



# Making Tracks With Us

*Bundaberg Bushwalking Club Newsletter*  
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## President's Ponderings

At the meeting on Tuesday we discussed that, for most people who did the Remote First Aid course in 2020, their First Aid certificate is about to expire. If anyone is interested in doing a first aid course or renewing their certificate (even if you didn't do the Remote First Aid course), the club will pay for 50% of the cost of the course.

Thanks to everyone who turned up to the Clean Up Australia Day event. Even though Sharon Gorge was quite clean, it was great to see our members turn up to give back to the community. Let's hope we can do this again next year.

Happy walking,

*Marty*

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## 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.
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## Walk Reports

### **Saturday, February 11, 2023 - Tahwah Creek**

Beautiful 5kms hike along Tahwah Creek, which provided shade, pools with lots of trickling water, birds calling, a gentle breeze, giant fungi and a gorgeous resting python. In spite of the heat outside the forest, this walk was manageable as we could put our hats in the water to cool our heads - *Moirra*

### **Sunday February 12, 2023 - Social Outing - Meadowvale Reserve**

Another hot day was beginning when we left North school to drive to Meadowvale. We found some shady trees and were lucky to have a breeze. We had our chairs, eskies, thermos flasks and smoko's with us. It was good to see new people, and the 'older' walkers supporting the Club. Unfortunately Verlie was not able to attend as she had an appointment that morning.

The crowd gradually increased to 18 making a widening circle under the shade as they arrived with chairs and backpacks. Several people went walking the circuit track that led to the river. The rest sat and chatted, catching up with holidays and events since we last met. When the walkers returned we talked some more enjoying the shade and cool breeze. To our surprise 2 horses and riders stopped by. One of the riders told us how they started the reserve, they built the toilets and put in the tables and seats with the roof coverings. It was very interesting to hear about the history of the reserve.

He also told us he takes his grey horse in to Tri-Care Aged Care in Bundaberg to visit the elderly and patients with dementia. The very quiet and patient horse received plenty of pats and attention from many of us.

Before we left the Park Barry put forward the question would we like a social outing with an easy walk once a month. Everyone voted 'Yes'.

Thank you to Barry, and Pauline for a very enjoyable morning. - *Joy*

### **Saturday February 25, 2023 - Black Rock Creek**

The 5km circuit hike to "Black Rock" and the hermit's hut was a walk into history. Eleven participants enjoyed the cool rainforest with its giant fig trees, especially the "daddy of them all" whom Angela could not resist climbing. Black Rock, a large wall of metamorphic rock, is quite an unexpected surprise in the rainforest. The group then skirted the wall, by going bush, and proceeded above it by following the gorge, until, at the sight of a pink ribbon, we veered into a left hand creek, which led to a fence and old timber cutter's camp. From here an overgrown track led to Lord's Rd. After a cool lunch on a breezy ridge we proceeded to the hermit's hut, now ruined, but still telling the story of someone who opted to live in the bush like alone. After that we proceeded down via an old cutting and then up to the cars. As shade was scarce we decided to have afternoon tea sitting in the middle of the road, ready to move if there was traffic. Fortunately, all was quiet - *Maira*

### **Sunday February 26, 2023 - Cordalba**

With the Gregory river flowing, and the water at the crossings more than ankle deep, the planned route via "cow bones trail" was out. But the beauty about the mountain bike trails at Cordalba, there are always a lot of other beautiful trails to walk. 12 keen walker met at Thabeban school with beautiful walking weather forecast – and it stayed beautiful, just getting a bit warm as the day got on. We started at the Forestry camp trail head and walked Glider trail, Ironbark (both are roughly along the Gregory river) and started with Barking Owl trail. As the time for morning tea approached and no really shady place suggested itself, we left the Barking Owl and crossed over to the Start Straight trail to get to the Hill Top Trail head, where there is a shaded picknick table and a toilet.

After morning tea we found a different link trail back to the Barking owl trail and continued back to the cars and were back home before lunch. A perfect morning walk, estimated 8 – 9 km walked, lots of all shades of greens and a couple of hotspots for birdlife. And not a single bike rider this time to share with. A plea to all: please go and walk those beautiful trails to keep them open. Close to the water some of the tracks are starting to get or already are overgrown and may not be recognizable any more soon.

So more walker / bike riders needed to keep it open and used and the weed/grass down. It is only 30 min from Bundy and offers plenty of walks, I am sure there is a perfect walk for everybody. Have fun walking!!! - *Angela*

### **5 March, 2023 - Clean Up Australia Day**

An enthusiastic group of 10 turned up on time at the Sharon Nature Gorge to don the gloves and clean up the place. There was only one problem - there wasn't much rubbish to collect! It was very embarrassing when the council truck turned up to collect our bags of rubbish & all I hand over was one bag 1/3 full. In one way this was a good thing as either the amount of rubbish discarded at the site has declined or a kind citizen or the council keep the place nice & tidy. Due to safety we didn't do the road edge like we did on a previous occasion so this reduced our collection.

It was a nice shady spot to be out and everyone enjoyed the catch up. Thanks to those that willingly participated. Maybe next year we'll aim for a 'dirtier' spot - *Allison*



Above - photos from the Clean Up Australia Day outing at Sharon Gorge





Above - photos from the Coonarr Beach walk in January that I missed including in the last newsletter  
(thanks to Cameron Robinson for these photos)

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## Future Walks & Outings

### **Saturday March 11, 2023 - Kayak - Cedars Crossing**

A paddle on the Burnett River. Meet at Cedars Crossing by 8 am. Contact Paula (0490 330 542) to register.

### **Sunday March 12, 2023 - Melaleuca Trail, Woodgate - Easy/Med m2b**

The Melaleuca Circuit is 12 km in total on a formed track. However, if you only wanted to do part of the walk as an out and back walk and return to the car early that is an option. Meet at Thabeban State School at 7.30 am. Contact Gaylene (0419 502 769) to register.

### **Sunday March 19, 2023 - Social Outing - Burnett River Walk**

We will start at the off leash dog area in Edina Street parklands, explore some of the North Bundaberg story walk as we go, then walk across the bridge and along the river with morning tea at the River Cruz Cafe. We will return the same way. People can join in along the route where they wish. Meet at the off leash area at 8.30 am to carpool. Contact Allison (0448 846 084) to register.

### **Sunday March 26, 2023 - Murray Frick Challenge - Elliott Heads to Burnett Heads**

A challenge to start the year! Walk the Bundaberg beaches from Elliott Heads to Burnett Heads - 26km total. Most of this is now formed, sealed tracks (except for a portion from Elliott Heads to Innes Park). Murray, one of our long term members, has walked this entire track in a day several times. If you want to walk the entire way, it is likely a 6-7 hour walk. If you don't want to walk the entire section, you have a few options - you could bring a bike and cycle, hire a scooter, you could join us and walk any sections you choose (eg Elliott Heads to Coral Cove, or join us in the middle of the day at Bargara and walk the last half), or you could just meet the walkers for morning tea/lunch at Innes Park, Bargara etc.

We haven't planned this as a club before, but it should be a great walk - definitely a challenge to walk the entire way!

Meet at Elliott Heads at 7 am. For carpooling depart Thabeban School at 6.30 am. Contact Allison (0448 846 084) to register.

### **Saturday April 1, 2023 - Coongarra Cave - Hard s4d**

Approximately 5km off track walk to Coongarra Cave which is a large cave in Mt Walsh NP that faces west, overlooking Coalstoun Lakes. 4wd/high clearance required to access, so please ensure you contact Moira to discuss travel arrangements. Meet at Coles Kensington at 7 am to carpool or Beier's Park Biggenden at 8 am. Contact Moira (0458 365 051) to register.

### **Tuesday April 4, 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.

### **Wednesday - Thursday April 5-6, 2023 - Overnight Camp**

Moira will hold an overnight camp in the Coongarra Rock area of Mount Walsh NP. Please note this is during the week (it is school holidays). This will include a walk in and out, so you will need to have your own camping equipment and you will carry it all. Contact Moira (0458 365 051) to register.

### **Easter Camp - April 7 -10, 2023 - Biggenden**

Camp at the Biggenden Caravan Park - campers need to make their own bookings. We will do a variety of walks in the area over the weekend depending on participant's preferences. Contact Lucinda (0421 011 181) to register.

### **Sunday April 16, 2023 - Kayak**

Details to come.

### **Sunday April 16, 2023 - Social Outing - Moore Park Beach**

Bring your own morning tea and enjoy it at the beach. For anyone interested you can go for a walk along the beach also. Meet at North State School at 8 am. Contact Pauline (4152 4653) to register.

### **Saturday 22 April, Conglomerate Ruins**

This 4km rough off-track walk commences at Lemon Trees, off Lord's Rd. As Degilbo Ck is very deep and the rest of the road washed out, we will park at the creek, walking to the NP sign. Entering the creek nearby we will follow this, climb a hill with a view, and then spend time at *Conglomerate Ruins*. If you like rocks, you will love this! We return the same way, and there may be time for a dip in Degilbo Creek. Contact Moira (0458 365 051) to register.

### **April 22 - 25, 2023 - Cania Gorge Camp**

ANZAC Day is a Tuesday this year, so if you don't have to work on the Monday, you can make it a 4 day weekend and join us at Cania Gorge, about 3 hours from Bundaberg (near Monto). A variety of walks are available in the National Park - if you haven't been, it is spectacular. We will stay at the Cania Gorge Tourist Retreat (ph 4167 8110).

Powered sites \$40 per night (up to 2 people)

Unpowered sites \$32 per night (up to 2 people)

Variety of cabin accommodations available. All have ensuite but varied room sizes, sleeping options & TV or cooking facilities. Price per night up to 2 people and additional person \$20 each eg:

- basic \$100 night for 2 - no TV or cooking facilities
- \$130 per night TV, kitchen facilities, one queen, set of bunks
- \$165 (for 2 & \$20 per person extra) family unit 2 bedroom - 2 queen beds, 1 bunk

Other options in between.

Make own bookings but RSVP numbers to Allison (0448 846 084).

### **April 28 - May 1, 2023 - Combined Camp - Kooyalee**

Combined Camp will be hosted by the Capricornia Bushwalking Club this year at Kooyalee, Parkhurst. Centrally located between Rockhampton and the Capricorn Coast, the Girl Guides facility at Kooyalee provides both camping grounds and bunkhouse accommodation. Further details will be sent out later this month. A reminder the Combined Camp is only open to members of bushwalking clubs, not visitors.

### **Tuesday May 2, 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.

### **Friday/Saturday 5/6 May - overnight FULL MOON Hike to Lake**

**McKenzie**, Fraser Island (K'Gari); Leaving from River Heads, Hervey Bay 9am, we will take the barge to Kingfisher Bay walk 15 kms to Lake McKenzie, lots of sand and hills; camp, swim and explore; then walk back the next day to Kingfisher Bay, enjoy the pool and spa etc and take the 2pm ferry back to River Heads. Moira will book **10 NP camp sites**. (\$50 for Ferry if walk on) More details to follow. Contact Moira (0458 365 051) to register.

### **Sunday May 7, 2023 - Boolboonda Rock - Hard s4d**

This is a 6 hour off track walk. We start by walking along a creek, and then there is a steep climb up to a ridgeline. There is then a steep descent into the saddle before another very steep climb to the first lookout. We then make our way across a rough, rocky ridge to the top of the rock. There will be limited numbers for this walk, and preference will be given to walkers who have already done hard walks with the club. Meet at North State School at 7 am. Contact Lucinda (0421 011 181) to register.

### **Sunday May 7, 2023 - Coonaar Creek - Easy/Medium s3b**

A walk along Coonaar Creek. Depart Thabeban State School at 8 am. Contact Peter (0447 134 211).

### **Sunday May 21, 2023 - Coongarra Waterfall to Coongarra Rock - Hard m4d**

Walk from Coongarra Waterfall along Coongarra Creek, around Coongarra Rockpools, around the base of the Rock to the carpark. This walk requires a car shuffle and 4wd to access. Meet at Lions Park, Biggenden at 8am. Contact Marty (0459 724 294) to register.



**Saturday May 20, 2023 - Easy/social - Double Sloping Hummock**

A walk along a forestry road, then we will drive to the top and have lunch. Leave North State School 8am. Contact Pauline (4152 4653) to register.

**Sunday May 21, 2023 - Double Sloping Hummock - Medium m3c**

A walk next to the road to climb Double Sloping Hummock near Rosedale. Leave North State School 7 am. Contact Angela (0447 226 854) by text only to register.

**Sunday, May 28 2023 - Colliery Circuit Historical Walk - Easy s1a**

This walk is near Torbanlea. 6.5 km, allow 2.5 hours walking. We will walk 1km of the Mary2Bay rail trail then depart 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).

**June 2 - 5, 2023 - Show Holiday Weekend Camp - Amamoor State Forest**

Camp for the weekend at Cedar Grove, near Amamoor. If you don't want to camp you could stay in a motel in Gympie. The campgrounds are National Parks so you will need to book your campsite through them. There are toilets but no showers. Contact Allison (0448 846 084) to register.

**Saturday 3 June - 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. More details to follow. Car pooling recommended. Contact Moira (0458 365 051) to register.

**Tuesday June 6, 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 June 18, 2023 - Camp Creek - Hard s4d**

This is a one way walk and will require a car shuffle. This walk starts with a steep descent through scrub, and then we will walk along the creek which includes rock-hopping. Depart North State School at 7am. Contact Angela (0447 226 854) by text only to register.

**Sunday, June 11 2023 - Planning Meeting**

A planning meeting to plan the walks for the second half of the year. Further details to come.

### **Sunday, June 18, 2023 - Camp Creek - Easy s3b**

A walk down stream along the creekbed until the creek joins Takilberan Creek. Leave North State School at 7am. Contact Mary (0414 190 566) to register.

### **Tuesday July 4, 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.

### **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.

### **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. Further details to come.

### **September 8 - 10, 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.

Contact Jill (0404 695 644) or Paula (0490 330 542) to register or discuss.

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### **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.

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## **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.

### **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