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BUNDABERG BUSHWALKING CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT .

Well, the weather hasn't really cooled, has it? I made it out to Cassilus Creek last weekend for my first walk of the year, and even though it was still warm the many swimming holes made it easy to cool off, making it a really lovely day.

A reminder about some of the upcoming camping weekends, especially Easter and Combined Camp. Don't forget to book your site if you intend to join in.

We also had a chat at this month's meeting about the Bundaberg to Gin Gin rail trail. To refresh your memory, the Bundaberg Regional Council has committed to building a rail trail from Bundaberg to Gin Gin. An overview of the project can be found here:

<https://www.ourbundabergregion.com.au/gin-gin-rail-trail>

We discussed at the meeting following up with council to see where this project is up to, as there hasn't been many updates on this project in the last year or so. This rail trail will be

great for the community as well as our club, so we want to support the council in making this a priority. I hope to see you all at the upcoming walks and activities now that our calendar is getting busier! We made a small error in the last newsletter in relation to the photo competition. The updated information is in this newsletter. Most importantly, the theme for this year's extra category (the one that changes each year) is "stripes" - have fun finding photo subjects during your walk!

Happy walking,
Lucinda

WALK REPORTS:

THE MEADOWVALE WALK : 11th February 2024

We were scratching our heads wondering what to do,
So we added our names to the bush-walking crew.
The number of walkers came to ten:
Seven ladies were there, with three brave men!
The weather was pleasant and some birds had a sing,
So, even if I could, I wouldn't change a thing.
We thought we might see a platypus in Splitter's Creek.
Not today I'm afraid, but perhaps next week.
Thank you, Angela, for a pleasant day.
I can't think of anything else to say.

Murray & Dawn

Sunday 18th February: Social & Walk:

After leaving from Quay St we drove through the National Park and then parked near the Girl Guides park. There were 11 people under the shady trees, enjoying a cuppa and the relaxed atmosphere of the morning. Later, some walked the pathway to the creek and back. Another couple enjoyed the sea breeze looking for seashells which we found very few, it's mainly gravel and sand at Mon Repos. It was a very pleasant morning, and our thanks go to Barry and Glynn for making these popular social mornings so enjoyable. - JOY

24th February: Moore Park Beach Walk:

It was great to welcome a number of new people along to our afternoon walk at Moore Park with the expectation that at the conclusion of the walk we'd enjoy the full moon rising over the horizon. Since the forecast was for increasing cloud cover no guarantees were provided. We took to the beach with an incoming tide & some enjoyed a paddle and the feel of sand & water underfoot. There was the option to power walk or just stroll & go as far or as little as you liked. Some chose the latter & after a short while turned around to return to the park and wait our return. The locals explained to us about the protected turtle egg area and after an hours walk we turned around. The waves chased us a bit higher up the beach but there was still plenty of room. For the dog lovers in the group we were enthralled with meeting 5 blue heeler pups and their mum on their first outing to the beach. What a handful they were and such a delight to see them exploring their new environment. After much oohing & aahing we continued back to the park. Chairs and snacks were produced in time for the cloud to clear a smidgen on the horizon showing a glimpse of a big red moon. The sight of the moon quickly disappeared with another brief appearance 5 min later and the moon show was over. Some

enjoyed dinner from the local burger van (will have to remember that for next time) & others went to the tavern for an enjoyable meal. A pleasant afternoon. - Allison

Sunday 25th February: - Russo Nature Reserve:

After the rain the night before 6 people were keen to arrive at the Russo Nature Reserve where we met 3 more members. The morning was a little cooler which was a bonus and with the aroma of freshly mown grass we made our way along the sandy tracks. At Stockyard Creek we looked for platypus, and the magnificent trees and vines, the vegetation looked its best after the rain. We walked the 3 tracks and the 400metres up the hill to the lookout. We could see more new houses in the distance and heard the cicadas and birds around us in the trees. Our thanks to Angela for a very pleasant walk on a cool day. - Joy

2nd March 2024: - CASSILIS CREEK WALK

Well, if you watch the video, there are 2 songs which describe the day. It was "a Beautiful Day". After finally gathering the group of 9 together at the Gin Gin Rest Area (not as well-known as I assumed), we headed off along the Bruce, then Kalpower Rd to collect a new member, Suzette, who lives in Gaeta. As lead vehicle, Jo was relegated as gate opener, again, but this time she commandeered David to assist. Some of these 'Farm Gates' are a bit tricky. Arriving at our designated start point, it was a quick get-to-know everyone, and we were off, firstly following a 4x4 track through the open forest, making a beeline for the creek, to bring us directly downstream of the Twin Falls. A quick break, and it was only another short walk to the Rock Pool, where we enjoyed a leisurely Smoko, and for some, a swim (me only). Things started to get serious after this, with lots of challenging rock hopping, boulder climbing, and balancing on logs across pools of water. Our next opportunity for a dip, was at the aptly named Pandanas Pool, due to the abundance of Climbing Pandanas. This is Jo's favourite swimming spot, and it would be so easy just to spend hours here relaxing beside the pool, listening to the water running over the small waterfall. More climbing over, and around boulders, to our last swim spot at the Hidden Gorge. Lunch first, then some of the more adventurous, chose to head around the bend, into the gorge proper. Sheer walls of rock encompass a long waterhole, with a waterfall coming in on the right-hand side. As the walls get narrower, the creek comes to a dead end, with a long shaft heading upwards, as it narrow. It's hard to describe, you have to be there. Kudos go to Lucinda, for conquering a long held fear. Well done girl! The next obstacle was the one most did not enjoy. It entails scrambling up a steep, loose, and scratchy bank, above the gorge, to access the creek again, then a long climb up a steep ridge to gain altitude above the creek system. The remainder of the walk, was through picturesque, open forest, back to the vehicles. A fantastic day, with a great bunch of fellow walkers.....THANKS! Howard

P.S. I conveniently forgot to add a very important piece of advice for fellow adventurers. When your vehicle's fuel gauge tells you you're nearly out of fuel, and you are close to a servo...FILL UP! I ran out 17klms short of Gin Gin, and had to rely on other members to get me going again...Thanks Brian and Lucinda

3rd March: - Clean up Australia Day - Biggenden:

Eight people set out on an overcast afternoon to Waterfall Creek, Mt Walsh NP to do Clean up Australia. Rubbish was limited this year to half a bag, and about 30 recyclables. Interesting finds included one bra, 2 hats, 1 pair shorts and a shoe. Lot of people were enjoying the rockpools, and congratulated us on our efforts. Thank you Howard and Jo, and Fiona the Bundaberg Club members for their contribution to clean up day with Moira in Biggenden.

FUTURE WALKS AND OUTINGS:

CAMP WEEKEND - Crows Nest National Park

Friday 8th March - Sunday 10th March (can stay longer if desired) .

Friday: Travel to Crows Nest National Park & set up camp. Make own National Park booking. Some camp sites will take 2 vehicles and up to 8 people so sites can be shared. When making a booking please mention that you are with the Bundaberg Bushwalking Club.

Alternatively you could stay in Crows Nest. Friday afternoon we will cover the local walks in the national park.

Saturday: drive/walk/drive/walk etc. Day trip visiting Lake Perseverance & Lake Cressbrook & Ravensbourne National Park.

Sunday: Pack up camp, explore Crows Nest, small walk in town, travel to Cooyar for another small but pleasant walk at The Palms before returning home. Please let Allison know if you will be attending - (0448 846 084)

Sunday 10th March - Cordalba – M2C Medium

Leave Thabeban S.S at 7am for a medium 8-12km walk. Plan is to be home for lunch. Please text Angela to register(044 7226 854).

Sunday 10th March: - Woodgate. Easy S1A

Leave Thabeban School at 8am. This easy walk along the boardwalk takes you over swampland and open forest into a palm forest and towards wildflower territory. Walking tracks offer you a chance to take a closer look at Woodgate's scenery and wildlife. Please phone Verlie (41528885)

Sunday 17th March: Social – Smiths Crossing.

Meet at Nth State School at 9am. For another popular social and walk at Smiths crossing. Please phone or text Barry (0403 736 420). Bring chair and morning tea.

Saturday 23rd March: - Boat Mountain. Murgon – Medium S2C

Leave from Bundaberg 7am from Coles Kensington carpark. The marked trail is a medium walk from Murgon. Have lunch in town, visit the Museum. Please ring Moira (0458 365 051)

Sunday 24th March: - Burnett Downs River Walk – easy S1A

Total 3km (out & back same way) or make it into a 6km loop via the road. Following the Burnett River from the Burnett Down River Park and boat ramp along the riverbank to the Burnett Downs Nature Park. The walk has gentle inclines, grassed or gravel surfaces. Wear protective clothing, suitable footwear and insect repellent recommended. Bring morning tea & water. Depart North State School at 8am. Contact Allison on (0448 846 084) for more information & to register.

Monday 25th March: Smiths Crossing Kayak.

Leave Nth Primary School at 5.30pm for a paddle in the moonlight at Smiths Crossing. Please text to register Paula (0490 330 542)

EASTER CAMP: March 29th - 1st April - Easter Weekend Pomona camping at Showgrounds.

- Friday 29th March - Monday 1 April (or longer if you wish). For those interested we will head to the Pomona Caravan Park and set up base camp to explore the region. Make own bookings direct with the park - see contact details below. When booking please mention you are with the Bundaberg Bushwalking Club. If anyone has ideas for other activities/walks in the area please put them forward. **Please advise Allison on 0448 846 084 of your intentions.**

We will definitely be exploring the Tuchekeoi National Park and for the ambitious, climb Mt Cooroora. Mt Cooroora, at 439m, is a prominent feature of the park. It's distinctive shape is visible from many locations on the Sunshine Coast. Tall open forest, woodlands and montane heath plant communities are protected here. Shared trails around the base of the mountain provide opportunities for bushwalking, horseriding and mountain bike riding. A walking track leads upwards to a viewpoint with coastal views. People with a high level of fitness and rock scrambling skills can tackle the Mount Cooroora summit route to the top of the mountain. All sites have power and water. See bottom of newsletter prices and fees.

Tuesday 2nd April: Monthly Meeting. Meet at the Bundaberg State High School (F Block) beside the Administration Building. The meeting starts at **6PM**. Park on Maryborough St and enter through the gate beside the Administration Building. **All Club Members and visitors welcome.**

Sunday April 7th - Fraser Coast Explore (3 in 1) Easy S1A : Depart Thabeban State School 7.30am. Drive to Booral locality to the Pirri Reserve on the River Heads Rd. A 3.4km loop trail through a variety of vegetation including remnant rainforest and eucalyptus forest. On completion of this walk, drive to River Heads for a 1.9km loop trail offering waterfront views. Picnic lunch & then drive to Vernon State Forest near Toogoom and we can take our pick of some of the Toogoom Mountain Bike Trails depending on how we are feeling. Wear protective clothing, suitable footwear, bring a sense of adventure, food & water, insect repellent, personal first aid. For more information & to register contact Allison on (0448 846 084)

Sunday April 14th: - Innes Park Social. Leave Thabeban School at 9am for a social and walk. Please text or phone Barry (0403 736 420).

Sunday 14th April: - Mt Woocoo, Hard S3C. This is a half day walk in St Mary's state forest. It will be under 5km, mainly off track rough terrain. Mt Woocoo is 246m ASL, there are views of farming country and ranges from the top, there is an impressive outcrop we will explore near the top. Meet at Woocoo Hall 8.30am **Contact Richard (0414345782.)** This is a moderate walk, although short it is mainly off track through rough terrain.

Sunday April 21st : - Barolin Nature Reserve: Easy S1A. Meet at Thabeban School to leave at 8am to explore the flora, fauna and birdlife at the Nature Reserve. Please phone Verlie on (41528885)

Sunday April 21st : - Billy Canyon. Hard S4D This hard walk will leave from Beiers Park at 8am in Biggenden. Leave Coles Kensington Carpark at 7am. Please advise Howard (0438 722 301)

Monday May 6th : - Mount Perry. Hard S2C. This walk is a marked trail. It starts with some steep walking in open land, then we climb through some forest before reaching the top of Mount Perry for some lovely views. Meet at North Bundaberg State School at 7am. Please phone Lucinda (0421 011 181) to register.

Tuesday May 7th : - Monthly Meeting. Meet at the Bundaberg State High School (F Block) beside the Administration Building. The meeting starts at **6PM**. Park on Maryborough St and enter through the gate beside the Administration Building. **All Club Members and visitors welcome.**

May 18th-19th : - Combined Camp. Join the Gladstone District Bushwalkers for the 2024 **Combined Club Camp in the beautiful Boyne Valley.** The camp is 'back to basics' fully self-catered and accommodation options are available at the Ubobo Discovery Centre which has dorm style and cabin options plus camping and caravan sites with excellent facilities. There is

even a B&B in Ubobo - both of the links to book accommodation are below. The Program will run from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning, with Saturday being our main activity day. The program will be available in late April. Please go to the below websites to secure your accommodation

<https://boynevalley.org.au/> - Discovery Centre

Ubobo <https://kpownall.wixsite.com/follywoodguesthouse>-- Gladstone District Bushwalkers

Saturday May 25th : - Mt Walsh N/P. - Black Rock circuit. Hard Walk. S4D. Leave Coles Kensington Carpark at 7 to meet at 8am in Biggenden. Please register with Moira (0458 365 051)

Sunday May 26th : - Innes Park to Coral Cove. and Return - Easy S1A. This walk totals 4klm with all tarmac walkway. Meet corner Coolanblue Ave and Innes Park Rd at 8am. Please text Angela (0447226854) to register your interest.

Tuesday June 4th : - Monthly Meeting. Meet at the Bundaberg State High School (F Block) beside the Administration Building. The meeting starts at **6PM**. Park on Maryborough St and enter through the gate beside the Administration Building. **All Club Members and visitors welcome.**

Sunday 16th June : - Mt Woowonga & Mt Goonanenan – Hard S2C Leave Coles Kensington Carpark 7am. Please register with Mary (041 419 0566)

Sunday June 16th – Pine Crk. This medium walk to be advised.

June 25th - 28th June : Isla Gorge. Howard has a variety of walks for this camping trip. Phone Howard (0438 722 301)

Saturday June 22nd : - Walk Planning Meeting - Meet at the Chapel at the Botanical Gardens near the cafe at 10am. Bring a chair and ideas for walks you would like to explore or offer to lead a walk. If you have a walk in mind but unable to attend please phone Lucinda (0421 011 181).

DATE CLAIMER: - Saturday 7th September - A.G.M. & 40th Birthday Celebrations. -

September 18th - 21st Tasmanian 3 capes track in Tasmania. *If you are interested in knowing more about this trip you can find it on www.taswalkingco.com.au/three-capes-lodge-walk/signature/* Please contact Howard for more information. (0438 722 301)*****

For those who are interested in improving their navigational skills and gain confidence using a map and compass, this information is from the Capricornia Bushwalking Club

Would you like to develop your skills in reading maps and country, navigating using a map and compass, building your confidence to walk off track, or simply to be able to identify where you are at any given time while out in the bush? One of our members has been in touch with Caro Ryan, a keen bushwalker and SES NSW Search and Rescue Manager in the Blue Mountains National Park.

Caro teaches traditional map and compass navigation and is available to come to Rockhampton to lead a two day course with our club in July! (Usually, you would need to travel to the Blue Mountains to attend a course with Caro).

The course would be held on a Saturday and Sunday. The first day would be theory based, with the second day a full day of putting skills into practice on a local property,

under Caro's supervision. This is a great opportunity to develop your confidence and skills, learning from someone who is passionate about bushwalking and safety. Some more details can be found on this link

<https://lotsafreshair.com/navigation-course-blue-mountains/>

The course is self funded, and although firm costs are still being negotiated, the full cost is approximately \$550 per person for the weekend. We need to get an idea of who may be interested fairly quickly. We can have between 8 and 12 people attend, membership of a BWQ affiliated club is essential.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please text or email Janine Kenealy on 0418 372 465 / janinekenealy@gmail.com

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 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

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 064-403, Account Number 00915879** 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**

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 the website at

<https://bundabergbushwalk.com/bundabergbushwalkin>

The newsletter is also available at the Bundaberg Library.

Pomona Caravan Park and Showgrounds

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FEES AND RATES

ALL SITES ARE WITH POWER AND WATER

	One Person	Two People	Family Rate (2 adults & 2 children)
Showgrounds/Night	\$30	\$35	\$45
Showgrounds/Week	\$200	\$230	\$300
Clubs/Groups/Night	\$28	\$30	\$40
Clubs/Groups/Week	\$180	\$200	\$270