



Making Tracks With Us

Bundaberg Bushwalking Club Newsletter

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President's Ponderings

The month of October has presented a different walking experience with above average rainfall experienced in our area and did impact in some degree on the scheduled walks. We are heading into summer with its very warm days and it is a good reminder to us all when preparing for a club walk to carry appropriate quantities of water. Dehydration happens when your body doesn't have enough water as it needs.

A big shout out and thanks to the members who attended the first planning meeting for the combined camp. The knowledge and ideas presented was much appreciated and these details form the basis of the initial preparation. Support from all members is paramount for a successful camp to be held, therefore think about how you will be able to assist.

The Xmas party is to be held at Mary & Willie's property on the river at Bucca and thanks to them for the offer and we look forward to celebrating our year in a festive spirit.

Happy walking.
Darryl



Bundaberg - Mt Perry Rail Trail

The club supports the initiative of a Bundaberg to Mt Perry Rail Trail. If any members are also interested in this, you can follow the Bundaberg - Mt Perry Rail Trail on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/bundyrailtrail/>.



Walk Reports

October 8 - North Bundaberg Story Walk

There were 8 people at the Bundaberg Walkers foundry to begin the story of North Bundaberg. The app on Peter's phone was not responding to the directions we found on the tree at the Foundry. We drove down to the carpark under the Burnett River Bridge and found a shady spot for our morning tea. By this time Allison had arrived and her phone was able to scan into the codes located on the trees and bridge pylons. We walked along the riverside path looking for the location of the 'quick response' codes that connects to the story. We were pleased to see Barry, who stayed for 20 minutes to make sure the phones and connections were working - thank you Barry! Our impression was that the narratives were very hard to hear with traffic going past and noisy birds in trees etc. Also listening and watching the video at the same time was impossible!

We followed the pathway to the Tallon Bridge where more scans were listened to as best we could considering the amount of noise around the area. We found the Community Gardens needed some attention after the drought but some plants were still surviving after the heavy rain. We walked to Queen St where we found another barcode on the Young Aussie Hotel, another at Harry's Mowers and one on the Burnett River Bridge before returning to the cars. Some people decided on fish and chips for lunch and enjoyed a relaxing time under the cool shady trees at Margot's place. - *Joy*

October 15 - Walkers Point

2 keen walkers turned up ready to stretch their legs on this 12k (all weather) walk. The morning was overcast with rain on the radar.

The path leads through wetlands close to the Burrum River and an inland lake, where numerous ducks and wading birds were sheltering from the exposed conditions on the beach, also 3 large kangaroos.

We had a half hour stop at the camping ground, then strolled over to the beach, the weather was closing in fast so we decided to make a quick exit back along the path to the car park in 1 hour. Thank you for a great day - *Ian*

October 29 - Avondale & Meadowvale Walks

The grey overcast skies and a few spots of rain on our way to Avondale, did not worry the 8 people ready to tackle the walk when we arrived. We welcomed to new people Sarah and Rhonda and we hope to see them on many more walks. We found one entrance to the walk blocked and inaccessible for walking. The mosquitoes followed us down the road to the walkway which was muddy and the bridge washed away. We continued to walk across and up and down the steep banks when we found all the bridges were gone, but the creeks had stopped running. The grasses were looking green and fresh after the fire and rain over the past few weeks and we could smell the fresh lemon eucalyptus trees. The weir was running over at a fast pace and the Pelicans were resting on their favourite island down from the weir. We drove to Meadowvale Nature Reserve for morning tea, and walked the 2 km through washed out sections of the walk and water running down the centre of the walkways. The mosquitoes also accompanied us but once we got moving we hardly noticed them. We stopped at the lookout and noticed the river had widened its banks considerably and the weed had been washed out. There were bushes flowering along the way, which had the cameras clicking. Thank you to Allison for another very pleasant morning walk. - *Joy*

October 29 - Waterfall Creek Walk, Mt Walsh NP

Mt Walsh National Park. Hot weather and a 6.30am start saw only 4 members assemble at the Bundy meeting spot. We were then joined at Biggenden by Mary and Willi and their friend Herman- a visitor from a cooler land renowned for snow covered mountain peaks. By 8.30am we had arrived at the Utopia car park without the need to walk the last 500 metres thanks to the council having filled in the muddy ruts and potholes with gravel. A short downhill track led to Eel Creek, which following the recent rain was now running nicely. Not quite so nice was the need to regularly remove footwear or else get wet boots as we weaved our way up the wide creek bed seeking the easiest route upstream. The earlier part of the walk afforded a fair amount of shade and some easy sections of dry sand, but slippery rocks and wobbly stepping stones took their toll. After slipping once too often, one hiker decided she had had enough and together with her partner turned back. The rest of us plodded on amid a rising temperature and diminishing shade. Fortunately it remained largely overcast. By 11.30am we had reached our destination, a superb deep waterhole lying between rocky cliffs. Three of us cooled off in soothing water of perfect temperature, including our visitor Herman. A leisurely lunch break in the shade was enjoyed by all 5 of us before it was time to head back the way we had come. This return journey seemed to take forever but in fact we made it back to the cars by 2.30pm. The previously empty car parks were now both full with more vehicles along the road- evidently a lot of people were picnicking (partying?) at Utopia Waterholes. It was great to get boots off (in my case at least thoroughly wet) and enjoy a mug of tea. This is really a great walk but would be better tackled in weather a few degrees cooler and humidity about 50% lower. Thanks to all who attended - *Mary*

November 12 - Pine Creek State Forest

Just to be tricky the walk today didn't take us to the weir but into the Pine Creek State Forest. The bush was abundant with flowers and so refreshed after the rain. Thanks for a great day everyone - *Allison*

Future Walks and 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.

November 19, 2017 - Botanic Gardens - Easy S1a

Easy, 1hr or so walk around the botanic gardens followed by morning tea at Cafe 1928. Meet at Cafe 1928 at 8.30am. Contact Barry (4151 2438) for more information.

November 26, 2017 - Takilberan Rock (near Gin Gin) - Hard M4e

This hard walk will attempt to climb Takilberan Rock, a walk the club hasn't been able to do in many years due to access difficulties. The beginning of the walk will be through scrub, and some lantana is likely. The top will be very steep, with walking/scrambling over loose scree. Leave from North State School at 6.00am. Contact Darryl (0409 796 723) to register.

November 26, 2017 - Bargara Nature Reserve - Easy S1a

An easy walk of about 5km through the nature reserve towards the turtle trail and back. Leave the Riverside Parklands car park at 8am. Contact Verlie (4152 8885) to register.

December 5, 2017 – 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. This will be our final meeting for the year.

December 10, 2017 – Christmas Party

Mary and Willi's property at Bucca. All attendees to please bring a plate of nibbles/sweets to share, your own chair and drinks. BBQ brunch will be provided by the club. Meet at North Bundaberg primary school at 8.30am to travel out. If you wish to drive separately, please contact Darryl for directions. Please RSVP to Allison (4155 2875) by the next meeting for catering numbers. Don't forget to bring your photo competition entries!

January 26 - 18, 2018 - Australia Day Weekend Camping

Date claimer at this stage. Ideas welcome at the next meeting.

February 4, 2018 - Planning Day - Alexandra Park Rotunda

Planning day for 2018. BYO chair, water and ideas! Meet at the Rotunda at 9am. Contact Darryl (0409 796 723) for more information.

February 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.

March 30 - April 2, 2018 - Easter Weekend Camping - Mt Perry

Details to come. Expect to "test run"/recce some walks for the Combined Camp.

May 5 - 7, 2018 - Combined Camp - Mt Perry

Date claimer - details to come.



2017 Annual Photo Competition Rules

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

Categories: Landscape, Wildlife, Macro and People (on or more persons) along with a photo of any subject featuring the colour BLACK.

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 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 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

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