



Making Tracks With Us

Bundaberg Bushwalking Club Newsletter
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President's Ponderings

Welcome back to 2023.

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent planning meeting. As always, we have a great walk schedule set for the next 6 months. A special thank you to everyone who volunteered to lead a walk - there are a few new faces which is great to see.

A reminder that the annual Combined Camp with Gladstone and Capricornia clubs will be held on the Labor Day long weekend (April 29, 30, May 1). All registered members are welcome to attend. We haven't received details yet, but it is worth saving the date. Capricornia club will be hosting this year, and it would be great to see as many Bundaberg members there as possible. It's great to have a weekend walking in a new area, and gaining the experience of other members.

Although it is still pretty hot, I look forward to seeing you out on the walks.

Happy walking,

Marty

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

30 October, 2022 - Cordalba Hike- Hoo-koo e Koo Trail

A warm morning greeted 6 walkers, as we headed down the Lost trail onto the Hoo-koo e koo trail in the Cordalba State Forest. We passed an impressive overhang leftover from fallen boulders, and climbed along the top of the ridge, with lots of loose gravel keeping us on our toes. We stopped for a morning tea break at the junction between Number 7 Hoo koo e koo trail and the pin and grin trail.

Unfortunately we were inundated with mosquitoes the size of elephants and midges. We continued along the Pin and Grin trail up a few steep hills, and joined back up with the Lost trail, where we spotted a goanna across our path, a myriad of purple inspiration photos and many wild flowers and birds to keep us entertained. The two men on the hike kept us entertained with their constant and lively conversation, and we finished the 12km hike back where we started, before the heat was too unbearable. Some hikers joined for a picnic lunch at the picnic grounds further back in the forest. All in all, an enjoyable time had by all - *Angela C*

13 November 2022 - Barolin Reserve

– it is getting hot...

Coming to the end of the walking calendar and closer to Christmas – it is getting warmer (or hotter?). Nevertheless, 5 of us were still keen and met at the Bargara State School at 7 am to have the walk in the Barolin Reserve under beautiful blue sky. The map depicted on the welcome sign is really out of date and does show less than half of the signposted tracks in the reserve and none of the recently upgraded ones. First we headed to Nielson's Park, taking the right hand trail at the first fork in the road. What I remembered as 2 ruts with mostly long grass and cow patches has been improved with road base, no need for hiking boots anymore. Also a lot of weed spraying seems to have been done, but plenty of grass

left for all the kangaroos we encountered. Nice fat ones! The track leads to the reserve entrance at Davidson Street, from there another track lead us to Nielson Park. A lot of work has gone into rehabilitating the reserve, tree stock planted probably 5 – 10 years ago are now recognisable as trees.

At Nielsons Park we had morning tea at a shady bench, then crossed the sport complex to walk a bit along the coast to the beginning of the Mon Repos conservation area. We turned left there, walked thru more replanted land until we crossed the turtle trail and re-entered the reserve. We opted to go the long way round via the melaleuca track and re-joined the main track by crossing the little creek. Also here an improvement, there are now big, firm rocks at the crossing, thus you should not get your feet wet anymore. We were back at our cars at 10am, - a beautiful walk before it got too hot later the day.

- *Angela*

29 January, 2023 - Coonarr Beach afternoon walk

We were only 5 walkers to met at Thabeban state school. But what a beautiful day, blue sea, waves, sun lower on the horizon and a breeze to keep the heat at bay. Sorry, all you didn't come, you missed a treat. Peaceful, hypnotic, relaxing. The tide was still high, going out, but enough firm sand for us to walk. 4 of us were walking barefoot, only poor Peter had to wear boots.

We walked to the north to the south head of the Elliot River, where we had a brief rest, on the way back finally the soldier crabs were out and we watched them swarming and digging in the sand on our approach. A regiment was already on the firm sand and could not dig in, we caught a few of those to get a good picture, but sadly, they didn't want to have their photo taken and could not be bothered to hold still.

Back at the cars, wash feets and return relaxed civilisation. Nothing spectacular, just an other day in paradise - *Angela*

Future Walks & Outings

Saturday, February 11, 2023 - Tahwah Creek - Medium s3c

This walk is rock-hopping up and back the creek for the entire walk. Shaded, full of birds, probably not much water, quite an obstacle course; great for photos. Bundaberg people meet at Coles Kensington at 7am and 8am all carpool GILES Rd. (9.5 kms south of Dallarnil or 8kms north of Biggenden). Contact Moira (0458 365 051) to register.

Sunday February 12, 2023 - Social Outing - Meadowvale Reserve

A social morning at Meadowvale Reserve. There is a short walking trail at the reserve, so those who want to go for a walk can, others can just catch up. Bring your own morning tea. Depart North State School at 8 am. Contact Pauline (0438 186 559) to register.

Saturday February 25, 2023 - Black Rock Creek - Medium/Hard s3d

Although Moira has hosted this walk before, this is a first for the club. This is an off track, historical walk in the Coongarra side of Mt Walsh NP. The walk will include a visit to the biggest fig tree in the park, and will include a lot of history of the timber industry in the area. Steep, off track sections are involved. Meet at Coles Kensington at 7am to carpool or Beiers Park, Biggenden at 8am. Contact Moira (0458 365 051) to register.

Sunday February 26, 2023 - Cordalba - Medium s2c

A walk of approximately 7km along the bike trails at Cordalba State Forest. Depart Thabeban State School at 7 am. Contact Angela (0447 226 854) by text only to register.

Sunday March 5, 2023 - Clean Up Australia Day

We will meet at 8am at Sharon Gorge, about 15 km along the Bundaberg - Gin Gin Road (between Sharon and South Kolan). We get to use the great outdoors all year, so this is our chance to give back a little to the community. Gloves and rubbish bags are provided. Bring morning tea/early lunch to enjoy after the clean up.

Tuesday March 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.

Tuesday March 7, 2023 - Moonlight Walk, Coulston Lakes - Medium s2c

A 5km walk in Coalstoun Lakes NP in the afternoon, including watching the moon rise from the picnic table at the top of the crater. This is a mid week walk (but we can't control when the full moon is!). You will also need to bring your own headlamp for the walk out. Contact Moira (0458 365 051) to register and for details about meeting times and place. Meet at 4pm at Beier's Park, Biggenden. Drive 21 kms to Coalstoun Lakes carpark. Bring food to share. (Moira will have cold drinks and hot water)

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.

Saturday March 18, 2023 - Eel Creek - Hard s3d

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 to carpool or at Lions Park Biggenden at 8 am. Contact Moira (0458 365 051) to register. Unless it rains soon, this will be postponed.

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.

Tuesday 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 (0438 186 559) 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 30 - May 1, 2023 - Combined Camp

Combined Camp will be hosted by the Capricornia Bushwalking Club this year. We will forward details of where it will be held and registration information when it is received.

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.

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 (0438 186 559) 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.

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.



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 sent 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

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