

“MAKING TRACKS WITH US.”

BUNDABERG BUSHWALKING CLUB

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Club Executives:

<u>President:</u>	<i>Lucinda</i>	(0421 011 181)
<u>Vice President:</u>	<i>Allison</i>	(0448 846 084)
<u>Secretary:</u>	<i>Paula</i>	(0490 330 542)
<u>Treasurer:</u>	<i>Mary</i>	(0414 190 566)



PRESIDENTS PONDERINGS:-

Gosh, it's February already. I hope everyone has had a nice, relaxing summer so far. It was wonderful to see so many members come to the planning meeting last Saturday. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to lead a walk - especially the new leaders who have volunteered to lead for the first time. I'm so excited for the next few months - day walks, overnight walks, camps, kayaks and social outings! There's plenty for everyone.

The biggest decision made on the weekend was to hold the Combined Club Campout (which is our turn to

host this year) at the Gin Gin Showgrounds. The last time we hosted a camp at Gin Gin was 2015, so it's exciting to go back. More details will be sent out next month, but mark **May 16 - 18** in your calendars now for a great weekend of walking and catching up with friends.

Happy walking,
Lucinda

Combined Camp Volunteers

As it is our turn to host the Combined Clubs Campout this year, we will need to hold a variety of walks and activities that weekend, both hard and easy walks. Of course, this means that we need some volunteers to lead the walks.

If you are willing to lead a walk/activity (or be tail-end Charlie) at Combined Camp, can you please let Lucinda know **(0421 011 181, text is fine)**. It's great if you have a particular walk/activity in mind, but if not, we will find one for you!

FUTURE WALKS AND OUTINGS -

Sunday 9th February 2025 – Social – Smiths Crossing - We start the New Year with one of Barry's popular social days. To be held at Smiths Crossing. Bring a chair and tea/coffee. To make up for missing the Australia Day celebrations Glynn will have the BBQ ready for a sausage sizzle. **Meet at North State School 9.am.** Please text or ring Barry **(0403 736 420).**

Saturday 15th February CARFARI with Chris. Mystery tour in Biggenden. - Meet at Coles Kensington Carpark (please park at far end of carpark) at **7.30am**. For more information please phone Chris **(040 759 3565).**

Sunday 16th February – Riverview - easy - c/a walk total 1-2 hours. **Meet at 8am** at Riverview boat ramp. Have morning tea at picnic facilities at boatramp. Contact Angela **text only (044 722 6854).**

Friday 18th April - Easter Weekend - Overnight hike, Fraser Island

Take the barge over on Friday 18th April and walk to Lake Mackenzie, where we will stay for 2 nights. We will visit Lake Wabby and Central Station, and then walk through to Lake Benaroom to camp there on Sunday night. Return on Monday 20th. Walkers will need to provide and carry all of their own equipment (food, tent, clothes, cooking equipment). Barge fees and campsite fees will also apply.

Contact **Richard Joll** on **(0414 345 782)** ASAP (but no later than end of Feb) to register so that bookings can be made for the campsites - being Easter, these will book out quickly.

Saturday 1st March. Hoop Pine circuit - Mt Walsh N/P. Off track hard walk with spectacular views of the eastern cliffs of Mt Walsh. Meet at Mt Walsh carpark **8am**. Please ring Moira for more details. **(0458 365 051)**

Sunday 2nd March - Clean Up Australia Day – At Waterfall Creek, Mt Walsh N/P. Meet at Waterfall Creek carpark **3pm**. Clean up bags & gloves provided. Ring Moira **(0458 365 051).**

Sunday 23rd February – Barolin Rocks – easy – c/a rated 4 klm return. **Meet at 4.30 pm** corner Coolanblue Ave & Innes Park Rd. Walk Barolin Rocks and back along Barolin Esplanade. Contact Angela **text only (044 722 6854).**

Sunday 2nd March - Social Meadowvale. - Social and walk at Meadowvale, please bring chair and lunch etc. Meet at North S/School 9am. Ring or text Barry **(0403 736 420).**

Tuesday 4th March - Club Meeting. - New Meeting time 5.30. Meet at the Bundaberg State High School (F Block). Park on Maryborough St and enter through the gate beside the Administration Building. All members welcome.

Sunday 9th March - Coonarr Creek walk circuit – medium c/a rated. 7 klm mostly on tracks. Some off the beaten track and finding our own way. To register please **text only to Angela (044 722 6854).**

Friday 14th March – Full Moon Walk – Moore Park Beach – Meet at North S/S - **4.30 PM**. For more information and to register please phone Chris **(0407 593 565).**

Sunday 16th March – Kayak. Kolan River - More details. Phone Paula **(0490 330 542)**

Saturday 22nd April - CARFARI – Mystery tour. - Meet at Nth S/S . Drive to Gin Gin Markets to meet Chris. **Meet Nth S/S 7.30am.** Please phone Chris **(0407 593 565).**

Allison has listed this walk with the **Capricornia Club** if anyone is interested.

22nd March - Mt Larcom. Travel to Mt Larcom carpark off Targinnie Rd. This is an afternoon/evening walk expecting to summit prior to sunset.. Please phone Kevin Cullen **(0487 655 892)**

Sunday 30th March – Kayak – Meet at Biggenden Lions Park 8am Kayak down Burnett River from Ideraway to big sandbar and return via Yazoo stream. Phone Howard for more details. **(0438 8722 301)**

Sunday 30th March – Mystery Walk. - Bingera - Peter has a medium walk planned. Meet at Thabeban S/S at **8.30am.** Please register with Peter **(0447 134 211)**

For those interested in doing walks with the **Capricornia Club** Allison has listed this for **Friday 28th - 30th March - Blackdown Tablelands N/P.** Walks on offer include full day off track along Mimosa Crk and finish at Rainbow Falls. Contact Greer Burgess **(0448 408 775).**

Tuesday 1st April – Meeting - 5.30pm. - Meet at the Bundaberg State High School (F Block). Park on Maryborough St and enter through the gate beside the Administration Building. All members welcome.

Sunday 6th April - Social – Gorman Park – Burnett Heads - Meet at Riverview Carpark at **9am.** Another social day and walk. Bring chair and smoko. Please phone or text Barry **(0403 736 420).**

Saturday 12th April - Kayak - Phone Paula for details. **(0490 330 542)**

Sunday 13th April. - Banksia Park – Woodgate. Moonlight walk 5klm. Meet at Park entrance **5.30PM.** Ring Moira for more details **(0458 365 051).**

Saturday 19th - 20th - 21st April (EASTER) – Lucinda has planned a camp at Gin Gin Showgrounds. More details to come. Phone Lucinda **(0421 011 181).**

Sunday 27th April - Allison has an easy walk to be advised. Phone Allison **(0448 846 084)**

Sunday 27th April - Billy Gorge Falls. Mt. Walsh - M3C – Medium walk off track, steep sections & rock hopping. Meet Lions Park Biggenden **8.30am.** To register **Phone Howard (0438 722 301).**

Tuesday 29th April Macadamias Australia - Enjoy a delightful morning at Macadamia Australia. Meet at **10am.** \$12 per person includes tea or coffee. Phone Allison **(0448 846 084).** Please bring Seniors card.

Sunday, Monday 4-5th May Eel Creek – L3C - Overnight hike at Eel Creek. Off track, lots of rock hopping. Meet at Lions Park **2pm.** Isis Highway. Ring Moira **(0458 365 051)** for more details.

Tuesday 6th May – Meeting – 5.30PM. - Meet at the Bundaberg State High School (F Block). Park on Maryborough St and enter through the gate beside the Administration Building. All members welcome.

Sunday 11th May - Billy Gorge Falls – Biggenden – Hard L3C. To Bluff Mtn and return via Saddle Creek. Please phone Howard. **(0438 722 301)**

Friday 16th – Saturday 17th - Sunday 18th May- Combined Camp Weekend.

Saturday 24th May – Social – Riverview - Another Social Day at Riverview with a walk and smoko. Meet at Thabeban S/S at **9am**. Please ring or text Barry **(0403 736 420)**.

Sunday 25th May - Elliott River. - Medium Walk MB. - Meet at Thabeban S/S **9am**
Please phone Mary **(0414 190 566)**

Saturday 31st May – Three Pinnacles. L3D. Hard walk comprising steep slopes, rainforest and rock scrambling. Meet Mt Walsh car park 8am. Phone Moira for more details. **(0458 365 051)**.

Cooloola Great Walk: - 2nd - 3rd - 6th June - . Full. Glenda **(0418 730 229)**

Tuesday 3rd June - Meeting – 5.30Pm. Meet at the Bundaberg State High School (F Block). Park on Maryborough St and enter through the gate beside the Administration Building. All members welcome.

Saturday 7th June - Boulder Mountain circuit. - Hard L3C. Meet at 8am- Mothar Mountain Rock Pools Car Park and Picnic Area. This 4-to-5-hour walk will start at the Mothar Mountain Rock Pools Car Park, and we will follow the clearly marked trail for the Boulder Mountain hiking 11.6-km loop trail . The first part of the Mt Boulder circuit is a challenging walk as it rises to 496m and requires a good level of fitness with the last 300m to the summit being quite a steep section that is manageable with plenty of rocks and trees to help with the climb. Bring with you plenty of water, morning tea, lunch and leave some swimmers and a towel in the car for an optional swim in the rockpools afterwards. More details and directions to follow closer to the walk-Vicky Riley **(0478 759 911)**

Sunday 8th June – Barolin Nature Reserve. - **Easy** - Meet at Thabeban S/S at **8am**. Please phone Verlie **(4152 8885)**.

Sunday 15th June – Hard Walk. - To be advised. Lucinda. **(0421 011 181)**.

Saturday 21st June - Mingo Crossing Camp weekend. - Kayaking. Please phone Brian for more details. **(0419 568 479)**.

Saturday 28th June. - Walk Planning Meeting.

8th - 10th August 2025. - Gold Coast Bushwalk Club Pilgrimage. Gold Coast Bushwalkers Club will be hosting the 2025 Pilgrimage at the Beaudesert Showgrounds 8-10 August 2025. The program will follow the usual format with participants arriving Friday 8 Aug.

WALK GRADINGS: -

Max Kilometres per day	<u>Terrain</u>	<u>Fitness</u>
S. up to 10 kilometres	1. Graded Track	a. Unfit Beginners.
M. 10-15 Kilometres	2. Tracks, steeper sections	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

Membership fees are due 1st July –

(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 membership fees at the monthly meeting or Auswide Bank - EFT BSB 645 646 Account Number 107969998 quoting your surname as the reference.

(2) Walk Fees - \$5.00 for visitors. Free for Members.

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

General:

Visitors attending a walk are temporary members for the walk, upon signing the acknowledgement/edgement of risk and obligations until the walk 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.

More Information:

- . Please contact walk leaders at 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 www.bundabergbushwalkers.com

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 are:-

.**\$8/person, 50-100kms \$10/person**

.**100-200kms \$15/person, 200-250kms \$20/person, 250-300kms \$25/person**

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. **Annual Photo Competition Rules**

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

.Categories: Landscape, Wildlife, Macro and People (one or more persons) Flora and Funny.

.Open Category – Any subject – Anywhere.

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.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.

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[The newsletter is also available at the Bundaberg Library.](#)