

# “MAKING TRACKS WITH US.”

## BUNDABERG BUSHWALKING CLUB

### NEWSLETTER - April - 2025

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#### **Club Executives:**

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#### **Presidents Report: -**

Welcome to April, after a very wet March! Unfortunately the rain caused the cancellation of a few activities recently, however it gives me hope that we will have green bush and running creeks through winter, which will make for some lovely walking.

Last year, we didn't have too many walks that were super popular. This year we have already had one - even though it ended up being cancelled due to the rain. If you follow our Facebook page, you may have noticed that the leader closed registrations for that walk because so many people were interested.

So I thought it was a good time to explain this. Leaders have to be mindful not just of who comes on a walk, but how many people do. This is less of an issue for easy walks, but is very important for hard walks, and/or off track walks. Too large of a group can damage the environment, be very slow, and most importantly can be difficult for the leader to watch over making the walk unsafe.

We don't always advertise the maximum number of participants because it usually isn't an issue. But it can be. No one wants to be on an off track walk with 25 other people (trust me - I know this from experience!). So, if you're interested in a walk, try and register early. If registrations for a walk are closed, you can still let the leader know you're interested in case of cancellations. Don't be disappointed - we'll put the walk on again when we can, and hopefully you'll be able to join that time.

Speaking of joining, we are coming into camping season! It's only a few weeks now until Easter, our first camp of the year. We will be using this weekend to recce walks for Combined Club Camp in May. We'd love to see everyone at both of these events. You can also join us just for the day if you wish - details are below.

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 9<sup>th</sup> March Coonarr Creek Circuit-**

Rain was forecast, but it was not raining yet, when Peter and I met. Yep, only us two. There hadn't been a lot of interest and most of those on the list canceled, probably due to the weather. So we started our walk, even crossed to the south side of Coonarr creek just a few hundred meters downstream from the waterfall. Of course dry as usual. Worsening of weather announced itself by grumbling and lightning in the distance. So we decided not to go further to the piping but to directly cut through to the forestry road to go back. Weather still holding, so we did not go back the normal way to the right back to Coonarr creek but to the left instead, we always wanted to know where that leads to. We got punished, after about a km, it started to pour down. We went somewhere to the north of Coonarr village and our car, and just kept going, soaking wet by the time we reached the former entrance to the Kinkuna NP, and finally the tarmac again at a place where we always had wondered where the track leads to. Now we know. An absolutely beautiful walk, we can now walk the Coonarr circuit in a lot of different variants and lengths. Thank you Peter for your company.

**Angela**

#### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Full Moon Walk – Moore Park Beach -**

The Main Park at Moore Park Beach was fenced off due to the re-building of the Surf Club so we drove further to Dooley Park where 7 people went for a walk along the beach front before the moon was due to rise. It was a lovely cool breeze, the waves were very choppy, and we saw the erosion on the beach from the recent cyclone. The banks were very steep and trees had fallen, some walkways were impossible to use. When we got back to the Park 2 people went back to the shops for the fish and chips. Then the moon was beginning to appear between the clouds. It glowed pink for several minutes until cloud cover hid most of it. It was a great night sitting in the cool and we all drove home under the watchful eye of a brilliant moon after it rose higher in a clear sky.. Thank you Chris and John for a great night out. - JOY

#### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Meadowvale Social -**

A group of seven started from North S/S to proceed to Meadowvale for Barry's monthly social morning which had been postponed from earlier in the month. We were joined by 2 more members at the picnic spot. It was a very hot morning and walking wasn't appealing so we sat and chatted and enjoyed looking at Murray's bird books and the great company. A very peaceful morning in a pleasant setting. Thank you Barry and Glynn. - Verlie

#### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Kolan River Kayak:**

On a slightly overcast morning, seven intrepid explorers kayaked up the Kolan River from Smith's Crossing. It wasn't too windy thank goodness. It took us one hour to travel five km upstream until the river became un-navigatable. We stopped for a quick morning tea on the rocky 'beach' with some keen paddlers having a quick dip to cool off. A variety of birdlife was viewed including Azure Kingfishers, Forest Kingfishers, White-Bellied Sea Eagles, Darters, Little Cormorants, and Dollar Birds. Eastern Water Dragons and (some

kind of) turtles dropped off the branches (overhanging the river banks) as we kayaked past. We paddled five kms back to recover and have lunch. It was a lovely morning. - Paula

### **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March CARFARI – Mystery Tour.**

It was another hot day when 11 people met at the Gin Gin Markets for breakfast and a casual stroll around the markets. We drove to the Bakery where we ordered our lunch to be ready on our return from the Gin Gin Landcare Nursery. To see how the trees had grown and enjoy walking through the cool Rainforest pathways listening to the Guides explaining the various fruits, and different trees and flowers etc that have grown since we were last there many years ago is really amazing. It shows the hard work the volunteers have put into making this Nursery what it is today. We were there for an hour or so and then drove to another part of Gin Gin behind the Caravan Park where the Landcare also had fruit trees and a walk down to the creek. Back at Gin Gin our pies were waiting and we sat in the cool of the park for lunch. Jill, Mary, Margot and Ian left for home and 7 people drove to another nursery in Maroondon. The people have a large garden to walk around and admire the many different plants and herbs. The hot houses were full with different plants and succulents in flower. Many thanks to everybody who made the day so enjoyable, we drove home through a shower of rain which was quite a surprise. Thank you Chris and John, it was a lovely day to remember - JOY

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March. - Corner Post Walk** This walk was cancelled due to wet weather. Will be scheduled for a later date. - Peter

### **FUTURE WALKS AND OUTINGS -**

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

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> April. - Banksia Park – Woodgate.** Moonlight walk 5klm. Meet at Park entrance **5.30PM**. Ring Moira for more details **(0458 365 051)**.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> 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. .

If you aren't camping but would like to join us for day walks, please contact Lucinda **(0421 011 181)** to register your interest.

**Camping** - You don't need to book ahead, you can just pay when you get there. Just let them know you are part of the club and they will let us be in roughly the same area.

Unpowered - \$20 per site (up to 2 people)

Powered - \$25 per site (up to 2 people)

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

**Schedule** - Our rough plan is below. This is subject to change, especially if the weather requires it. - Arrive either Thursday night or Friday morning.

**Friday** - we will recce some easy walks in the afternoon. Exact walks to be decided on the day.

**Saturday** - hard walkers will climb Boolboonda Rock. This is a very strenuous 6-7 hour walk with several steep sections and climbing over a rocky outcrop at the top. We will likely need to cut our way through a bit of jungle in one section.

There will also be an easy walk this day - to be determined.

**Sunday** - Cassilus Creek - we won't do the entire walk, but we will recce the drive in and the walk from the car park through to the creek. That will still give us a rockpool for a swim though!

We will also recce the Boolboonda Tunnel through to the Cattleyards, which is an easy walk although longer than our usual short walks.

**Monday** - any other easy walks we need to cover. Pack up and travel home for those who don't want to stay another night.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April - Barambah Creek - Kayak & Walk. Both events classed EASY to MEDIUM:** - A spare sit upon Kayak/paddle/vest/seat will be available for anyone wishing to participate in the Kayaking trip. **Meet 8.30 @ Lions Park Biggenden. Phone Howard for details (0438 722 301).** - **Members leaving from Bundaberg meet @ Coles Kensington carpark 7.30. - Please phone Lucinda (0421 011 181)**

The walk is approx 1.4 klms along the creek bank following cattle pad. Kayak approx 1.66klms downstream with possible shallow passage depending on creek flow. Both groups will meet at scenic spot for smoko/swim/relax (return same way). Requirements - Backpack including smoko, 2ltrs water, hat, L/s shirt/bathers/towel/camera etc. Kayakers will need waterproof bag or container for the above items. Optional lunch to be enjoyed at the new Homegrown Cafe in Coulstoun Lakes.

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April Macadamias Australia** - Enjoy a delightful morning at Macadamia Australia. Goodwood Rd. Meet at **10am**. \$12 per person includes tea or coffee. To reserve a table **RSVP** before **28<sup>th</sup> April** to **Joy (0447 564 942)**. Bring Seniors card, you are still welcome to join us if you don't have a Seniors card, the deal price will be excluded.

**This walk is with the Capricornia Club**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4-5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> May - Elliott River.** - Medium Walk MB. - Meet at Thabeban S/S **9am** Please phone Mary **(0414 190 566)**

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

**Friday 16th – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May- Combined Camp Weekend.**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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)**.

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> 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: - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> June - .** Full. Glenda **(0418 730 229)**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> June – Barolin Nature Reserve. - Easy -** Meet at Thabeban S/S at **8am**. Please phone Verlie **(4152 8885)**.

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

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

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June. - Walk Planning Meeting.**

**8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> 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: -**

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



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](http://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**

.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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