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BUNDABERG BUSHWALKING CLUB

NEWSLETTER - **JULY - 2024**



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President's Ponderings

I have just returned from a wonderful weekend at Isla Gorge. The sandstone cliffs there are amazing. If you haven't been, the national parks campground at the top is great, however the best parts are when you go down into the gorge itself.

Thank you to everyone who braved a showery afternoon to attend our planning meeting, and thank you to everyone who has put their hand up to lead walks or activities in the coming months.

We are currently in need of people to lead easy walks. I think sometimes that people are scared because of the word "leader" - it's really just being the organiser. You don't have to literally be the person at the front of the pack all day, you just need to be the person to decide on a walk, day and time, and be the one to manage the registrations. We want to ensure that

there are easy walks in the future, so if you are thinking that maybe you could do this once or twice a year, we would love to have you. Feel free to call me, or chat to any of the leaders about what it entails if you would like to know more.

A reminder that your membership fees are due for renewal again this month. As the newsletter is now only emailed to members, this will be the last newsletter sent out to the "old" members. If you want to continue receiving the newsletter, please make sure that you pay your membership renewal. Details are below, and also on the Facebook page and website.

As we have mentioned in previous newsletters, the club turns 40 this year. If you, or someone you know, has any photos or memorabilia, or if you would like to write down some memories about your time in the club, we would love to have them. They can be displayed at the anniversary lunch, and also put up on our website for everyone to enjoy. Please email the club (info@bundabergbushwalkers.com.au) with anything you are willing to share.

Happy walking,
Lucinda _

WALK REPORTS:

Sunday 16th June - Moore Park Beach report

A mixture of walkers departed the 4WD northern access point at Moore Park Beach on an outgoing tide heading to the Kolan River. It was a cool start to the day with a breeze so the jumpers stayed on for a little while. Some walkers chose to go a little way and then return to the cars for a catch up with friends & enjoy the scenery whilst the others continued to the mouth of the river. We stopped for morning tea in a sheltered spot before continuing to the river where we had another break. There were a few 4WD's along the beach and even some horse riders. We also had the company of a pod of dolphins, sea eagle, pelicans and birds a plenty following a trawler. The walk totalled 10.5 km. - Allison

Sunday June 23rd - Social - Meadowvale. The sun always shines after the rain and it did just that for the 13 people who came to the social morning at Meadowvale. Peter led a new walk through the trees, over the rocks and through the scrub we found Splitters Creek from a different direction to the usual walk. Thank you Murray for bringing 2 Bird Book photo albums displaying brilliant photos of the many beautiful birds he and Dawn have photographed over the years from N/Parks and forests. They attracted much interest and we hope to see more albums at our next social. Thanks again to Barry and Glynn for the popular social days. -JOY

26th - 30th June Isla Gorge Camping.

Six Bundaberg club members were joined by one Gladstone club member (Rod) for 4 days camping at the beautiful Isla Gorge. Luck was with us, as we had lovely warm nights (not the negative three degrees it was a week earlier!), even if we did have a little rain.

On Thursday, before I arrived, the walkers explored a new section of the gorge and found some massive bottle trees. Friday we explored "Rod's Clefts", an area that the Gladstone Club had previously found but was a first for those of us from Bundy. Saturday we did a shorter walk, but again in a new area, just off the road at the bottom of the gorge where there is a standalone outcrop. After a fairly steep, but short, walk we were rewarded with finding a way up to the top, onto the flat plateau which had great views in all directions. Saturday afternoon, while some of us enjoyed the campsite, the others went for another exploratory walk, finding some amazing caves and outcrops, and everyone returned to that area the following morning before departing camp. Thanks to Howard and Jo for organising this weekend, and thanks also to Rod - we are lucky to have the three of you to share Gladstone's knowledge of the area with our members. And we are also lucky to have Howard and Jo's hot shower to use at camp! - *Lucinda*

Sunday 30th June - Melaleuca Circuit, Walkers Point

A small group gathered in the fog at Thabeban school and departed for Woodgate. The skies had cleared by then and we made our way to Walkers Point. The river was looking picture perfect with lots of boaties out enjoying the day. We departed the picnic area and went bush. The rangers had been busy with about 75% of the circuit recently slashed which made walking easy. All the senses were stimulated with varieties of wattle flowering, sea eagle nests to spot & Gaylene's keen eyes spotted her first QLD echidna heading off the track. The group quickly spread out with our tail enders making their own walk and returning to the cars when they had enough. The front group called a halt where the track crosses the camp ground road and this signalled morning tea time. At this point two returned via the bird hide, leaving 5 to continue to the camp ground. At Russell's rest we enjoyed a rest at the picnic table soaking in the view. The beach was busy with fishing, 4WD's, sun bathers, shell collectors and even an ultralight that we weren't sure whether it was coming in for a beach landing or not (they didn't). We followed the beach back to the campground and resumed the Melaleuca Circuit. The vegetation constantly changes along the walk which did make for a shaded walk though also very sheltered. For a 'winter' walk it was a hot day. The group decided to push on back to the cars for a late lunch so we had a brief stop for a snack to keep us going. A good day out with a solid walk of 12km. - Allison

WANTED -

For the club's 40th anniversary celebration a slide show will be prepared to complement the albums of the early years. Since the digital camera and phones came into being there aren't the albums that capture the club's activities. If you have some photos you'd like to share of people, places, activities please send them to info@bundabergbushwalkers.com

FUTURE WALKS AND OUTINGS:

Saturday 6th July - Coongarra Cave. Medium walk. Please phone Moira (0458 365 051)

Sunday 14th July – Mt Woocoo. - Hard S3C. This is a half day walk in St Mary's State Forest. It will be under 5klm mainly off track in rough terrain. Mt Woocoo is 246m ASL. There are views of farming country and ranges from the top. Meet at Woocoo Hall at 8.30am. Members travelling from Bundaberg please meet Allison at Thabeban School to leave at 7am. Phone Allison (0448 846 084). To register please phone Richard (041 434 5782).

Sunday 14th July. - Moore Park Beach walk – easy. Meet at North State School at 8.00am to drive to Lassig Street Moore Park Beach for an easy walk about 4klm. Please phone JOY (044 756 4942)

Sunday 28th July – Bingera N/P. - easy Please phone Peter (0447 134 211) to register. Leave Thabeban school 8am. (weather permitting)

Sunday 28th July – Bania – Hard M. Around 4klm and very steep. Good views from top. Meet North School 7am. Please phone Lucinda to register (0421 011 181).

Sunday 4th August – easy Walk along Kalina Crk, Innes Park. Meet at Woongarra S.S. parking area (Klein St) at 8.30am. Please text only to Angela (0447 226 854)

Tuesday 6th August. Meet at Bundaberg State High School (F Block) beside the Administration Building at 6.00pm. Park on Maryborough Street and enter through the gate.

Saturday 10th August - A mystery walk at Mt Perry to be advised by Howard.

Sunday 11th August – Mt Perry - HARD - As the fable goes - slow and steady wins the race. This hard walk will be at turtle (slow) pace for those who want to conquer the mountain at their own pace. It will be a full day's outing. Minimum 2L water. Hiking poles recommended. For more information & to register contact Allison on (0448 846 084.) Depart North State School at 7am.

Saturday 17th August – Social Burnett Heads Park for social and walk. Meet at Rivercruise Carpark at 9am. Bring chair and lunch. Please phone Barry (0403 736 420)

Sunday 18th August – Agnes Waters – Red Rock - Medium MS, A walk to the beach High tide is at 7.20am. Bring morning tea and lunch. Leave from North School 7am. To register please text only Angela (0447 226 854).

Saturday 24th August – Coongarra Rock & Orchids. Please text Moira (0458 365 051)

Saturday 24th - 25th August Wolca Reserve – Camp details - Further details **tba.**

Saturday 31st August - Vera Scarth Johnson Walk – easy. Sandy tracks and wildflowers 5klm. Leave at 3.30pm from Thabeban S/School. Contact Angela Text only (0447 226 854)

Sunday 1st September - Deepwater N/P. Hard . M. Wild flower walk about 10klm. Leave North School 7.30 am. Phone Mary (041 419 0566)

Pilgrimage – Kenilworth Showgrounds - September 6th - 8th September.

Tuesday 3rd September - Meet at Bundaberg State High School (F Block) Building at 6.00pm. Park on Maryborough Street and enter through the gate beside the Administration Building.

Saturday 7th September: To celebrate the 40th birthday celebrations Angela will lead a walk at Baldwin Swamp. Easy, less than 4klm on formed pathways. Finish in plenty of time to transfer to the AGM and lunch. Meet at the shelter shed at 9am. Contact Angela text only (0447 226 854)



BUNDABERG BUSHWALKING CLUB - will be celebrating their 40 years reunion at the **East End Hotel on 7th September 2024.** All members past and present are invited to attend the event beginning at 11am with the **Annual General Meeting.** The celebrations will begin at 11.30am. The meals will be as per the Hotel Menu. Please phone Lucinda Doughty (0421 011 181) or Allison Webb (0448 846 084) to register.

September 9th - 16th - The Carnarvon Gorge Great Walk. - 6 Day circuit - L3D. Meet at Carnarvon Gorge on Monday night to start walk on Tuesday. Book camping sites with National Park. Returning to the mouth of the Gorge on the 15th.Sept. NB: Water only guaranteed available at camp sites. 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)

Sunday 15th September – Pine Creek – Medium. To be advised.

Sunday 15th September - Mon Repos. - easy. This formed walk will be along the tracks as far as we want to go. Meet at Rivercruise carpark 8am. Please contact JOY (044 756 4942)

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)*****

Saturday 21st September- Social: Sharon Gorge: Meet at North School 9am. Enjoy a short walk to the river. Bring lunch and a chair. Phone Barry (0403 736 420)

Sunday 22nd September – Hard walk. To be advised.

Friday & Saturday 27/28 September, Auburn River NP and Mundubbera Blueberry Festival: medium. Please phone Moira (0458 365 051)

Tuesday 1st October. Meet at Bundaberg State High School (F Block) Building at 6.00pm. Park on Maryborough Street and enter through the gate beside the Administration Building.

Sunday 6th October - Rules Beach. Medium Walk to Baffle Creek. Meet at North S.S. to leave at 7.30. Please phone Mary (414 190 566)

Sunday 13th October - Cordalba S/F Medium2B. - 10-12km. Leave Thabeban School 7am. Contact Angela, text only (0447 226 854)

Saturday 19th October - walk/tourist drive. Drive to Coalston Lakes craters, to Chowie Bridge and Paradise Dam. Meet at Coles Kensington 7am. To register please phone Allison (0421 011 181).

Sunday 20th October - Hummock – easy. 3Klm on grass, paths. Board walk. Meet at 4.30pm at the Heathwood Park BBQ area on Bowden St. To register contact Angela, text only (0447 226 854).

Sunday 27th October - Social Innes Park: For the popular social mornings and walk, bring chair and lunch. Please phone Barry (0403 736 420).

Sunday 3rd November – Coonar Beach – easy. 5.5.klm along the sand. Meet at Coonar Beach 4.00pm. Contact Angela, text only (0447 226 854).

Tuesday 5th November - Meet at Bundaberg State High School (F Block) Building at 6.00pm. Park on Maryborough Street and enter through the gate beside the Administration Building.

Saturday 16th November – Elliott Heads. - Full moon walk at Elliott Heads 6klm on concrete walkway. Bring torch. Meet at Elliott Heads Kiosk at 5.00pm. Contact Angela by text only. (0447 226 854).

16 November Moonlight at Coalstoun Lakes NP: medium. Phone Moira (0458 365 051)

30th November Christmas Break up Party. To be held at the BaldwinSwamp shelter Shed. Meet at 9am for a BBQ. Bring chair, and plate, & cup for tea/coffee. If you wish please bring something to share on the day. Don't forget the photo competition. More details to come.

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

REMINDER – MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE JULY 1ST. IMPORTANT NOTICE :

New Bank Account - The club has closed the old account and opened a new one with Auswide. Please ensure that any membership fees are paid into the new account as follows: Bank - Auswide

BSB - 645 646 - Account number - 107 969 998 Use your surname as a reference.

Membership Fees Due for 2024 - 2025 membership fee (\$20 for adults, \$10 for children) by EFT at a monthly meeting, by posting a cheque c/- PO Box 696, Bundaberg QLD 4670.

Any questions please call Lucinda (0421 011 181).

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 645 646** Account Number **107969998** 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**

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.

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.

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://bundabergbushwalk.com/bundabergbushwalkin>

The newsletter is also available at the Bundaberg Library.