



Making Tracks With Us

Bundaberg Bushwalking Club Newsletter
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President's Ponderings

Welcome back to bushwalking for 2020. I hope you all enjoyed your Xmas/New Year break and have survived the hot weather, and at least have had some rain. For any members who decided to do some walking over the break I hope you enjoyed the experience and took particular care with the prevalent hot weather and bushfire dangers during the period.

Thank you again to all those that attended the first six month walk planning meeting and for your input for walks and some social activities. Training of new walk leaders remains a large focus for the club and many thanks to those who have nominated to lead a walk at our planning meeting.

As we are still experiencing hot weather please ensure that you carry plenty of water and/or, if necessary, adjust the length of your walking time to suit the prevailing conditions.

Happy walking!

Darryl

First Aid Course

We have been successful in receiving another grant, so that the Remote First Aid course will be offered at no charge to club members. As we were only advised of the grant outcome on Tuesday this week, we have not yet been able to finalise a date. We are trying to organise this ASAP (before the walk schedule ramps up) and will advise everyone as soon as possible.

Just a reminder that preference will be given to walk leaders first, followed by club members. The course will be over 3 days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday), but if you have a current first aid certificate you can be exempted from the first day.

Walk Reports

February 2, 2020 - Banksia Walk, Woodgate

The 10 people including new members Deanne, Keith and their son Jett on our first walk for 2020 saw where the devastation of the fires over Christmas had destroyed many hectares of Parkland on the way to Woodgate. The regrowth on the trees was good to see on our way to the seaside town. They need follow on rain to keep the cycle going. We were informed that there was going to be some back burning on the walk we were doing the following day.

It was a very pleasant walk of 6km and Barry was proud of himself easily walking nearly 1km. The sandy flat walk was easy and shady with a good breeze coming through now and then to relieve the heat of the day. Jed held the map for Allison and he did a good job making sure the oldies didn't get lost. He will make a good walk leader in the future!

We stopped in a shady spot for morning tea and talk. The day was progressively getting hotter as we neared the end of the walk. We drove to Walker's Point to check out the seaside and see more repair on the trees and landscape. Then back to Woodgate for a relaxing lunch under the shady trees. Many thanks to Allison for leading the walk and her patience with the 2 slower walkers – *Joy*

Photos

As we have only had one walk so far this year, all photos are from the Banksia walk at Woodgate.



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.

February 9, 2020 – Moonlight Walk, Moore Park Beach

A walk during the full moon along Moore Park Beach. We will start at the surf club and walk south as far as we can and back (probably about an hour). Either BYO dinner or you can buy in from the shop, then sit and watch the moon rise. Contact Allison on 0448 846 084 to register. Meet at North State School at 4pm.

February 9, 2020 – Kayak - Smith's Crossing

Paddle up or downstream from Smith's Crossing, for about 3 – 4 hours total paddle. Contact Michelle (0428 957 326) to register. BYO kayak.

February 16, 2020 - Littabella NP - Easy S1a

An easy walk along forestry tracks (out and back the same road). Meet at North State School at 7.30am. Contact Peter (0447 134 211) to register.

March 1, 2020 - Bucca Walk - Easy S1a

A circuit walk of about 5-6km starting from the Bucca pub. Depart North State School at 8am. Contact Chris Officer (0407 593 565) to register. If anyone wants to bring a kayak and go for a paddle at the same time, you are more than welcome.

March 3, 2020 – 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 7, 2020 – Drive/walk, Moolboolaman

For those that don't like a long walk but still like a bit of adventure, Richard is leading a drive/walk. This one will travel towards Mt Perry, then travel back along Duckpond Road towards the highway. This will be on dirt roads, but you do not require 4WD. Call Richard (0429 888 552) to register. Meet at North State School at 8am.

March 8, 2020 - Leader's Discussion

ALL members welcome. This is a discussion about how to lead a walk and tips to make it easier. This discussion is a great idea for all leader, anyone considering leading a walk and even members who are not interested in leading but just want to understand how to help a leader. Please don't be scared, just by attending doesn't mean you will be pushed into leading a walk! Please RSVP to Darryl (0409 796 723). Venue to be confirmed, 10am.

March 15 2020 - Cordalba - Easy S1a

Easy walk along the mountain bike trails. Walk will be 6 - 11 km depending on the weather on the day. Contact Angela by text only (0447 226 854) to register. Meet at Thabeban State School at 7am.

March 29, 2020 - Beyond the Waterfall - Hard S3c

This is a strenuous walk off-track in Mt Walsh NP with steep sections. Hopefully the few waterholes there will have some water in them. It is about a 2hr drive each way and will require 4WD so car sharing may be necessary. As there is very little space to park a car, numbers will be limited to 16 for this walk. Leave from Coles Kensington at 7am. Contact Darryl (0409 796 723) to register.

March 29, 2020 - Coongarra Rock Pools - Med - S2b

Approximately 8km walk from the Coongarra Rock car park (Mt Walsh NP) to the Rock Pool and back to the car park. The walk is on obvious tracks (mainly forestry 4wd tracks), but does have some steeper sections. 4wd/high clearance vehicles required, so please let the leader know if you require a lift or you are willing to take others. Contact Marty (0459 724 294) to register. Meet at Coles Kensington at 7am.

March 29, 2020 - Coonarr Beach - Easy S1a

At easy but beautiful walk along the beach at Coonarr. Meet at Thabeban State School at 8am (this may change depending on tide times). Contact Ian (0418 648 312) to register.

April 5, 2020 – Burrum River Kayak - Mb

Start at Buxton and paddle up to Pacific Haven Boat Ramp for morning tea. Return. This paddle is dependent on tides, starting 2 hours before high tide. Contact Michelle (0428 957 326) to register. BYO kayak.

April 4 - 5, Overnight Camp, Mt Walsh - Hard S4d

Walk to the top of Mt Walsh using the National Park track, camp overnight at the top and return to the car the following morning. Walkers must have all of their own camping equipment. Call Marty (0459 724 294) to register.

April 7, 2020 – 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 10 - 13, 2020 - Easter Camp - Gaeta

We will camp at Gaeta reserve. The campground has unpowered sites, a BBQ, tank water, a BBQ shelter with table, toilets but no showers. We will do a variety of walks over the weekend, depending on the interests of those in attendance. Please contact Darryl (0409 796 723) to register. If you are interested in joining us just for a day walk, you are welcome, but please contact Darryl BEFORE Good Friday (as there is no phone reception at Gaeta) to discuss so that we can try to plan a walk to suit.

April 17 - 19, 2020 – Overnight Walk, Deepwater NP

This camp / walk is intended as a practice walk for those doing the Hinchinbrook Island through walk in June 2020. Anyone can come for the Deepwater walk, even if they are not doing the Hinchinbrook walk.

The plan is to drive to Red Rock (Agnes Waters) and walk down the beach past Middle Rock to Wreck Rock. Camp in Middle Rock Camp Site overnight. Walk back to Red Rock the next day, either along the beach, or along the 4WD track behind the beach. Drive home. There will be an option to camp at Workman's Beach in Agnes Waters on the Friday night, to allow an early start on Saturday morning. Contact Michelle (0428 957 326) to register.

April 18, 2020 - Social Event - TBA

April 26, 2020 - Dairy Creek Falls - Hard M4d

This walk starts on private property and we will walk up Dairy Creek (near Mt Perry) to reach some small waterfalls and return the same way to the cars. (These are the smaller waterfalls on Dairy Creek, not the big ones on Hogsback Creek.) Whether there is any water in the creek and falls will depend on rain.

For this walk, if we have enough interest, we will trial 2 groups. One for the traditional "hard" walkers, and one for those that feel they are fit enough to manage the walk, but think they are a little slower so don't want the pressure of keeping up with the faster walkers. The second group may not reach the falls, but will have a great walk up the creek.

As this is a 1.5 hr drive each way, and a long, off-track

Meet at North State School a 7am. Contact Lucinda (0421 011 181) to register.

April 26, 2020 - Bingera NP - Easy S1a

An easy walk along forestry 4WD tracks. Depart Coles Kensington at 8am. Contact Margot (4153 5595) to register.

May 1 - 4, 2020 – Combined Camp

The Gladstone club is hosting this year's combined camp, which will be at Pike's Crossing Camp, Akuna (near Benaraby). The combined camp is only open to members. Further details will be distributed in the coming months, but this is always a fantastic weekend so we encourage all members to attend if you can.

May 5, 2020 – 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 10, 2020 – Mt Walsh to Strikey Boulder - Hard S4d

Start by climbing Mt Walsh up the usual route, then instead of coming back the same way, we will descend off-track on the East side down to Stripey Boulder and then return to the car park. This walk is a very steep walk involving rock scrambling. Depart Coles Kensington at 7am. Contact Lucinda (0421 011 181) to register.

May 10, 2020 – Easy Walk - TBC

Contact Verlie (4152 8885) to register.

May 16, 2020 - Kayak - Baffle Creek - Lc

Baffle Creek mouth paddle. Starting at Flat Rock, near Rules Beach, paddle downstream with the outgoing tide to the mouth of the Baffle. Disembark to explore the 4wd track at the headland and have lunch. Return paddle via the other side of the islands, stopping for a break on a grassy bank on one of the islands. Tide will be variable on the way back. This day paddle can be put on a Saturday or Sunday, but needs to start 2 hours before low tide. Paddlers must be confident to paddle on ocean tides, and wear life jacket. Paddle will take about 4 hours on the water, with a couple of shore breaks, making it a 6 hour trip, not counting travel. Not a trip for beginners. BYO kayak. There will be an option to camp the night before and after, at Deepwater National Park, Wreck Rock Camp Ground, to facilitate an early start, if needed. Contact Michelle (0428 957 326) to register.

May 24, 2020 – Giant's Staircase - Very Hard S4e

This is probably the hardest walk that our club does. It is a full day walk at the back of Mt Walsh NP. We will walk along the creek, which involves over an hour of rock hopping and scrambling through the scrub. Then there is a steep climb and scramble up the "staircase" with some great views up high. We will then cross the saddle and climb even further up a steep incline to the "Giant's Playground", before descending back to the creek and returning to the cars. Last year we had a LOT of interest in this walk, so the walk this year is only for club members and as we will limit numbers, preference will be given to walkers who have already completed a hard walk with the club. This is for fit walkers only, as the walk is about 6 hours, and because of the 1.5 hour drive each way, we will get back to Bundaberg after dark. You must bring at least 3 litres of water. Meet at Coles Kensington at 7am. Contact Lucinda (0421 011 181) to register.

May 24, 2020 – Dingo Track - Medium S2b

This off track walk in Goodnight Scrub starts along the road, then veers off down a hill and along a valley before returning to the road. Approx 8km. There is an option for a swim at Booyal Crossing after the walk. Meet at North State School at 7am. Contact Michelle (0428 957 326) to register.

May 31, 2020 – Planning Meeting

Join us for the planning meeting to plan the walks schedule for the first half of the year. All members are welcome. Please bring any ideas you have for walks or activities, and if you can't make it, feel free to let another member know your ideas. Particularly if you are happy to lead a walk. BYO food and ideas.

June 2, 2020 – 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 7, 2020 – Easy Walk -TBC

Contact Verlie (4152 8885) to register.

June 7, 2020 – Hard Walk -TBC

June 21, 2020 – Boolbunda Rock - Hard S4d

This is a hard walk near Mt Perry. We start by walking along a creek, then climb steeply through open scrub. We then drop down into the saddle before a really steep climb to the first lookout. A nice walk along the ridge before we reach the rocky scree, which we then scramble over (with very steep sides) to reach the top of the rock where there are fantastic 360 degree views. We return the same way to the cars. This is a very steep, off-track walk of about 5 hours so this is for fit walkers only. Due to the drive, we will get back to Bundaberg after dark. Meet at North State School at 7am. Contact Lucinda (0421 011 181) to register.

June 21, 2020 – Boolboonda Tunnel to the Cattle Yards - Easy M1a

A walk along the dirt road from the tunnel through to the cattle yards. Meet at North State School at 7am. Contact Verlie (4152 8885) to register.

June 14 - 19, 2020 - Thorsborne Trail, Hinchinbrook Is

There are now 6 people confirmed for this trip, which is the maximum allowed for a booking by National Parks. However, if anyone would like to join in the rest of the trip around the Wet Tropics (details to be finalised), please contact Mary on 0414 190 566 or Michelle on 0428 957 326.

Sun 14/06/20 - Fri 19/06/20

September 21, 2020 – Maryborough Open House

Details to come. Open House program is where houses and public buildings are open to the public for the day, so this would be a day trip to Maryborough to look at the beautiful old buildings.

October 3 - 5, 2020 - Gympie Rattler

A tentative plan to spend the long weekend in Gympie to camp, do some walks, and go on the Gympie Rattler. Details to come.

2021 - New Zealand Trip

Mary and Michelle are planning a trip to the Abel Tasman National Park (northern coast of the south island) to walk and kaya, most likely in February/March 2021.

Plans will probably include The Abel Tasman Coast Track: Travel 60km along the coast of the Abel Tasman National Park to see most of those pristine golden sand beaches. The 3-5 days Great Walk track has a number of huts and campsites as accommodation along the way (as well as a couple of luxury lodges).

Also: kayaking in the Tonga Island Marine Reserve. Get more intimate with the Abel Tasman coastline and have some close encounters with the wildlife. You have plenty of options when it comes to kayaking in Abel Tasman, including self-guided multi-day hires, guided day tours, and even a mix of kayaking and hiking in day tours. Please contact Mary or Michelle to discuss if you are interested in joining.



2020 Annual Photo Competition Rules

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

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

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 and bragging rights 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