



Making Tracks With Us

Bundaberg Bushwalking Club Newsletter

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President's Ponderings

Welcome back to bushwalking for 2018. I hope you all enjoyed the Xmas/New Year break and have survived the warm weather. For any members who undertook some walking over the break I hope you got to enjoy a new experience.

We had a terrific turnout to the first planning meeting for the year on Sunday. Thanks to everyone who turned up. Some great walks are on the agenda in the coming months. Walks have been planned through to July, and we will hold another walk planning day on the 10th of June to plan the walks for the second half of the year.

Hopefully this will make our monthly meetings a little more time efficient.

The focus for the club for the next few months is getting ready for the Combined Camp on the May long weekend. If you cannot make the camp (or even if you can), the Easter Camping trip to recce many of these walks will be a great opportunity.

Happy walking.

Darryl



Walk Reports

Christmas Party

Due to the Christmas break and the heat of summer, there were no planned walks for the last couple of months so there are no walk reports.

Our Christmas Party was held at Mary and Willi's place at Bucca and as is tradition, we had way too much food and lots of fun. Congratulations to Mary and Leanne who between them won every category of the annual photo competition! Thanks again to Mary and Willi for hosting, and everyone who helped prepare and cook. - *Lucinda*

Future Walks and Outings

Our insurance requires that walkers must be financial members of the club. Financial 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.

February 18, 2018 - Pine Creek - Medium S2b plus easy option

Walk through the bush in the State Forest. Meet at Coles Kensington at 7am. Contact Heinz (0408 892 745) for more information. An easy walk will also be available in the same area.

March 4, 2018 - Beyond the Waterfall, Mt Walsh NP, Hard M4e

This walk will be a new one for the club, beyond the waterfall in Mt Walsh NP. This will be a steep, strenuous walk. It is about a 2hr drive each way and will require 4WD so car sharing may be necessary. Leave from Coles Kensington at 7am. Contact Ben (0447 044 472) to register.

March 4, 2018 - Baldwin Wetlands - Easy S1a

An easy, shady walk around the wetlands. Meet at the Que Hee Street carpark at 8.30 am. Contact Verlie (4152 8855) to register.

March 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 18, 2018 - Voss Road - Easy S1a

An easy walk of about 5km near the Elliott River and finish with lunch at Lake Gregory. Leave the Coles Kensington car park at 8am. Contact Barry (4151 2438) to register.

March 18, 2018 – Limestone Creek - Medium S3c

A walk through the pine forest and along/around the creek in Goodnight Scrub. Meet at North Bundaberg primary school at 7am to travel out. Please contact Heinz to register (0408 892 745)

March 30 - April 2, 2018 - Easter Weekend - Camping at Wolca Reserve

The club has reserved camping places at the reserve and will collect the camping fees (\$5 per person per night). We will do many walks over the weekend, most are recces in readiness for the Combined Camp, including Takilberan Rock, Boolbunda Rock, Camp Creek, The Heights, Boolbunda Tunnel and Bania NP (Pinchgut Greek). Day walkers are welcome, more information on the day walk opportunities will be available after the March meeting. Contact Darryl (0409 796 723) to register and reserve your camping spot.

April 3, 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.

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. Details to come.

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. Registration details will be released in March. The Club is looking for donations or ideas for raffle prizes so if you have any ideas please contact Allison (4155 2875).

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 20, 2018 - Mahogany Creek (Bingera NP) - Easy S1a

An easy walk through the bush along forestry roads. Meet at Thabeban State School at 8am.

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 Lucinda (0421 011 181) to register.

May 31 - June 3, 2018 - Show Day Weekend

Date claimer at this stage. A couple of possibilities were discussed at the planning meeting. More details to come.

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 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.

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.



2018 Annual Photo Competition Rules

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

Categories: Landscape, Wildlife, Macro and People (one or more persons).

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 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 pay 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