



Making Tracks With Us

Bundaberg Bushwalking Club Newsletter

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President's Ponderings

The Annual General Meeting was held this week, which brings another year of bushwalking to an end. The committee has remains the same with one exception. Barry has stepped down as Treasurer, and we welcome Dee Sweeting to the position. Our enormous thanks to Barry for his many years of service on the committee, we really do appreciate everything you do for the club.

The President's Ponderings this month is my annual report from the meeting.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to those who have provided support and guidance to me in my role as president. Also, again thank you to Alison (Vice-President) for stepping in during my absence on my long-awaited retirement holiday.

The major highlight for the year was the successful Combined Camp held at Mt Perry in May 2018. All clubs were well represented by the number of walkers attending the camp. Thank you again to all those assisted in anyway to ensure that all participants had a great weekend.

A positive for the year is the continued success of Facebook in attracting new members to the club. The number of 'likes' have increased as we post details about upcoming walks and great to see walkers share their photos on the page. This has been a real positive allowing many more people in and around our area to connect with the Bundaberg Bushwalking Club. The Bundaberg Bushwalking website is another medium to provide awareness of our club and encouragement for people to enjoy the outdoors.

There has been a number of new members join over the past twelve months and the challenge continues in being able to retain these members by providing a varied walk schedule to meet the different levels of walkers. As I continually acknowledge the club wouldn't be a club without walk leaders and those members who willingly take on the role are

owed a great deal of gratitude. This leads to the next challenge the club faces and that is developing new walk leaders.

The development of walk leaders will continue to be a Club aim with training and support to anyone person who is prepared to give it a go. Sometimes we fall into the habit of taking things for granted so it is good to stop, take check and to think about why we do something. There is so much knowledge amongst the members so it is good to share that experience with those that are interested.

Our GPS currently contains over 30 walks which is a great tool for walk leaders and I would encourage all walk leaders to utilise and if unsure how to use the GPS training can be provided. The GPS is a great tool in assisting leaders on the walks, especially when a lot of the tracks can become overgrown in a short period of time.

To finish I'd like to express my sincere thanks to the walk leaders, the committee, all those that undertake various roles to keep the club going and of course the members who turn up; without your support, the club would cease to exist.

Darryl
President.

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.

Pilgrimage 2018

The Pilgrimage 2018, being hosted by Glasshouse Bushwalkers Club and Sunshine Coast Bushwalking Club will be held from Friday 12.00 noon 28/09/2018 to Monday 12.00 noon 01/10/2018.

Proposed Program (may change pending finalisation):

Friday - Arrival day. Walk registrations. Supper

Saturday - Day - Variety of walks in the Jimna/ Kenilworth area - Predominantly Conondale National Park and Jimna State Forest. Night - Dinner and Bush Dance

Sunday - Day - Variety of walks in the Jimna/ Kenilworth area - Predominantly Conondale National Park and Jimna State Forest. (Same walks as the previous day).

Night - NRL Grand Final - Dinner and Jimna Sports Club (licensed) will be open with large TV for broadcast OR Games night - variety of board games, table tennis OR Social night - gather around the large campfire brazier

Monday - Morning - Presentations, etc. Handing of boot to next hosts, then departure.

The expected fees for the long weekend will be about the same as last year's Pilgrimage (with one extra night).

The whole Jimna Base Camp site has been secured for the event, and a variety of

accommodation will be available, and will be advised at a later date.

A caterer from Nanango (Manumbar Meets) will be set up for the whole long weekend and will have a variety of stews, etc. available for purchase for dinner meals not included in the Pilgrimage fee, plus bacon rolls and sausage rolls for breakfast each day. Soft drinks will also be available for sale. Coffee/tea will be continuously available at the camp kitchen.

The main camp ground is the old school oval, and campers will be requested to camp in concentric circles allowing room for cars to get in and out to camps and caravans. Own showers are allowed as long as they are located around the perimeter of the oval to allow drainage away from the camp. There is concrete cricket pitch in the centre of the oval. The facilities are the toilet blocks with a shower room at the end of each block.

The Jimna Sports Club, which is licensed, will be open each afternoon, and is located at the rear of the campground. The Bush Dance will be held in the Jimna Hall, just a short walk from the Jimna Base Camp up the street.

Any further information will be posted on the BWQ Pilgrimage Facebook Page, emailed to clubs or on the website <https://glasshousebw.wordpress.com/pilgrimage-2018/september-long-weekend-jimna>.

Pilgrimage History Project

Federation Pilgrimages History Project Bushwalking Queensland is collecting historical items and memorabilia for a special display at the 50th Pilgrimage to be held in 2019.

Do you have any photos, movies, videos, flyers, programs, signs, banners, letters, newspaper cuttings; anything at all related to the walks, competitions, games, meals, entertainment or bush dances held at past Pilgrimages? We would like to borrow, copy, scan, or archive anything of historical interest related to federation Pilgrimages which have been held annually in south-east Queensland since 1970. In conjunction with the display we will be producing a commemorative photo book for sale to club members. Any assistance with this project will be greatly appreciated.

Please email or contact:

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List of Pilgrimages: http://www.bushwalkingqueensland.org.au/pil_history.php



Walk Reports

August 21, 2018 - Eel Creek

Thirteen walkers met at the Utopia Rockpools car park. After a brief talk, we descended down into Eel creek and started rock hopping. After a quick detour around a sandy waterhole, we were at the S-bend in no time.

We decided to go up a steep, rocky creek to a cliff before we descended back to the creek to a big rockpool in the middle of the S-bend for lunch. After lunch some people had a quick swim before walking back to the cars. Thank you everyone for coming and making in a enjoyable day - *Isaac*

August 12, 2018 - Utopia Rock Pools

The carpark at Utopia was filled to capacity when the convoy of cars containing the easy and harder walkers found a place to park. We had stopped at Biggenden park for the usual cuppa and to meet another member waiting there. On the drive out the scenery was very spectacular, with the bright blue sky as a backdrop to Mt Walsh as we drove past made an eye catching view in spite of drought conditions. The road to Utopia was very dry and dusty.

19 people were ready to go straight into the walk on the graded track. The steps leading down into the creek were made from fibre glass and resembled the rocks we had been walking on but for the hollow sound they made. Barry sat in his chair reading his book waiting for our return and had lunch with everyone. It was a lovely day and many thanks to Allison for the walk. The harder walkers had not returned from their walk when we left the parking area.

-*Joy*

August 26, 2018 - Littabella NP

After sorting out who was going with whom the convoy of cars set off to meet Elaine at the Rosedale turnoff and later we met another member near the turn to Littabella NP making 10 walkers for the day.

The weather looked threatening with black clouds overhead. After the usual cuppa 8 people walked to the dam led by Duncan who kindly took over the leadership for Barry. It was back to the vehicles and one of our members headed back to Bundaberg leaving 9 members to finish the day.

We made our way up the graded road where we stopped for another walk along the track. It was up hill and down dale in the forest and return on the same road. Another drive took us up the graded road to the Towers at the very top for lunch. The storms built up and the sky looked black but we were able to have lunch and get back into the cars before the welcoming rain came down. How good it was to see the pouring rain after such a long dry spell.

Elaine and I were the last to leave and the road was very muddy from the cars ahead of us. We saw the water pouring onto the road, over the rocks into the creek and washing the dust from the forest trees. The rain stopped by the time we arrived at the crossroads. We drove to Rosedale for a coffee at The Little Teapot Shop to find it was closed. Thank you to Barry for the walk, and Duncan for taking over the leadership - *Joy*

Future Walks & Outings

Our insurance requires that walkers must be financial members of the club. Financial 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.

September 8, 2018 - Women's Adventure Film Tour, Moncrieff Theatre

A social outing to see a series of inspirational short films focusing on women with an interest in travel fitness and living a meaningful life. Presented by Jennifer Parry, a local Bundy woman. Meet and greet from 6pm, screening ant 7pm at the Moncrieff Theatre. Tickets are \$12. Contact Allison to register (0448 846 084).

September 9, 2018 - Wildflowers at Kinkuna - Medium S3b

A walk of about 6km through some partly overgrown but flat fire tracks in Kinkuna NP. The wildflowers should be in flower making for a lovely landscape (and some nice photos!). Bring lunch on enjoy at the palms on the beach. Meet at Thabeban State School at 8am. Contact Mary on 0414 190 566 to register.

September 16, 2018 - Kayak at Smith's Crossing

Kayak at Smith's Crossing. Meet at North State School at 9am. Contact Mary on 0414 190 566 to register.

September 23, 2018 - Russo Environmental Park - Easy S1a

An easy 2km walk on formed tracks through the bush at Russo Environmental Park near Childers. We will then head over Foley's Road to the rest area for another short walk and lunch. Meet at Thabeban State School at 8am. Contact Allison on 0448 846 084 to register.

September 23, 2018 - The Pinnacles - Hard S4d

Walk over the Pinnacles (the rocky outcrops visible from the Bluff) at Mt Walsh NP. This is a steep walk up from the carpark, and then some rock scrambling over the three Pinnacles. Return will either be back the same way, or down the other side through thick scrub to join the track back to the car park. Meet at Coles Kensington at 8am. Contact Heinz on 0408 892 745 to register.

September 29 - October 1, 2018 - Annual Pilgrimage

YHA Bushwalkers are hosting this year's Annual Pilgrimage at Jimna. The Pilgrimage is a large camp with walks open to members of bushwalking clubs in Queensland. More information will be forwarded later in the year.

September 29 - October 1, 2018 - Long Weekend Camp at Cania Gorge

Camp at Cania Gorge near Monto. As this is the Queen's Birthday long weekend, and the middle weekend of the school holidays we need to book early. If you are interested, please contact Heinz on 0408 892 745 to register by 21st August so that he can make the booking.

October 2, 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.

October 7, 2018 - Melaleuca Walk, Woodgate - Easy M2b

An easy walk of about 12 km (although you don't have to walk all of it) through the scrub at

Walker's Point at Woodgate to the national park campground. Leave Thebeban State School at 7.30am. Contact Duncan to register.

October 20, 2018 - Biggenden Rose Festival - Social Outing

The Biggenden Rose Festival is on again this year. The theme is "Treasures of Biggenden" and with the beautiful Mt Walsh NP, bushwalking is certainly a treasure of Biggenden! The festival has asked our club to walk in the parade with our banner, so if anyone is available to join in the festivities it should be a great day! Contact Joy (4152 7281) to register.

October 21, 2018 - Takilberan Rock - Hard S4e

A hard, steep walk through open scrub and lantana, followed by a scramble up the rock. Your effort is rewarded by spectacular views over the Gin Gin/Mt Perry area. May even be able to have a quick swim in the Devil's Pools on the way back! As this is a 2.5 hour drive from Bundaberg to the beginning of the walk, some walkers may camp there the night before. If doing a day walk, meet at North State School at 7am. Contact Daryl on 0409 796 723 to register.

October 21, 2018 - Camp Creek/Takilberan Creek - easy S3b

Easy walk along the creeks. Meet at North State School at 7am. Contact Barry to register.

November 4, 2018 - Monduran Forest - Easy and Medium Walk

Both an easy and medium walk available. A walk through Monduran Forest. Meet at North State School at 7am. Contact Duncan on 0418 648 312 to register.

November 18, 2018 - Wreck Rock - Medium S3c

A walk to Wreck Rock in Deepwater National Park. Shorter option will also be available. 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.

Date TBA - Dairy Creek/Hogsback Range Waterfall - Hard S3c

This walk is best done shortly after rain, when the falls are flowing, so whenever it rains near a weekend Lucinda is free, this walk will be scheduled and notified to members via email. The walk is up Dairy Creek which in April was fairly thick with regrowth, and after rain can be slow to navigate. We then have a steep climb up to the first drop of the waterfall, then another short, steep climb up and around the lower drop to the top drop. This is a full day walk. When scheduled (likely in summer) contact Lucinda on 0421 011 181 to register.

December 2, 2018 - Christmas Party

Details to come.



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 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 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	d. Good fitness and agility a must
	5. Technical rock ability, abseil	e. Strenuous. Experienced, very fit walkers only