

"MAKING TRACKS WITH US"

BUNDABERG BUSHWALKING CLUB

NEWSLETTER - JULY 2025



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President's Ponderings

First, a huge thank you to everyone who attended the planning meeting last weekend, and especially to everyone who has put their hand up to lead a walk at some stage this year. We have quite a packed schedule, and it's because of the leaders.

Speaking of leaders, we have uploaded the walk sheet and the acknowledgement of risk form to the website. You'll find these documents under "Member Information and Documents" page. Hopefully this will be an easy spot for leaders to be able to find the documents next time they have a walk. If you need them printed, please let me know and I can arrange for that.

Another reminder also that your membership renewals are now due. If you want to do so online, the link is on our Facebook page and website. You can also find the pdf of the mem-

bership form on the website and print that off if that is easier. As we told everyone last newsletter, all members need to complete this information every year, even if you have been a member for years, as it is required by our insurer.

I hope everyone gets to take advantage of the cooler weather to get out and about!

Happy walking,
Lucinda

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership fees for **July to December** are now due. This is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The link to register is below, and is also available on our website and Facebook page. Link - <https://forms.gle/fj2cSo55pgvUSsFc6>

If you don't want to register online, we still need you to complete a registration form, otherwise your registration is not complete. You can fill in a physical registration form by:

- Printing one off our website
- Contacting Lucinda or Mary to have one emailed to you
- Contacting Lucinda to find a time to meet her at her office in the CBD to fill in a form.

You can return a form by:

- Posting it to PO Box 696, Bundaberg QLD 4670
- Scanning/photographing it and emailing it to info@bundabergbushwalkers.com
- Bringing it to a monthly meeting
- Dropping it into Lucinda's office at 7/53 Woongarra Street, Bundaberg, at any time.

A reminder that we are changing the membership year to more align with the walking "season". The things you need to know are:

- This year, the renewals in July will be for July to December, and be \$10 for the 6 months *
- Then in **January**, your membership will be due again and will be \$25 for January to December. This is a small increase – the membership fees haven't risen in over a decade, so this is just to help offset our increased costs.
- Even if you have been a member for years, you will need to fill in a membership application form **EVERY YEAR**. This can either be done online (the link will be sent in June), or in paper form (available from Mary, Lucinda, or our website). Note this includes your date of birth – this is required for insurance purposes, it isn't an optional field!

WALK REPORTS:

Mingo Crossing camping and kayak weekend

Camping at Mingo Crossing Caravan Park provided an idyllic setting to explore this section of Paradise Dam, including some of its tributaries. Bird-life was abundant. Variety of water-birds, plus many bush birds along the banks.

On Saturday and Sunday, extensive paddles enabled us to explore both upstream and downstream from our campsite. Teamed with sunset paddles in Bin Bin Creek, where reflections on the calm water was a bonus.

Happy Hours with very pleasant company, all added to a great weekend that was enjoyed by all – Bev

FUTURE WALKS AND OUTINGS:

Saturday July 12th – Social at The Hummock. - Meet at Riverside Carpark, Quay St at 9am. Bring chair and morning tea. See the views from the Hummock and an easy walk. Please text or phone Barry **(0403 736 420)**

Monday 14th July - Meadowvale Moonlight Walk. – Easy walk. Meet at carpark Meadowvale at 5.30PM- Bring Headlamp, warm clothes, & Mosie Protection. We should see Sugar Gliders, and echidna etc on a short walk. Please phone Paula. **(0490 330 542)**

22 July to 5 August – Kayak/Walk trip in central north Qld

A kayak and walk trip of approx 2 weeks duration. Proposed itinerary:

22 July camp at Clairview Caravan Park and maybe spot a dugong.

23-25 July camp at Mirani Caravan park. There is access to the Pioneer River nearby at Platypus Beach and easy drive to kayak on Lake Teemburra and walk Finch Hatton Gorge

26-28 July. Travel over the range to Eungella Dam stopping along the way for a walk along the Broken River. Kayak on the dam and explore the surrounding countryside. A small camp fee is payable to Sunwater

29-30 July. Free camp at natural Lake Elphinstone.

31 July - 2 August . Free camp at Mt Britton Moonlight Dam camping area. Explore this old gold mining area "surrounded by magnificent mountains". Hike up the mountain!

3-5 August Blackdown Tableland. Hopefully in time for wildflowers Need to book campsite ASAP with National Parks as the park is closed for roadworks until end of July.

If interested in all or part of this trip please contact Mary on **(0414 190 566)**

<https://www.queensland.com/.../p-56b25ecbaeeeaaf773cf126b...>

Sunday 27th July – Baldwin Swamp – easy. – Meet at Lake Ellen at 8.30 am. See the birds and wetlands as we enjoy an easy walk around Baldwin Swamp. Contact Verlie **(41 528885)**

Sunday 27th July – Coongarra Rock Waterfall – hard - m2b. Meet at Coles Kensington Carpark 7am. We can car pool if not enough high clearance vehicles. For more information please phone Lucinda **(0421 011 181)**

Saturday 2nd August – Chowey Bridge Walk. - Moria will lead a walk from Biggenden to Chowey Bridge to celebrate 120 years since the bridge was built.

TIME : Meet 8am for 8.30am start - **WHERE:** Seymour Park, Nette Street, Biggenden (opposite 33 Nette St). **Plan:** After signing on at Seymour Park, Nette Street, we will walk to Degilbo for morning tea. A short break near Muan Feedlot will provide another short break before arriving at Chowey Bridge 4 to 5 hours from the start (12.2 km). There will be no toilets on the way, just a few trees. **TRANSPORT:** You will need to arrange pick up at Chowey or ask for a lift after the walk. In the event that you cannot keep going, you will need to ask your designated driver to pick you up. The bitumen road is quite close to the rail line. Contact Moria to register. **(0458 365 051)**

Sunday 10th August – Mt Walsh N/P – Slow Walk – Mt Walsh is a very steep climb which includes a rock scramble near the top. After the success of the 'slow' walk to Mt Perry last year, this walk will also be a slow one. Also perfect for anyone wanting to try a hard walk but not sure how they'll go, as we will take it easy. We go up and back the same well-marked track,

if you want to stop at any stage, you can either return to the car or sit and wait for our return. Bring 3 litres of water (as it can be hot and exposed), morning tea and lunch. To register phone Lucinda **(0421 011 181)**. Meet at Coles Kensington carpark 7am.

Tuesday, 12th August – Monthly Meeting – Please note change of meeting date.

Bundaberg State High School, **5.30 pm**. All members and visitors welcome.

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

Saturday 16th August – Social – Smiths Crossing. Meet at 9am at North S/S for Smiths Crossing and another popular social day. Bring chair and morning tea and any interesting photos or quizzes you wish to share. Please phone or text Barry **(0403 736 420)**

Sunday 17th August – Coonarr Falls Circuit – Medium S3b. 4-5km approx 2-3hours. Walking along Coonarr Creek from the boat ramp to the waterfall, which is now dry. Have morning tea and walk back on N/P track passing the old entrance to Kinkuna N/P. A pleasant walk-through wallum and forest, there will be wildflowers in Spring. Meet at Thabeban S/S at 8am. Contact Angela Text only. **(0447 226 854)**

Sunday 24th August - Hunter's Hut – Meet: Woocoo Community Hall for 30km convoy to Hunter's Hut. Time: 8.30 am. Distance: 9km. Rating: Medium. **M2b**
This walk features a section of the disused Mungar to Monto rail line that closed in 2012. Rail and bush tracks are utilised to create a circuit track over 2 trestle bridges. M/tea is under the impressive Charley Hart Bridge. Please contact Marlene **(0424 711 098)**

Saturday 30th August – Kayak - Burnett River. Information phone Howard **(0438 722 301)**

Sunday 31st August – Peter's Corner Post Walk. – Medium S2b – 110-12km. A walk in Kinkuna N/P along fire breaks and old service tracks to the border N/P Agricultural area to investigate why Coonarr Creek waterfall is running dry. We may get wet feet for a section of the walk closely follows the creek bed and Coonarr creek does not always differentiate between creek bed and walking path. Bring morning tea. Meet at Thabeban S/S at 8am. Contact Angela Text only **(0447 226 854)**

Tuesday 2nd September – Monthly Meeting – Bundaberg State High School. **5.30pm**

Saturday 6th September – Bundaberg Bushwalk Club A.G.M. - All members are invited to the A.G.M to be held at **Baldwin Swamp Shelter Shed at 10am.**

Sunday 7th September – Oaks Beach to Mon Repos – Meet at Riverside carpark Quay St at 4Pm for a nearly full moonlight walk from Oaks Beach to Mon Repos. Walk as far or as little as you like from Oaks Beach towards Mon Repos (distance one way 3.85km). Moon rise is 5.11pm. Bring head lamp, insect repellent, water, snacks. Contact Allison **(0448 846 084)**

Thursday 11th 12th 13th September – Kayak – Noosa River – More information phone Paula **(0490 330 542)**

Saturday 13th September – Mt Widgee – Medium – m2b - This is a half day walk to Mt Widgee. About 40km west of Gympie, it is 710m. The walk is approximately 10km with 700m of climbing. The walk follows a 4WD road with a reasonable number of ups and downs, before coming to the hanglider launch site. The road continues before ending on an open ridge, which we follow to the summit. The last section is steep and overgrown. It is a moderate walk. There are good views towards Widgee and the ranges to the east. Contact Richard Joll **(0414 345 782)**

Sunday 14th September – Wreck Rock. From Wreck Rock camp ground, veer off main road following fire trail to swamp area and return. Approx 6km total. Open, exposed walk. 2ltr water minimum, snacks. Lunch back at the camp area and afternoon swim if you like. Depart North State School 7.30am. Contact **Allison (0448 846 084)**

Sunday 28th September - Pine Creek – Medium s1b: An **exploratory** walk - medium level. Following old tracks to the Burnett River. Undulating, rough & loose surface and the great unknown! Approximately 7km. Full day pack requirements, minimum 2l water. Depart Coles Kensington 7.30am. Contact **Allison (0448 846 084)**

Sunday 28th September - Woodgate – easy. Walk the boardwalk to the Melaleuca track, and Banksia track circuit. Meet at Thabeban s/s 8am. Phone Verlie **(41 528885)**

Saturday 4th October – Mt Walsh N/P – More information Phone Howard **(0438 722301)**

Saturday 5th October – Medium walk – for more information Phone Mary **(0414 190 566)**

Tuesday 7th October. – Monthly Meeting. – Meet at Bundaberg State High School. **5.30PM**

Wednesday 8th – 12th October – Brian & Bev Kayaking trip from Mingo Crossing. For more information Phone **(0419 568 479)**

Sunday 12th October – Burnett Downs. Sharon. Easy S2b. 3.8klm Early morning walk, parking at the Nature Reserve and walking down to the river bank. Walk along riverbank between river and houses with beautiful trees, river gums and birdlife to Sharon boat ramp. Have morning tea and return the same way. Meet at North S/S at 8am. Contact Angela by Text only. **(0447 226 854)**

Saturday 18th October - Social – Burnett Downs. Leave North S/S 9am. Bring chair and morning tea. You may have an interesting poem, or quiz to share. Please phone or text Barry **(0403 736 420)**

Saturday 25-26th October – Dam Crazy Camp. – Berries Road, Golden Fleece (between Childers & Dalarnill) - Beautiful spot. Kayaks available. Toilets, no power or showers. Take rubbish away. Day trippers can come out. A few bushwalks on the property. \$15 per person per night. For more information Phone Allison **(0448 846 084)**

Sunday 2nd November – Bingera N/P- Meet at Thabeban S/S to leave at 7am. Please phone Allison (**0448 846 084**)

Tuesday 4th November – Monthly Meeting – At Bundaberg State High School. **5.30PM**

Friday 7th – 9th November – Kayak - Monduran Dam overnight kayaking. More information
Phone Brian & Bev (0419 568 479)

Saturday 8th November - Barolin N/P Start with fish n chips (or whatever) in Bargara, then head to the Reserve for some night time exploration. Head lamp, spot light, insect repellent, water & snacks. More information will be available after the November Meeting. **(Allison)**

Saturday 16th November – Easy Walk – for more information –Text Only - Angela **(0447 226 854)**

Saturday 29th November – Xmas Break up Party. – To be held at the Baldwin Swamp Shelter Shed. All Members and visitors welcome.

Monday 1st December – Including Monday 15th December Turtle Walks.- Depending on tide, the walks will include Kellys Beach, Bargara and Archies Beach (Includes 4 beaches). Phone Paula . **(0490 330 542)**

Saturday 13th December – Social – Burnett Heads. – The final Social for the year will be held at Gorman Park Burnett Heads. Please meet at Riverside carpark Quay St to leave at 9am. Please phone or text Barry **(0403 736 420)**

2025 ANNUAL PHOTO COMPETITION

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, Funny, Flora, Macro and People (one or more persons) along with a photo of any subject featuring the colour '*circles*' – interpret that how you will!

There is also an additional category of Free Choice. This may be a photo of any subject taken in any year. One 6 x 4 photo per person per category. Cash prizes for the winners in each category.

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	d. Good fitness and agility a must
	5. Technical rock ability, abseil	e. Strenuous. Experienced, very fit walkers only

2025 Fees: 6 months July – December

(1) Membership fees – \$10 per adult. \$5 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.

Please note that in 2026, the membership fees will be \$25 for January to December.

(2) Walk fees – \$5.00 per visitor. Free for Members.

(3) Postal Address - P.O. Box 696 Bundaberg. Qld. 4670

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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**

Newsletters are available from Bundaberg Library.

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.

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 our website.

The newsletter is also available at the Bundaberg Library.