



Making Tracks With Us

Bundaberg Bushwalking Club Newsletter

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President's Ponderings

Thanks to all those who came to the Easter camping at Wolca Reserve to help with the Combined Camp planning. It was also great to have a chance to sit back at the end of the day and socialise with fellow club members. The typical Easter weather was our friend and fortunately didn't impact on our recce's. I know some of the newer members of the Club appreciate the opportunity to discuss available walks in the area from the older members.

The Focus for the club now turns to finalising the planning for the Combined Camp on the May long weekend. I hope those attending will put their hand up to assist in some manner to ensure a successful weekend of walking and fellowship.

Happy walking.

Darryl

Be Merry in Mt Perry!

Combined Camp Update

As you all know by know, Bundaberg is hosting the annual Combined Camp this year on the May Labor Day long weekend.

- Registration is open to all registered members, and booking information has been sent out. Registrations are due by 21 April.
- We will be holding a raffle on the weekend. Donations are welcome - please contact Pauline or Verlie if you have anything to donate.
- It would be appreciated if all Bundaberg club members could wear a yellow shirt at the camp, especially if you are volunteering/leading, to help identify us.
- Could all club members also bring something to share for supper on Saturday and Sunday nights.

Walk Reports



March 18, 2018 - Bingera National Park

There was a last minute change of venue for this easy walk to the Bingera National Park as the proposed walk along the Elliott River near Voss Road had to be cancelled due to logging of the pine plantation in the area and the closure of the access road.

Nine members met at the Coles Kensington carpark and drove via the Ring Road to the Bingera National Park entrance off Goodwood Road where we met our final walker making a total of 10 for the walk. Our leader Barry was out of action so I was nominated the new walk leader as I had reccied the walk with Barry earlier in the week. Barry had the route clearly marked on the map so off we set.

The walk meandered along forest roads within the national park skirting both mature pine plantations and forest country with plenty of shade which was welcome as it turned out to be a hot and humid day. We took a break on a stone causeway crossing Mahogany Creek to re-group and take a few photos before continuing on and having a short break for morning tea. With no logs to perch on, it was either find some shade on the side of the road or in the pine plantation. Plenty of birds were heard but not seen during the walk and a variety of animal tracks were also seen on the dirt roads.

Barry drove to meet us about half way through the walk and collected two walkers while the rest of us continued on, again crossing a flooded Mahogany Creek which we were able to negotiate without the removal of our boots however one walker just had to wet her toes.

We arrived back at the cars for a well earned lunch and chat before departing for home after having walked about 7kms, a good warm up for the Easter camp. Thanks to all who attended. - *Jill*

March 18, 2018 - Limestone Creek

On a cloudy Sunday 13 walkers set off to walk Limestone Creek while John remained with the cars to read a book. Initially we walked along a formed track that ran parallel to the Creek until we came to a cleared area, this was about the half way mark of the walk.

Loggers have been clearing areas of Pine trees in Goodnight and this area looked like it could have been cleared a little while ago. At the clearing we had morning smoko, views of Mount Perry could be seen from here quite well since the trees had gone.

After smoko 2 walkers decided to backtrack to the cars along the track rather than enter the Creek..... they won't need to dry their boots at least!

On entering the Creek it was quite dry, we soon came across puddles of water, we started dodging the water and scrabbling up the banking but in the end it was inevitable after all the rain we've had that we were going to end up with wet feet. Soon everyone bar one brave lady (who waded barefoot.....ouchy) was wading through the water boots and all, at one point the water was mid thigh level. Ken managed to keep his boots dry the longest but in the end even he gave in. The rocks were slippery underfoot and there were a few slips but I don't think anyone ended up going for a swim. Lunch was had on a big log in the Creek and we were soon on our way again. In the Creek it was quite cool but humid and we were mostly in the shade.

The rain had moved large trees and we encountered a number of log jams, lots of tadpoles in the water, a few little fish, a few butterflies and some plants that are good if you've been stung with nettles..... except I can't remember the name. A couple of times we thought we'd arrived back at the road only to realise it was just a large log across the Creek. Finally we did reach the road.... but the deepest puddle was to be had here and most of us made for the banking rather than wade through to the very tops of our legs. Back at the cars it was so good to lose those soggy boots and socks, a quick drink and snack and we made our way home.

Ian gave us his usual rendition of songs on the track and all in all we had a wonderful walk, thanks Heinz for being our leader and for everyone else who made the day a good one, hope to see you all again soon - *Tracey*

March 31, 2018 - Takilberan Rock

5 walkers set out at 7am from camp to try and tackle the summit of Takilberan Rock. The beginning, although uphill, is quite clear country but that is not the way the rest of the walk would pan out.

We made it to the first rocky outcrop for smoko with relatively little difficulty, but from then on the path got tougher. The first part had been traversed by the club walk in December, but had already started to become overgrown again. We had to cut our way through a lot of lantana and undergrowth.

We then reached the point where the group in December had to turn back, but we continued on. Ken's memory served us well and we found the way around

the back of the rock. We were looking for an overhang to walk under, and as we rounded a corner we found it - but with about 20m of thick lantana to get through first! Brian and Ben took turns and hacking their way through (while Darryl "supervised" and Lucinda took photos!).

We made it through the lantana and under the overhand which was covered with grubs making handholds difficult to find. From there we had a tricky bit of rock to climb up, a few more rocks to edge around and a bit more growth to bash through but we made it to the top!

It was a spectacular view - for about 10 minutes until the rain and wind came. It did cool us down, but lunch wasn't quite as pleasant while it persisted.

We thought we would try and come back a different track via the creek, but after descending a short way Brian walked ahead to scout the route and encountered more lantana. We were a bit apprehensive about having to battle more after the amount we had dealt with already, so we turned back and followed our original track back to the cars.

We saw several wedge tailed eagles soaring, and came across a lot of large spiders, in particular golden orb spiders with very yellow webs. Darryl was also lucky enough to encounter one small snake.

A quick stop off at Devil's Pools on the way home for a look was a nice end to the day. We made it back to camp just in time for happy hour. Thanks to Darryl for leading an excellent day, and to Ben and Brian for doing the heaviest of the lantana clearing - *Lucinda*

March 31, 2018 - Pinchgut Creek

A group of us set off to recce a supposed easy walk that more mature club members had previously walked. The time last walked was post flood and the creek bed was clear and easy to navigate. A number of years later that was not the case and the creek bed was full of regrowth that made trekking difficult. With a few showers hanging around the rocks were also slippery and hazardous so it was a slow journey. We pushed through and made it back to the road safe and sound. Some walkers were pleased to make the road and to our surprise find other members waiting for us who were out on their own 4WD adventure. The area was picturesque and it was a great adventure – we just have to re-categorise the walk! - *Allison*

April 1, 2018 - Boolboonda Rock

Three walkers (Darryl, Ben and Lucinda) who had reached Takilberan Rock on Saturday backed up with sore legs to attempt Boolbunda Rock on Sunday, although at least we left at the more reasonable start time of 8am! We were joined by Andreas and Rae for this walk.

We found the track quite quickly, but I'm sure it has gotten steeper in the 3 years since I last did this walk! As we started to climb we could see some scratches on some trees which we hoped were koalas, but despite a good search we couldn't spot any.

After the lantana the day before the open bush was a nice change, although the long grass combined with more showers ensured we were soaked through quite quickly.

We stopped as some rocks at the top of the first rise for smoko, where I discovered that the liquid nails we used to glue the sole back on to my boot the night before had failed. Some duct tape came in handy, although I wasn't confident it would last the day - sure enough, by the time we reached the first lookout it had worn though. Next solution was strapping tape (thanks Ben and Darryl for being prepared) - this worked for short periods, but needed to be re-done several times on the way home. I guess I need new shoes before the camp!

We climbed over the ridge and up onto the first rock, but once we reached the rocky ridge it became apparent that the rain was making the rock far too slippery. We reluctantly agreed that we couldn't find a safe path to the top, so we had lunch and took a group selfie and headed back. Andreas and Ben didn't make Takilberan or Boolboonda on their first attempts - I hope this isn't a pattern!

The weather gave us some lovely scenery - Boolboonda Rock was actually covered in cloud for part of the morning. The rain also meant we could clearly see Dairy Creek Falls as they were flowing.

Thanks everyone for a great day, and for helping me with my footwear woes! -
Lucinda

April 2, 2018 - Mungy Road Lake

We finished the weekend with a scenic drive and easy stroll around a small lake while some members chose to just enjoy the scenery. A new area to explore with some interesting granite outcrops, beautiful creeks and a bit of history on the side. Thanks Ben for sharing your secret spots with the club -
Allison

Future Walks & Outings

Our insurance requires that walkers must be financial members of the club. Financials members must show their membership card at the start of each walk/outing. Please study the backpack requirements on our website before participating in a walk.

April 15, 2018 - Wreck Rock - Medium S3b plus Easy option

Approximately 8km walk in total, walking one way along the road and the other along the beach (depending on tides). Meet at North Bundaberg Primary School at 7am. Contact Richard (0429 888 552) to register. An easy walk in the same area will also be available.

April 29, 2018 - Gin Gin Nature Park Walk plus Social Event - Easy S1a

An easy walk around the newly opened Gin Gin Nature Park followed by a BYO BBQ. Meet at 9am at North Bundaberg Primary School. Contact Chris (0407 593 565) to register.

May 1, 2018 – Monthly Meeting

Meet at Bundaberg State High School (F Block) beside the Administration Building at 7.00pm. Park on Maryborough Street and enter through the gate beside the Administration Building.

May 5-7, 2018 - Annual Combined Camp, Be Merry in Mt Perry!

The 2018 Combined Camp will be hosted by our club and will be held at the Mt Perry Showgrounds.

May 20, 2018 - Cordalba State Forest - Easy S1a

An easy walk through the bush along forestry roads. Meet at Coles Kensington at 8am. Contact Peter (0407 057 898) to register.

May 20, 2018 - Coongarra Rock - Hard s4d

A walk up Coongarra Rock in Mt Walsh NP. Expect some rock hopping along the creek, some thick scrub at the beginning and a steep climb up the rock to spectacular views of the National Park. Meet at Coles Kensington at 7am. Contact Ben (0447 044 472) to register.

June 5, 2018 – Monthly Meeting

Meet at Bundaberg State High School (F Block) beside the Administration Building at 7.00pm. Park on Maryborough Street and enter through the gate beside the Administration Building.

June 10, 2018 - Walk Planning Meeting and Social Event - Botanic Gardens

This meeting will be to plan the walk calendar for the second half of the year. Meet at the Botanic Gardens at 10am. We will have a BBQ lunch and get together after the meeting. BYO chair and food.

June 17, 2018 - Palm Valley, Mt Walsh NP - Hard S4d

4WD into Mt Walsh NP (Coongarra Rock side, beyond the waterfall) to find Palm Valley. This will be a 2hr drive each way. Contact Darryl (0409 796 723) to register.

June 17, 2018 - Elliott Heads to Bargara - Easy M1b

Walk along the beach path from Elliott Heads to Bargara. Contact Allison (0448 846 084) to register.



2018 Annual Photo Competition Rules

Photos must be taken during the current year and on club walks or outings.

Categories: Landscape, Wildlife, Macro, People (one or more persons) and a photo featuring the colour **ORANGE**

There is an additional category of Free Choice, where photo entries may be a photo of any subject taken in any year, and is not limited to those taken during club activities.

One 6x4 photo per person per category. \$10

Bunnings gift vouchers as prizes.

General Information

Current Fees (membership fees due 1 July each year):

- Membership fees - Adult - \$20 per adult
- Membership fees - Child (under 18) - \$10 (for one or more children from the same family)
- Walk Fees - \$2 per member (Adult or child), \$4 per visitor

Visitors attending a walk are temporary members for the walk, upon signing the acknowledgement of risk and obligations until the walk outing is completed. A minimum of one walk must be completed before application for membership of the club will be accepted. Membership application is mandatory after participation in the second walk.

Please do not sent cash through the mail. You can pay your membership fees at the monthly meeting, or by EFT BSB064-403, account no 00915879 quoting your surname as reference. A receipt will be emailed to you by the Treasurer.

All persons take part in outings on the understanding that they do so entirely at their own risk. They agree that the responsibility which they take for their own safety, is the same that they would apply if they were on their own organised outing.

Those intending to participate on outings are asked to contact the nominated walk leader prior to the walk. This particularly applies to newcomers to club outings. Comfortable walking shoes/boots and suitable clothing should be worn on all outings. A suitable day pack should also be carried (see our website for suggested pack contents).

On day walks, car loads are generally arranged at the nominated departure point with passengers contributing to fuel costs. Suggested basic contributions for passengers are:

**10-20 kms \$5/person, 20-50km \$8/person, 50/100km \$10/person
100-200km \$15/person, 200-250km \$20/person, 250-300km \$25/person**

Contact Code: A few reminders for all walkers

- Please contact walk leaders a least one week before a walk. If you leave it till Thursday or Friday night you may be disappointed to find that the walk has been cancelled, due to apparent lack of interest. Also dates, details etc can & do change. Leaders give their time to organise walks and need to know if they are committed to lead a walk.
- Arrive at the meeting point 10 minutes before the set time. Our times are departure times and we try to be punctual. Late walkers can be left behind!
- Read the walk description and note the rating. If you are unsure of your abilities, please discuss this with the leader before nominating. Neither you nor other walkers will have a good day if your fitness is not of a suitable standard.
- Do you have a health problem that may affect your performance on a walk? It is important that you inform the leader of this and discuss the matter.
- If you have commitments after a walk please discuss this with the leader before commencing a walk. Leaders cannot guarantee the time of return, due to weather, terrain & the expertise of walkers.

Walk Recce Costs - just a reminder to anyone carrying out recce's for walks. Funds are available to cover expenses (fuel etc). Please submit a claim (mileage traveled) to the treasurer.

First Aid - to encourage more members to become First Aid proficient, the Club will pa a 50% fee subsidy to those members who attend and complete a recognised First Aid or CPR course.

Walk Gradings

Max Kilometres per day	Terrain	Fitness
S. up to 10 kilometres	1. Graded track	a. Unfit beginners
M. 10-15 kilometres	2. Tracks, steeper sections, open terrain	b. Fit beginners
L. 15-20 kilometres	3. Off track, minor scrub, creek/rock hopping, minimal navigation	c. Fitness and/or agility required
X. Over 20 kilometres	4. Scrambling, thick rainforest, hard navigation 5. Technical rock ability, abseil	d. Good fitness and agility a must e. Strenuous. Experienced, very fit walkers only