



# Making Tracks With Us

## *Bundaberg Bushwalking Club Newsletter*

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## President's Ponderings

It appears that Autumn may have finally arrived with some mornings in the last few days a little cooler. This should be appreciated by all our walkers joining us for the Combined Camp on the weekend. The last month has been spent finalising arrangements for the Camp and a huge shout out to all for their contributions and we look forward to a very successful event. It is great to see some of the photos from walks undertaken during the month appearing on Facebook for sharing with the wider community.

A very happy 80th birthday to our Secretary, Joy and hope you enjoy the cake!

*Darryl*

## Be Merry in Mt Perry! Combined Camp Update

The Camp is this weekend! Registrations are now closed.

- Don't forget about the photo competition! Details are in your registration forms. Categories are People, Landscape, Macro, Plant and Animal.
- Donations are still welcome for the raffle - 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.
- Could all club members also bring something to share for supper on Saturday and Sunday nights.

# Walk Reports



## April 15, 2018 - Wreck Rock

Sixteen people arrived at Wreck Rock recently after a pleasant drive with yours truly narrowly avoiding a kangaroo in a hurry to get to the other side of the road. I think there's a joke in there somewhere! At the causeway over Deepwater creek, the tannin-stained water made perfect reflections of the many ti-trees growing along the banks. After the obligatory cuppa, 14 headed off along the 4wd track, shaded by many Morten Bay Ash trees & cabbage palms. Even with a slight breeze, the air was still very humid. The sandy track showed us who the nocturnal visitors had been, with the tracks of goannas, possums, snakes, kangaroos & numerous birds, including an emu that we'd seen near the camp ground, visible everywhere.

On reaching Middle Rock, we headed down the long steep hill to the beach, through many shrubs covered in tiny white flowers with an exquisite perfume. In the shade of casuarinas, we all enjoyed a snack whilst looking out over this beautiful stretch of coastline. The azure ocean was highlighted by golden sands & many rocky outcrops. Near where we sat, the shells of hatchling turtle eggs lay on the sand & along the high tide mark, numerous cuttlefish had been deposited.

Several walkers divested themselves of their boots to walk back along the hard sand & in the small waves running up onto the beach. With a cool breeze & the sun at our backs, it didn't seem to take long to arrive back at Wreck Rock, a most pleasant walk with great company. After a slightly late lunch, several people headed for home while the hangers-on sat around in the shade, socializing. This was a very relaxing way to finish off a very enjoyable day that seemed to have passed way too quickly - *Richard*.

## 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.*

### 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 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 20, 2018 - Cordalba State Forest - Easy S1a

An easy walk through the bush along forestry roads. Meet at Coles Kensington at 8am. Contact Peter (0407 057 898) to register.

### 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 Ben (0447 044 472) to register.

### 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.

## New Members

Welcome to our new members:

- Crystal Row
- Karen Bauer

### 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 traveled) 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