibly a Picnic at Hanging Rock. Easy to moderate. Contact Loretta Davis 3371-1886(h), 3364-9999(w).

August 18 Mt Lindesay: A hard daywalk up a well known landmark. Rock scrambling and rope skills required. Contact Alexi Vovenko 3391-5151(h), 3858-2238(w).

August 17-18 Sundown National Park: south of Girraween. A two day trip to Blue Gorge. Moderate. Contact Rosie Field 3278-4027(h), 3364-5666(w).

August 24-25 Fountain Falls: An easy throughwalk, offtrack in Lamington. Contact Tom Willmott 3379-6485(h).

August 24-25 North Ridge: A moderate weekend walk up a very scenic ridge of Mt Barney. Wonderful sunsets on top. Contact Peter Forder 3379-5682(h).

August 27 FMR Climbing Meeting: at Kangaroo Point.

August 31 Savages Ridge: A moderate to hard day walk to the West Peak of Mt Barney. Contact Dave Shrimpton 3372-4273(h), 3365-1539(w).

September 4 Meeting: The AGM!! Here's your chance to be on the executive!! New trip list will be compiled. Tea and coffee, and slides. And FREEEEE FOooOD Contact Brett Watson 3300-1270(h), 3365-3573(w).

September 7-8 Girraween: An excellent time to be here with all the wildflowers in bloom. As easy or hard as interested walkers want it to be. Could be a gourmet (warm port) weekend.

Contact Dave Shrimpton 3372-4273(h), 3365-1539(w).

September 13 - Black Friday Moonlight Midnight Feast. Mystery Destination. Moderate walk. Max group size of 10. Contact Loretta Davis 3371-1886(h), 3364-9999(w).

TRIPS BY OUR NORTHERN MEMBERS

July 20 Horseshoe Waterholes - Kinkuna NP. A off track day walk. Contact Jane Hall (071) 59 1274.

July 20-21 I am keen to go to Kroombit, contact me if interested, Contact Peter Zund, (071) 53 7834.

July 28 Mt. Walsh exploritory trip. Will involve some scrambling. Contact Peter Zund, (071) 537834.

July 31 Bundy Bushwalkers Meeting at Peter's place, (071) 52 1237.

August 10-11 Kroombit Tops - Will explore one of the gorges. Contact Peter Zund, (071) 537834.

August 17-18: Cassilis Creek/ Mt. Molangul. A overnight exploration of the full length of Cassilis creek. Contact Carl Moller (071) 51 4686.

August 24-25 Qld. Orienteering Champs to be held at Kullogum SF (south west of Childers and just 5km north of the Burrum Beast Map). This is the premier event for orienteering in Queensland and is organised by Bundaberg Orienteering Club BUSH. Contact Murry Haines (071) 51 4431.

August 28 Bundy bushwalkers Meeting at Jane's place, (071) 59 1274.

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GEAR HIRE.

A new SALEWA 2 person tent has been purchased for club hire. Also a MacPac Ladies shape 60l rucksack. And an intention to buy a few more sleeping mats and perhaps a Trangia stove. This equipment adds to our club hire equipment of 60-70l Lowe rucksacks, some 2 and 2-3 person tents, sleeping bags, mats and stoves. This equipment can be hired for club trips 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.

Remember Club Trips have priority over personal trips, and the equipment was not purchased to provide for use on personal trips or holidays. You must of course be a member to hire equipment.

A reminder if you have borrowed equipment, PLEASE return it as soon as possible after your trip. An book the equipment for your trip as early as possible. Normally you can pick up the equipment on campus from rm 502 Axon Building (Electrical Engineering) Monday to Friday 10am 5pm. Contact Peter Allen work 3365 4138 home 3870 2820

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