

"MAKING TRACKS WITH US"

BUNDABERG BUSHWALKING CLUB

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BUNDABERG BUSHWALKERS CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT .

It's been a little over two weeks since Combined Club Camp and I'm still thinking about it. As you know, the format changed a little this year. It wasn't on the long weekend, and it was a more pared back format with no formal entertainment provided, just walking and catching up with friends.

The Gladstone Club nailed the vibe with the theme for the weekend - "Less is More in 2024". It was a simply brilliant weekend. The campground at Ubobo is a wonderful spot, the walk schedule was excellent and the company so good that even with less formal activities planned I still didn't get a chance to catch up with as many people as wanted to.

A huge thank you to the Gladstone Club for putting on such a great weekend. On the last night we had the ceremony where the Wolca Stick was handed over to the club who is hosting the next camp. I don't know why but this part of the weekend always makes me a bit teary. I think I just love tradition, and being a part of something that has been done for so many years.

The Wolca Stick was handed over to our club, so it's our turn next year! Gosh that has come around fast. We had a chat at the meeting this week and at this stage we are thinking of holding the camp at about the same time next year - the third weekend in May (the weekend after Mother's Day). So plan your annual leave accordingly!

In club news this month, we have changed banks to Auswide, so please take note below of the new bank account details when paying your membership fees for 2024 - 2025. The old account will be closed, so any payments made to the old Commonwealth Bank account will bounce back.

Finally, the planning meeting for the last half of the year is in a few weeks, on the 22nd of June. We have changed the time to 2pm. As always, if you are happy to lead any walks or activities you will be welcomed with open arms. If you are interested but concerned about doing so, feel free to give me a call and I'll take you through what it means to be a walk leader - it really isn't that onerous or scary! You don't even have to be at the front of the pack on the walk - you can lead from the back!

If you can't make the meeting but are happy to lead an activity, please email the details through to the club account or myself (lucinda032@hotmail.com), including dates you are available for the walk, and we will put it on the calendar.

I hope everyone is able to get out and about in this nice weather!
Happy walking,
Lucinda

WALK REPORTS:

May 12th - Social at Riverview:

The weather has been great for the bushwalks and the social day was another sunny Autumn day attended by 12 people enjoying a relaxing time at Riverview. The walk was along the riverbank and some people walked in the other direction towards the boatramp where a few fishermen with their boats were sailing out to try their luck.

Lenzi had some of his passion fruit for taste testing. The 4 different fruit were a Panama Gold, Hawaiian Yellow, and Hawaiian Red which were very large passion fruit. The Japanese Hardshell which was different to anything we had seen before went home in one whole piece. We had no axe to chop it, - it stood by it's name Hardshell.

Thanks again to Barry and Glynn for the popular social days. - Joy

Combined Camp Weekend. 18th - 19th May -

The Gladstone District Bushwalkers held the Combined Camp at Ubobo Discovery Centre which had excellent facilities for the 40 or more bushwalkers who camped or stayed in the cabins. The weather was perfect for all the walks on both days.

Saturday While others explored the walks on the itinerary, some of the Bundaberg people enjoyed the drive to the Glassford Mines. We walked along a tree lined track to the old smelter, the Blue Bag mine and the magazine where the explosives were kept. We saw photographs and read the information left in a container to understand more about the life and times at the mines.

Saturday night during 'Happy Hour' we had the passing over of the 'Wolca walking stick' to Lucinda, we are the hosts for the combined camp next year. We all agreed with the decision to keep the combined camps basic.

Sunday While others enjoyed activities on the day's itinerary, 12 people went to the Ubobo Museum and listened to a very interesting talk about the town, and the soldier settlements and how the townships grew over the years.

Many thanks to Gladstone Club for their efforts to make the camp relaxing and the walks interesting and enjoyable. "Less was More in 2024" - JOY

May 25th – Black Rock Rainforest Walk.

It was a bit like gathering sheep for the start of the walk as some disappeared to the local market for an early morning sausage sizzle and there was a large number of walkers to keep track of. Moira got us all organised and car pooling arranged and we headed out to Lords Rd. Moira provided each car with a radio and some local history and stories as drove along. Once disembarking we were faced with a long downhill climb to the creek (unfortunately that meant a long uphill climb to end the walk). Lucky we were all suitable attired to walk through the very long grass: being tailend Charlie had its advantages as the grass was well trodden down by the time I came along. Once at the creek we followed cattle pads in sections & crisscrossed the creek for about 1.5km upstream till we reached a black rockface. Along the way remnants of the logging area were revealed and one very old and very big tree was admired. (from memory I think it was a fig). It was a very shaded walk with varying vegetation and plenty of bird song. Morning tea was thoroughly enjoyed at the rockface. And Moira had some lamington chocolate for us to share. We returned the same way we came, which as always was much faster on the return. Back up the hill and into the cars and into town. Some went to the pub for lunch and others to the various destinations we had gathered from. It was beautiful walking weather and a nice amble exploring somewhere different in the park. Thank you Moira. - Allison

May 26th - Innes Park to Coral Cove and return.

Angela met 8 people at Coolanblue Ave carpark and we made our way through the pathways to Coral Cove. The weather was perfect and the sea views were excellent along the way. We walked to Barolin Rocks where we watched several people commencing their snorkelling. From there we walked back to the carpark. Thank you for a lovely day Angela. -JOY

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).

FUTURE WALKS AND OUTINGS:

Sunday 16th June : - Mt Woowonga & Mt Goonanenan – Hard S2C Leave Coles Kensington Carpark 7am. The N/P is 15 klm nth east of Biggenden. Walking through rainforest with spectacular views at the top. Please register with Mary (041 419 0566)

Sunday June 16th – Moore Park Beach - Medium/Easy Walk. This walk depends on how far you would like to go. Depart North State School at 8.30am (or meet at the Northern 4wd beach access point at Moore Park Beach at 9am.) Bring morning tea/lunch/sunscreen/hat. Head along the beach towards the mouth of the Kolan River. To walk the whole way, one way is around 5klm. Low tide is at 10.30 so we should have lots of beach but we will need to dodge 4wd's. For more information and to register contact Allison. (0448 846 084)

Saturday June 22nd : - Walk Planning Meeting - Please note new time. 2PM - Meet at the Chapel at the Botanical Gardens near the cafe at 2PM. 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).

Sunday June 23rd - Meadowvale Nature Park – Social: - For another social day meet at Nth State School to leave at 9am. Bring chair, and lunch. 2 easy walks leading to Splitters Creek make this a great morning. Please text Barry to register (0403 736 420)

June 26th - 30th June : Isla Gorge. Howard has a variety of walks for this camping trip. Phone Howard (0438 722 301)

Moira has notified us of walks she has planned. They are listed below. To register please text Moira (0458 365 051) - **6 July** Coongara Cave: medium.

24 August Coongara Rock & Orchids: hard

27/28 September, Auburn River NP and Mundubbera Blueberry Festival: medium

16 November Moonlight at Coalstoun Lakes NP: medium

BUNDABERG BUSHWALKING CLUB - will be celebrating their 40 years reunion at the **East End Hotel on 7th 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. Please phone Lucinda Doughty (0421 011 181) or Allison Webb (0448 846 084) to register.

September 9th - 16th - The Carnarvon Gorge Great Walk. - 6 Day circuit - L3D.

Meet at Carnarvon Gorge on Monday night to start walk on Tuesday. Book camping sites with National Parks:

- Big Bend 10th (13km)
- Gadd's 11th (15.8)
- West Branch 12th (17.3)
- Consuelo 13th (13.8)
- Cabbage Tree 14th (15.3) Returning to the mouth of the Gorge on the 15th.Sept.

NB: Water only guaranteed available at camp sites.

Leave Monday to start the walk Tuesday. Cold at night but great days for walking. Need to be fit enough to carry sufficient water for each day. (app 15kg pack). If interested please contact Glenda on 0418730229)

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)******

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 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

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://bundabergbushwalkers.com/bundabergbushwalkin>

The newsletter is also available at the Bundaberg Library.

2024 Annual Photo Competition Rules

The annual photo competition will take place at the Christmas BBQ Breakfast.