



Making Tracks With Us

Bundaberg Bushwalking Club Newsletter

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Vice-President's Ponderings

As the President has launched full swing into retirement with some travel the Vice is filling in temporarily. With the fantastic weather walks are being well attended and it is great to welcome new people along and we hope you keep coming back. For existing members and new visitors it is important to take into account your personal responsibilities when participating in a club activity. The time listed for the walk is the designated departure time from our meeting point. It would be appreciated that participants arrive about 10 min before to sign in and get a briefing from the leader and arrange any car-pooling.

Each individual walker is responsible for their own requirements on the day including water, first aid supplies and food. Whilst we are there to look out for one another you put yourself and others at risk if you aren't prepared. On the hard walks particularly it is important that a minimum of 2L water is taken. If you are unsure what you will need speak to the walk leader when you register.

We have had a great membership renewal time so thank you to everyone for paying promptly. If you are still to renew your membership please do so. The September meeting is our AGM followed by a general meeting. We have a willing volunteer to allow Barry to retire as Treasurer and I'm sure if someone is keen to be Secretary Joy will be delighted to relinquish the pen as well. Many long standing members have given a lot to the club as committee members so it would be great to see some new people take on these roles.

Keep safe and continue to enjoy the great outdoors.

Allison

Membership Rules

Just a reminder that by joining as a member or renewing your membership you agree to our terms of membership and the walkers Code of Conduct. You can find copies of all membership information in the [members handbook](#) which is available on our website or by emailing us.

Pilgrimage 2018

The Pilgrimage 2018, being hosted by Glasshouse Bushwalkers Club and Sunshine Coast Bushwalking Club will be held from Friday 12.00 noon 28/09/2018 to Monday 12.00 noon 01/10/2018.

Proposed Program (may change pending finalisation):

Friday - Arrival day. Walk registrations. Supper

Saturday - Day - Variety of walks in the Jimna/ Kenilworth area - Predominantly Conondale National Park and Jimna State Forest. Night - Dinner and Bush Dance

Sunday - Day - Variety of walks in the Jimna/ Kenilworth area - Predominantly Conondale National Park and Jimna State Forest. (Same walks as the previous day).

Night - NRL Grand Final - Dinner and Jimna Sports Club (licensed) will be open with large TV for broadcast OR Games night - variety of board games, table tennis OR Social night - gather around the large campfire brazier

Monday - Morning - Presentations, etc. Handing of boot to next hosts, then departure.

The expected fees for the long weekend will be about the same as last year's Pilgrimage (with one extra night).

The whole Jimna Base Camp site has been secured for the event, and a variety of accommodation will be available, and will be advised at a later date.

A caterer from Nanango (Manumbar Meets) will be set up for the whole long weekend and will have a variety of stews, etc. available for purchase for dinner meals not included in the Pilgrimage fee, plus bacon rolls and sausage rolls for breakfast each day. Soft drinks will also be available for sale. Coffee/tea will be continuously available at the camp kitchen.

The main camp ground is the old school oval, and campers will be requested to camp in concentric circles allowing room for cars to get in and out to camps and caravans. Own showers are allowed as long as they are located around the perimeter of the oval to allow drainage away from the camp. There is concrete cricket pitch in the centre of the oval. The facilities are the toilet blocks with a shower room at the end of each block.

The Jimna Sports Club, which is licensed, will be open each afternoon, and is located at the rear of the campground. The Bush Dance will be held in the Jimna Hall, just a short walk from the Jimna Base Camp up the street.

Any further information will be posted on the BWQ Pilgrimage Facebook Page, emailed to clubs or on the website <https://glasshousebw.wordpress.com/pilgrimage-2018/september-long-weekend-jimna>.

Pilgrimage History Project

Federation Pilgrimages History Project Bushwalking Queensland is collecting historical items and memorabilia for a special display at the 50th Pilgrimage to be held in 2019.

Do you have any photos, movies, videos, flyers, programs, signs, banners, letters, newspaper cuttings; anything at all related to the walks, competitions, games, meals, entertainment or bush dances held at past Pilgrimages? We would like to borrow, copy, scan, or archive anything of historical interest related to federation Pilgrimages which have been held annually in south-east Queensland since 1970. In conjunction with the display we will be producing a commemorative photo book for sale to club members. Any assistance with this project will be greatly appreciated.

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List of Pilgrimages: http://www.bushwalkingqueensland.org.au/pil_history.php

Walk Reports



July 15, 2018 - Pine Creek Forest - Medium

Ten keen bush walkers set off through a closed steel gate, up a well formed logging track to tackle Heinz's 13k forest loop walk. A no pressure walk, on a cool winters morning, requiring the outer layers of clothes to be shed as things started to warm up along the way.

At a mandatory half way break near a dry creek bed, we all rested for a while. Then forward and onward up a steep hill, towards a dam which provided a peaceful backdrop for lunch. Thanks, Ken for making me a hot cup of coffee with milk. ☺

Then back home up the track, we all arrived at the vehicles where Barry was waiting for us. We were briefly aghast to see a local trail bike rider doing a rear wheel stand up the road, (while we were enjoying a nice quite cup of tea). Thankyou, Heinz and all participants for making this a great day - *Duncan*

July 15, 2018 - Pine Creek Forest - Easy

The perfect weather and keen bushwalkers kept Heinz (leading the hard walkers) and Barry busy with the paperwork. We eventually followed a large convoy of cars onto the highway. We met another member at the Pine Creek turnoff and made our way on the dry dusty road to Pine Creek. We separated and 14 walkers followed the harder walkers up the hill and onto the roadway inside the gate. Once we found the faded pink ribbon on the tree we turned left

and into the bush. Barry produced the compasses and then patiently showed all those interested how the compass worked and how to read the maps with them. We followed the compass bearers into the bush. We stepped over logs, we crushed dead leaves underfoot, and threaded our way through the undergrowth. The walk led us to the creek where we stopped awhile sitting on logs for smoko. Here we split up and the compass bearers led 10 people into the bush again for the track home. That left 4 people to follow the yellow brick road as Barry called it to the road junction. We puffed our way up the hill and what do you think, we all arrived at the same time. ... Good planning or just plain luck?

We had our lunch and headed for home. Barry waited until the harder walkers finished their longer walk. Many thanks Barry for your help with the compass readings. It was good to see new people on the walk, and it was a very enjoyable day. - *Joy*

July 29, 2018 - Coonarr Beach - Easy, S1a

What a glorious winter day to be out walking. Ten walkers departed for Coonarr with a brief stop-over at the Vera Scarfe Nature Reserve. The deal was walk in for 10 min, turn around and return so it was just a taste of the reserve. Many hadn't been before and look forward to a return journey. We continued onto Coonarr Beach and left Barry to his crossword while the rest headed off behind the residences across the tidal flats and into the dunes. There was a vague old 4WD track to follow with lots of ducking under and around the vegetation. We wandered up and down dunes and out to the beach. At this point one walker returned along the beach to keep Barry company and the rest continued north along the beach – much easier walking. When we got to a steeper section reminiscent of Rainbow Beach coloured sands a few walkers climbed to the top of the dune and the vantage point of a 360° view. After enjoying the view and the rest it was shoes off for a return stroll along the beach. It was just such a glorious day – words can't describe it. Back at the picnic area we enjoyed morning tea/early lunch before departing. Thanks to Ian for sharing one of his special places and to the members and visitors who came along - *Allison*

July 29, 2018 - Coongarra Rock Pools - Hard, S3c

Ten walkers signed up for this trip, including 4 visitors, one of whom was only 7! Unfortunately, I had to turn away one other member as we didn't have enough vehicles, with this walk requiring 4wd and a car shuffle.

We left Bundy at 7, but by the time we had driven out to Biggenden and dropped on car off at the end point, we didn't start walking until 9.30am. One of the hardest parts of this walk is the first part, walking down the waterfall, but we made it without incident this time. There was quite a lot of overgrowth over the creek for the first hour or so, although National Parks had sprayed a lot of lantana.

We had lunch at the large rockpool as usual, and everyone agreed it was worth the wait. We didn't manage to find Duncan's phone that he lost in the pool on this walk last year, although we did look!

There was still quite a bit of water in the creek which was nice for the walk back to the cars. Thankfully the road had been graded this year so the car shuffle was a lot quicker this year, but it was still a long day with everyone getting back to Bundy after dark. Thanks to everyone for your company and especially assistance with 4wd driving. - *Lucinda*

Other Events

Cooloola Bioblitz - Friday 24th August (3.30 pm) to Sunday 26th August (3.30 pm). A Collaboration between [Fraser Island Defenders Organisation](#) (FIDO) and Cooloola Coastcare.

An exciting BioBlitz aimed at tracking down and identifying as many critters, plants and other living natural resources. Organizers have identified specific habitats for close scrutiny by the various teams that range from the seashore to the high dunes, from the rainforest to the wallum heathlands and from the fens to the mangroves. Go to www.cooloolacoastcare.org.au for more information.

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.

August 12, 2018 - Eel Creek - Hard M3d

A walk up Eel Creek at Mt Walsh NP. This will involve rock hopping and scrambling. There is an opportunity for a swim at the end if you wish. There is not much shade on this walk so 3 litres of water is essential. Meet at Coles Kensington at 7.30am. Contact Andrew on 0434 965 603 or Lucinda on 0421 011 181 to register.

August 12, 2018 - Utopia Rock Pools - Easy S1a

A walk in Mt Walsh National Park. The first part of the walk is on a graded track through the bush. The track then meets the creek with the rock pools, and if there has been rain some small waterfalls. Meet at Coles Kensington at 7.30am. Contact Allison on 0448 846 084 to register.

August 26, 2018 - Sheepstation Creek - Hard S4d

Walk up the creek, then a steep walk uphill to find a cave. Meet at North State School at 7.30 am (note - time has changed since last newsletter). Contact Duncan on 0418648312 to register.

August 26, 2018 - Littabella NP - Easy S1a

An easy walk through forest roads in Littabella National Park. Meet at North State School at 8am. Contact Barry on 0403 736 420 to register.

September 4, 2018 – Annual General 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.

September 9, 2018 - Wildflowers at Kinkuna - Medium S3b

A walk of about 6km through some partly overgrown but flat fire tracks in Kinkuna NP. The wildflowers should be in flower making for a lovely landscape (and some nice photos!). Bring

lunch on enjoy at the palms on the beach. Meet at Thabeban State School at 8am. Contact Mary on 0414 190 566 to register.

September 16, 2018 - Kayak at Smith's Crossing

Kayak at Smith's Crossing. Meet at North State School at 9am. Contact Mary on 0414 190 566 to register.

September 23, 2018 - Russo Environmental Park - Easy S1a

An easy 2km walk on formed tracks through the bush at Russo Environmental Park near Childers. We will then head over Foley's Road to the rest area for another short walk and lunch. Meet at Thabeban State School at 8am. Contact Allison on 0448 846 084 to register.

September 23, 2018 - The Pinnacles - Hard S4d

Walk over the Pinnacles (the rocky outcrops visible from the Bluff) at Mt Walsh NP. This is a steep walk up from the carpark, and then some rock scrambling over the three Pinnacles. Return will either be back the same way, or down the other side through thick scrub to join the track back to the car park. Meet at Coles Kensington at 8am. Contact Heinz on 0408 892 745 to register.

September 29 - October 1, 2018 - Annual Pilgrimage

YHA Bushwalkers are hosting this year's Annual Pilgrimage at Jimna. The Pilgrimage is a large camp with walks open to members of bushwalking clubs in Queensland. More information will be forwarded later in the year.

September 29 - October 1, 2018 - Long Weekend Camp at Cania Gorge

Camp at Cania Gorge near Monto. As this is the Queen's Birthday long weekend, and the middle weekend of the school holidays we need to book early. If you are interested, please contact Heinz on 0408 892 745 to register by 21st August so that he can make the booking.

October 2, 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.

October 7, 2018 - Melaleuca Walk, Woodgate - Easy M2b

An easy walk of about 12 km (although you don't have to walk all of it) through the scrub at Walker's Point at Woodgate to the national park campground. Leave Thebeban State School at 7.30am. Contact Duncan to register.

October 20, 2018 - Biggenden Rose Festival - Social Outing

The Biggenden Rose Festival is on again this year. The theme is "Treasures of Biggenden" and with the beautiful Mt Walsh NP, bushwalking is certainly a treasure of Biggenden! The festival has asked our club to walk in the parade with our banner, so if anyone is available to join in the festivities it should be a great day! Contact Joy (4152 7281) to register.

October 21, 2018 - Takilberan Rock - Hard S4e

A hard, steep walk through open scrub and lantana, followed by a scramble up the rock. Your effort is rewarded by spectacular views over the Gin Gin/Mt Perry area. May even be able to have a quick swim in the Devil's Pools on the way back! As this is a 2.5 hour drive from Bundaberg to the beginning of the walk, some walkers may camp there the night before. If doing a day walk, meet at North State School at 7am. Contact Daryl on 0409 796 723 to register.

October 21, 2018 - Camp Creek/Takilberan Creek - easy S3b

Easy walk along the creeks. Meet at North State School at 7am. Contact Barry to register.

November 4, 2018 - Monduran Forest - Easy and Medium Walk

Both an easy and medium walk available. A walk through Monduran Forest. Meet at North State School at 7am. Contact Duncan on 0418 648 312 to register.

November 18, 2018 - Wreck Rock - Medium S3c

A walk to Wreck Rock in Deepwater National Park. Shorter option will also be available. Interested members can also camp there over the weekend. If driving from Bundaberg, meet at North State School at 7.30am. Contact Mary on 0414 190 566 to register.

Date TBA - Dairy Creek/Hogsback Range Waterfall - Hard S3c

This walk is best done shortly after rain, when the falls are flowing, so whenever it rains near a weekend Lucinda is free, this walk will be scheduled and notified to members via email. The walk is up Dairy Creek which in April was fairly thick with regrowth, and after rain can be slow to navigate. We then have a steep climb up to the first drop of the waterfall, then another short, steep climb up and around the lower drop to the top drop. This is a full day walk. When scheduled (likely in summer) contact Lucinda on 0421 011 181 to register.

December 2, 2018 - Christmas Party

Details to come.



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

