



Making Tracks With Us

Bundaberg Bushwalking Club Newsletter December 2017

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President's Ponderings

Well we have hit the final month of 2018 and as the saying goes the "Silly Season" and with the warmer weather time for us to take a break. I hope that Club Members and visitors alike have enjoyed the walking experiences throughout the year and look forward to seeing you all next year. Enjoy any walking activities you may undertake during the next few weeks and be safe.

I wish you all a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Happy walking.

Darryl

Walk Reports

November 19 - Botanic Gardens

It was a perfect sunny morning for 8 people to meet at the Gardens and start the walk from the carpark. The Gardens are full of birds, flowers and trees coming into flower. The ducks and water birds were swimming peacefully on the water among the many turtles. We strolled past them taking photos of the large and small frilled neck lizards scampering about. We stopped at the cafe to order coffee and walked over to where John had his famous scones, jam and cream waiting for us. Elaine had some lovely chocolate cakes, and morning tea was enjoyed by all! Verlie and Mary left early and the rest of us drove to Richard & Dianne's for a fish and chip lunch. Thanks to Chris and John for this walk, and Richard and Diane for inviting us to their home. It's a great way to catch up with fellow bushwalkers - *Joy*

November 26 - Takilberan Rock Hard Walk

A warm summer's morning greeted 11 walkers who met at North school. We travelled onto South Kolan to meet up with the other 2 walkers for our walk and then onwards to our starting point. Five of the group made the decision to explore along Takilberan Creek at a much easier pace than the those heading up the hill. Leaving the spot where cars were parked the other 9 walkers headed off along a track which was easy negotiate (no scrub) crossing the creek then taking a left turn through a fence to commence the upward ascent. The first part of the climb at least wasn't densely overgrown and permitted the group to get to first rock viewing point relatively easy, although we were all warming up quite quickly. The rock became known's as Darryl's Rock as at this point I needed to make the decision not to continue any further (found I was still recovering from the flu) to gradually return back to the car. Peter took over the walk leader role and headed off with 6 others to see if they could find their way to the top. They encountered fairly dense scrub/lantana which slowed their progress and successfully reached another large rock. At this point a decision was made that there was insufficient time to continue pushing on finding a path to the top. A great effort by all involved and it is anticipated that another attempt will be made in the new year when the weather starts cooling down. - *Daryl*

November 26 - Takilberan Rock Easy Walk

Five members joined Daryl's group on his outing to Takilberan Rock recently to do an easy walk along the creek. The drive up was very scenic with greenery all the way & grazing cattle looking sleek & well-fed & lots of gorgeous calves gambolling about. After driving across Takilberan Creek, we minimised the number of 4WD vehicles & renewed our acquaintance with Trevor, who had given us permission to travel through & hadn't seen for many years. The track was a bit rough in places but afforded great views of the rock & arriving at the creek, we had the obligatory cuppa before Darryl's group headed off for what turned out to be a difficult & very hot walk. Five of us ambled along the track enjoying the many bird calls but only seeing a few. After a short walk up a creek that we used to come down after leaving the peak in days gone by, we walked onto Takilberan Creek where we discovered a large pool with a few Jewfish nests on the bottom. The Freshwater Jewfish or Eel-tailed Catfish is a fish well known to anyone who grew up in the country near freshwater streams

& builds a nest, as we called it, of a small area of stones & gravel surrounded by a circle of raised-up sand about 60 - 70 cms in diameter. The female lays her eggs in the gravel & after fertilization, the male patrols the nest, removing any leaves or twigs that fall on the nest, chasing off any other fish that intrudes into his territory. We saw five of the Eel-tails & one Fork-tailed Catfish, something I hadn't seen so far from brackish water. There were also hundreds of Bony Bream with many missing scales from trying to swim upstream through the rocks & many dead ones lying around half-eaten by birds. We also saw a couple of small Spangled Perch, a pretty little fish.

After recent floods, a lot of sand had disappeared, exposing large areas of granite that formed many small cascades & narrow channels of reasonable depths into one of which yours truly fell into when trying to jump over, not once but twice, the wet rock as slippery as greased glass. I probably gave Trevor & his family, who were picnicking & swimming nearby, some unexpected entertainment. Apart from a bruised ego, I also have a phone-shaped bruise on the left side of my chest & a few sore muscles but at least I was cool!

There is a rock formation here that comprises a band of rock about 2.4 metres high stretching the width of the creek with the sand almost level on the top side. This rock has many shapes carved into it & in the middle is what the locals call Devil's Pool, a circular pool about 3 to 4 metres across & about 7 metres deep after Trevor pumped the sand out looking for gold but he says he only found two bullets. Usually the sand almost fills it up to where you can just stand in the middle with your head out.

The five of us sat about, chatting & relaxing until the other group returned looking hot & bothered, but for our group, it was a very enjoyable day - *Richard*

Future Walks and 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.

December 10, 2017 – Christmas Party

Mary and Willi's property at Bucca. All attendees to please bring a plate of nibbles/sweets to share, your own chair and drinks. BBQ brunch will be provided by the club. Meet at North Bundaberg primary school at 8.30am to travel out. If you wish to drive separately, please contact Darryl (4152 8882) for directions. Please RSVP to Allison (4155 2875) for catering numbers. Don't forget to bring your photo competition entries!

February 4, 2018 - Planning Day - Alexandra Park Rotunda

Planning day for 2018. BYO chair, water and ideas! Meet at the Rotunda at 9am. Contact Darryl (0409 796 723) for more information.

February 6, 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.

March 30 - April 2, 2018 - Easter Weekend Camping - Mt Perry

This camp will be held at Wolca Reserve, 8 kms north of Mt Perry. Showers and toilets available. As many club members as possible are asked to attend to test run/recce walks for the combined camp. Contact Darryl (4152 8882).

May 5 - 7, 2018 - Combined Camp, Mt Perry

The 2018 Combined Camp will be held at the Mt Perry Showgrounds with the theme 'Be Merry in Mt Perry 2018'. The Club is looking for donations or ideas for raffle prizes so if you have any ideas please contact Allison (4155 2875).



2017 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 **BLACK**.

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.

New Members

- Erin O'Neill

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 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 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	d. Good fitness and agility a must
	5. Technical rock ability, abseil	e. Strenuous. Experienced, very fit walkers only