



# Making Tracks With Us

## *Bundaberg Bushwalking Club Newsletter*

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## President's Ponderings

Thank you to everyone who attended our planning day, and a special thank you to those who have volunteered to lead walks. The schedule for the rest of this year looks great.

We are always looking for more leaders, so if you are at all interested in leading a walk please have a chat to any of the leaders or committee. We are more than happy to help you learn what it entails. Also, if you aren't able to lead a walk but have an interest in doing a particular walk, it would be great if you could either come to our next planning day (in early 2019) or let someone know of your interest before then, and we can try and work that walk into the schedule.

If you haven't paid already, membership fees for 2018-2019 are now due. It is great to see an increase in our membership numbers over the past 12 months, hopefully that trend will continue this year.

Our Facebook is getting a lot of attention, which is great for our club. However, please remember to contact the walk leaders for information about the walks and to RSVP. Many of the leaders are not Facebook admins so won't see your messages or questions. Also, try and call the walk leaders earlier rather than later. If you leave it to the night before the walk, the leader could be out and you may not be able to reach them.

Pilgrimage this year will be held at Jimna. It has been a while since it has been held so close to us, so it is a great opportunity to join in. I intend to go, so I would be happy to have some other Bundaberg club members join me.

As you may know. Rae and I have now officially retired (also known as a "permanent holiday) so I'm off to Canada for a couple of months. I look forward to catching up with everyone at the AGM.

*Darryl*

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## Membership Fees Due

Most members have paid their registrations and Barry is very happy! Thanks to everyone who has. A reminder for everyone else that your 2018 - 2019 membership fees are now overdue.

If you are currently a member, you can renew your membership by paying your \$20 membership fee by EFT to BSB 064-403, account no 00915879.

If you are not currently a member and would like to join, please contact Barry on 4151 2438 or by email [info@bundabergbushwalkers.com](mailto:info@bundabergbushwalkers.com).

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## 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.

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## 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, on a dedicated web page and emailed to clubs.

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## Walk Reports



June 17, 2018 - Palm Valley, Mt Walsh NP

A very cool winter morning greeted 16 walkers including 2 new members and 1 visitor. After a long 2 hour drive into Mt Walsh National Park we parked the cars at the old logging camp site.

From this point we commenced our walk by descending down a very steep slope to drop into the valley below. At the bottom we hit the start of the creek and were immediately surrounded by numerous palms trees. We continued our walk down the creek checking out the environment around us with plenty of photo stops until we reached the waterfall. We stopped for lunch before heading back up the creek to be greeted by a very steep climb back up to the cars. Definitely, a change from our usual walks with a climb up rather than down a hill to end the day. We walked approx. 6 km in 4 hours. While we

were out walking, Gloria and Ken decided the lantana which has overgrown the old snigging track needed a bit of a tidy up. Maybe, in the future members may again be able to camp in the creek and be impressed by the fireflies which we are assured are there in large numbers. - *Darryl*

### **June 17, 2018 - Elliott Heads to Bargara**

Ten walkers, including 4 visitors, set off from Elliott Heads led by Allison. The day proved a bit cooler and windier than we might have wished, but gradually improved. The pace was not exactly powerwalk speed, but gave everyone a chance to get acquainted and/or catch up. One of our guests was Terry, already known to the club from combined camp where he hosted a walk and visit on his Gaeta olive farm. After about 5 km we stopped for morning tea and were joined by Murray and Dawn. A complicated car shuffle was organized with several walkers opting out but providing their services as chauffeurs. The walk then continued for another 5km or so, now ably led by Murray. The soft morning light provided excellent conditions for any amateur photographers to grab a few seascapes. For those whose cars had been left at Elliott Heads, rides back were generously provided and we were deposited back around midday. Four of us stayed on for lunch and a chat at the kiosk (the calamari are not recommended!). Thanks to Allison for organizing the walk and to Pauline and Dawn for providing lifts. - *Mary*

### **June 24, 2018 - Kayak at Cedars Crossing**

The starter's gun fired at about 10:15am with 10 kayakers paddling.

It was a perfect day with lots of bird life (mainly water birds) to see and the occasional fresh water turtle? As some kayaks were slower than others so the group spread out (I was just unsociable out in front). We passed the large pumping station (I had morning tea on a sand bank there) and three of us made it as far as the old cane rail bridge covered in debris and a great sun bathing area for turtles sitting on the old timbers. Lunch was then consumed and started the return journey.

After a 14.5km paddle we were back at the cars - *Mary*

### **July 1, 2018 - Giant's Staircase**

The cold weather disappeared for our walk, which was nice for those of us who don't like getting up early on cold mornings! 10 of us (including one new walker) met at Coles (and some of us were disappointed to find the coffee machine at the bakery broken!). We joined our favourite Maryborough family in Biggenden and drove out through the "keep out" signs to start our walk up the creek. It was a very overcast day, but luckily we didn't get anything more than a light sprinkle. We made our way up the creek and made our way to the "staircase", a narrow gorge with some very steep rocks to climb. Thankfully Ken had a rope with him which came in handy in a few of the steeper sections - bushwalking can really be a team sport at times! We then climbed out of the gorge and while a few waited at this point, the rest of us climbed to the top of the ridge to enjoy lunch with a spectacular view to the west, including Coongarra Rock. Liz made a "crack" of an impression on her first walk dislodging a huge rock that fell a long way, but thankfully no one was in its' path.

The climb back down proved steep and tough on our tired legs, and Dee's knees decided they were very unimpressed with the effort of the day, so it was slow and steady but we made it back to the cars before dark.

Peter joined us for the first part of the creek, but then went exploring up to Rocky Ridge. We waved to each other from either side of the gorge, but he made it back to the cars several hours before we did. A quick raid of the three loaded bush lemon trees on the way back and we hit the road. Thanks everyone for a long but very enjoyable day - *Lucinda*

### **July 1, 2018 - Barolin Nature Reserve**

On an overcast morning with light showers falling a small group set off from Neilsen Park to walk through the Barolin Nature Reserve at Bargara. Along the way we saw several friendly kangaroos who let us pass by without moving far. Good photo opportunity. Four of our walkers were new to the area so it proved to be an interesting morning for them. Many birds were observed as we made our way through to the school where we stopped for a short break and a snack. On the return walk all agreed this would be a pleasant walk for a hot day with all the shade available. Thanks to the brave walkers who joined me for the outing - *Verlie*

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## **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.*

### **July 15, 2018 - Pine Creek forest - Easy S2a**

An easy walk of about 5-6km on forest roads. Barry will also run a map and compass exercise for everyone which is a great opportunity to learn or brush up on some skills. Meet at Coles Kensington at 8.30am. Contact Barry (4151 2438 or 0403 736 420) to register.

### **July 15, 2018 - Pine Creek forest - Medium M2c**

A longer walk of about 13km on forest roads. Meet at Coles Kensington at 8.30am. Contact Heinz on 0408 892 745 to register.

### **July 29, 2018 - Coonarr Beach - Easy, S1a**

A walk through Vera Scarth Johnson Reserve on the way to the beach, and then a walk and swim on the beach. Meet at Thabeban State School at 8.30am. Contact Duncan on 0418 648 312 to register.

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

A one way walk from the Coongarra Waterfall to the rock pools and ending at Coongarra Rock. 4WD and car shuffle will be required (although we can carpool). This is a walk along the creek, most of which is fairly flat although there are a few steep sections. Call Lucinda on 0421 011 181 to register

### **August 7, 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.

**August 12, 2018 - Eel Creek - Hard M3d**

A walk up Eel Creek at Mt Walsh NP. This will involve rock hopping and scrambling. 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 8am. 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 7pm. 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. Please note this is the Queen's Birthday long weekend, and the middle weekend of the school holidays so booking early is recommended, especially if you are wanting to stay in the cabins at the Big 4 Caravan Park. Contact Heinz on 0408 892 745 to register.

### **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 - Easy Walk - TBA**

### **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 8am. 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.

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### 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.

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## 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 at 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**

<b>Max Kilometres per day</b>	<b>Terrain</b>	<b>Fitness</b>
<b>S.</b> up to 10 kilometres	<b>1.</b> Graded track	<b>a.</b> Unfit beginners
<b>M.</b> 10-15 kilometres	<b>2.</b> Tracks, steeper sections, open terrain	<b>b.</b> Fit beginners
<b>L.</b> 15-20 kilometres	<b>3.</b> Off track, minor scrub, creek/rock hopping, minimal navigation	<b>c.</b> Fitness and/or agility required
<b>X.</b> Over 20 kilometres	<b>4.</b> Scrambling, thick rainforest, hard navigation <b>5.</b> Technical rock ability, abseil	<b>d.</b> Good fitness and agility a must <b>e.</b> Strenuous. Experienced, very fit walkers only