

“MAKING TRACKS WITH US”

BUNDABERG BUSHWALKING CLUB

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PRESIDENT’S REPORT

I know we all say this so often it's now a cliché, but I can't believe it's February already! We had our first monthly meeting this week and it really didn't feel like three months since our last one. But maybe that's because we've basically been in a heatwave since then.

Speaking of heatwave - and rain! - a reminder that if you are out and about in the bush that little things like scrub itch are back. We haven't had a lot of that lately, but with wet and humid conditions, the bush is a different place than it has been over the last few years so just keep your eye out.

One of the most exciting things this year for the club is that we turn 40! At this stage we are planning an anniversary lunch in September. The current plan is to hold the AGM in the morning, and then everyone can join in for the 40th celebrations. If anyone has any ideas to

add to make the day special, please contact us to let us know. We are planning to have some anniversary merch available also.

I know that most of us still aren't getting too energetic with our walks until it cools down a bit, but I hope anyone who is getting out enjoys themselves.

Happy walking,
Lucinda

WALK REPORTS:

RIVERVIEW 28/01/24

We decided we would go with the Bushies today,
And it seemed a sensible thing to do.
It was just us and the leader
So that was a lot less hullabaloo.
We walked along quite quietly
Wondering when it would decide to rain -
Because, if a storm did decide to hit us,
It would certainly have been quite a pain.
Anyway, that didn't happen
And there wasn't any rain.
We even heard some bird calls –
Again and again and again!
-----Murray & Dawn-----

FUTURE WALKS AND OUTINGS:

Sunday 11th February. - Meadowvale Reserve - Easy walk. S1A

Meet at North State school at 4.30pm. An easy afternoon walk at Meadowvale reserve, walking on sandy soil tracks through groves of paperbarks and eucalypts. Please text Angela (044 7226 854)

Saturday 17th February - Kayak Lake Gregory.

Meet at the corner of Voss Road and Isis Highway at 8.30. Please phone Mary (041 419 0566)

Sunday 18th February - Social & Walk.

Meet at Quay St carpark at 9 am to drive to Mon Repos. Bring chair and morning tea. To register for the social New members please ring Barry (0403 736 420). Members please text.

Saturday 24th February – Moore Park Beach. - Afternoon/moonlight walk Easy S1A

For those who want a beach walk, meet at Moore Park Beach car park (near the surf life saving club) at 4.30. We will walk north along the beach for an hour, turn around & travel back. If the tide is coming in too high we will return along the road/path. Sunset is scheduled for 6.27 and moon rise at 6.29. If you'd like to skip the walk & just come for the moon rise, bring your drinks/ nibbles and claim a spot in the Bob Nielson Park (near the surf life saving club) and we will meet you there on our return. If you like you can stay for fish & chips or head to the tavern. For more information & to register, contact Allison on (0448 846 084)

Sunday 25th February – Russo N/Reserve. - Stockyard Crk. Easy S1A Leave at 7.30 from Thabeban school. Bring Mossie spray 1-1.5 hr walk. Please text Angela (044 7226 854)

Saturday 2nd March - Cassilis Crk. Hard S4D This is a hard walk about 10km. Rock hopping and scrambling over rocky ground. High clearance vehicles 4x4. Leave North State School at 7am. To meet at Gin Gin 7.30am. Text or ring Howard (0438 722 301)

Monthly Meeting 5th March Meet at the Bundaberg State High School (F Block) beside the Administration Building. The meeting starts at **6PM**. Park on Maryborough St and enter through the gate beside the Administration Building. **All Club Members and visitors welcome.**

CAMP WEEKEND - Crows Nest National Park

Friday 8th March - Sunday 9th March (can stay longer if desired) .

Friday: Travel to Crows Nest National Park & set up camp. Make own National Park booking. Some camp sites will take 2 vehicles and up to 8 people so sites can be shared. Alternatively you could stay in Crows Nest. Friday afternoon we will cover the local walks in the national park.

Saturday: drive/walk/drive/walk etc. Day trip visiting Lake Perseverance & Lake Cressbrook & Ravensbourne National Park.

Sunday: Pack up camp, explore Crows Nest, small walk in town, travel to Cooyar for another small but pleasant walk at The Palms before returning home. Please let Allison know if you will be attending - (0448 846 084)

Sunday 3rd March – Clean up Australia Day. Moira has activities at Biggenden for clean up day. Phone Moira (0458 365 051).

Sunday 10th March - Cordalba – M2C Medium

Leave Thabeban S.S at 7am for a medium 8-12km walk. Plan is to be home for lunch. Please text Angela to register(044 7226 854).

Sunday 10th March Woodgate. Easy S1A

Leave Thabeban School at 8am. This easy walk along the boardwalk takes you over swampland and open forest into a palm forest and towards wildflower territory. Walking tracks offer you a chance to take a closer look at Woodgate's scenery and wildlife. Please phone Verlie (41528885)

Sunday 17th March Social – Smiths Crossing.

Meet at Nth State School at 9am. For another popular social and walk at Smiths crossing. Please phone or text Barry (0403 736 420). Bring chair and morning tea.

Saturday 23rd March - Boat Mountain. Murgon – Medium S2C

Leave from Bundaberg 7am from Coles Kensington carpark. The marked trail is a medium walk from Murgon. Have lunch in town, visit the Museum. Please ring Moira (0458 365 051)

Sunday 24th March - Burnett Downs River Walk – easy S1A

Total 3km (out & back same way) or make it into a 6km loop via the road. Following the Burnett River from the Burnett Down River Park and boat ramp along the riverbank to the Burnett Downs Nature Park. The walk has gentle inclines, grassed or gravel surfaces. Wear protective clothing, suitable footwear and insect repellent recommended. Bring morning tea & water. Depart North State School at 8am. Contact Allison on (0448 846 084) for more information & to register.

Monday March 25th Smiths Crossing Kayak.

Leave Nth Primary School at 5.30pm for a paddle in the moonlight at Smiths Crossing. Please text to register Paula (0490 330 542)

EASTER CAMP March 29th - 1st April Easter Weekend Pomona camping at Showgrounds.

- Friday 29th March - Monday 1 April (or longer if you wish). For those interested we will head to the Pomona Caravan Park and set up base camp to explore the region. Make own bookings direct with the park - see contact details below. If anyone has ideas for other activities/walks in the area please put them forward. **Please advise Allison on 0448 846 084 of your intentions.**

We will definitely be exploring the Tuckekoi National Park and for the ambitious, climb Mt Cooroora. Mt Cooroora, at 439m, is a prominent feature of the park. It's distinctive shape is visible from many locations on the Sunshine Coast. Tall open forest, woodlands and montane heath plant communities are protected here. Shared trails around the base of the mountain provide opportunities for bushwalking, horseriding and mountain bike riding. A walking track leads upwards to a viewpoint with coastal views. People with a high level of fitness and rock scrambling skills can tackle the Mount Cooroora summit route to the top of the mountain. All sites have power and water.

Sunday April 7th Coonarr Creek Medium S3B Leave Thabeban school at 7am for a medium walk following the creek to the waterfall. Please text Angela (044 7226 854).

Sunday April 14th - Innes Park Social. Leave Thabeban School at 9am for a social and walk. Please text or phone Barry (0403 736 420).

Sunday 14th April Mt Woocoo, Hard S3C. This is a half day walk in St Mary's state forest. It will be under 5km, mainly off track rough terrain. Mt Woocoo is 246m ASL, there are views of farming country and ranges from the top, there is an impressive outcrop we will explore near the top. Meet at Woocoo Hall 8.30am **Contact Richard (0414345782.)** This is a moderate walk, although short it is mainly off track through rough terrain.

Sunday April 21st An easy walk with Verlie to be advised.

Sunday April 21st – Billy Canyon. Hard S4D This hard walk will leave from Beiers Park at 8am in Biggenden. Leave Coles Kensington Carpark at 7am. Please advise Howard (0438 722 301)

Monday May 6th – Mount Perry. Hard S2C. This walk is a marked trail. It starts with some steep walking in open land, then we climb through some forest before reaching the top of Mount Perry for some lovely views. Meet at North Bundaberg State School at 7am. Please phone Lucinda (0421 011 181) to register.

Tuesday May 7th - Monthly Meeting. Meet at the Bundaberg State High School (F Block) beside the Administration Building. The meeting starts at **6PM.** Park on Maryborough St and enter through the gate beside the Administration Building. **All Club Members and visitors welcome.**

May 18th-19th Combined Camp. Gladstone Club will host the Combined Camp this year at Ubobo. More details to come.

Saturday May 25th - Mt Walsh N/P. - Black Rock circuit. Hard Walk. S4D. Leave Coles Kensington Carpark at 7 to meet at 8am in Biggenden. Please register with Moira (0458 365 051)

Sunday May 26th Innes Park to Coral Cove. And Return - Easy S1A. This walk totals 4klm with all tarmac walkway. Meet corner Coolanblue Ave and Innes Park Rd at 8am. Please text Angela (0447226854) to register your interest.

Cooloola Wilderness Trail – Overnight walk Hard L2D. 3 Nights Date to be confirmed. Please phone Lucinda (0421 011 181)

Tuesday June 4th - Monthly Meeting. Meet at the Bundaberg State High School (F Block) beside the Administration Building. The meeting starts at **6PM.** Park on Maryborough St and enter through the gate beside the Administration Building. **All Club Members and visitors welcome.**

Sunday 16th June Mt Woowonga & Mt Goonanenan – Hard S2C Leave Coles Kensington Carpark 7am. Please register with Mary (041 419 0566)

Sunday June 16th – Pine Crk. This medium walk to be advised.

June 25th - 28th June . Isla Gorge. Howard has a variety of walks for this camping trip. Phone Howard (0438 722 301)

Saturday June 22nd. - Walk Planning Meeting - Meet at the Chapel at the Botanical Gardens near the cafe at 10am. Bring a chair and ideas for walks you would like to explore or offer to lead a walk. If you have a walk in mind but unable to attend please phone Lucinda (0421 011 181).

DATE CLAIMER: - Saturday 7th September - A.G.M. & 40th Birthday Celebrations. -

September 18th - 21st Tasmanian 3 capes track in Tasmania. *If you are interested in knowing more about this trip you can find it on www.taswalkingco.com.au/three-capes-lodge-walk/signature/* Please contact Howard for more information. (0438 722 301)*****

2024 Annual Photo Competition Rules

The annual photo competition will take place at the Christmas BBQ Breakfast.

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

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

An additional category of Free Choice has been included this year. This may be a photo of any subject taken in any year.

One 6 x 4 photo per person per category. \$10 Bunnings gift vouchers as prizes.

Walk Gradings

| Max Kilometres per day | Terrain | Fitness |
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| 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 |

Current Fees: (Membership fees due July 1 each year)

- (1) **Membership fees – \$20 per adult
\$10 if under 18 (for one or more children from the same family)**

Please do not send cash through the mail. You can pay your membership fees at the Monthly meeting, or by **EFT BSB 064-403**, Account Number **00915879** quoting your surname as the reference.

- (2) **Walk fees – \$5.00 per visitor. Free for Members.**

- (3) **Postal Address - P.O. Box 696 Bundaberg. Qld. 4670**

General:

Visitors attending a walk are temporary members for the walk, upon signing the acknowledgement of risk and obligations until the walk outing is completed. We recommend a minimum of one walk be completed before you apply for membership. Membership application is mandatory before participation in the third walk.

Tips for Members/Guests:

- Most importantly, if you are interested in joining in an activity PLEASE call the Leader. They are best person to answer any questions, explain what you need to do/bring.
- You cannot register for a walk by responding to Facebook or by emailing the Club. You need to communicate this with the leader directly.
- Please read the walk description and difficulty rating carefully.
- Our website has a copy of the Member's Handbook on it – please have a read of this. Please take the pack requirements seriously, especially for medium and hard off track walks.
- All activities have some limitations on numbers – either due to National Park numbers or the preference of the leader.
- For hard walks, don't be fooled by the distance. A 10 klm can take 2 hours or 8 hours depending on difficulty. The walk description and the Leader will give you information on what to expect. Most of our medium and hard walks are off track, this is very different walking to formed tracks or National Parks tracks. The Leader will give you details, if in doubt, start with an easier walk.
- 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.

Car Pooling Arrangements:

On day walks, car loads are generally arranged at the nominated departure point with passengers contributing to petrol costs etc. Suggested basic contributions for passengers are:-

**10-20kms \$5/person, 20-50kms \$8/person, 50-100kms \$10/person
100-200kms \$15/person, 200-250kms \$20/person, 250-300kms \$25/person**

Newsletters are available from Bundaberg Library.

It would be appreciated if any contributions to the newsletter (*and they are always welcome*) could be received by the editor several days before the meeting.

Email address for newsletter items is: joyham@westnet.com.au

The club email address is info@bundabergbushwalkers.com

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 In an attempt 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.

From now on, only members will be emailed a copy of the newsletter. If you aren't a member you will be able to access the newsletter via the website at <https://bundabergbushwalke.com/bundabergbushwalkin>

The newsletter is also available at the Bundaberg Library.