



# Making Tracks With Us

## *Bundaberg Bushwalking Club Newsletter*

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## President's Ponderings

The Annual Combined Camp is over for another year. I'm sure everyone who joined us in Mt Perry agrees that it was a fantastic weekend, and that even though a couple of walks had to be cancelled, the rain didn't detract from the fun.

A very big thank you to all of the Bundaberg members who helped out with organising, setting up and packing up, leading walks, providing supper and a hundred other jobs that were needed to make the weekend a success. Also, thank you to the visitors from the other clubs for joining us and for making it such a great weekend. We are looking forward to seeing you all next year.

I encourage everyone to attend our walk planning day this weekend, Sunday 10th June at the Botanic Gardens. We will be planning our walks calendar for the second half of the year. If you can't make it but would like to lead a walk or have any suggestions, please contact myself or another member so we bring it up at the meeting. I also hope everyone will stay for a BBQ lunch and catch-up.

*Darryl*

# Membership Fees Due

Reminder that your 2018 - 2019 membership fees are now due.

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).

## Combined Camp Wrap-Up

The 2018 Combined Camp was a huge success! 76 walkers descended on Mt Perry on the Labour Day long weekend for the annual camp. Most were from Bundaberg, Gladstone and Capricornia, however we also had some visitors from Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast and YHA Bushwalkers which was great to see.

It was also wonderful to see so many new faces from all three clubs - it appears there has been quite a lot of new members in the last year, and they were all keen to join in at the camp.

The Mt Perry Showgrounds made for an excellent campsite. Unfortunately we had quite a downpour on Saturday afternoon, which affected a few walks. Sunday, our main walk day, had nice weather but it closed in again on Monday meaning the walks (other than the mine tour) were cancelled.

The photo competition was a new addition to the camp schedule this year - congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all entrants. It was especially nice to be able to see the highlights from walks that other clubs had done in other areas.

The singer and line dancers provided some lovely entertainment on Saturday night, with quite a few club members giving the dancing a go! The Mt Perry P & C did an amazing job of our meal on Sunday night - just what we all wanted after a day walking. And the choice of three desserts! They also went the extra mile and provided some very impressive table decorations.

Some memorable moments:

- Getting drenched on the walks on Saturday afternoon
- Andreas breaking his curse by making it to the top of Takilberan Rock
- The Heights walkers using a space blanket to wave to the Boolbunda Rock walkers from the top of the waterfall
- Richard giving his group a bit more of a "back view" than they bargained on!
- Gloria taking things to the next level with THREE afternoon teas on her walk
- Confirming that Boolbunda Rock is definitely harder than Takilberan ;)
- Cobblers pegs! Enough said.

We are looking forward to the 2019 Camp, which will be hosted by the Capricornia Club.

# Walk Reports



## May 20, 2018 - Coongarra Rock via the back way

11 of us managed to all be very punctual at meeting points and considering we had walkers join us from Gympie, Rosedale and members from the Gladstone club as well, all I can say is, well done!

We had a perfect sunny day and walked along the ridge line that you would take to get to the secret garden, then down into the valley and up around the base at the back of the rock. Pretty easy walk with cobbles pegs being the only irritation for some.

We summited early (about 11am) and made the most of the clear skies with views all the way back to boat mountain near Murgon and Watalgan to the north. With everyone in good spirits and no pain we decided to detour on the way back and have a late lunch in the coolness of the cave. Only a few had been there before so it was great to see their excitement as it came into view.

We were back at the cars mid afternoon and we all started poking home. No injuries, just lots of laughter & great times. Certainly a pleasure to meet those who came o long and made the day so enjoyable - Ben

## May 20, 2018 - Cordalba State Forest

Five walkers departed Bundaberg, collecting two more along the way. We travelled past the Isis Mill turning right into Adies Road and eventually right into Cordalba State Forest. After the obligatory cuppa 6 walkers headed down a forest track leaving Barry in the shade to tackle his crossword. The cooler morning quickly warmed up, especially in the more exposed sections of the railway line. The bush was very dry so it was surprising to find some significant water holes, necessitating some navigating further upstream to cross the creek and stay dry. The author in trying to find an easier way around a pile of logs decided to go up the bank only to come across a black snake warming up in the sunshine. A hasty retreat and the snake was left to enjoy its sunny spot.

With the rail renovation underway the bush had been cleared either side of the track and a roadway established. Some new culverts have been installed and the bridge supports assessed as to whether they will be suitable to retain. Hard to know what the area will be like in a few years. Barry joined us for morning tea at Thynne siding with one walker deciding a lift back to the cars was a good idea. Walkers continued to another bridge where an early lunch was held before returning to the siding and taking a forest track back to the cars; stopping by a weir that was established when steam trains were in use and water was a necessity. The GPS operator failed to reset the trip so the estimated journey was about 9km. Thanks Peter for an enjoyable outing. -  
*Allison*

### ***Some history about the track extracted from Queensland Railways Safeworking History Volume 1 Isis Branch by Frank Tybislawski:***

The first section of track from Isis Junction to Childers was opened 31 Oct 1887 cost £19,559.15s.3d Distance 11 miles 45 chains 89 links.

The second section from Childers to Cordalba opened in 1 June 1896 cost £16,305.18s.11d. Distance 7 miles 57 chains

The third section Cordalba to Dallarnil opened 1 May 1913. Distance 30 miles.

2 people died working on this section (explosives)

There was a suggestion that the line continue to Biggenden but this never eventuated

Line was closed from Dallarnil to Cordalba 1 July 1955 Some trains ran after this but to pick up the old tracks.

Line closed from Isis Junction 1 July 1964.

Signalling - there appears to be a telegraph line running the length of the line, then phone in 1928.

## **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.*

### 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 is a hard walk, steep in and out, total of 3.5km and 2.5 - 3 hours walking. This is also a 2hr drive each way. Good idea to bring some gardening gloves! Meet at 7.30am at Coles Kensington. 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 Rifle Range creek. Approximately 10km, 3-4 hour walk. There is a possibility to finish at Innes Park for walkers not interested in walking the entire way, if you can arrange your own car. Bring morning tea with you. Meet at 8am at Thabeban State School. Contact Allison (0448 846 084) to register.

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

About a 2 hour kayak on the Burnett River. Bring morning tea and lunch. Meet at Cedars Crossing at 10am. Contact Mary on 0414 190 566 to register.

### July 1, 2018 - Giant's Staircase - Hard S4e

This walk 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 in both directions. Then there is a steep climb and scramble up the "staircase", with some great views up high. We walk back the same way. Meet at 7.30am at Kensington Coles. Contact Lucinda on 0421 011 181 to register.

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**July 1, 2018 - Barolin Nature Reserve - Easy S1a**

Starting at Nielsen's Park, we will walk along the Turtle Trail, through the Barolin Nature Reserve, and back to Nielsen's. Walk will be a total of about 6km, followed by a fish & chip lunch for those interested. Meet at 8am at Quay Street Park. Contact Verlie on 4152 8885 to register.

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

An easy walk of about 5-6km on forest roads. Meet at Coles Kensington at 8.30am. Contact Barry 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 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.

**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.

**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 7.00pm. Park on Maryborough Street and enter through the gate beside the Administration Building.

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**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 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 0418648312 to register.

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### **November 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.

### **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.

### **December 2, 2018 - Christmas Party**

Details to come.



#### 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.

## **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 BSB 064-403, 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**

<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