

"MAKING TRACKS WITH US"

BUNDABERG BUSHWALKING CLUB

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President's Ponderings

After months of planning, the 40th anniversary celebration is almost here! I can't wait to catch up with members, old and new, on Saturday. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Also, don't forget the AGM is also on Saturday at 11 am. Hopefully we can make this a quick meeting so we can move on to more fun things.

There are lots of walking options on over the next few months, while we squeeze in as much as possible before the summer heat hits. I hope you all get the chance to get out and about!

Happy walking,
Lucinda

WALK REPORTS:

Sunday 11th August. Mt Perry – Hard:

12 people proved that slow and steady can get you to the top of a mountain. The day approached with concerns over the weather forecast but we woke to blue skies and headed off with a mix of excitement and trepidation. The mountain top was shrouded in cloud but fortunately remained dry for the duration of the walk. Armed with radios the group spread out as expected but that was to our advantage for the ones bringing up the rear as the forward party had vacated the morning tea spot by the time we got there so we could sit and soak up the views. Views are actually better during the climb than from the top but at the top now there is a great picnic spot. Everyone was surprised at the changing vegetation and each had a favourite section; we each had our least favourite section for the ascent and descent too. I actually didn't time how long we were on the mountain for but the distance travelled was 8.6km. Thanks to everyone for the support and encouragement you gave each other and I look forward to similar endeavours. - Allison

Saturday 17th August. - Social – Gorman Park - Burnett Heads.

Once again the sun shone after some very wet days and 11 people drove to Gorman Park with chairs, and lunches to talk about the 40th reunion. We walked the sandy track to the Lighthouse to see many fishing boats on the blue water. The walk led us around the back of the football field and back to our chairs. Allison arrived in time for lunch, we heard how the 12 people tackled the Mt Perry climb. Murray had 2 bird albums and the brilliant photos of the birds with their names and where they were taken is a pictorial display of patience to click the best shot. It's surprising how many different bird species are around the Bundaberg area. We saw a few scary pics of crocs and other predators amongst the pics to remind us of the enemies the birds and animals look out for in their daily lives. Thanks Murray and Dawn for bringing the books along with the camera showing us how it was done. Many thanks to Barry and Glynn for another popular social day. - JOY

Sunday 18th August – Agnes Waters – Red Rock

The walk to red rock and back really is a stunningly beautiful walk, add to that sun shining out of a deep blue sky, reflecting on the water, shimmering, perfect walking temperatures and of course good company you have all you need for a perfect outing. Four of us enjoyed the walk, along sandy and rocky beaches, up and down headlands and of course red rock, with breathtaking views up to Round Hill to the north and middle rock to the south. Or was it even wreck rock? We started our walk at the parking space adjacent to the melaleuca track, sadly closed, we extended the normal 6 km walk to close to 8 km, and back at the car decided to call it a day, lunch first of course. Only missing was seeing whales playing from the headlands, but you can not win all the time. - Angela

Saturday 24th August. - Coongarra Rock & Orchids.

A group of twenty people set out on a smoky warm day to climb Coongara Rock. Led by Moira, the group made their way from the north of the Rock, around its impressive base to the southern access point.

Greeting the group on the final ascent were the impressive blooms of *Dendrobium speciosum*, the golden King Orchids. Time was savoured on the summit with a 360 degree view of the rolling hills. On the way down we saw some interesting ant activity. A colony of honey-pot ants were carrying all their eggs and larvae from ground level to four meters above ground. The long line was marching across the rock wall, many were repletes, (an ant with a large honey store in its abdomen). If the ants are right, we could be in for more flooding rain. We passed a huge turkey mound, marvelled at the enormous spotted gums and were followed by sulphur crested cockatoos. Coongara is aboriginal for White Cockatoo. A short detour to the cave concluded the hike, followed by a sumptuous afternoon tea... and all the car doors could be opened this time :) - Moira

Saturday 31st August - Vera Scarth Johnson Walk: The walk leader was unable to do the walk but Peter stepped in to take 4 people on the walk. Flowers and ferns were scattered along the sandy tree lined track, and the Banksia cones were lying along the way. Some trees were showing their golden cones coming into flower. A good cool breeze made it a very easy pleasant walk. We came to the wet muddy area filled with mosquitoes, and found our way out through the thick undergrowth very quickly. At the cross roads two people took the longer track home and 3 turned back to return the way they came. Many thanks to Peter keeping this walk going on the day. - JOY

Sunday 1 September: Deepwater National Park. Just 6 of us met at North Bundy and travelled in 2 cars the 1++ hours drive to the Wreck Rock picnic area in Deepwater NP. The sun was shining and the birds twittering and cackling as we walked north for 2km along the sandy 4WD road that leads to Agnes Water. Plenty of shade was provided by tall eucalyptus that form a domed canopy over much of the track. A sharp left (west) turn then took us onto a rough track with a much more open aspect. Many tall banksias sported lots of cream blossoms and we were able to benefit from Leeann's extensive knowledge of native plants and wildflowers. Michelle was rapt to get an excellent photo of a Rainbow BeeEater. Our further progress along this track was halted by muddy water but we had probably already seen about as many wildflowers as were on offer. Before getting back to Wreck Rock Road, we stopped for morning tea and watched some Spangled Drongos busily flying about. At this point Margot and Jill decided to return to the picnic ground while the rest of us proceeded north to Middle Rock campground where we rested briefly. From here it is a short walk over the dunes to the beach and boots came off to enjoy a barefoot stroll back to Wreck Rock, a distance (without the twists and turns) of about 1.5 km. With the tide out and a following breeze the return to the cars passed pleasantly. I think we all relished a splash in the shallows: certainly Tinyu's long pants got quite wet. Jill and Margot had secured a picnic table for lunch and afterwards we amused ourselves in various ways for a while before returning safely home. Mary

FUTURE WALKS AND OUTINGS:

Saturday 7th September: Unfortunately the walk to be held at Baldwin Swamp before the Reunion and A.G.M. has been cancelled.

BUNDABERG BUSHWALKING CLUB - will be celebrating 40 years reunion at the **East End Hotel 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 from the Hotel Menu. Commemorative patches will be available at a cost of \$5 at the dinner.

Sunday 15th September – Tawah Creek – Medium. - Depart Coles Kensington car park at 7am or meet at the Mt Woowoonga car park at 8am. Following Tawah Ck at the base of Mt Woowoonga and return the same way. Rock hopping all the way. Total 5.5 km. Bring morning tea & lunch; minimum 2L water. Long clothes & hiking boots recommended. To register contact Allison on (0448 846 084)

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)

Saturday 21st September- Social: Sharon Gorge: Meet at North School to leave at 9am. Enjoy a short walk to the river. Bring a chair and plate if you wish to stay for lunch. Glynn and Barry are planning a sausage sizzle BBQ with buns supplied. Everyone welcome to these popular social days. Please Phone Barry (0403 736 420)

Sunday 22nd September – Hard walk. Gorge Walk, Mt Walsh N/P m4d This walk is a long one, involving rock hopping over creeks, rock scrambling up a gorge, steep ups and downs. Just over 10km, and it will take us at least 6 hours, so walkers need to have done another hard walk with the club to join this walk. High clearance vehicles are required, so if you need a lift please let me know when registering. Bring plenty of water as it is likely to be hot and parts of the walk are exposed. Also bring lunch and snacks. Meet at Bundaberg North State School at 7am. Contact Lucinda (0421 011 181) to register.

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 1b- Meet at North S.S. to leave at 7.30. From Rules Beach carpark we walk along the beach to the mouth of Baffle Creek. Return through the Conservation Park along bush tracks. 7Klm return. Afterwards take a short drive to Flatrock Picnic area (with toilets and covered tables) for lunch. To register please Phone Mary (414 190 566)

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

Saturday 19th October - walk/tourist drive. Meet at Coles Kensington at 7am: Drive to Coalston Lakes craters, to Chowie Bridge and Paradise Dam. We will complete the crater lake walk 4.4km return (medium walk - short but sharp) 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 12th November - Change of Meeting date: 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, & plate, a 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 www.bundabergbushwalkers.com

The newsletter is also available at the Bundaberg Library.