



Making Tracks With Us

Bundaberg Bushwalking Club Newsletter

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President's Ponderings

A big thank you to all who attended the Walks Planning Meeting and your participation and suggestions. We were successful in completing the program for the first six months of the year with the first official walk day for the club being set for February 18.

We can always utilise more walk leaders as our fortnightly walks can't happen without their contribution to the club. More the merrier!! We look forward to the year ahead and hopefully the current warmer temperatures don't deter from our walks, think it can only get cooler over the coming weeks.

I look forward to see as many of you at Wolca Reserve Camping over the Easter weekend to help with the Combined Camp planning. Happy walking.

Darryl

Be Merry in Mt Perry! Combined Camp Update

As you all know by know, Bundaberg is hosting the annual Combined Camp this year on the May Labor Day long weekend.

- Registration and booking information will be sent out shortly.
- We will be holding a raffle on the weekend. Donations are welcome - please contact Pauline or Verlie if you have anything to donate.
- It would be appreciated if all Bundaberg club members could wear a yellow shirt at the camp, especially if you are volunteering/leading, to help identify us.

Social Media



Bundaberg Bushwalkers is now on Instagram! Instagram is a social networking app made for sharing photos and videos (usually from a smartphone). If you take any photos on a club walk/event that you are happy to share, you can send/share them via Facebook, email to us (preferably bundabergbushwalkers@gmail.com) or text to Lucinda or Ben.

You can find us

at [instagram.com/bundabergbushwalkers](https://www.instagram.com/bundabergbushwalkers)

We are still on Facebook

at [facebook.com/BundabergBushwalkingClub](https://www.facebook.com/BundabergBushwalkingClub)

Walk Reports



February 18, 2018 - Pine Creek

The first walk this year was off to a good start when 12 people met at the Coles carpark for the trip to Pine Creek. We parked under the shady trees and after the tea/coffee kick start 8 walkers left to do the longer walk. The 4 easier walkers left soon after walking up the road looking for the start of the track leading into the bush which was shown on Barry's map. We found the track marked by the famous pink ribbon and followed a track into the overgrown bush. We met a motor bike rider letting the tyres down on his bike. A little further on in a clearing we enjoyed some welcome cool breezes. Barry noticed his GPS was missing, and we waited while he backtracked to the road but unfortunately it couldn't be found. He had the good old standby compass in his backpack. We followed a cattle track into the bush and came out on the road where we could see the cars parked in

the distance. We had walked about 3 klm's. GPS or not we always find the way leading to the cars. We enjoyed our lunch and left for home while Barry waited a little longer for the 12klm walkers to return. Many thanks Barry. - *Joy*

March 4, 2018 - Baldwin Wetlands - Easy S1a

The 12 people who met at Baldwin Swamp were ready to brighten up a very hot humid day on Sunday. The shady walks at the swamp and the beautiful black swans and different water birds helped us forget about the humidity for a little while as we watched them lazily swimming around in the water. We walked across the road and strolled along the roadway where they are preparing to make a walkway all the way to Bargara. The morning tea at the shelter shed, the good company and friendship was enjoyed by all. Thank you Verlie. - *Joy*

March 4, 201 - Beyond the Waterfall - Mt Walsh NP

To be honest, the waterfalls beyond may have been a better name, the only thing beyond was a good hill climb back out of the valley.

9 of us set out in 3 cars, a few first timers, a few well walked members and myself as leader on my second outing with the club.

We made fairly good time until we came across some storm damage that had strewn some hefty gumtree debris over the track. After a bit of debate, Lief, who had all the right gear & a winch on his trusty ol' Pajero, had the big branch off to the side of the track in no time (cheers mate...champion effort).

The route was mostly marked from a previous recce that I had done a few months prior but I still managed to loose my bearings in a few little spots just to add a but of roughness to our journey. While it was a hot day, it could have been worse and working up a sweat walking through relatively open Aussie scrub and down into the valley was well worth the reward. A few hundred meters up from the valley floor we could hear the sound of the waterfall, I don't know about the others but all I could think of that last few hundred meters was jumping in.

Soon enough we were upon the top of the falls and in no time most of us were enjoying a very refreshing dip in the several pools this spot has to offer. This was followed by some lunch and a bit of a relax before the trek back.

Just after lunch we started the slow climb back out of the valley. Plenty of little rest stops for me on the way out. A big goanna gave a few of us a bit of a hurry up and certainly kept us on our toes. We were back at the cars by 3pm and headed for home.

Yes we were all hot and some of us a bit sore but had a great day out in the bush making new friends with people who like doing what we do.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to be a walk leader, I will get there. Certainly enjoyed meeting new people and can't wait to explore more back country with others - *Ben*

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.

March 18, 2018 - Voss Road - Easy S1a

An easy walk of about 5km near the Elliott River and finish with lunch at Lake Gregory. If you have one, bring a compass and/or GPS for some navigation practice. 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). Contact Darryl (0409 796 723) to register and reserve your camping spot.

Day walkers are welcome. Day walkers will need to contact the leader to register prior to the weekend. If you are camping with us, you will not need to pre-register.

Walks on offer:

Saturday, March 30 - Takilberan Rock - Hard M4e - Contact Darryl to register. Will leave campground at 7am

Sunday, March 31 - Boolbunda Rock - Hard M4e - Contact Lucinda to register (0421 011 181). Will leave campground at 7am.

Sunday, March 31 - Camp Creek (upper section) - Hard M3c - Contact Darryl to register

Sunday, March 31 - Pinchgut Creek (Bania NP) - Medium S3c - Contact Allison to register (0448 846 084)

Sunday, March 31 - Camp Creek/Takilberan Creek (lower section) - Medium S2b - Contact Jill to register (0404 695 644)

Monday, April 1 - Lake walk - Easy S2a - Contact Allison to register

Other walks may be added depending on who is camping and their preferences.

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.

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 10, 2018 - 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.

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.



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 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