

# "MAKING TRACKS WITH US"

## **BUNDABERG BUSHWALKING CLUB**

### **NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2024**



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<i>President</i>	<i>Lucinda</i>	<i>(0421 011 181)</i>
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#### **BUNDABERG BUSHWALKERS CLUB**

##### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Welcome to 2024! I hope everyone is surviving this crazy heatwave.

A big thank you to everyone who turned up to the Planning Meeting on Saturday. It was a very fruitful morning, and I think we have a cracker of a schedule planned for the club over the next six months.

As most of you know, we have a new Newsletter Editor, Joy. May of you will also know that we have been having issues with the software that we were using to send out the newsletters, so from this year there will be a slight change.

From now, 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 – now at:  
<https://bundaberbushwalke.wixsite.com/bundaberg-bushwalkin>

Sorry for the strange address – I just haven't linked the domain yet, but will hopefully do so soon. You can also navigate to the website via the club Facebook page.

All walks will also be uploaded to Facebook as events, so you can keep an eye on the Facebook page for information as usual. Thanks for bearing with us during these changes. If you have any questions or problems, please call or text me (0421 011 181).

Don't forget the next monthly meeting is on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February.

Happy walking!

*Lucinda*

### **WALK REPORTS:**

#### **Walk Before Breakfast & Break up Party - 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023**

Angela was the leader with 13 people walking through Baldwin Swamp grounds on the morning of the party. It was very noisy with birds all busy with their early morning routines. The swans were swimming on the lakes with their young ones and flying foxes were settling in after their night out. Everything was looking green and refreshed after the recent rains. We were back in time to enjoy bacon and eggs, with a variety of cooked choices from the menu. Many thanks to Paula buying the food and she kept busy cooking a delicious breakfast.

Congratulations to the photo winners, it's very hard to pick a winning photo in the different sections with the many lovely photographs we have to choose from. We hope for more photographs next year in our popular photo competition.

Lucinda thanked all the walk leaders for their contributions and ideas through the year and we look forward to many more walks this year. The Club has a big membership and we hope you enjoy more walks in the New Year and perhaps offer to lead a walk. It's a very rewarding experience.

Thanks again to all those who attended the party HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!. - Joy

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

#### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Easy Walk Riverview -S1A**

Meet at Riverview boat ramp picnic area at 4.30. Walk approx 3klm. Bring Mossie spray. Please message Angela to register (044 7226 854)

#### **February 6<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> February. - Meadowvale N/P. - Easy walk. S1A**

Meet at North State school at 4.30pm. Please text Angela (044 7226 854)

#### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Social & Walk.**

Meet at Quay St carpark at 9 am to drive to Mon Repos. To register for the social New members please ring Barry (0403 736 420). Members please text.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Kayak Lake Gregory.**

Meet at the corner of Voss Road and Isis Highway at 8.30. Please phone Mary (041 419 0566)

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Moore Park Beach. - Afternoon/moonlight walk Easy S1A**

For those who want a beach walk, meet at Moore Park Beach car park (near the surf life saving club) at 4.30. We will walk north along the beach for an hour, turn around & travel back. If the tide is coming in too high we will return along the road/path. Sunset is scheduled for 6.27 and moon rise at 6.29. If you'd like to skip the walk & just come for the moon rise, bring your drinks/ nibbles and claim a spot in the Bob Nielson Park (near the surf life saving club) and we will meet you there on our return. If you like you can stay for fish & chips or head to the tavern. For more information & to register, contact Allison on (0448 846 084)

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Russo N/P. - Stockyard Crk. Easy S1A** Leave at 7.30 from Thabeban school. Bring Mossie spray 1-1.5 hr walk. Please text Angela (044 7226 854)

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Cassilis Crk. Hard S4D**

Meet at Gin Gin at 7.30am. This is a hard walk with rock hopping and scrambling over rocky ground Text or ring Howard (043 872 2301)

**Monthly Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> March** 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 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Clean up Australia Day.**

Moira has activities at Biggenden for clean up day. Phone Moira (0458 365 051). We will discuss at the meeting where we could participate in the Bundaberg area.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Cordalba – M2C Medium**

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

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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)

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 March 24<sup>th</sup> 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. Four walking tracks offer you a chance to take a closer look at Woodgate's scenery and wildlife. Please phone Verlie (41528885)

**Monday March 25<sup>th</sup> 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)

**March 29<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> April Easter Weekend** Pomona camping at Showgrounds to be confirmed.

**Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> Fraser Coast Explore (3 in 1) Easy S1A**

Depart Thabeban State School 7.30am. Drive to Booral locality to the Pir'ri 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 7<sup>th</sup> Coonarr Beach Easy S1A** Leave Thabeban school at 7am for a walk along the beach. Please text Angela (044 7226 854).

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

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>** An easy walk with Verlie to be advised.

**Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> – 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 733 301)

**Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> – 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 7<sup>th</sup> - 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.** Gladstone Club will host the Combined Camp this year at Ubobo. More details to come.

**Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> - 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)

**Cooloola Wilderness Trail – Overnight walk Hard L2D.** 3 Nights Date to be confirmed. Please phone Lucinda (0421 011 181)

**Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup> - 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 16<sup>th</sup> June Mt Woowonga & Mt Goonanenan – Hard S2C** Leave Coles Kensington Carpark 7am. Please register with Mary (041 419 0566)

**Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup> – Pine Crk.** This medium walk to be advised.

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

**Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup>. - 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).

**September 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>** 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/](http://www.taswalkingco.com.au/three-capes-lodge-walk/signature/)*  
*Please contact Howard for more information. (0438 722 301)*

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**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) along with a photo of any subject featuring the colour 'black'.

An additional category of Free Choice has been included this year. This may be a photo of any subject taken in any year.

One 6 x 4 photo per person per category. \$10 Bunnings gift vouchers as prizes.

**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

**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](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

### **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.