

“MAKING TRACKS WITH US.”

BUNDABERG BUSHWALKING CLUB

NEWSLETTER - March - 2025

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Presidents Report: -



Is it just me or did February fly by? As I write this, cyclone Alfred is sitting off the coast of Brisbane, ready to cross over the next few days. Let's hope that he doesn't cause too much damage.

In February I attended the public meeting for the Bundaberg to Gin Gin Rail Trail. More than 100 people were in attendance, and it was fantastic to see so much support for the trail. The committee are very experienced and enthusiastic, so I can't wait to see how this progresses. I encourage everyone to follow their Facebook page and support the Rail Trail in any way that you can.

For the members who have been around for a few years, you know about our annual photo competition. The details are further on in the newsletter. We have one category every year that changes, and we missed, decided on the theme at our February meeting. That was rectified this week, and the category this year will be

Circles!

Keep an eye out on all of your club walks and activities for circles and snap away. I think this is my favourite category each year, because it is always fun to see the way the theme is interpreted.

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!

WALK REPORTS -

Sunday 9th February - Social – Smiths Crossing

The first Social of the year was attended by 22 members and friends. Mary kayaked and some went for a swim, and others walked around the perimeters of the river sections. Due to very long grass we had to watch out for snakes. We put our thinking caps on for the answers to some Quiz questions from Gloria. The memorabilia albums and bits and pieces brought back memories of camps and fun and games on our many trips away. Barry was very pleased to see so many relaxing, talking, and enjoying the morning. Thanks to Glynn the BBQ was a success, with extra stoves to help with the cooking, there was plenty for everyone. Thank you to all who brought extra nibbles and sweets which are always very welcome. - JOY

Saturday 15th February CARFARI – Biggenden – It was a great start to our CARFARI year with 19 members and friends meeting at the Park in Biggenden ready to 'invade' the town. We did just that by walking across the road to explore the Doll Museum. The age of some of the many different dolls and displays was amazing. We drove to the town centre where we invaded the shops and had morning tea at Poppy Lane. We walked to the Museum which was once the Courthouse and Police Station. It was a very interesting talk about the Butter factory and the many interesting and different displays in the Museum. I particularly loved the typewriters. We drove to Coalstoun Lakes and enjoyed lunch at the Homegrown General Store and Cafe. We followed Howard to the turn off at Coongarra Rock and stopped at a large water hole called Clarries where Howard and others cooled off with a swim. Many thanks to Chris and Howard, and the people at the Museums who offered their spare time to show us around. -JOY

Sunday 16th February – Riverview - 5 walkers met at Riverview boat ramp, the morning was already very hot. Otherwise it was a nice easy walk upstream into the Elliott River reserve, admiring plants, and trees and trying to find some birds. The reserve was nicely green due to the recent rains, a welcome view. The most eye-catching flowering plant, a red flowering lily was of course a weed - not a native plant. Not many birds were around and are quieter now that most of the breeding season is over and not hearing their singing makes you miss them. A drongo and leaden flycatcher were curious enough to hang around. Back at the boat ramp, we had morning tea at the picnic area and a good time catching up after over 2 months without walks. Let's get into it again, but please not on such hot a day. - Angela.

Sunday 23rd February – Barolin Rocks – For a nice afternoon walk, 11 walkers met near the Innes Park Reserve. It was beautiful weather, but windy, with a lot of high waves crashing on the coast. We went along the walkway, discussing houses, and gardens and plants we walked past. Arriving at Barolin Rocks the sea put on a spectacle for us with waves beating over the reef and we watched the blowhole spitting loudly. A lonely sandpiper was sitting looking a bit lost on a rock. Not the natural habitat it prefers sandy

mudflats. After a short break we went back to the cars the same way, and I went back to the reserve to give the fitness machine a go. Thank you all for your company. - Angela

Saturday 1st March – Hoop Pine Creek - Sixteen keen and fit bushwalkers, led by Moira completed a "Hoop Pine Circuit" at Mt Walsh NP. Making their way through tall native grasses they moved into the shade of a dry rainforest with hoop pines towering above the treeline. At an "outlook" point they were able to see the impressive cliffs of the east face of Mt Walsh. Descending down another grassy slope, they entered the rainforest again, crossing a dry creek to arrive at Striped Rock. This was quickly explored and climbed by the three younger members of the group. An enjoyable day out for all. - Moira

FUTURE WALKS AND OUTINGS -

Sunday 9th March - Coonarr Creek walk circuit – medium m1b. 7 klm mostly on tracks. Some off the beaten track and finding our own way. Meet at Thabeban S/S 7.30am. To register please **text only to Angela (0447 226 854).**

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).**

Saturday 15th March - Meadowvale Social – Meet at Nth S/S 9am. Please bring lunch and chair. Enjoy a walk to the river. Please phone Barry **(0403 736 420)**

Sunday 16th March – Kayak. Kolan River - Meet at Nth S/S at 8.30 to be at Smiths Crossing by 9am. Phone Paula **(0490 330 542)**

Saturday 22nd March- 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).**

Sunday 30th March 2025 -The Corner Post Walk

(or why Coonarr Creek Waterfall has no water) The walk in Kinkuna N.P. starts on a sandy track for 2.1km, then to a very overgrown track with some **very** wet patches (at the time of our recce) approx. 2.7km. We then visit the reason for the trip with a climb and a view, then a 2.7km walk on a slightly over grown sandy/rocky track. There may be a car shuffle involved or an extra 1.5km walk depending on the track and type of vehicle's we have on the day. Meet at Thebeban S.S. 08:30am. - Meet at Thabeban S/S at **8.30am.** Please register with Peter **(0447 134 211)**

Sunday 30th March - 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).**

This walk is with the Capricornia Club

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 for more information **(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 - Meet at Coles Kensington carpark at 8.30am. To start at Cedar Crossing at 9.15am. More details Phone Paula **(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) – This camp will be used to plan and recce our walks for Combined Camp.

We will arrive either Thursday night or Friday morning. Friday (Good Friday) we will do some half-day walks in the afternoon. Saturday and/or Sunday we will do some full-day walks. Further information about the specific walks will be decided closer to the weekend, and will of course be dependent on the weather.

You can book your campsite directly by calling the showgrounds, or just pay on arrival. Phone Lucinda **(0421 011 181)**. **To RSVP.**

Sunday 27th April - Burnett River Kayak - Kayak down the Burnett River from Ideraway to big sandbar and return via Yazoo stream. Phone Howard for details **(0438 722 301)**

Sunday 27th April – The walk will start from the Bundaberg Port to Mon Repos. There will be a car shuffle. Meet at Riverview carpark **7.30am**. Phone Allison **(0448 846 084)**

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.

Saturday 3rd May– 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 722 301)**

This walk is with the Capricornia Club

Saturday 3rd May - 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, 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 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

. 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.

. The new challenge this year 2025 is ‘circles’. Keep the cameras ready!

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:

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.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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.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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