



Making Tracks With Us

Bundaberg Bushwalking Club Newsletter
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President's Ponderings

It has been great to continue to see so many new visitors join us on walks and activities, and also to see so many visitors join up as members.

Our next monthly meeting will also include the AGM. It would be great to see as many members at the AGM as possible, and if anyone is considering nominating for a position, please have a chat to one of the committee.

Keep enjoying the great walking weather!

Happy Walking

Darryl

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.

Photos



L - walking along Stoney Creek



R - beach walk at Moore Park



L - lunch at Buxton



R - cane train joining smoko at the Elliott River walk



L - beautiful scribbly bark



R - the water at Elliott River



L - Bunya Pines at the Bunya Mountains trip



R - Barry making friends at the Bunyas

Walk Reports

July 14, 2019 - Stoney Creek

Our original number of 16 walkers was reduced to 11 due to injuries, flu and other commitments, still a good sized group though.

We got away from the Mt Walsh car park a bit before 9:00 and reached Stoney Creek about 1 1/2 hours later after a strenuous walk over the lower ridges of Mt Walsh. We arrived at the creek to sound of Dingoes howling and yipping high up on the hills opposite.

We had smoko at a small waterhole after climbing down into the Creek then made our way up to the biggest rockpool. By then the day had warmed up so we ate lunch and lay around on the rocks soaking up the winter sun. With some reluctance we began our walk back down the creek and across to the car park. This time we climbed higher up the ridge and came out almost at the base of the 1st Pinnacle and took the opportunity to walk across and get some photos of the Pinnacles and the Bluff.

After that it was a hard slog back down the ridge line to the car park with a few spills in the slippery rocks creating extra ventilation in quite a few pairs of pants. Everyone made it back safe and sound except for 1 sore knee that made the steep slopes a bit difficult - *Marty*

July 14, 2019 - Elliott River

The title for this walk mislead a number of people who were expecting the lower reaches of the river so following the upper reaches was a surprise for many.

I didn't have enough fingers and toes to count how many joined us on the walk. Existing members were well and truly outnumbered. It was a brisk morning but we soon warmed up once we commenced walking. There was some hesitancy in locating the starting point but once found everyone bounded off. As Mary & Willie were along (usual hard walkers) they set off at a cracking pace with all the visitors following along. Eventually the leader became the tail end Charlie, along with the tail end Charlie and by the time we reached the morning tea spot the forward party were ready to hit the trail again. Morning teas was timed perfectly as a cane train came along to scatter everyone out of the way and add something extra to the morning. The walk follows a trail bike track along the 'river' to the cane line crossing – a distance of 6.7km. Our recovery driver Barry met us at the bridge and transported some members back to the cars. The return walk followed the edge of the timbered area and an old forest road making the return a bit shorter. The pine forest has now been harvested so it is easier to get your bearings. There were some water holes and a variety of plants and birds were identified by the experts. I did mention to people to look out for an 'interesting tree' but I

don't know if anyone found it (photo attached). Once the cars were reached some stayed for lunch and others found their own way home. It was great to have so many people join us and we hope to see them back. All up the tail end charlies took 4 hours for the walk - *Allison*

June 26 - 28, 2019 - Weekend trip to Bunya Mountains

We set off optimistically on 26th July for the Bunya Mountains – a merry band of 13 people. We had a slight setback before we even got going when Ann developed car trouble, but after a bit of car shuffling for Pippa, the group set off to be later joined by Ann in Kingaroy, and then followed by our steep ascent up the mountain. What a fantastic spot and comfy accommodation in 3 chalets, complete with log fires and native birds – and ‘a few’ wallabies!

Barry was our very capable and experienced group leader and had given us a range of beautiful walks to choose from – in fact, nothing was too much trouble for him! What a great leader! Thanks, Barry!

The weather was absolutely perfect, and since some of us were more mobile than others, we decided to set off in smaller groups and explored a range of walks between us. It was so kind of Barry to drop us off to various spots, so that we could walk back to civilization or to our cars and thus have the chance of attempting some longer walks.

Some of us managed to clock up longer walks on the Saturday and Sunday, with some really beautiful views and some well-defined tracks to make for very pleasant walking. Some walks explored were Burton's Well to Westcot via Cherry Plain; and Westcot to Dandabah via Paradise.

The scenic circuit was very popular from Dandabah, and Russell Park walk was also attempted by a brave few – apparently worked up a sweat!

It was great to get together for happy hour every evening with the logfire blazing. Horse and cart rides, markets and sampling bunya nut scones were some other optional extras. The great thing about this trip was the freedom to choose your activities with absolutely no pressure – a truly relaxing and enjoyable trip! Thanks again, Barry, for all of your excellent organization! - *Ann*

A second walk report from Joy, in relation to the easy walkers:

The trip to the Bunya Mountains went to plan on Friday morning 26th, and we were all settled into the 3 houses side by side just after 2pm. The weather was great, the beanies and warm clothes were not needed for very long as the days soon warmed up. Fires at night kept the houses warm and the Happy Hour gatherings were well attended each night. We had a BBQ on the last night and the table was loaded with food.

We walked from the houses to where the walks began. The harder and longer walkers Barry took by car to begin walking each day. We saw hundreds of wallabies feeding and looking after babies as we walked to the gates. The drought is evident in places as some trees were showing signs of stress. The rainforest area was very dry with the ground being dusty and broken in some places. The waterfalls and creeks were trickling. We heard many birds, the Catbird, the Cockatoos, the Turkeys, the beautiful red Parrots and many tiny birds flitting around the trees. The huge Bunya trees were amazing and there was something special to see at every turn on the track.

We had a lot of laughs and the friendship and company was great, and the cameras got clicking.

We wish to thank Barry for all his help every day driving back and forth when needed. He had planned the trip very well, and we are very grateful for his help and ideas for walks.

5 people went on the horse and buggy Sunset ride for billy tea and damper and they saw the rare red possum in the trees later that night.

Sunday morning was market day and we meandered with the crowd from tent to tent to see what was on display. Chris bought a wooden dog to guard her house with a big warning sign "Beware of the dog". It was too placid and good looking to scare anything bigger than a mouse.

Michelle had quite a surprise when she walked out to find the wrong luggage had been packed in her car on the last morning.

It was perfect weather for good walks, and good company and the weekend went all too fast. Thank you Barry - Joy

July 28, 2019 - Moore Park to Kolan River Beach Walk

What a glorious day to walk along the beach – the weather was perfect! A fortuitous encounter with Heinz who had recently completed the walk and mentioned it was 12km had me scurrying back to the council brochure I was relying on for the distance and referring to Google maps. As such a revised plan was presented to the group and all agreed that the aim was to reach the mouth of the river so we moved the departure point from Claude Dooley Park to the 4WD access at the most northern point of Moore Park residential area. Again the members were outnumbered by visitors and it has been great to have some families sign up and participate. The average age of club members has certainly taken a nose dive which is great to see and the 3 year old did a sterling 3km before turning around and heading back. With the tide receding it was an easy walk along the beach to the Kolan River Conservation Park. The group was stretched out as some took their time checking out shells and taking plenty of photos. It was great to reach the mouth of the river and further explore the area. The Miara Caravan Park could be seen on the other side. After reviving with morning tea the group returned back to the cars. The return journey had us encountering some more 4WD's

and some horses so we certainly weren't alone. All were pleased to reach the mouth and check out an area none of us had been to before. This walk totalled around 10km - Allison

August 4, 2019 - Buxton

Oh what a beautiful Sunday for a walk! 14 happy walkers met at Thabeban State School, lots of meeting and greeting to do between the new and not so new members. We headed off at 8am, first stop at Childers to meet up with Janette and Karen, take advantage of a comfort stop and fine brewed coffee for Peter. Travelling south to Buxton turnoff and meeting Margaret at the Pioneer Road parking spot.

Everyone wasted no time getting packs on and our group of 17 set off for a companionable couple of hours through the dry marshlands – thanks to National Parks rangers we enjoyed a well used vehicle track to follow. Keen eyes noted the Echidna holes and wild pig tracks Otherwise the noise was mostly chatter and on the last stretch following the power line poles, that of the many beautiful Classic Cars and Motorbikes. A toot and wave from the mid morning train driver received many waving hands in reply.

A short stop and squat for a snack and refreshment was instigated by those in the lead. I think we all felt reenergized from our two hours in the mild winter sun. Some went on to Buxton to enjoy lunch under the huge shady tree by the sparkling river and a wander around to enjoy the market stalls, cars and motorbikes on display.

Thanks to everyone for being a part of my first walk lead.....a few more membership applications were given out – WELCOME TO ALL!!!! - Dee

Future Walks & Outings

Our insurance requires that walkers must be financial members of the club, unless you are a visitor (up to two walks before you need to join as a member). Please study the backpack requirements on our website before participating in a walk.

August 11, 2019 - Mt Bania, Medium S4c

Mt Bania is near Gaeta. This is an off track climb, relatively steep but no rock scrambling. There are beautiful views to the north from the rocky outcrop at the top. Walk should be approximately 3 hours return. Depart North State School at 7am. Contact Lucinda (0421 011 181) to register.

August 18, 2019 - Granite Creek - Easy S1a

An easy walk along a forest road. You drive along the Granite Creek Forest Road (OK for conventional vehicles) to the start of the Dawes Range Road. On the way in, stop and inspect 3 nice water holes on Granite Creek. This area is within the Bulburin National Park. We will have morning tea at the Granite Creek Rest Area. Meet at the toilet block at Gin Gin at 8.30am. Contact Chris Officer (0429 809 282) to register or if you have any questions.

August 25, 2019 - Mt Woowoonga - Hard M4d

The walk follows the longish steep, formed track to the top of Mt Woowoonga and then descends slightly off track to an easy to follow ridge across to the Mt Goonanaman towers. The total length of the walk is approximately 7km. Reasonable fitness is required for the steep climb. Depart Coles Kensington at 7.30am. Contact Mary (0414 190 566) to register.

August 25, 2019 - Crater Lakes, Coulston - Easy S2b

Approximately 5km walk to both lakes. The beginning of the walk has a steeper section, and there can be some loose rocks underfoot. There is an option to only do one lake and not go on to the second lake. After the walk we will also drive out to look at the historic Chowey Bridge, and on the way home go via Paradise Dam to do the short mine walk. Depart Coles Kensington at 7.30am. Contact Allison (0448 846 084) to register.

September 1, 2019 – Paradise Dam Kayak

Paddle will commence from Goodnight Scrub opposite the Paradise Dam picnic area and will skirt the dam perimeter. We will hopefully disembark for a relatively early lunch at historic Kaliwa hut. Afternoon tea upon return to the cars. Bring something tasty to share if you wish. Depart North State school at 8am or meet us at Gin Gin toilets at 8.30am. Contact Mary (0414 190 566) to register.

September 3, 2019 – 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.

September 8, 2019 - Woodgate - Easy S2a

An easy walk at Woodgate. Final route will be determined on the day depending on weather. Contact Verlie (4152 8885) to register.

September 8, 2019 - Eel Creek - Hard M3c

A lovely walk in the Utopia section of Mt Walsh NP. Walk along Eel Creek (rock hopping and scrambling required), with an optional side trip up a gorge for some views. Depending on rain there should be waterholes for swimming. Depart Coles Kensington at 7am. Contact Martin (0459 724 294) to register.

September 14-15, 2019 - Overnight Walk, Palm Valley - Hard M3c

An overnight walk to Palm Valley, Mt Walsh NP, to (hopefully) see the fireflies at night. More details to come. 4WD/AWD required, and if camping must provide own equipment. Contact Lucinda (0421 011 181) to register.

September 22, 2019 - Wildflower walk - Easy

To be confirmed - this will either be a Vera Scarth Johnson reserve or Kinkuna NP. Contact Verlie (4152 8885) to register.

September 27 - 30, 2019 – Annual Pilgrimage, Aratula

The Pilgrimage for 2019 will be held at Camp Laurence, via Aratula 27-30 September 2019. There will be a range of bushwalks, plus bike rides and kayaking with direct access to the lake. More details at www.bushwalkingqueensland.org.au/pilgrimage.php. This is the 50th Anniversary Pilgrimage, so it should be a great weekend!

September 29, 2019 - Bike Ride

Join Darryl and Cameron for a bike ride starting at the Burnett Heads marina. Meet at the car park at the marina at 8am. Contact Cameron (0401 435 954).

October 1, 2019 – 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 5 - 7, 2019 - Weekend camp at Ubobo

Date claimer at this stage with more details to come. Spend the Queen's Birthday long weekend camping at Ubobo. Bring your own tent/van, or use the dormitory accommodation available. Variety of walks/activities on offer.

Dormitory accommodation is \$25 per person per night - bring your own linen

Campsites are \$10 per site per night (up to 2 people).

October 13, 2019 – Kayak

Details to follow - possibly Elliott River or Buxton.

October 20, 2019 - Goodnight Scrub - Easy S1a

A walk through Goodnight Scrub on national park tracks. Visit the old ranger's house, ancient grass trees and the "Magic Faraway Tree". About 5-7km. Depart North State School at 8am. Contact Michelle (0428 957 326) to register.

October 20, 2019 - Camp Creek - Med/Hard S3c

A 3 - 4 hour walk up Camp Creek (near Mt Perry) and return. The walk will involve a lot of rock hopping and scrambling, and there should be a pool at the end that is suitable for swimming (depending on whether we have had rain). If it is raining or showers the walk will be cancelled as the rocks are extremely slippery in the wet. Depart North State School at 7am. Contact Lucinda (0421 011 181) to register.

November 2-3, 2019 - Weekend trip to Gympie Rattler

Date claimer at this stage for a weekend trip to go on the Gympie Rattler, with some walking/kayaking to be included. More details to come.

November 5, 2019 – 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.

November 17, 2019 - Baldwin Swamp - Easy S1a

An easy walk through Baldwin Wetlands. Meet at the BBQ shed on Que Hee Street. Contact Crystal on 0422 171 704 to register.

December 1, 2019 - Christmas Party

Mary and Willi have again offered the use of their property at Bucca. All attendees to please bring a plate of nibbles/sweets to share, your own cutlery, chair and drinks. BBQ brunch will be provided by the club. Partners are welcome (even if they are not members).

Meet at North Bundaberg primary school at 8.30am to travel out. Don't forget to bring your photo competition entries!

December 22, 2019 - Social Outing, Paragon Theatre

That's right, we aren't finishing with the Christmas Party this year! The historic Paragon Theatre in Childers will be showing the classic Christmas movie Miracle on 34th Street on Sunday, 22nd December at 10am. Cost is \$10 per person. Depart Thabeban State School at 8.45am.



2019 Annual Photo Competition Rules

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

Categories: Landscape, Wildlife, Macro and People (on or more persons) along with a photo of any subject featuring the colour **BLUE**. We are also adding a new category this year - "Funny"!

There is an additional category of Free Choice, where photo entries may be a photo of any subject taken in any year, on club activities or not.

One 6x4 photo per person per category. \$10 prize for the winner of each category.

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 - free for members, \$5 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. We recommend a minimum of one walk be completed before you apply for membership. Membership application is mandatory before participation in your third walk.

Please do not send 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 travelled) 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