

**APRIL – 3 – SUNDAY                      WHARTON'S LOOKOUT & CARRINGTON**

A moderate walk to the Lookout and onto the top of the Carrington Falls for a swim if weather suits. Some views of the Tablelands. Depart from Old Atherton Post Office Gallery, Atherton 8.30am. Should be back mid afternoon. Contact Steve Russell on **40 951 469**.

**APRIL - 6 - WEDNESDAY                      MOWBRAY FALLS via IRVINE BANK**

A short (ca. 4 km return), easy walk with Tableland views and a surprising waterfall. An optional but worthwhile climb and swim to the bottom of the waterfall. Should be back mid-afternoon. Meet at Old Post office Gallery, Atherton at 8 am. Regroup at Maria's, 28 Rubina Tce., Irvinebank at 9 am. Contact Maria Bajema on **40 964 086**.

**Wet weather alternative:** Irvinebank Hills - moderate 10 km walk and waterfall. Approach suitable for high clearance 4-WD only, from Irvinebank.

**APRIL - 10 – SUNDAY    MT MISH TO MT EMERALD**

Hard walk, about 11 km, with a couple of steep as- and de-cents, Rolling Stones (for the rock-and-roll fans), lovely rainforest, with some signs of WW2 activity, beware stinging trees (bring craft glue – 1<sup>st</sup> aid!), two or three creek crossings, swim (cool dip). 345 degree Tableland view from top of mountain. Some aircraft remains from 1991 crash that killed many FNQ councillors. Meet near Tolga PO, **leave 7 am**. Contact John Dwyer: **0428 604 169**

**APRIL – 20 – WEDNESDAY                      NATURAL BRIDGE WATSONVILLE**

An easy to moderate, slightly undulating walk of medium length (ca.6 km). Walk in on road and track. Swim in the Walsh River at lunchtime. Return around mid-afternoon. Depart 8 am from Old Post office Gallery (Atherton) or 8.20 am from the Irvinebank turn-off at Herberton. Contact Patricia Veivers - **40 954 642**.

**APRIL – 21 – THURSDAY                      EASTER LONG WEEKEND BACKPACK**

*MEMBERS ONLY.* Meet at Palmer River Roadhouse 10 am Thursday 21 April. Drive a short distance to a near-by station where we will park our cars. We will set off late morning following the Palmer River for approximately 1 – 1.5 days(our destination is about 22 kilometres away). We will camp somewhere along the river Thursday night and reach our final camp site Friday lunchtime. This will be our base for 3 nights.

From here we will complete day walks exploring the surrounding area, enjoy swimming, relaxing, fishing etc. We pack up camp and depart Monday morning for the return to our cars, hopefully arriving back about lunch time Tuesday (26 April).

Participants will need to be self contained: tent, sleeping gear, food, cooking gear, first aid kit and appropriate clothes for the 6 days (but able to be carried 2 X 22 kilometres on your back!!). Daily camping fee applies. The trip will be weather dependent as heavy rain in this area will cause flash floods and impassable roads. Contact: Sally **40 966 026**

**APRIL – 30 / MAY – 2                      MAY LONG-WEEKEND                      TYRCONNELL MINE**

*See March Newsletter for details.* Expressions of Interest Car Camp - May Long Weekend 30th April-2nd May. If enough people are interested the club would organise a car camp at Tyrconnell Mine for this weekend. We have to give the owners numbers before end of March in case it gets booked out. If you are interested, you'd better get weaving and contact Travis Teske on **40 561 761** or via [travist@tpg.com.au](mailto:travist@tpg.com.au)

**MAY – 4 – WEDNESDAY    BAKERS BLUE MOUNTAIN**

Details to be announced, check the Newsletter. Contact Andrew Ford **40 954 728**.

**MAY – 15 – SUNDAY    KAHLPAHLIM ROCK**

A hard, day walk. At around 1300m above sea level, Kahlpahlim Rock is the highest point on the Lamb Range, providing views over Lake Morris, Cairns and Davies Creek. The trail starts from a car park on Davies Creek Road. It follows a former logging trail through rainforest with impressive kauri pines before entering Casuarina and Banksia forest. The sheer size of the rock and the views over the Davies Creek catchment are impressive. This steep but beautiful trail can be undertaken as a return walk along the original Kahlpahlim trail or as a circuit route returning via the ridge trail (located about 1km short of the summit) and Davies Creek Road. The trail is well marked with orange trail markers but should only be undertaken by fit and experienced walkers. (Courtesy of DERM). It is a constant 'up' of approximately 550 metres to the communications tower. We will complete the circuit which will

involve a couple of kilometres of road walking at the end of the walk. Depart: Davies Creek Road turnoff at 8:00am. Contact: John Dwyer - **0428 604 169** or [john@mountainmojo.info](mailto:john@mountainmojo.info)

**MAY – 18 – WEDNESDAY                      WHARTON'S LOOKOUT & CARRINGTON**

A moderate walk to the Lookout and onto the top of the Carrington Falls for a swim if weather suits. Some views of the Tablelands. Depart from Old Atherton Post Office Gallery, Atherton 8.30am. Should be back mid afternoon. Contact Steve Russell on **40 951 469**.

**MAY – 29 – SUNDAY    WHELANIAN POOLS**

*MEMBERS ONLY* Leave 8 am from "The Green Patch"! Ah, and which green patch would that be? It is the parking area below the new bridge over the Mulgrave river, just beyond Gordonvale. A hard all day walk through rainforest, over ridgelines and a steep descent into Behana Creek for a swim. Contact Sue Cook on **40 562 115**.

**JUNE – 1 – WEDNESDAY    SADDLE MOUNTAIN**

Details are sketchy right now, but is likely to be near Kuranda. Ask Jeannie on **40 579 303**

**JUNE – 15 – WEDNESDAY    LUSTRE CREEK**

More sketchiness, the fearless leader who has volunteered is Sally on **40 966 026**.

**JUNE – 26 – SUNDAY    MT WILLIAM**

An artwork in progress, being worked on by Travis, **40 561 761**

**JUNE – 29 – WEDNESDAY    MT KLAATSCH – DINGO BLUFF – SILVER VALLEY**

A moderate to hard walk of about 10 km over undulating terrain, with a 280 m climb. Should be back by midafternoon. Features great views, rocky bluffs, a tin mine ruin and a swim! Leave 8.15 am from Old PO Gallery (Atherton) or 8.30 am from Mt St Bernards turn-off, Herberton. Carpool of 4 WD's desirable. Phil Murray on **40 915 578**.

**JULY – 13 – WEDNESDAY    MT WILLIAM**

Another sketch being produced by Jeannie, **40 579 303**.

**JULY – 24 – SUNDAY    STEWART'S HEAD TO MOOMIN**

Long, moderate walk in undulating hills (well ...). Meet half way to swap keys (is there a party coming up?). Meet Old PO Gallery, Atherton, 8 am or Herberton Mining Museum 8.15 am. Ring Alex to organise logistics on **0427 231 971**

***There are a number of vacant dates, anyone who would like to lead a walk please notify one of the committee members (preferably Wendy) and Travis by phone or email (see page 1). Details can then be published in the Newsletter.***

**AUGUST    LARAPINTA TRAIL**

For those interested in doing the full trip from Alice Springs Telegraph Station to Redbank Gorge and Mt.Sonder, 18 – 19 days: tentative dates are Monday 8 to Saturday 27 August

Should you prefer to join the trip for shorter sections, the following segments and approximate dates offer several alternative options:

Alice Springs to Standley Chasm: 4 – 5 days, Monday 8 to Friday 12 August.

Standley Chasm to Ellery Creek: 5 – 6 days, Saturday 13 to Thursday 18 August.

Ellery Creek to Ormiston Gorge: 4 days, Friday 19 August to Monday 22 August.

Ormiston Gorge to Redbank / Mt.Sonder: 3 – 4 days, Tuesday 23 to Friday 26 August

Peter Blackwood can send out a more detailed itinerary and other information (re gear, food drops etc.) to any potential starters.

There is no limit to numbers for this trip, though if there are more than 8 we are supposed to inform NT National Park people. Early indications will be appreciated. Contact Peter by phone: **40 382 797**; email: [p.blackwood@bigpond.com](mailto:p.blackwood@bigpond.com).                      *MEMBERS ONLY*