



Bundaberg Bushwalking Club

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Vice President's Ponderings

Welcome to July!

A couple of incidents recently have reminded us of the importance of appropriate footwear, especially on hard walks. Most of our hard walks, and some medium ones, are off-track walks involving long grass and uneven ground. Normal sneakers are not really suitable for these types of walks. Sneakers are designed for bitumen or flat grass. Walking off track will drastically shorten the life-span of sneakers, making them much more expensive if you have to keep replacing them - and likely more expensive than a pair of hiking boots.

More important though, is walker safety. Sneakers don't provide any defence against spear grass, which can ruin your walk and even cause infections. They don't provide much in the way of ankle or toe protection, and the soles are also quite thin, so you will feel every rock or grain of sand by the end of the day, which makes your walk far less enjoyable. You will probably also slow down, which can affect whether the group can return before dark. Hiking boots or trail runners are really required for the vast majority of our off-track walks as part of being appropriately attired in accordance with the rules in the club Handbook - you can review the Handbook [here](#).

Don't forget that your annual membership renewal is now due! Details are below.

Thank you to a club member who brought [this interesting story](#) to our attention. A man in the US was fined \$300,000 for starting a fire to draw the attention of rescuers when he was lost. The fire turned into a bushfire that took a week to get under control. While he said he started it as a last resort to save his life, the judge decided that he created the problem in the first place by being woefully unprepared for the walk, and therefore issued the hefty fine. I think the lesson here is to ALWAYS properly prepare for a walk!

Happy walking,

Lucinda

Membership Fees Due

Your membership for the 2023 - 2024 year are now due. To join/renew your membership please:

- Fill in the membership form by clicking the link [here](#) or contacting Lucinda to arrange for a paper copy.
- Pay your 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, or by EFT BSB064-403, account no 00915879 quoting your surname as reference.

Any questions please call Lucinda ([0421 011 181](tel:0421 011 181)).

Tips for New Members/Guests

Welcome! We are glad to have you.

- Most importantly, if you are interested in joining an activity, PLEASE call the leader. They are the best person to answer any questions, explain what you need to do/bring.
- You cannot register for a walk by responding on 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 Covid, National Parks numbers, or the preference of the leader.
- For hard walks, don't be fooled by the distance. A 10km walk 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.

Walk Reports

Saturday, May 14, 2023 - Cordalba

A pleasant day greeted six members and one visitor for this walk along old forestry tracks in Cordalba National Park. When the walk was recced a couple of weeks earlier, it looked as if no one had driven along the track for years. Deep ruts where the terrain sloped would have stopped even the most robust 4WD. It was therefore a bit surprising to find that lantana along the drive in track had been trimmed back, and a bit further along where we parked the vehicles to commence the walk, the road had been bulldozed flat!?? Leaving aside this mystery, the bush had that lovely after rain fragrance and the birds were singing and calling to each other. A few km along we reached a VERY steep track branching off from our main "road". Thinking there should be a good view from the top 5 brave persons decided to check it out while the other 2 sensibly remained with feet firmly on the ground. Peter was of course first to the top while Michelle decided to give up half way. Unfortunately any view was obscured by trees and those who had made it to the top all managed the descent without mishap. A bit further along another hill with a shorter and gentler ascent presented itself and did offer at least a 180 degree view to the east and north.

About 4km into our walk the dozer tracks exited the park while we continued along our undulating circuit. A break for morning tea was called in a shady dry creek bed before resuming our 8km snaky round trip back to the cars. The track here was bordered by many clumps of white everlastings. A tree on the edge of a clearing presented some interest with odd looking apple sized balls growing on it. This puzzle was later solved by Paula who discovered that the balls are called bush coconuts – a type of scale bug. Must google it. Before heading home, 5 of us drove to the nearby Marule Lime mine site which was thought to be abandoned. Another surprise: the gate was open and machinery could be heard in operation. We therefore quietly turned around and headed to the Promised Land Rd picnic area for lunch. - *Mary*

Sunday June 18, 2023 - Camp Creek - Hard s4d

It was Camp Creek day with Mary's group exploring Camp Creek east of the road, our group doing the west side uphill. We were 6 keen walkers, the weather promised to be good with blue skies, Camp Creek promised beautiful rock pools, what else to asked for? First off track walking and rock hoping in the creek bed, and partly the rocks were wet and extremely slippery. Thankfully, no major fall did occur. But beautiful rock pools, fig trees, ferns, animal track in the sand, few birds. After 2 hours we reached the sheep dip for morning tea. Continuing about 1 km further up the creek until we reached a rock barrier in the creek and a smaller creek joining Camp Creek from the north. We followed the side creek first in the creek bed, then parallel some meters up the sides along a former cattle trap, in parts so overgrown it was unrecognisable. It was "bush walking", high grass, bushes, vines trying to trip you up, rocks underneath and sadly full of lantana, much more than a year ago when I first recced the track. We continued following the little creek until seeing the blue sky through the trees to our left, indicating a saddle in the ridgeline and

the forestry road.

Walking on the partly very steep forestry road until we found a good place for lunch – and views of Mt Takilbaran through the trees. And finally meeting Gaeta / Wonbah road where it changes its name, and along back to the cars at camp creek - *Angela*

Sunday, June 18, 2023 - Camp Creek - Medium s3c

"I'm having SOO much fun!". So our newish member Petrina exclaimed several times. Well, getting back to the beginning and 6 hikers set out from the parking area beside Camp Creek, wishing the "hard" walkers good luck as they headed off in a different direction. We took an easier route to start with, heading north up Wonbah Road for about 1km before exiting thru/over a gate and into the State Forest. A chorus of birdsong accompanied us with Noisy Friarbirds leading the choir. The going was easy at first, following an overgrown track along the ridge to an old red trough containing some filthy water. From here it was cross country with Mick scouting ahead to find the bits of pink tape that would lead us by the shortest route down to Takilbaran Creek. A morning tea stop was called here and we made ourselves comfortable atop a large rock formation. In spite of the recent dry weather there were still plenty of pools along the way as well as copious vegetation to slow and impede progress. The creek bed varied between sand, pebbles and larger rocks and at times it was easier along the banks. After tracing the creek for a couple of km we headed up a fairly gentle slope back into open forest, looking out for the bits of tape again which were getting smaller and smaller. A fairly flat, open area with no sign of any recent cattle grazing was traversed before descending into the welcome shade of Camp Creek and a well earned stop for lunch. From here it is a lovely walk along the creek bed with tall trees beside the banks. In spring it is a riot of colour when the bottle brush is in flower, but with the sun shining and birds of various indeterminate variety chirping we weren't complaining. Apart, that is, that the advertised 7.5km walk turned out to be a bit over 8km. Back to our 2 cars and it was boots off, refreshments and a chat before heading home just as the harder walkers arrived back safely from their hike - *Mary*

Sunday June 18, 2023 - Barolin Nature Reserve

It was a very pleasant circuit walk at Bargara for 6 people. We left Nielson Park to walk across the wetlands to the Barolin Nature Reserve. The morning was cool as we walked through the trees looking for birds and wildlife. We had lunch at one of the tables at the Park and watched the surf come in. Thank you Verlie for a lovely morning. - JOY

Sunday, July 2, 2023 - Agnes Waters/1770

The forecast kept changing during the week, but by Saturday it was expected to be overcast but fine, so we decided to proceed. 6 of us travelled to Agnes in two cars, and after dropping one car off at the headland, we returned to the beach at Agnes to start the walk. It was quite a chilly morning, especially with the sea breeze, although it did warm up a bit. We walked along the beach, stopping for smoko and also to check out one of the housing estates. Joy originally intended to walk a little way and return to Agnes for us to pick her up, but she ended up pushing through and walking the entire beach and climbing up the goat-track to the headland! After a lunch break and a wander around the headland to the viewing platforms to enjoy the beautiful views, 4 members continued along the Butterfly Walk to the Captain Cook Memorial while Joy and myself drove to meet them there. Those 4 walkers did about 10.5 km, while Joy and myself walked about 8. Thank you Allison for organising a lovely day in the fresh winter sea air, I'm glad you didn't cancel! - *Lucinda*

Future Walks & Outings

Sunday, July 9, 2023 - Avondale Reserve - Social Outing

Drive to Avondale Reserve. Some of the track hasn't been repaired since the flood, but anyone wishing to walk can do a short one. Bring your own chair, morning tea and lunch for a nice morning catching up. Depart North State School at 8.30 am. Contact Barry ([0403 736 420](tel:0403736420)) to register - if you are only calling to RSVP, a text is best, but feel free to call if you have any questions about the day.

Saturday, July 15, 2023 - Coulston Lakes - med s2b

We will drive 21 kms west of Biggenden to Coalstoun Lakes NP car park. A 5km walk, over rough stony ground in Coalstoun Lakes NP following a formed track. Bring food to share. (Moira will have hot water, tea, coffee, scones, jam and cream). Bring your own MUG. Ring Moira [0458 365 051](tel:0458365051) for details and to register. Meet Beiers Park Biggenden 9am or 9.30am at Coalstoun Lakes NP car park.

Sunday, July 16, 2023 - Elliott River (Voss's Road) - med s2a

An medium walk of about 10 km near the Elliott River. The walk is relatively flat, following motorbike trails. This is an out and back walk, so you can make it a shorter walk if you wish. Leave the Coles Kensington car park at 8am. You will need a high clearance vehicle. Contact Allison ([0448 846 084](tel:0448846084)) to register.

Sunday, July 23, 2023 - Kayak - Smith's Crossing

Meet at North State School at 8 am. Contact Paula ([0490 330 542](tel:0490330542)) to register.

Tuesday, July 25, 2023 - Meadowvale Nature Reserve Night Walk - s1a

This is an easy walk around Meadowvale Nature Reserve, but it will be in the dark! Bring your own spotlight - the point of this walk is to find some wildlife. Very likely to see squirrel gliders. This is a slow walk - walk a little, stop, listen and look for wildlife - and be quiet! Meet at Meadowvale Nature Reserve at 5.30 pm. Contact Paula ([0490 330 542](tel:0490330542)) to register.

Sunday 30 July - Mt Perry sunrise

Meet at Mt Perry Summit walk car park 4.30am (full moon and sunrise 6.28am) Return to Mt Perry for breakfast. For those coming from Bundaberg, a BUS (Jo Jo's Tours) will be available for pickup at 3am at River Cruise Cafe, Quay St \$15 pp. Bus to be booked with Jo Marshall [0419 757 477](tel:0419757477).

Contact Moira ([0458 365 051](tel:0458365051)) to register for the walk.

Sunday, July 30, 2023 - Eel Creek - Hard, s4c

A walk up Eel Creek at Mt Walsh NP. This will involve rock hopping and scrambling. There is an opportunity for a swim at the end if you wish. There is not much shade on this walk so 3 litres of water is essential. Meet at Coles Kensington at 7 am. Contact Lucinda on [0421 011 181](tel:0421011181) to register.

Tuesday August 1, 2023 - Monthly Meeting

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

Sunday, August 6, 2023 - Social Outing - Riverview

Enjoy morning tea and lunch at Riverview - bring your own food and chair. Can use the BBQs if you want. Those interested can go for a walk along the foreshore. Depart Thabeban State School at 9am. Contact Barry ([0403 736 420](tel:0403736420)) to register - if you are only calling to RSVP, a text is best, but feel free to call if you have any questions about the day.

Saturday, August 12, 2023 - Striped Boulder - medium s3c

This 3km medium circuit walk follows the Mt Walsh walking track to the first dry creek, then goes off track in a south-easterly direction parallel to the Park boundary fence, to the second dry creek. We then go due south to the Striped Rock, a massive rock with quite a history. The terrain of the walk is uneven and grassy, with hidden rocks and a small climb. This is an ideal day out for families. Children love exploring the area.

Bring morning tea to share; I will provide hot water, tea and coffee. Return is via the same way. Ring Moira [0458 365 051](tel:0458365051) for details and to register. Meet at Beier's Park 8am or Mt Walsh NP day use area, National Park Rd 8.20am. Walk commences 8.30 am.

Sunday, August 13, 2023 - Dairy Creek - Hard m4d

A walk up Dairy Creek to Dairy Creek falls. We can't drive up to the creek any longer so need to start from the house. The creek is also quite overgrown, so it could be slow going, at least at the beginning, so expect a long day. Good shoes, water and food for the day. Depart North State School at 7am. Contact Lucinda ([0421 011 181](tel:0421011181)) to register.

Sunday, August 13, 2023 - Boolboonda Tunnel - Easy s1a

A walk through the tunnel (near Mt Perry) and along a bit of the Bicentennial National Trail. Meet at North Bundaberg State School at 7.30 am. Contact Verlie (4152 8885) to register.

Saturday, August 26, 2023 - Heart Rock Mountain - Hard s4d

This 6km hike requires permission from property owners. The hard walk begins in cattle paddocks, crosses a dry creek and then climbs a narrow ridge with some regrowth vegetation, then open country, to about 550m. Huge boulder formations will interest everyone and give you time to explore. You may even see the "Armless woman" and the "Rooster" and find the musical rocks. Meet 8am at Beier's Park or 8.15am at Swindle Ck road if coming from Maryborough. Contact Moira ([0458 365 051](tel:0458365051)) to register.

Sunday August 27, 2023 - Rail Trail

The Maryborough to Hervey Bay Rail Trail is opening this weekend. There is no leader for this to be a club activity, but if any members want to attend it should be a great morning. Activities start at 9am.

Sunday, August 27, 2023 - Giant's Playground

From Biggenden, we will drive 20 min/16.8 km via Lords Rd to N.P. parking area (4x4 or high clearance vehicle required). (Carpooling is usually available).

Walk approx 2.4klms along bush track and rocky creek to start of ridge climb to the Playground. Steep, grassy and rocky ridge, but once on top, the ridge flattens out, with scenic views, and huge boulders similar to a small version of Girraween N.P. We follow this scenic ridge up and down till reaching one of Mt Walsh's highest points, "BLUFF Mt" at 711mtrs ASL. Return is via forward journey. Total distance of 4.5klms.

Please bring min 2lts water, smoko, lunch, hat, sunscreen, LS shirt, LS pants or shorts (whatever you're comfortable with), good strong walking boots (preferably high ankle support), camera, walking pole, personal first aid kit/medications. Contact Howard ([0438 722 301](tel:0438722301)) to register. Meet at Beirs Park, Edward Street, Biggenden at 8.15 am for an 8.30 am start.

Sunday, August 27, 2023 - Vera Scarth-Johnson Reserve - Easy s1a

This easy walk on formed tracks will meander through the 93 hectare wildflower reserve to the Elliott River. The reserve is located on Coonarr Road, 17kms from Bundaberg. Leave from Thabeban State School at 3.45 pm. Contact Angela by text only to register.

Saturday, September 2, 2023 - AGM

Save the date for the AGM. We are trying something different this year, and rather than hold the AGM on a Tuesday night which is difficult for many people to attend, it will be held on the weekend and will include lunch/walk. To be held at Baldwin Swamp Shelter Shed at 10.30 am. If any questions, please contact Lucinda ([0421 011 181](tel:0421011181)).

Sunday, September 3, 2023 - Baldwin Swamp - Easy s1a

An easy walk through the Baldwin Swamp wetlands. Meet at the shelter shed on Que Hee Street at 4 pm. Contact Angela ([0447 226 854](tel:0447226854)) by text only to register.

Tuesday September 5, 2023 - Monthly Meeting

No meeting this month due to the AGM on the weekend!!!

September 8 - 11, 2023 - Cooloola Wilderness Trail Overnight walk

A short 3 day walk along the Cooloola Wilderness Trail starting from Mullins carpark on Rainbow Beach Road and finishing at Harry's Hut campground on the upper Noosa River. Total distance 30.7 km.

Day 1 - drive to Harry's Hut campground and set up permanent camp

Day 2 - car shuffle back to Mullins Carpark and begin walk to Neeps Waterhole - 8.8 km

Day 3 - Neeps Waterhole to Wandi Waterhole - 12.4 km

Day 4 - Wandi Waterhole to Harry's Hut campground - 9.5 km

This walk will require several support vehicles.

You will require your own backpack, hiking tent, sleeping mat, cooking gear etc. After the walk stay on for a few days at beautiful Harry's Hut and enjoy some kayaking along the Noosa Everglades or just relax in the campground. If a lot of people are interested we will limit numbers, and also so that bookings can be finalised please RSVP as early as you are able.

You will need to book your own campsite at Harry's Hut if you are staying before/after the walk. The organisers will book our campsites on the walk.

We currently only have 2 support vehicles and have both cars full with existing registrations. If anyone else wants to join they are welcome if they can also supply an additional support vehicle. The participants will have a meeting, probably in early August, to finalise arrangements.

Contact Jill ([0404 695 644](tel:0404695644)) or Paula ([0490 330 542](tel:0490330542)) to register or discuss.

Sunday, September 10, 2023 - Pine Creek Area drive/walk

Details TBA. Contact Allison ([0448 846 084](tel:0448846084)) to register.

Saturday, September 16, 2023 - Three Pinnacles

The Three Pinnacles are the 3 rocky peaks, volcanic plugs in front of Mt Walsh.

This hard walk is via the steep slope of Mt Walsh tourist track, but if the weather is too hot, via the dry creek. The hike will involve lots of rock scrambling and some exposure, but amazing views of Mt Walsh cliffs. We return via a grassy slope that can be slippery with hidden rocks. Bring afternoon tea to share if staying on. I will have thermoses for tea/coffee.

Meet at Beier's Park 8am or Mt Walsh NP day use area, National Park Rd 8.20am. Walk commences 8.30am. Ring Moira [0458 365 051](tel:0458365051) for details and to register.

Sunday, September 17, 2023 - Social Outing - Coonaar

A drive and social outing to Coonaar Beach. BYO morning tea, lunch and chair. Meet at Thabeban State School at 9 am. Contact Barry ([0403 736 420](tel:0403736420)) to register - if you are only calling to RSVP, a text is best, but feel free to call if you have any questions about the day.

Sunday, September 24, 2023 - Cave Walk (Mt Walsh NP) - Hard s4d

At the Coongarra side of Mt Walsh NP, this walk will climb to the 4wd track along the ridge, drop down to the creek via some caves, visit Coongarra Rockpools and then climb to some caves on the southern side of the creek. Approx 10km, with some steep sections through rough, overgrown scrub. Meet at Lions Park, Biggenden, at 8am. Contact Marty ([0459 724 294](tel:0459724294)) to register.

Sunday, September 24, 2023 - Musket Flats - Medium s3b

Starting at Musket Flats, west of Maryborough, we will walk along forestry tracks, some of which are part of the National Trail. We will climb to a lookout before returning to the cars. Meet at Coles Kensington at 7am. Contact Allison ([0448 846 084](tel:0448846084)) to register.

Friday, September 29, 2023 - Full Moon Walk, The Hummock - easy s1a

An easy walk up the boardwalk and stairs to the lookout at the top to watch the moon rise. Meet at the carpark at the Hummock lookout at 5.30pm. Contact Allison ([0448 846 084](tel:0448846084)) to register.

Saturday, September 30 - Tuesday, Oct 3 - overnight walk, Moreton Island

Total distance approximately 45klm. A 4 day walk on Moreton Island visiting some of the highlights of the southern part of the island.

Day 1 - Morning barge from Port of Brisbane (Howard Smith Drive) to The Wrecks, walk to Rous Battery on the eastern beach via the Desert, then an inland road (not open to public traffic) - approx 13km

Day 2 - Down eastern beach to Little Sandhills, then via a pedestrian inland road to our camp near Koorinal. Walk to Koorinal with day packs and water containers to fill up with overnight water. Option to have a late lunch or early dinner, snacks, coffee, etc. at The Gutter Bar at Koorinal - approx 11km

Day 3 - North on inland and coastal tracks to the Big Sandhills. Drop packs, optional half day walk to eastern beach and return via a traverse of the Big Sandhills - approx 10km

Day 4 - Follow western beach back to The Wrecks, afternoon barge back to the mainland - approx 13km

You will need to bring and carry everything except water. On Day 2, you will need water bottles, or bladders, etc. with capacity to carry 3-4 litres of water. If you are with Telstra, there will be mobile signal most of the time. To register or for further info, please text Annette on [0418 791 841](tel:0418791841) or email: millers.home@hotmail.com.

Tuesday October 3, 2023 - Monthly Meeting

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

Sunday, October 8, 2023 - Waterfall Creek - Hard s3d

A walk up Waterfall Creek, past the rock pools to a waterfall. This walk involves a lot of rock hopping and some weaving in and out of scrub. Near the waterfall there are a couple of short sections that can be a bit tricky to manage, especially if the creek is flowing. If it has rained recently you can swim in the rockpools on our return. Meet at Coles Kensington at 7am. Contact Lucinda ([0421 011 181](tel:0421011181)) to register.

Sunday, October 8, 2023 - Social Outing - Norval Park

Meet at North State Schol at 8am. Contact Barry ([0403 736 420](tel:0403736420)) to register - if you are only calling to RSVP, a text is best, but feel free to call if you have any questions about the day.

Saturday, October 14, 2023 - Guided Climb Mt Walsh

Commemorating 200 years since the birth of William Henry Walsh, the first settler to climb the mountain, and after whom it is named.

Meet at Lion's Park 7am or 7.20am at Mt Walsh NP day use area, National Park Rd. Walk commences 7.30am

This hard walk follows the tourist track up the mountain which is steep and slippery. From the cliff section to the summit, rock scrambling skills are needed, but assistance will be on hand. A rope may be used.

The view from the summit is spectacular. The return trip is via the same way. Light refreshments will be provided at the conclusion of the climb.

Ring Marty for details [0459 724 294](tel:0459724294)

If you wish to stay the weekend, a Theatre Restaurant (where you can dress in historical clothes) is planned for the evening, celebrating Henry Walsh and pioneer life, and the Biggenden Museum is open on Sunday.

More details to follow about the Walsh weekend: ring Moira [0458 365 051](tel:0458365051)

Sunday, October 15, 2023 - Billy Murray Scenic Walk, Elliott Heads - easy s1a

An afternoon walk along the foreshore at Elliott Heads. Meet at Elliott Heads kiosk at 4.30 pm. Contact Angela ([0447 226 854](tel:0447226854)) by text only to register.

Sunday, November 5, 2023 - Banksia Trail, Woodgate - easy s1a

This easy walk along the boardwalk takes you over swampland and open forest into a palm forest and towards wildflower territory. Four walking tracks offer you a chance to take a closer look at Woodgate's scenery and wildlife. Leave from Thabeban State School at 7.30 am. Contact Angela ([0447 226 854](tel:0447226854)) by text only to register.

Tuesday November 7, 2023 - Monthly Meeting

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

Saturday, November 18, 2023 - Stoney Creek

Meet Beiers Park 8am. We will drive to Rifle Range Rd, and park at a private property. The walk of 7kms follows shaded cattle paddocks until Stony Creek is reached, after which it is all rock hopping. There will be swimming time in a deep permanent pool. We return the same way. Ring Moira [0458 365 051](tel:0458365051) for details and to register.

If access is not given we will go to Coongara Rockpool via Lord's Rd.

Sunday, November 19 2023 - Coonaar Beach - easy s2a

An afternoon walk along the beach. Meet at Coonaar Beach at 4.30 pm. Contact Angela ([0447 226 854](tel:0447226854)) by text only to register.

Saturday, November 25, 2023 - Evening Bike Ride, Cordalba

An afternoon/early evening ride at the Cordalba Mountain bike trail (mountian bike not required). Contact Marty ([0459 724 294](tel:0459724294)) to register.

Sunday, November 26, 2023 - Colliery Circuit

This walk is near Torbanlea. 6.5 km, allow 2.5 hours walking. We will walk 1km of the Mary2Bay rail trail then deaprt the trail and explore the relics of a few coal mines and learn the history of the area. Bring a day pack. Depart Thabeban State School at 7am. Contact Marlene ([0424 711 098](tel:0424711098)).

Saturday, December 2, 2023 - End of Year Party - Baldwin Swamp Shelter Shed

More details to come.

Photo Competition



2023 Annual Photo Competition Rules

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

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

We usually have an extra category of a photo featuring a colour, but we have decided to change it up a bit this year. Instead of a colour, the extra category will be photos featuring "SPOTS" - interpret that how you will!

There is an additional category of Free Choice, where photo entries may be a photo of any subject taken in any year, on club activities or not.

One 6x4 photo per person per category. \$10 prize and bragging rights for the winner of each category.

General Information

Current Fees (membership fees due 1 July each year):

- Membership fees - Adult - \$20 per adult
- Membership fees - Child (under 18) - \$10 (for one or more children from the same family)
- Walk Fees - free for members, \$5 per visitor

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 your third walk.

Please do not send cash through the mail. You can pay your membership fees at the monthly meeting, or by EFT BSB064-403, account no 00915879 quoting your surname as reference. A receipt will be emailed to you by the Treasurer.

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.

Those intending to participate on outings are asked to contact the nominated walk leader prior to the walk. This particularly applies to newcomers to club outings. Comfortable walking shoes/boots and suitable clothing should be worn on all outings. A suitable day pack should also be carried (see our website for suggested pack contents).

On day walks, car loads are generally arranged at the nominated departure point with passengers contributing to fuel costs. Suggested basic contributions for passengers

are: **10-20 kms \$5/person, 20-50km \$8/person, 50/100km \$10/person
100-200km \$15/person, 200-250km \$20/person, 250-300km \$25/person**

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 - to encourage more members to become First Aid proficient, the Club will pa a 50% fee subsidy to those members who attend and complete a recognised First Aid or CPR course.

Acknowledgement of Risk - by participating in a club activity, all participants understand that:

- They have advised the Trip Leader if they am taking any medication or have any physical or other limitation that might affect their participation in the activity. They will make every effort to remain with the rest of the party and accept reasonable instructions of the Leader.
- They are aware that the activity may expose them to risks that could lead to injury, death or loss or damage to my property.
- To minimise these risks, they have endeavoured to ensure that this activity is within their capabilities and that they are carrying food, water and equipment appropriate for the activity.
- The Trip Leader reserves the right to refuse any person from participating if that person is deemed to be inappropriately equipped.

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

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