



# Making Tracks With Us

## *Bundaberg Bushwalking Club Newsletter*

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## President's Ponderings

You have probably noticed this month's newsletter looks a little different. We have a new newsletter editor, Lucinda, and if you have any feedback or ideas for the newsletter please let her know.

Also, a huge thanks to Jill, who has been the newsletter editor for years and did a fantastic job. Enjoy not having to chase everyone for their walk reports!

2018 is Bundaberg's turn to host the annual Combined Camp with Rockhampton and Gladstone clubs. We will be holding this on the Labour Day long weekend at Mt Perry. A preliminary planning meeting to start discussing the camp will be held on Saturday, 14 October 2017 at 1pm at the Alexandra Park BBQ area (near the croquet club). All members interested in the camp are welcome to attend this meeting to thrash out some ideas.

Happy walking.

*Darryl*

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# Walk Reports

## **Queen's Birthday long weekend - Rail track and tunnels, Kalpower State Forest**

Darryl and Rae set up camp on Friday night, and were joined on Saturday afternoon by Lucinda, Barry, Heinz, Gloria and Ken. Darryl and Rae did a walk on Saturday morning, which turned out to be rather hot by the time they returned to camp. Sunday morning we were joined by Ian and Mary for the day, and after some lengthy discussion about the route we agreed to walk one way from Barimoon siding to Golembil siding. We were lucky that it was a little overcast to make walking pleasant. We set out and had a lovely view of the Dawson Ranges from the beginning. The tunnels were still spectacular, even though they are been unused for so long, and it turns out walking downhill makes the most of the views over the range. It was incredibly dry, so the only wildlife we saw were some small bats and a couple of small brown snakes. Ken resisted the urge to add to his rail spike collection, we walked around rockslides and over sections of track that had been ripped up and we counted mile markers as we walked until we figured out they were actually kilometre markers! Just before the siding was a long, high bridge over a dry section of river, although there were a few puddles beneath. We found Barry waiting for us at the siding, and stopped in the shade to have a bite to eat before driving back. Special thanks to Barry and Gloria for assisting with the car shuffle.

The rain started in the early hours of Monday morning. Luckily it was light, and stopped almost entirely while we packed up. We met the heavy rain on the trip home so it was a slow drive but everyone made it safely - *Lucinda*

## **September 10th, Apple Tree Creek Vineyard Outing**

It was beautiful sunny morning when 4 people drove to Pam & Barry's property at Apple Tree Creek. Verlie, myself and Ian and we welcomed a newcomer to our club Jane-Maree. When we arrived at the shed Pam, her mother and Bella the dog greeted us. They had the kettle boiling and it was lovely to see the view of the grapes and yards while we enjoyed the morning tea. It is very dry and the dam water level was further evidence of the drought taking hold. We walked around the grape vines and noticed many of them beginning to sprout bright green young leaves. Some Olive trees were also showing that Springtime is here. We followed the dry creek bed until we came across a large puddle of water where Bella immediately jumped in and swam for several minutes. She climbed out and shook herself to let us know she enjoyed the swim in the muddy water. We continued further on following the creek. We could see patches of green grass showing that the underground water table was still keeping large areas green and fresh looking. Pam pointed out the destruction from cyclone Debbie where trees were lying in the creek. As we were about to start the return walk home a hare ran from the bush in front of us and

scampered away up the hill. Many thanks to Pam and her Mum for their hospitality and Bella for leading the way on the walk.

We drove to the Apple Tree Creek Pub and enjoyed hamburgers for lunch. Thank you Verlie, it's lovely to visit the vineyard and see the progress of the grapes and always something different to see on the walk. - Joy

### **September 17th, Burrum Coast National Park - Kinkuna Section Drive and Exploratory Walk**

We started with 4 members in Bundy and picked up 3 more at Goodwood, so off we went into the unknown. We arrived at the entrance of the National Park and loaded up the higher clearance vehicles leaving the others behind.

The start of the National Park track was quite good gravel, then I went exploring and found Theodolite Creek Mangroves (low tide). Getting back on track (now sand) I went exploring again and found some cows (wrong way again) (I'm going to get a reputation for this soon if I haven't already). Eventually we arrive at the correct area ???? put on our packs and the magnificent 7 started walking. We found Horseshoe Creek easily, found a place to cross and walked up stream. The creek varied from water holes to reedy type dry sections with slopping banks to rocky cliff faces. The vegetation was varied as well with ferns, reeds, wattle, banksia, hakea, cycads, she oaks up to large melaleuca and eucalyptus trees. We took a break at 12:00 for lunch then returned on the other side of the creek discovering where the creek got its name (found horse skeleton) and came out just in front of the vehicles with all 7 members mostly intact. We then went to Woodgate for refreshments, then home.

They have decided *Xylomelum benthamii* is a plant in the [woody pear](#) genus of the [Proteaceae family](#). It was formerly considered a variety of [Xylomelum pyriforme](#). and was given the replacement name *X. benthamii* in 2007 by A.E. Orchard, with the specific [epithet](#) honouring botanist [George Bentham](#) - Peter

# 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.*

## **October 8, 2017 – North Bundaberg Story Walk – social outing**

Meet at the Foundry (Bundaberg Walkers), Gavin Street, North Bundaberg at 9.00am to begin this self guided discovery trail around North Bundaberg followed by lunch. Contact Joy (4152 7281) to register.

## **October 15, 2017 – Walker's Point, Burrum Coast National Park– Easy M1a**

This circuit walk on formed tracks will follow the Melaleuca Track to the campground at the mouth of the Burrum River and return to Walker's Point (12kms). Requirements - 2 litres of water, food, hat, sunscreen and a personal first-aid kit. Leave from Thabeban State School at 8.00am. Contact Ian (0418 648 312) to register.

## **October 29, 2017 – Avondale and Meadowvale Nature Reserve – Easy S1a**

This outing on formed tracks will start at Avondale and finish at the nature reserve at Meadowvale. Requirements - 2 litres of water, food, hat, sunscreen and a personal first-aid kit. Leave from North State School at 8.00am. Contact Allison (4155 2875) to register.

## **October 29, 2017 – Waterfall Creek Walk, Mt Walsh NP - Hard M4e**

This walk will be a hard walk, off track and will include lots of rock hopping. Leave from Kensington Coles car park at 6.30am. Contact Ian (0418 648 312) to register.

## **November 7, 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.

## **November 12, 2017 - Pine Creek Walk/Johnson's Rocks - Medium S2b**

This walk in the State Forest will be at Pine Creek near Johnson's Rocks and the Churchward Weir. Meet at Kensington Coles car park at 8am. Contact Heinz (0408 892 745) to register.

## **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.

## **December 10, 2017 – Christmas Party**

Venue and time to be advised.

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### **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.

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## **New Members**

The Club would like to welcome the following new members:

- Robyn Bates
- Shellie Pursey

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## **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 pay 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