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BUNDABERG BUSHWALKING CLUB

NEWSLETTER - MAY - 2024



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BUNDABERG BUSHWALKERS CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT .

The rain has continued this month, which is lovely because the creeks are running and the fields are green! However, it has meant a few walks have been cancelled, which is a shame, but it's a small price to pay for the greenery.

The big event on the calendar for this month is Combined Camp at Ubobo. I'm very much looking forward to it, as it is always a great weekend, and Ubobo is a great camp ground. Let's just hope there is no rain significant enough to cancel any walks.

You will see later in the newsletter that our club turns 40 this year! We are planning a lunch celebration in September. The current plan is to hold the AGM at 11 (as quickly as possible), with the anniversary function starting from 11.30am. In a few months we will be sending invitations to current members and to past active members, however we do not have a lot of contact details for past members. So if you know of someone who should be invited and you have their contact details, please contact Allison or email the club email address to pass along their contact details so we have them. -

Happy walking, Lucinda

WALK REPORTS:

April 14th. 2024 - Social @ Innes Park

It was a beautiful Autumn morning for the 12 people attending the social held by Barry and Glynn at Innes Park. We put the tables, chairs and 'smokos' beside some shady trees in the Reserve. There were a few people going to the beach and walking along the pathway. Glynn surprised us with some beautiful apple pies and to add to the tasty treat, a serving of cream! Later on he passed around some chocolates. Thank you Glynn for the surprises. A 1.5 klm walk along the beach and the walking trail was enjoyed by 5 people. We talked about other walks we had done over the years and enjoyed reminiscing about days gone by in the Bushwalking Club. Thank you Barry & Glynn. - JOY

Mount Perry - 6 May 2024

Ten of us made the trek to Mount Perry on Labour Day, including three lovely ladies from Kilkivan/Sunshine Coast who drove all the way and stayed in Mount Perry the night before to join us. The rain that had been around for a few days stopped just in time for us to have perfect weather - a little overcast in the morning when we were walking up the steep, exposed part of the track and then clear skies for our views higher up. This was my first time doing the track since it opened as a public walk, and they have done a fantastic job of it. Walking along the shaded track, with glimpses of views out to either side, was lovely. There is even a shelter now at the top with table and seats for us to enjoy our lunch before heading back down. Thank you to everyone who joined in, and thanks to Angela for knowing the good morning tea spot with the best views - Lucinda

Cabbage Tree Mountain - 14 April 2024

Originally planned to be a walk up Mt Woocoo, the plans were changed due to the wet weather meaning access was too difficult. Not to be deterred, 8 of us set off for Cabbage Tree Mountain instead.

The walk started on forestry roads but soon turned off into the bush onto what is marked on the maps as a forestry road, but has long since been reclaimed by the bush. We walked steadily uphill along a ridgeline, a lovely breeze and the shade of the trees keeping us from getting too hot. We reached the top of one hill, then dropped down into the saddle to walk up to the top of Cabbage Tree, which was a little steeper. There were glimpses of views through the trees, including seeing all the way to Mount Walsh.

We returned the same way to the cars. All up, about 7km and 4 hours of lovely walking.

Thanks for leading Richard! - Lucinda

FUTURE WALKS AND OUTINGS:

May 12th - Riverview: - Social Morning

Meet at Thabeban State School to leave at **9am** for Riverview. Barry has planned a social morning at Riverview. Bring a chair and morning smoko and lunch if you wish to stay. There will be a walk along the river bank. Please message Barry (0403 736 420).

May 18th-19th : - Combined Camp. Join the Gladstone District Bushwalkers for the 2024 Combined Club Camp in the beautiful Boyne Valley. The camp is 'back to basics' fully self-catered and accommodation options are available at the Ubobo Discovery Centre which has dorm style and cabin options plus camping and caravan sites with excellent facilities. There is even a B&B in Ubobo - both of the links to book accommodation are below. The Program will run from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning, with Saturday being our main activity day. The program will be available in late April. Please go to the below websites to secure your accommodation. <https://boynevalley.org.au/> - Discovery Centre
Ubobo <https://kpownall.wixsite.com/follywoodguesthouse>-- Gladstone District Bushwalkers

COMBINED CAMP WALKS – SATURDAY 18TH MAY.

1. Bulburrin N/P - Birdwatch. - Easy
2. BBIRT Walk #1 - Bushwalk. - Easy
3. Glassford Coppermine – Tour/Sightseeing - Easy
4. Boyne River Kayak. Easy/Medium
5. Bindawalla Gorge. Bushwalk - Easy/Medium
6. BBIRT Walk #2 Bushwalk - Easy/Medium
7. BBIRT Ride. Bike Ride - Easy
8. Mystery Creek. Bushwalk - Med/Hard
9. Little Glassford Crk Falls. Bushwalk - Hard

SUNDAY 19TH MAY – (HALF DAY)

1. Museum Tour, History, includes Devonshire Tea. OR Morning Smoko @ Creative Ground Art Cafe. - Builyan.
2. Ubobo Garden & Herbs Farm Tour. - Social Tour.
3. Norton Gold Mine Tour. - Easy
4. Boyne River Kayak. - (Self Guided)
5. Blackman's Gap Creek WH. - Medium
6. Deep Creek Gorge & Falls. - Bushwalk - Medium.

Saturday 25th May : Black Rock Rainforest: m2b - A medium walk that will reveal Mt Walsh NP's logging history and some of the "giants" that are left. Meet **Coles Kensington carpark Bundaberg 7am** for Biggenden Lion's Park 8am. We will drive west to Lord's Rd (dirt road to Coongarra Rock) and follow this for 30 minutes, until we come to the Mt Walsh NP sign. The walk involves going down a steep grassy slope to a rainforest where we will follow a rough track. View bits and pieces left by the loggers, check out the huge trees, look for birds and other wildlife and have morning tea at Black Rock. We return the same way. Once back in Biggenden, you are invited to have a pub or cafe lunch. 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.

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.

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).

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

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

To be held at the East End Hotel. - All members past and present are invited to attend. The morning will begin with the A.G.M at 11am and the celebrations will be from 11.30 – 3pm. The meals will be from the Hotel Menu. To register please phone Lucinda (0421 011 181) or Allison (0448 846 084). For more information find us on FaceBook.

September 10th - 15th - The Carnarvon Gorge Great Walk. - 87Klm six day circuit. Start/end point accessible by 2WD on sealed road. - 5 Nights on the trail. Leave Monday to start the walk Tuesday. Cold at night but great days for walking. Need to be fit enough to carry sufficient water for each day. (app 15kg pack). If interested please contact Glenda on 0418730229)

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)*****

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

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**

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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**

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://bundabergbushwalkers.com/bundabergbushwalkers>

The newsletter is also available at the Bundaberg Library.

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) Flora and Funny.

This year we have chosen 'Stripes' of any colour.

One 6 x 4 photo per person per category. Cash prizes for winners in each category.