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## **BUNDABERG BUSHWALKING CLUB**

### **NEWSLETTER - AUGUST - 2024**



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#### **BUNDABERG BUSHWALKERS CLUB**

#### **President's Ponderings**

It's now less than one month until our AGM/40th anniversary celebrations, which is very exciting. Don't forget to RSVP if you are coming, and also to send through any photos or memories if you have any.

Also, at the AGM we need people to fill the executive positions on the committee - president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. We always welcome new blood, so if you are interested in any of these positions, please do not hesitate to give me a call or email to discuss.

The club has just renewed our National Trail membership, which means that our members can walk on the National Trail (and access their maps) for free. To walk on any of the non-public sections of the trail you do need to carry documentation, so please email the club if you would like more information on this.

We are also having difficulty locating one of the club GPS (and yes, before you ask, I have checked under the seats in my car). If you happen to have it in your possession, could you please let either myself or Allison know? Thank you!

Happy walking,  
Lucinda

### **WALK REPORTS:**

#### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Coongarra Cave -**

Twenty one people, including six children, enjoyed the walk to Coongarra cave. The children were very interested in the arboreal termite mounds, horseshoe fungi and how spear grass rotates when water is added to a seed. Exploring the cave and rock scrambling provided much entertainment, while the adults simply sat and savoured the expansive view. The journey back was uneventful until we arrived at the cars and one of the walker's cars would not unlock. All methods were tried, including breaking in, which was unsuccessful. Eventually a phone call was made at a section of road where there was reception, the husband in Bundaberg was informed, and one and half hours later he arrived to the rescue. He found no way to open the car, so as a last resort, the window was smashed, the car opened and thankfully it started. We were all relieved. On the return trip a large iron-bark tree had fallen across the road. Thankfully it had missed all of us! An interesting day out, with all glad to get home. - Moira

#### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Moore Park Beach - Easy Walk**

Twelve people and 1 visitor met at the Lassig St reserve for an easy walk. The wind was bitterly cold when we followed the path which led to the back of the caravan park, then across the Main park to the walkway and the bridge across the lake. We saw several water birds and flowering trees either side of the lake. Some walked the loop around the back of the houses and we all met back at the reserve. We enjoyed a lovely sunny morning out of the cold wind watching the Dolphins following the boats with many birds flying and diving looking for fish scraps as they trawled in the calm blue water. - JOY

#### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Mt Woocoo.**

It was a crisp start to the day, we had 5 takers for this walk. The road through to the start of the walk is finally drying out, only 2 soft sections. We did stop briefly on the way in for a nature break and we found a National Horse Trail marker lying on the ground which was way off course? Mt Woocoo is located within St Mary's State Forest, it is managed by Queensland Parks Wildlife Service for stock grazing, bee keeping, nature conservation, there are no recreation areas within this State Forest. Forestry manage any harvesting operations. Many of the higher points in the state forests have trig points which were installed many years ago by surveyors. Commonly referred to as trigs, they are fixed survey points placed at the highest peak of a mountain or hill. Often visible to at least two other surrounding trigs, they form a network of triangulations. There is another trig point on Mt Benaragie which some of our members have visited.

Mt Woocoo is relatively small only 240m asl. We arrived at the summit within an hour of leaving the car, there is a logging track we followed and when that finished we wondered up to the summit enjoying the views out to Mt Benaragie, Mt Goonaneman and Mt Walsh. The

western side of Mt Woocoo has a line of eroded outcrops mainly sandstone of some description. We located some overhangs with one containing a note in a jar from the local farmers dating back to the Covid lockdown. Below the summit there are isolated rocks, some containing ferns and orchids.

We arrived back at the car by lunch and headed back to Woocoo Hall. On the way back we had one last stop to observe 3 Glossy Black Cockatoos feeding on some casuarina cones. They are vulnerable in Queensland and are rarely sighted around Maryborough. Thank-you to Lucinda, Allison, Bridgette and Marlene for joining me. - Richard.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July – Bingera N/P – easy.** - A small group headed to Bingera NP off the Goodwood Rd for an enjoyable forest stroll. We were amazed at the changing vegetation and the undulations in an area that looks flat. The walk followed mahogany creek and we were spared having to paddle across as the level was low at the road. Reflections at our morning tea stop were beautiful. The one who commented to another at the beginning of the walk that we probably wouldn't see many flowers had to eat her words as we were always coming up last due to stopping and admiring flowers and taking photos. It was a good 6km walk on a crisp winter's day. Being such a close walk to town it was a nice change to be home for lunch. Thanks Peter for an enjoyable walk.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July – Bania – Hard.**-Mt Bania - Five of us headed off on one of the warmer mornings we've had this winter, although it was still overcast. We made it to the lookout in good time, and crept quietly to the edge as we can often see rock wallabies on the ledge below. After initially thinking they weren't there today, Steffi managed to pick one out, and then spotted two more. They didn't seem too bothered by us! We had our morning tea with the lovely view - one of the best in the area - and headed back down. We made it back to the cars in under three hours, and it was nice to still have the afternoon free when we got home. Thanks for the company everyone! It was a lovely day - Lucinda

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August – Kalina Creek.** - Only 4 of us met at Woongarra state school and proceeded to the little parking area off Logan Rd at the start of Charlotte's Wood walking path. The area is part of an old quarry, very barren and neglected, close to the new Bargara Headlands estate, and is being planted up with natives. The plan is for 50 ha of park in total. We walked the main walkway, admired the surviving and thriving trees (a lot) and poked our noses in the grow protectors to see what else may come up.

Having thus looked at a "before" state, we went the walkway down Kalina creek towards the sea. This part of Kalina creek has been landscaped years ago, also with natives, and with the intention to be used to clean and settle stormwater before it enters the sea. Beautifully done, but still maintenance required.

Next we walked along the coast a bit, and as we were in the vicinity anyway, we decided to look at the new sewer outlet, the building work for it did hinder us last year on our Elliot to Burnett Heads walk, but now it is finished. Really not much to see. Now on to the rotunda because we could, but not all of us made it, there were pods of whales playing not far from the coast. Splashing, fins, white bellies could be seen, and there was no hurry, the whales were enjoying themselves or wanted to give all the onlookers a good time. It really was great. Whales swam on, and we walked on. Along North-West Avenue, featuring more planted up storm drains in the middle of the road (beautiful), and being cleansed in a reed bed close to the sea (birds everywhere). It is so good to see that housing estates do not have to be tar,

concrete and lawn only, but that you can really bring some nature and green back in. Back along Logan Rd to the carpark, viewed suspiciously by kangaroos.

### **WANTED -**

For the club's 40th anniversary celebration a slide show will be prepared to complement the albums of the early years. Since the digital camera and phones came into being there aren't the albums that capture the club's activities. If you have some photos you'd like to share of people, places, activities please send them to [info@bundabergbushwalkers.com](mailto:info@bundabergbushwalkers.com)

### **FUTURE WALKS AND OUTINGS:**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August - Mt Walsh - Hard M** - Meet: Beiers Park, Biggenden at 7:30am - Start Time: 08:00am - (registration & car pooling). Standard vehicle OK. - Hard, Off track, very steep climb up along a rocky creek, to scenic rock outcrop, and back down via another tributary. Be prepared to encounter: rock hopping, large boulders, loose rocky scree, scratchy vines, and a few cuts and scratches, but if you can handle all that, then the views are worth the effort! - Full day pack required, suitable protective clothing, hiking boots/shoes, (NO joggers/runners will be allowed to be worn, due to the nature of this hike) minimum 2L water, smoko/lunch, and a sense of adventure. LIMITED NUMBERS: (10 only)  
Contact Howard on 0438 722 301 for more information & to register. Members may text, NON Members are required to speak to me in person, to gauge your ability.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August – Mt Perry - HARD** - As the fable goes - slow and steady wins the race. This hard walk will be at turtle (slow) pace for those who want to conquer the mountain at their own pace. It will be a full day's outing. Minimum 2L water. Hiking poles recommended. For more information & to register contact Allison on (0448 846 084.) Depart North State School at 7am.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August – Social** Burnett Heads Park for social and walk. Meet at Rivercruise Carpark Quay St at 9am. Bring chair and lunch. Please phone Barry (0403 736 420)

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August – Agnes Waters – Red Rock - Medium MS**, A walk to the beach High tide is at 7.20am. Bring morning tea and lunch. Leave from North School 7am. To register please text only Angela (0447 226 854).

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August – Coongarra Rock & Orchids**. Please text Moira (0458 365 051)

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> August** - **Mingo Crossing Camp** - We will camp at Mingo Crossing. Please RSVP to Lucinda first, and then make your own booking. \$23.50 per site per night unpowered: \$34.00 per site per night powered: Feel free to arrive earlier or stay later if you wish. Bring your kayak to go for a paddle. Walks will depend on the attendees and the weather - hopefully we will be able to walk up Dairy Creek, but if not we will make other arrangements. **Please call Lucinda (0421 011 181) to register.**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August - Vera Scarth Johnson Walk – easy**. Sandy tracks and wildflowers 5klm. Leave at 3.30pm from Thabeban S/School. Contact Angela Text only (0447 226 854)

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September - Deepwater N/P. Hard . M.** Wild flower walk about 10km. Leave North School 7.30 am. Phone Mary (041 419 0566)

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** - 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.

**Pilgrimage – Kenilworth Showgrounds - September 6th - 8<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September:** To celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations Angela will lead a walk at Baldwin Swamp. Easy, less than 4km on formed pathways. Finish in plenty of time to transfer to the AGM and lunch. Meet at the shelter shed at 9am. Contact Angela text only (0447 226 854)



**BUNDABERG BUSHWALKING CLUB** - will be celebrating their 40 years reunion at the **East End Hotel on 7<sup>th</sup> 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 as per the Hotel Menu. Commemorative patches will be available at a cost of \$5 at the dinner. Please phone Lucinda Doughty (0421 011 181) or Allison Webb (0448 846 084) to register.

**September 9th-16th – The Great Carnarvon Gorge Walk –** This walk is Full.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Pine Creek – Medium.** To be advised.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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)

**September 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>** Tasmanian 3 capes track in Tasmania. This trip is Full

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September- Social: Sharon Gorge:** Meet at North School 9am. Enjoy a short walk to the river. Bring lunch and a chair. Phone Barry (0403 736 420)

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Hard walk.** To be advised.

**Friday & Saturday 27/28 September,** Auburn River NP and Mundubbera Blueberry Festival: medium. Please phone Moira (0458 365 051)

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> October - Rules Beach. Medium** Walk to Baffle Creek. Meet at North S.S. to leave at 7.30. Please phone Mary (414 190 566)

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

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October - walk/tourist drive.** Drive to Coalston Lakes craters, to Chowie Bridge and Paradise Dam. Meet at Coles Kensington 7am. To register please phone Allison (0421 011 181).

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> October - Social Innes Park:** For the popular social mornings and walk, bring chair and lunch. Please phone Barry (0403 736 420).

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Coonar Beach – easy.** 5.5.klm along the sand. Meet at Coonar Beach 4.00pm. Contact Angela, text only (0447 226 854).

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November -** 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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)

**30<sup>th</sup> 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**

<b>Max Kilometres per day</b>	<b>Terrain</b>	<b>Fitness</b>
<b>S.</b> up to 10 kilometres	<b>1.</b> Graded track	<b>a.</b> Unfit beginners
<b>M.</b> 10-15 kilometres	<b>2.</b> Tracks, steeper sections, open terrain	<b>b.</b> Fit beginners
<b>L.</b> 15-20 kilometres	<b>3.</b> Off track, minor scrub, creek/rock hopping, minimal navigation	<b>c.</b> Fitness and/or agility required
<b>X.</b> Over 20 kilometres	<b>4.</b> Scrambling, thick rainforest, hard navigation <b>5.</b> Technical rock ability, abseil	<b>d.</b> Good fitness and agility a must <b>e.</b> 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**

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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**

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](mailto:joyham@westnet.com.au)

The club email address is [info@bundabergbushwalkers.com](mailto: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](http://www.bundabergbushwalkers.com)

The newsletter is also available at the Bundaberg Library.