



Making Tracks With Us

Bundaberg Bushwalking Club Newsletter

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President's Ponderings

Well here we are almost at the end of 2018 with only one more walk scheduled. I would very much like to thank everyone involved with supporting the club particularly those who hold office of some kind, you are the backbone of our club.

We look forward to another year which starts with the planning meeting set down for 20 January 2019 where your ideas for walks and activities can be presented.

The Xmas party is again being held at Mary & Willie's property on the river at Bucca and thanks to them for their kind offer and we look forward to celebrating our year in a festive spirit. It is a good time to review and prepare your photos for the annual competition.

To all I wish a Merry Christmas for 2018 and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Happy Walking
Darryl

Nametags

We have had so many new members join this year, we thought we would prepare some new name tags for members to help new members and visitors. If you would like a name tag, please let Dee know either by phone (0407 805 125).or email das_sweeting@hotmail.com),

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.

Walk Reports



October 7, 2018 - Walker's Point, Woodgate

14 keen walkers met at Thabeban School in readiness to depart at 7.30am, southbound to Walkers Point, Woodgate. Our walk leader today is Duncan ... The rendezvous point is the carpark at Burrum-Isis Conservation Reserve where we set off on the Melaleuca Circuit (12km) at approximately 8.40am. This well maintained walk track starts off with bitumen, then blue metal and finally sandy. It is obvious the forest is recovering from a burn off, blackened tree trunks and lots of new green growth.

We were passed by two enthusiastic push bike riders, whom we met up with later – the sandy track was too hard for them to continue. The first point of interest looking skyward is a large birds nest – Sea Eagle or Osprey ????? This was a conversation piece ... can anyone clarify?? Out of the forest to the mangrove flats we come across a well maintained bridge – pausing to look into the water at the resident Toadfish and crabs. The succulents covering the sandy flats were a pretty blanket of pink flowers. Lots of hanging growths of lichen were also common in this area. Holes dug by wild pigs were evident. A bench seat provided by National Parks gave a resting spot for three of our wise walkers, Verlie “hear no evil”, Margo “see no evil” and Pippa “speak no evil”.

10am we stumble out of the bush onto the amazing Woodgate Beach with pristine calm water and views to the horizon. Barry is waiting for us on the beach in the distance. The beach is littered with bare tree trunks – a spectacular sight! Also found and pictured were clear moon shaped jelly fish, a worm encrusted with shells – Onuphid Worm Tube and a deposit of sandy poo, being evidence of the Lug Worm – we all enjoyed resting and refueling with Barry, while Leanne enjoyed a refreshing dip and Mary cooled her feet. Something very special about the vision of ocean meets forest

We returned to the cars, some went on their way home, while others met on the foreshore in front of the café at Woodgate beach to enjoy lunch – yes, HOT CHIPS & COFFEE for some – and then back to the caravan park café for MAMINO'S ICE-CREAM....

Thanks Duncan, another most enjoyable walk in mother nature's garden - Dee

October 20, 2018 - Crater Lakes, Coulston Lakes

A nice change by having a Saturday walk out at Biggenden to coincide with the Rose Festival. 10 Walkers set out from Bundaberg on a lovely warm spring day. A 1.5 hour drive to the Coalstoun Lakes National Park where we parked the cars at the foot of the hill. We commenced our walk to the Crater Lakes from this point and we walked approximately 6 Km in 3 hours. Unfortunately, even after the recent rain the lakes were still dry, although the grass was quite green. Evidence of cattle grazing on the lakes was quite evident.

After our walk most of us drove back to Biggenden to have lunch and meet up with 2 other members who had travelled over to enjoy the Rose Festival activities eg. Check out the scarecrow competition and of course the rose and art displays - *Darryl*

October 21, 2018 - The Hummock

A small group rendezvoused in town and travelled to The Hummock meeting up with some extras there. We welcomed some visitors on their first walk with the club and hope they join us again in the new year. After parking at the picnic area we walked up to The Hummock to admire the view before descending and walking through to the Maureen Schmitt Park. Here we meandered through the park and out onto Hilltop Ave. From here we followed the road back around to the top via Anthony's Rest road.

One wouldn't really know why the road is named as such so here is an extract detailing this significant, heritage listed landmark (<https://environment.ehp.qld.gov.au/heritage-register/detail/?id=602053>)

A dry stone, rubble platform, Sir Anthony's Rest was constructed during the visit of the Governor of Queensland, Sir Anthony Musgrave, to Bundaberg in his 1888 tour of the area. At this time Bundaberg was celebrating its 21st year of non-Indigenous settlement. Using South Sea Islander labour, WG [William Gordon] Farquhar of the Hummock plantation constructed a lookout for the Governor and his party facing east, with a view over the cane fields of the Woongarra. The area was part of the highest geographical point in the area, known as the Sloping Hummock.

The group continued to the water towers where Barry was waiting to offer lifts to anyone fading with the exertion of the hill climb. When there is a hill involved I 'lead' from the back. The group descended through the scrub along the boardwalk back to the cars. A short 3km walk with a cardio workout thrown in. We reconvened at the Hummock lookout and took out the chairs and nibbles to enjoy the sunset. Unfortunately it was very gusty and cool and the sunset wasn't that spectacular so I think all were happy to head back to the cars and home. As we were packing up some other fellows with very large cameras turned up to claim the shelter shed to photograph an impending storm moving in from the west.

Thanks to those who joined me for the Sunday afternoon outing - *Allison*

November 4, 2018 - Monduran Forest

Eleven people joined Duncan for a trip to the Monduran State Forest. Many of these were new faces so it was lovely meeting some new people and we hope they continue with us next year.

Getting to the forest was a scenic drive via Gin Gin and Monduran Road – all the more prettier after the rain. A few turns led us along a dirt road – public access through private property. I'm sure the farmer out checking for cattle got a huge shock to see a convoy of cars

heading his way. Full concentration on the road meant some of us missed saying hello to another man on a horse. After a brief snack at the beginning we headed off into the forest.

Duncan was on a timetable so with a 8.55 departure it was a case of walk till 9.55, turn around and return. This was interspersed with another brief snack. The walk was along a good gravel road with many undulations. Parts of the forest had experienced recent fires with the smell of char still in the air but green shoots re-emerging thanks to the rain.

Barry's new role as the designated recovery vehicle was used to collect a few walkers during the morning. After returning to the cars a proper morning tea was held with the morning heat alleviated by a slight breeze. Duncan's trip was timed to conclude at the Avondale Tavern for lunch (the author can't comment on this aspect as I returned to town for another commitment). All up we walked 5 km that was just about right with the heat. It will be interesting to do some more walks there to see where the roads lead - *Allison*

Some photos from October



Top left - The Hummock walk

Top right - One of the crater "lakes" at Coalstoun Lakes NP

Bottom left - Walker's Point, Woodgate

Bottom right - well, we'll just leave it to you to caption this!

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.

November 18, 2018 - Red Rock - Medium S3c

The trail starts at Springs Beach car park at the southern end of Agnes Water. The trail is 3km each way and follows the beach and headlands to Red Rock headland. If the meeting at Agnes Water, turn right into Springs Road and meet at Captain Cook Lions Park on right at approximately 9am. 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.

November 25, 2018 - Deepwater Creek kayak

Kayak at Deepwater Creek. Contact Mary on 0414 190 566 to register and for further information. Meet at 7.30am at North State School, or at 8.30am at Wartburg State school if coming from the north.

December 2, 2018 - Christmas Party

Mary and Willi's property at Bucca. All attendees to please bring a plate of nibbles/sweets to share, your own cutlery, chair and drinks. BBQ brunch will be provided by the club. Partners are welcome (even if they are not members).

RSVP by Sunday 25th November to Pauline (0438 186 559). Meet at North Bundaberg primary school at 8.30am to travel out. If you wish to drive separately, please contact Darryl for directions. Don't forget to bring your photo competition entries!

January 20, 2019 - Walk Planning Meeting and Social Event - Botanic Gardens

This meeting will be to plan the walk calendar for the first half of the 2019 (that's right, 2019!). Although this is still a few months away, start thinking about walks you would like to see on the agenda for next year. If you cannot make the meeting, we are still happy to receive ideas beforehand, especially if you are interested in leading the walk. Meet at the bush chapel area (next to Cafe 1928) at the Botanic Gardens at 10am. We will have lunch and a catch-up after the meeting. BYO chair, food and ideas!

February 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.



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 cash prize to the winner of each category.

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 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