

JILALAN



Lilybrook – Wyaralong

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APRIL 2025

MARCH						
4-16	12 Days	Fleurieu Peninsula and King Is, South Australia	Paulette		AT	
4	Tue	Pancake Tuesday	Mark D		Soc	
5	Wed	Mt Gravatt Central to Carindale (Salvin Creek)	Greg		Stroll	
12	Wed	Lindum to Wynnum Central; Bayside #1	Mark D		Stroll	
15-16	Sat-Sun	Club Hut Feast Cancelled	Iain		ON	
16	Sun	Club Hut DW Cancelled	Terry		DW	
19	Wed	Airport Line – Rail #32	Greg		Stroll	
22	Sat	New Farm to Southbank & Dinner	Mark D		Soc	
26	Wed	Opossum/Woogaroo Creeks (Springfield)	Greg		Stroll	
APRIL						
2	Wed	Coffee Night – <i>Linda's Cafè</i> , Bulimba	Louise J		Soc	
5	Sat	Bushrangers Cave to Garragoolba Lookout	Khaleel		DW	
5	Sat	Bushrangers Cave	Joe T		SW	
9	Wed	Cross River Rail – Tunnels #01	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	M11
16	Wed	Jindalee/Darra/Oxley – Geologic #05	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	M11
21	Mon	(Easter Mon) – Lilybrook – Wyaralong	Pat Lawton	3366 1956	DW	M33
23	Wed	Perrin Creek, Seven Hills to Colmslie	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
24	Thu	Razorback Ridge to The Lost World New Date	John C	0433 279 771	DW	M87
26	Sat	Eastern Escarpment – Mt Cotton	Sue Walsh	0403 487 737	DW	M33
27	Sun	Country Lunch – <i>Trade Coast Hotel</i>	Greg	0418 122 995	Soc	
30	Wed	Eagle Junction to Nudgee – Rail #33	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	M21
MAY						
1	Thu	Mt May (Russ 50 th Anniv + 5 in BCBC)	Russ	0427 743 534	DW	S54
2-5	Fri-Mon	Mt Kaputar	Iain	0401 429 085	BC	S34
7	Wed	Coffee Night – <i>Full Mon Hotel, Sandgate</i>	Maree/Gordon	0448 256 426	Soc	
10	Sat	Camp Mountain to McDowall Reserve	Greg	0418 122 995	DW	M34
14	Wed	Sandgate – History Stroll #10	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
15	Thu	Mt Coot-tha	Allan S	0408 758 070	DW	M34
17-18	Sat-Sun	Club Hut Working Bee Postponed to later in year TBA	Iain	3870 8082	DW	M34
18	Sun	Fort Lytton	Jan N	0401 030 137	Soc	
19	Mon	Quarterly Meeting	Michele	0418 708 638	Meet	
21	Wed	Darra to Algester – Closing the Circle	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
21-23	Wed-Fri	Nth Rivers Rail Trail – Southern Section	Jan N	0401 030 137	AT	M22
25	Sun	Play – “ <i>No Dinner for Sinners</i> ”	Jan N	0401 030 137	Soc	
28	Wed	Morningside/Tingalpa – Geologic #06	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
29	Thu	Banff Mountain Film Festival	Phil	5522 9702	Movies	
31	Sat	Ipswich Boonah Peaks Postponed to 5 July	Will T	0407 960 619	DW	L44
JUNE						
4	Wed	Coffee Night –	Sue T	3366 3193	Soc	
5	Thu	Mt Edwards	Sue T	3366 3193	DW	M33
8-16	Wk	Rockhampton / Central Qld	Phil	5522 9702	AT	Var
11	Wed	Boondall to Shorncliffe – Rail #34	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
14-15	Sat-Sun	Brisbane Valley Rail Trail – Yarraman/Benarkin	Louise J	0437 447 277	ON	M23
18	Wed	Airport Link Tunnels – #02	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
20	Fri	Drinks and Dinner			Soc	
21-22	Sat	Rat-a-tat Hut			ON	L35
22	Sun	O'Reilly's			DW	L34
25	Wed	Wynnum – History #19	Greg	351 4092	Stroll	
26	Thu	Mt Zahel	Khaleel	0413 314 443	DW	L44
28	Sat	Mapleton to Gheerulla Falls	Sue W	0403 487 737	DW	M33
JULY						
2	Wed	Coffee Night – Arana Leagues Club	Benno	0458 484 793	Soc	
5	Sat	Ipswich Boonah Peaks New Date	Will T	0407 960 619	DW	L44
7-11	Mon-Fri	Cania Gorge / Hervey Bay Rail Trail	Russ N	0427 743 534	AT	L34
9	Wed	Coorparoo Finger Parks	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
12	Sat	Mystery Progressive Dinner	Sue T		Soc	
13	Sun	Knapps Peak	Mark D	3300 0229	DW	M44
16	Wed	Northgate to Carseldine – Rail #35	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
19	Sat	Noosa Trails #1 Clockwise	Terry	3355 9765	DW	M34
23	Wed	Belmont, Camp Hill – Geologic #07	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
24	Thu	Mt Greville	Phil	0415 650 160	DW	
25-27	Fri-Sun	Killarney/Girraween/Bald Rock			TW	L45
30	Wed	Mt Gravatt Conservation Park – History #15	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
31	Thu	Tom's Tum and Barney Beautiful	Iain	3870 8082	DW	M44

The Calendar is subject to change without notice.

WARNING: All persons, adult or child, member or visitor, undertakes all activities of the Club at their own risk.

KEY – Walk/Event Types

DW	Day Walk	BC	Base Camp
ON	Over Nighter	CW	City Walk
TW	Through Walk	SOC	Social
TRN	Training	SP	Spiritual Event
FMR	Federation Mountain Rescue	S&T	Safety & Training
Stroll	Stroll	AT	Accommodated Trip

KEY – Walk Grading – The Grading is for the trip as a whole, not the hardest part

Distance	Terrain	Fitness/Endurance
Short under 10km per day	1 – Smooth reasonably flat path	1 – Basic – Suitable for beginners Up to 4 hours walking Or Flat
	2 – Graded path/track with minor obstacles	2 – Basic – Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking Or Minor Hills
Medium 10 – 15km per day	3 – Graded track with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	3 – Intermediate – Suitable for fit beginners Up to 5 hours walking And/Or minor hills
	4 – Rough unformed track or open terrain with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	4 – Intermediate – Suitable for fit beginners Up to 5 hours walking And/Or up to 300m gain/loss
Long 15 – 20km per day	5 – Rough or rocky terrain with small climbs using hands or rock hopping	5 – Moderate – Up to 6 hours walking And/Or up to 450m gain/loss Agility required
	6 – Steep, rough or rocky terrain with large climbs using hands or rock hopping	6 – Moderate – Up to 6 hours walking And/Or up to 600m gain/loss Agility required
Extra Long over 20km per day	7 – Climb/descend steep rock using hands or footholds. May be some exposure. Good upper body strength	7 – High – Up to 8 hours walking And/Or up to 750m gain/loss High fitness Endurance and agility required
	8 – Climb/descend near vertical rock with exposure. Climbing skills may be required	8 – High – Up to 8 hours walking And/Or up to 1000m gain/loss High fitness Endurance and agility required
	9 – Sustained climbing or descending of vertical or near vertical rock with exposure. Advanced climbing skills required. Good upper body strength	9 – Challenging – Up to 12 hours walking And/Or over 1000m gain/loss Very high fitness Endurance and agility required

Example: M48 is a Medium distance walk 10 to 15km long, over unformed rough ground with obstacles, whereby the walk is hard or strenuous for fit walkers, requiring agility and endurance.

PRAYER

Lord,
 As we begin this Easter Season,
 celebrating Your forgiving Love that transformed the darkness of Good Friday
 into the Light of Easter Sunday morn,
 we are thankful for the gift of a New Beginning.
 Guide us now in our on-going journey, as Easter people.
 Fill us with Resurrection-inspired hope, joy & peace – fill our hearts with compassion & love for others.
 Grant us grace in times of challenge.
 Help us grow in faith and be Your Light in the world. *Amen*

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This month, our Management Committee Meeting is occurring after the *Jilalan* goes out, so there are no Committee Matters decisions to report at this stage. Still, I'm happy to note some of the Agenda items we'll be discussing, to give you an idea of current issues, which you may want to comment on, and coming events/highlights.

Committee Matters (still under discussion):

- Clarification of expectations of Walkers and Leaders on Club Outings. I propose to discuss these with members at the May General Meeting. Please think about what you regard as essential for putting our Club ethos into action.
 - Review of Club "Recognition and Awards". Your thoughts?
 - Planning of a BCBC contribution to the Jubilee Year in the Archdiocese: proposed Pilgrims of Hope (monthly?) Sunday walks from parish churches to the Cathedral in May – September. Volunteer Leaders – inc you? Publicity?
 - Proposed new By-Law re: Visitors (incl unfinancial members) being considered as Temporary Members for the duration of a Club event, as per wording on BWQ (& various clubs) Acknowledgement of Risks and Obligations of Temporary Members form—for Club insurance purposes.
- + 12 or so other agenda items that I'll leave for my May *Jilalan* report. Michele

ABOUT WALKS

Trips leave from St Brigid's carpark at 78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill, unless otherwise advised.

Leaders are asked to print their own *Nomination Forms* and to consult the *Leaders' Guide* on the Club website. <https://bcbc.space/assets/Nomination.pdf>

Leaders Notes are at <https://bcbc.bwq.org.au/assets/leading.pdf>

Pre-Outings: Leaders are to ring Russ, Ph: 0427 743 534, to advise him details of it.

If **changes** are to be made to a walk (date, location, cancellation, etc.) leaders are asked to call the Outings Secretary, Russ, to discuss the situation: Ph: 0427 743 534.

Our Leaders: Our walk leaders only lead walks that are within their ability and experience but are not formally trained or qualified in bushcraft.

Visitors are required to do at least two walks, complete the Application Form and pay the relevant subs before the Committee considers their application for Club membership.

Nominations for walks are needed at least 3 days in advance to allow adequate time to make suitable arrangements such as carpooling.

COMING EVENTS



WEDNESDAY 9th APRIL CROSS RIVER RAIL Tunnels #1 STROLL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Time: 2:04pm
Meet at: Dutton Park Station PI 1
Cost: Free
Grade: M11
Distance: 15km @ 4hr
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=14/-27.47081/153.01432>
<https://crossriversrail.qld.gov.au/about/rail-route/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hq4ZITOPiA4>
End: Albion Station

Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

Now we begin a new “series” of Strolls – you have Strolled the Creek, River, Rail, History, Geologic, Bushland Series and probably more. Who can ever forget the Circumnavigation of The City of Brisbane Series. Time for a change – to Stroll along what you cannot see – Tunnels.

You will begin this afternoon at Dutton Park Rail Station to follow above ground, the entire underground Cross River Rail route. A Stroll where you will never see what you are following.

You head towards Woolloongabba to inspect the new Station site, before going to the River to find where the 2 tunnels go under our glorious river. Then to cross over to the other side by the new Kangaroo Point Bridge. Now through the Gardens, up Albert St to inspect the new station before continuing to the King George Sq Busway Station, then onwards to inspect the new Roma St Station.

After all this excitement, it is time to Stroll onwards, forever forwards, up to Countess St, then the Normanby Fiveways (where the tunnel finishes and the lines go above ground), then along the Normanby Bikeway to the Exhibition Grounds. From here, though the rail lines are in full sight, they are “hidden” from public sight by buildings and freeways. So, we will try to get glimpses whenever we can.

The Strollers will head towards Bowen Hills, then follow the Breakfast Creek Bikeway on the opposite side of The Creek to the rail lines – the best way to see anything. The end is Albion Station to get a train home.

Though this one is long, it will be fast since it almost completely flat, and basically along footpaths and bike tracks. Come along with us to not see what your millions of dollars is doing.

TUESDAY 15th APRIL
FERNBERG WALKS FAMILY DAY OUT
A PICNIC, A WALK and A GUIDED TOUR



Leader: Jeannette Young

Location: The Fernberg Estate

Time: 10am

Meet at: Gate B, 168 Fernberg Road, Paddington

Where: Government House

<https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=16/-27.46380/152.99303>

Cost: Free – Perhaps bring a picnic blanket, basket & lunch

Grade: Lunch: S11

Walk: S21 Distance 1.1km down the hill & back up again

Parking: There is no onsite parking; you will have to find parking in the local streets (some of which are hilly)

Web: <https://www.govhouse.qld.gov.au/government-house/visit-government-house/join-us-for-the-fernberg-walks-family-day-out>

Join the residents, Jeannette & Graeme, for the Fernberg Walks *Family Day Out*, offering a unique opportunity to explore the natural beauty and historical significance of the Government House Estate. The House will be open to visitors, with experienced guides on-hand to answer any questions.

You can experience our history first-hand by walking the newly opened bushland tracks - a network of scenic trails that wind through the Estate's remnant native bushland. It is home to diverse native flora, fauna, and heritage landmarks, including century-old trees and remnants of early Brisbane's development. Updated directional and informational panels will help guide visitors, providing insights into both the natural environment and the Estate's historical legacy.

You are encouraged to BYO water bottle for the walk, with refilling available at bubblers throughout the Estate, and we encourage all visitors to bring a picnic and stay a while. Light snacks will be available for purchase from one of the onsite food vans.

Additionally, Government House will be open throughout the morning. Fernberg House (German for distant mountain) has served as the official residence and workplace of the Governors since 1910, combining its role as a Vice-Regal residence with historical, cultural, and environmental significance as a heritage-listed landmark. Our experienced and knowledgeable guides will be on hand to answer all your questions and explain the historical and cultural significance of the property.

The day also marks the launch of *Stepping Out From Fernberg*, a collection of writings by Professor Nimmo, spouse of the Governor. Inspired by his walks through the suburbs surrounding Government House, this online publication explores the rich history, heritage, and natural beauty of Brisbane's inner west. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet the author and hear firsthand about the stories and places that have shaped this part of the city.

The duration of the day will be 10am – 1pm

Explore Fernberg's newly opened bushland tracks

https://www.instagram.com/qldgovernor/reel/DHu_D33Tdh3/

Key information

- Entry to the Estate is via Gate B, with street parking available on Fernberg Road and surrounds.
- The pathway is approximately 1.1km in length and winds its way through the 10ha of bushland occupying the estate.
- Participants should note there are some hills and challenging surfaces, including gravel pathways.
- Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable walking clothes and sturdy shoes, and to bring a hat, sunscreen and a water bottle.
- Entry to the Government House Estate is subject to all visitors following the protocols outlined on the [Government House website](#).
- The Governor should initially be addressed as "Your Excellency" and thereafter as "Your Excellency", "Ma'am", or "Governor" and her husband as "Professor Nimmo".
- The taking of videos is not permitted during Government House Functions, or photography within the house.
- As a matter of courtesy, guests are requested to turn their mobile phones off or to silent mode.
- Government House staff may be filming or photographing events at any time for promotional and education purposes.

WEDNESDAY 16th APRIL JINDALEE/DARRA/OXLEY Geologic #05 STROLL

Leader: Mark Deegan Ph: 3300 0229

Time: 2:21pm

Meet at: Stop 34 Centenary H'way bus siding, Fig Tree Pocket – Stop ID 001578
Under the Fig Tree Pocket Rd bridge

Bus: 1:55pm King George Sq 1c; Bus453 Mt Ommaney

Cost: Free

Grade: M11

Distance: 15km @ 4hr

Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=14/-27.54412/152.95200>

End: Oxley Station

Emerg Off: Mark Ph: 3300 0229

Well, the fifth Geologic Stroll – after a slow start, we are now racing along. Would you believe it. One problem with these Geologic Strolls is that they are designed to drive between the reference points; not to walk them. This one is reasonably flat – you know the Jindalee area. The height is between 11m and 50m.

For the first part of this Stroll, you shall be following the Centenary H'way, though the bike track is for bikes only. Some of our “geology stops” are along the H'way, so you will have to use your imagination just a little bit.

Over the Jindalee side, though you still follow the H'way, you will not be near it. I have tried to stay away from main thoroughfares and stick to the back streets and parks.

You have driven through these areas often, now come with me to spend some time to see and appreciate what you are going through.

EASTER MONDAY – 21st APRIL LILYBROOK – WYARALONG DAYWALK

Leader: Pat Lawton Ph: 3366 1956
Meet at: St. Brigid's carpark, Red Hill
Time: 7.00 am
Cost: \$20.00
Grading: M23
Distance: 10km

This walk is about 9km from Boonah and is situated in the SEQ water catchment for Wyaralong Dam, however on the walk we will not see the dam.

Our starting point will be the Western Trail Head known as Lilybrook. The dam was completed in 2011 and Lilybrook homestead was one of the properties resumed by the Water Board as it was in the dam's catchment area. The homestead still stands (unoccupied) and it is where our walk will commence. It is a lovely spot on Cheviot Brook.

The tracks in the area are maintained by SEQ and are all mowed which makes for easy walking. We will take the Fig Tree Break trail which leads to Crows Ash Break. There are wonderful views from here and we can admire these views as we have morning tea. The walk to the morning tea spot is rather steep but we will take our time – no prize for the first one up the hill.

It is downhill from morning tea following easy trails. The next section of the walk is on a dirt road for a couple of kms. After that we rejoin the grassy trails which eventually lead us back to Lilybrook.

We could have lunch on the trail but it might be more pleasant to have a late lunch back at Lilybrook in the large shed at the picnic ground.

It is a lovely walk with great views (but none of the dam). As it is not far from Boonah we may stop there for coffee etc., if anything is open.

WEDNESDAY 23rd APRIL PERRIN CREEK – Seven Hills to Colmslie STROLL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Time: 2:28pm
Meet at: Stop 32; Old Cleveland Rd at Camp Hill Primary; Stop ID: 002578
(Cnr Ferguson Rd)
Bus: 2:00pm Adelaide St Stop 46 near City Plaza, Bus204 Carindale
Cost: Free
Grade: M21
Distance: 12km @ 3½hr

Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.47801/153.07869>

End: Cannon Hill Station

Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

A creek I did not notice when I was planning the Creek Series of Strolls. Saw the sign naming it on another Stroll.

This creek starts on Old Cleveland Rd at Camp Hill and flows through Seven Hills, Morningside, Cannon Hill and Colmslie to enter the River at the State Hockey Centre. For a good bit of its flow, it runs underground through pipes (or under shopping centres.) The only problem is the end is not near public transport so you are forced to follow a tributary to get to a train station.

You shall pass through a variety of scenery – bushland, parkland, suburban streets, industrial sites and a hockey field. The full Stroll is longish, but by following a creek, it is all downhill.

<https://data.brisbane.qld.gov.au/explore/dataset/flood-study-perrin-creek/information/>

Come with me on this adventure to appreciate a creek I forgot.

THURSDAY 24th APRIL RAZORBACK RIDGE TO THE LOST WORLD DAYWALK

Leader: John Carter Ph: 0433 279 771
Meet: St Brigid's carpark, Red Hill
Time: 6.00am
Cost: \$25.00
Grade: M87
Emerg Off: Russ Nelson Ph: 0427 743 534



After doing two pre-outings on Lamington's western ridges, we will climb the Razorback to Lost World plateau.

We start early, in the Left Hand Branch of the Albert River, and cross a friendly farmer's property up to the saddle of Razorback Ridge. Views of Castle Craig and Pat's Bluff to our left. The Ridge is a typical dry, open eucalypt forest with grassy understorey, which gradually narrows down to 1 to 2 metres. We will visit Toolona Lookout.

As we climb, there are a couple of large rocky outcrops, which we will contour around with care. I hope to have time to climb onto the Lost World, which requires contouring below the cliff line.

Please bring 2 to 3 litres of water, as it maybe humid. Give me a call to discuss, if you are interested in this walk. It would be ideal to have a 4WD drive to reduce walking in the valley and 5 creek crossings.

P.S. The other pre-outing was to Mt Gipps and we can do this easier walk another time.

John

SATURDAY 26th APRIL EASTERN ESCARPMENT CONSERVATION AREA M^t COTTON DAYWALK

Leader: Sue Walsh Ph: 0403 487 737
Meet: St Brigid's carpark, 78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill
Time: 7.00am
Cost: \$10 Carpool – \$5 Private
Grade: M33
Location: West Mount Cotton Rd, Sheldon, opposite Schoeck Rd – Gate 2
Web: [Escarpment_Conservation_Area_Map_v2.2__A7088106_.pdf](#)
Emerg Off: Joe Tottenham Ph: 0426 469 704

We will be walking along flat dirt tracks from the Trailhead at Gate 2, where there is a toilet facility and water fountain. At the start, the Schoeck Breaks followed; then on to Leo Lands Track, the main one; and continue until we reach the Piccabeen Track for morning tea.

https://www.redland.qld.gov.au/info/20117/tracks_and_trails_in_conservation_areas/132/eastern_escarpment_conservation_area

The group then continues on to the Summit Track which becomes very narrow towards the top where we will walk next to a fence – a Scouts camp is on the other side. Once we cross Billiau Road, the lunch spot is reached, which overlooks the Southern Moreton Bay Islands. There is a viewing platform which has a map of what you are seeing and a table and seats. As the Summit Track is exposed, please bring sunscreen and carry plenty of drinking water. The view at the top is worth it.

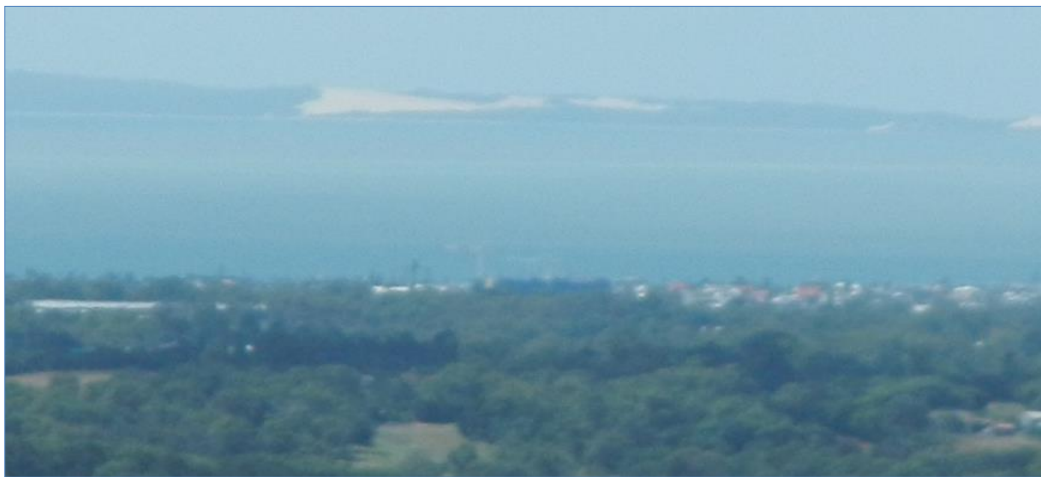
After descending the Summit Track, we walk a few more trails until Eprapah Creek is reached, which is as far north as we walk. Now to continue on to Woodlands Trail, which leads us back to the Trailhead.

The Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area (EECA) lies to the east of West Mount Cotton Road, Sheldon. The main trailhead is on West Mount Cotton Road approximately 950m from Mount Cotton Road/ West Mount Cotton Road intersection, opposite Schoeck Road. Be sure to use the signposted car parks and trail entrances provided to avoid trespassing on the surrounding land, as it's privately owned.

These are shared trails with mountain bike riders and horse riders in the Mount Cotton area.

Please contact me if you wish to do this walk.

Sue Walsh



Looking out towards Moreton Island from Summit Track Lookout

SUNDAY 27th APRIL COUNTRY LUNCH SOCIAL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995

Time: 12 Noon

Where: Trade Coast Hotel, formally The Pinkenba or aka “The Pink”
144 Eagle Farm Road, cnr McBirde Rd

Cost: Menu Prices - \$18 to \$37

Web: <https://www.tradecoasthotel.com.au/about/>

<https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/blog/queensland-place-histories-pinkenba-brisbane>

Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

RSVP: Wed 23rd 10am

With a comfortable bistro and bar, our hotel will become a place to enjoy your favourite weekly meal with family and friends, or a nostalgic feast. Previously known as The Pinkenba Hotel (or “The Pink”), our much-loved hotel now has a new name, face and personality. With fresh contemporary furnishings, honouring our rich history, the Trade Coast Hotel is the go-to place to catch up with friends, family or to celebrate a special occasion.

The Myrtle's Bistro offers a relaxed, full service dining experience. With an extensive selection of delicious meals, you can choose from hearty burgers, traditional wood fired pizzas or a classic parmigiana, to mouth-watering rib fillets and fresh salads. Myrtle's Bistro menu has something for everyone, and plenty on offer for those with dietary requirements. Perfect for a catch-up lunch with friends.

Sit back and enjoy the easy ambience of the bistro with contemporary furnishings and an upgrade on our originally loved hotel. If you prefer to dine alfresco, we have a spacious beer garden where you can soak up the sunshine or enjoy the fresh air in the moonlight. Myrtle's has plenty of delicious meal deals available, why not try them all?

The large photo walls in the bar tell the rich history of Pinkenba and our original hotel, first owned by Ellen & John Bain, more than one hundred years ago. Myrtle's Bistro has been named in honour of the original site of Boggy Creek which was then renamed Myrtletown in 1928 after the lemon myrtle groves. The Bistro offers an easy and contemporary atmosphere, a spacious beer garden and delicious menu for all ages.

There is a "country feel" about Pinkenba as it is out beyond the airport and near the Cruise Ship Terminal. There are trees, long grass and parks all around this suburb. And, there is a train line running in front of the hotel – though goods traffic only.

WEDNESDAY 30th APRIL
EAGLE JUNCTION to NUDGE
Rail #33
STROLL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Time: 3:09pm
Meet at: Eagle Junction Rail Station up in the concourse
Train: 2:39pm @ Roma Street Stn Pl 7, Shorncliffe train
Cost: Free
Grade: M21
Distance: 10km @ 3hr
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=14/-27.39074/153.06221>
End: Nudgee Station
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 **Bring a Torch**

Now that you have finished the Doomben/Pinkenba line, time to move onto the next one – the Shorncliffe Line. This is a short one and should only take us 2 legs to get to the Shorncliffe Pier.

The trail is mostly through suburbia with some industrial sites and minimum parkland to keep you entertained. It is all reasonably flat – the steepest climb is on a bridge that crosses the train line at Northgate.

We are on the Winter side of Autumn with the sun setting earlier so bring your torch. Come join me on this rather straight and direct Stroll on a balmy afternoon into early evening.

ADVANCE NOTICE

THURSDAY 1st MAY
M^t MAY
DAYWALK

Leaders: Russ Nelson Ph: 0427 743 534
Distance: 6.6km
Time: 8.00am – Departure point(s) to be advised
Cost: \$20
Grade: S54
Location: South-west of Boonah
Emerg Off: Barbara Eastoe Ph: 0466 652 259

This walk was originally scheduled in 2020 but was postponed because of COVID. The purpose of the walk was to commemorate the first walk done by Russ Nelson in 1970. So now we have the 50+5 commemoration. Please come on this walk and bring something in multiple of 5s – say 5 pieces of cake to share, 5 band-aids (in case we need them), 5m of cord and so on. This day is also known as International Workers' Day.

Mount May is 835m high and offers an exhilarating 6.6km loop trail that rewards walkers with stunning views of the Scenic Rim. This route takes you through diverse terrain, from lush forests to rocky outcrops, culminating in breathtaking panoramas of Mount Barney and Lake Maroon.

The walk begins at Waterfall Creek Campground and ascends to North Peak with stunning views of Lake Maroon and surrounding mountains. Then we cross to South Peak by following a rocky ledge and ridge line. From there we descend via a 4WD track that takes you back to the campground.

SATURDAY 3rd MAY FEDERAL ELECTION DEMOCRACY

Leader: Jeff Pope Ph: 13 23 26
Meet at: Your local polling booth
Time: 8am to 6pm
Cost: A Sausage
Grade: S11
Web: https://www.aec.gov.au/Voting/ways_to_vote/
Location: All around this great nation of ours
Emerg Off: Jeff Ph: 02 6160 2600

How do you pick a colour for the heading without selecting one that a Party uses?

Check your enrolment details: <https://check.aec.gov.au/>

Update Your Details: <https://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/update-my-details.htm>

Pre-Polling: <https://www.aec.gov.au/election/fe25/early-voting.htm>

Polling Booths: <https://www.aec.gov.au/election/fe25/polling-place-voting.htm>

Candidates: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/elections/federal/2025/guide/candidates>

Key Dates: <https://www.aec.gov.au/homepage/files/img/fe25-key-dates.png>

The Build-Up: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/elections/federal/2025/guide/preview-national>

Election Night: <https://iview.abc.net.au/video/LS1804Q001S00>

FRIDAY 2nd – MONDAY 5th MAY MOUNT KAPUTAR BASE CAMP

**The Federal Election is on Saturday 3rd May – anyone going on this walk will need to do I
Pre-Polling (Early Voting) in the days before they leave.**

There is no opportunity to do it on the trip.....

Pre-Polling: <https://www.aec.gov.au/election/fe25/early-voting.htm>

Leader: Iain Renton Ph: 0401 429 085
Meet at: TBA
Time: TBA
Cost: Cabin: \$160.50 (\$80 deposit)
Camping: \$18
Car pool: TBA
Grade: S34
Emerg Off: TBA

Mt Kaputar National Park is a collection of rugged volcanic peaks rising out of the flat plains of Western NSW. It is a really beautiful National Park with interesting and varied vegetation, rugged scenery and broad sweeping views.

The three cabins are now fully booked but there are also tent sites available. Please let me know if you would like to come and camp.

We will be leaving Brisbane on Friday morning, it is about a seven and a half hour drive, so we won't get to the Dawsons Spring cabins and camping area till late afternoon.

On Saturday morning we will do the Mt Yulludunida track. This is one of my favourite walks, it is spectacular. It has a good walking track with lots of steps and the upper part of the peak is over open ground and quite rough and rocky.

There are lots of spectacular rock formations including a ring dyke which is called the Yulludunida Crater. You get spectacular 360° views (and the last time we were there we watched about half a dozen wedge-tailed eagles soaring and circling above and below us, and at least as many other birds of prey). It is about 4km return with a height gain of about 350m.

Then we will take the track up Mt Coryah, which has steel bridges, stairs with handrails and boardwalks. It goes through lovely forested slopes with views from the top. It is about 4km return and a height gain of 200m or so. We may also have a look at the Governors Lookout on the way back to camp. Later in the day we will go to the Mt Kaputar Lookout to view the sunset.

On Sunday we could do the Bundabulla Circuit and maybe take the track some of the way to Scotts Hut. There are also some other options. We will spend Monday driving back to Brisbane.

WEDNESDAY, 7th MAY COFFEE NIGHT SOCIAL

Leader: Maree and Gordon Denkes Ph:044 8 256 426
Meet at: Full Moon Hotel, 118 Eagle Terrace, Sandgate
Time: 6.00pm
Cost: Appetisers: \$13 to \$28 – Mains: \$24 to \$34 share meals
Web: <https://fullmoonhotel.com.au/>

The Full Moon Hotel is located on the Hill at Sandgate with on and off street parking.

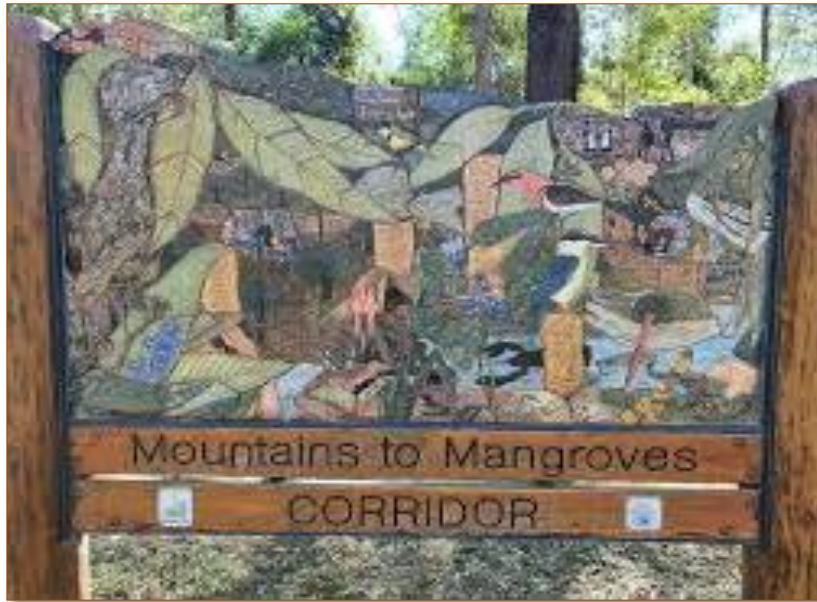
The venue offers a relaxed dinning experience.

The menu is long so you can find something for your test buds to enjoy.

Visit the web address above to view the menu.

SATURDAY 10th MAY CAMP MOUNTAIN TO M^cDOWALL RESERVE MOUNTAINS to MANGROVES Part 1 DAYWALK

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Meet at: Ashgrove Village Shopping Centre (the Coles Shopping Centre)
Cnr Stewart Rd & Harry St
Time: 7am
Cost: \$5 + 50c Bus Fare (Bring your GoCard)
Grade: L33
Distance: 18km
Location: Camp Mountain, Ferny Grove, Bunya, McDowall
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=14/-27.38770/152.95647>
End: Beckett Rd at Paramount Chase, McDowall
Home: The Bus 350 "City" back to Ashgrove goes the :13 past the hour each hour
Emerg Off: Michele Ph: 0418 708 638



This walk was done years ago as part of our Mountains to Mangroves series of walks led by Justin – except that time we went further, finishing at Raven Street Reserve (a further 4.5km). I am being generous this time since we all are getting a little older and frail.

Mountains to Mangroves was an initiative of National Parks and the local Councils to create a wildlife corridor. The route goes from the D'Aguilar Ranges through to the mangroves at Boondall Wetlands. The corridor includes the catchments of Albany Creek, Cabbage Tree Creek and Downfall and Nunda Creeks. It basically joined up existing tracks and bikeways.

This walk starts at the beginning (a very good place to start) at Bathersby Lookout (named after the Archbishop, and BCBC attended the official opening in 2012. I will require a few drivers to take the walkers from Ashgrove to Camp Mountain at the beginning of the walk. Please let me know if you can do this for us. This is all you have to do – one trip to Camp Mtn and then go home. That is all.

At first glance, this walk appears a bit too long, but to put it perspective, if you completed the longer tracks in Lamington (Coomera or Albert River Circuits), you would be waking further. Climbing any of the Moogera Peaks or Mt Barney are shorter, but a lot harder. It is all a matter of perspective.

This walk begins at its highest point, so it can only get lower by going downhill. The whole trail was planned for walking (or mountain bike) following old forestry roads, tracks & bikeways. Not to say that lack of maintenance in parts (especially after recent rain), some parts might just be damaged slightly.

The first part is down along the Sutton Court Track – an old road turned into a foot pad, here it meets its namesake. Then, the road id followed for a few km until the old Dayboro Rail line is meet – the Samford Valley Rail Trail. This shall be followed through the State Forest to the Samford Conversation Park (or is that the Conservation Park?), where the Lomandra and Bergin Creek Tracks are followed – up hill, I'm afraid.



Can you name us all?

At the top, Bergin Creek Rd and the Bunya to Barkers Trails are followed to Bowers Break (behind the Dump) to The Jinker Track, which will be crossed, onto the Bunyaville State Forest. From here, it is a short hop, skip and jump along Cabbage Tree Ck to Beckett Rd and our bus stop.

This is, by any standard, a longish walk; but it does go through varying vegetation types, various forests, along bush trails, some rural suburban streets (with very nice houses in them), crossing a few creeks and you have the pleasure of being with some lovely company.

There is one escape route – at Lomandra you can walk to Ferny Grove Station.

Begin your Mountains to Mangroves experience with me on this day. Greg

WEDNESDAY 14th MAY SANDGATE HISTORY STROLL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Time: 2:48pm
Meet at: Sandgate Rail Station
Cost: Free
Train: Shorncliffe Train from Roma St Stn at 2:09pm PI 7; First Carriage.
Join us along the way.
Grade: M11
Distance: 10km
Web: <https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/outdoor-activities/walking-in-brisbane/heritage-trails/shorncliffe-seaside-heritage-trail>
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

Sandgate is one of our early suburbs; thus it has many lovely old historic Queenslanders. Many have these have been renovated back to their original state with the closed-in verandas removed, freshly painted in heritage colours and replanted with period gardens. Absolutely fabulous.

The majority of houses are along Flinders Parade (the esplanade) and the majority of shops are along Brighton Rd. In between, there are a few other sites; like the Sandgate Lagoons, a few divine lovely wooden churches, a few more houses and even a park.

Past experience has shown that these History Strolls go a bit slower than normal and we do not get to the end of the list. Oh hum, this happens. Just means we have to come back for Part 2. And there is the separate Shorncliffe History Stroll coming to a station near you sometime in the future.

Be prepared to finish this Stroll late – around 6pm – just on dark.
Anyone want to stay around for a dinner before going home?

THURSDAY 15th May MOUNT COOT-THA 'FIVE CAR WRECKS' DAY WALK

Leader: Allan Schmidt Ph: 0408 758 070
Meet at: Simpson Falls Picnic Area Upper Carpark
Time: 7.30am
Distance: 15km
Cost: \$5
Grade: M33
Location: Mt Coot-tha
Emerg Off: TBA

This is a pleasant walk through some of the main trails through Mount Coot-tha as well as several of the lesser-known tracks. The walk features some steep rocky sections that are sure to get your heart rate elevated, and some of the smaller sections traverse dry creek beds and follow narrow tracks.

There are also several areas where rangers have added steps to the track and others where steps would likely be appreciated. The whole walk will take approximately 4 hours plus breaks.

On this walk we will be seeing the 5 car wrecks (or what's left of them) located on the mountain. Unfortunately, there is little to no history of these wrecks, but their location clearly indicates they have been here for some considerable time. Those who walk the area regularly may be aware of some of the wrecks, such as 'Old Rusty' but perhaps not all.

You have the option of carrying your own morning tea or stopping at the Summit Coffee Shop on our way back to the carpark. There is nothing wrong with doing both either. The Coffee Shop is directly on our intended track back to the start point at Simpson Falls Picnic area. For any who may not have been to Mt Coot-tha at the Summit you will be greeted with some of the best views of Brisbane City and depending on the day you may see out to Moreton Bay.

CLUB HUT WORKING BEE
SAT 17th to SUN 18th May
Postponed

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Club Hut Working Bee has been postponed to a later date this year. The date is yet to be advised.

ANNUAL COMBINED CLUBS CAMP
Hosted by BUNDABERG BUSHWALKING CLUB
Friday 16th – Sunday 18th May

Combined Clubs Camp UPDATE

This is an annual Pilgrimage of the Central Queensland clubs – they cannot come to the BWQ Pilgrimage in SEQ, so they organise their own.

BBWC is still in the planning stage for this basecamp, so there are no details of walks, activities, bush dance, etc. at this point.

When: Friday 16th – Sunday 18th May (option to stay till Monday)
Where: Gin Gin Showgrounds, King Street, Gin Gin
Fees: \$20/couple unpowered site – \$25/couple powered site
Facilities: Toilets/Showers/Camp Kitchen with BBQ & Fridge for campers use
Check-In: After 10.30am and no later than 6.00pm
Check-Out: By 10.00am
Fees: Can paid via eftpos or cash at the Caretakers Residence upon arrival



The Gin Gin Bowls Club – 37 Somerset St, Gin Gin – is offering a 3-Course-Dinner for \$20/head, for those camping at the Showgrounds on Friday 16th May. Arrive at Bowls Club between 5–6pm for drinks; meal from 6:30pm. To book, contact Kevin Busch Ph 0409 940 925, or if unavailable, Howard Ph 0438 722 301 – call/text/SMS RSVP NO LATER than Friday 9th May.

If you have any unwanted camping gear, magazines, books or other bushwalking possessions, a BUY, SWAP & SELL table will be available at the Camp Kitchen area for Club Members. Please supply an envelope attached to your item/s with ☐ PRICE ☐ NAME ☐ CONTACT DETAILS

SUNDAY 18th MAY
FORT LYTTON TOUR
SOCIAL

Leader: Jan Nelson Ph 0401 030 137
Meet at: Information Centre, Fort Lytton, 160 South Street Lytton
Time: 10.15am
Cost: Free

The Fort Lytton National Park is open from 10am – 4pm on Sundays. We will be joining the free 90-minute tour of the historical military facility of Fort Lytton, which is about a 30 minute drive from the

Brisbane CBD. We will meet at the Information Centre at Fort Lytton at 10.15am for the tour which begins at 10.30am. Please bring along your own lunch and we can have lunch in a grassy area on the banks of the Brisbane River after the tour. Please have water with you as well as hat and sunscreen.

An extract from the website <https://parks.desi.qld.gov.au> is set out below:

“Fort Lytton National Park is like no other place in Brisbane. It played a strategic military role as a hidden fortress guarding the developing Brisbane colony against attacks from enemy ships. One of several built around Australia’s coast in the nineteenth century for protection from invasion, this well-preserved pentagonal fort is concealed behind grassy embankments with its very own water-filled moat. A quarantine station, preventing diseases spreading to the thriving Brisbane population, also operated from this site.”

The Fort was established in 1881 and was used for the defence of Brisbane until the end of the Second World War. It was made a National Park in 1989.

Come and join me on this social to learn more about the early history of Brisbane. If you need assistance with transport, please give me a call.

WEDNESDAY 21st – FRIDAY 23rd MAY NORTHERN RIVERS RAIL TRAIL – SOUTHERN SECTION ACCOMMODATED WALK

Leader: Jan Nelson Ph: 0401 030 137
Meet at: St Brigid’s Carpark, Red Hill
Time: 8.30am
Cost: Transport \$50 plus 2 nights motel accommodation
Grade: M22
Location: Casino – Lismore
Emerg Off: Michele Johns Ph: 0414 635 542

In 2024 Club members walked the northern section of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail from Murwillumbah to Crabbes Creek. Recently another section of the Rail Trail has been opened – Bentley to Lismore – adding to the previously opened section from Casino to Bentley. Eventually this Rail Trail will extend 132km from Murwillumbah to Casino following the route of the rail line which closed in 2004. On this walk we will cover the 29km from Casino to Lismore. As an added bonus, on the last day we will walk along the coastal pathway from Ballina to Lennox Head.

On day 1 we will walk about 12km from Casino, through the rolling hills and farmland of the Richmond Valley, to Bentley. Day 2 will see us continuing walking through the Richmond Valley from Bentley to Lismore, a distance of around 17km. Being a Rail Trail, the track is relatively flat with the majority of the track surface being crushed rock, with the exception being short sections of asphalt departing Casino and entering Lismore. The walk goes over the top of the Naughton Gap Tunnel because of the bat colonies living in the tunnel.

We will take the opportunity on day 3 to walk 11km from the mouth of the Richmond River at Ballina to Lennox Head along the Coastal Recreational Path. This is an extremely scenic walk with spectacular coastal views. There is no need to walk on the sand, but if you are keen to do so, there are some beautiful stretches of beach which you can walk along. Hopefully the whales may have started their migration north and we will be in a prime location to see them from some of the many lookouts along the way. The walking surface is quite varied. Whilst there is asphalt or cement early in the walk, there is grass beside the path to make it easier on the feet. We then walk along sandy tracks, boardwalks and grassy or gravel tracks. There is a grassy slope to reach Lennox Head, our final destination on the walk.

At the end of the walk we will have lunch in a park at Lennox Head before heading back to Brisbane.

Accommodation on the walk will be at the Lismore City Motor Inn for 2 nights. <https://www.lismorecitymotel.com.au/> – Ph: 02 6621 4455. Queen rooms are currently from \$165/night; twin rooms from \$179/night. It is only about 200m or 300m to Woolworths, cafes, hotel for dinner etc. I am told that the motel books out most nights, so it is suggested that you book early.

WEDNESDAY 21st MAY
ALGESTER to DARRA
Closing the Circle
STROLL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Time: 1:40pm
Meet at: Queen Street Bus Station Platform "F"
Cost: Free
Bus: Bus 130 Parkinson
Begins: 2:21pm at Ridgewood Rd at Ridgewood Park near Yorrell St; Stop ID: 005860
Grade: M12
Distance: 13.7km
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=14/-27.59342/153.03037>
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 **Bring a Torch**

Over the years, you have Strolled along creeks, beside the River, along bikeways, following train lines, through forgotten suburbs. Some of these Strolls were on the outer edges of our wide city. Then I decided to circumnavigate Brisbane by finding paths all the way around by joining up previous tracks.

The result is our *Closing The Circle* series of Strolls. The main gaps were in the north where forests blocked our path – no more because we conquered them. And there are the western suburbs. You did commence this final chapter; now you can complete it and pat yourself on the back.

This day, you catch a comfortable Council bus out to the beginning to a place where you never have been before – who has ever been into the depths of Algester – an isolated and cut off suburb. Start out on the banks of the lovely named Sheep Station Ck.

From our buss top, your way follows bike paths into the nicely named Willawong –a peaceful industrial estate (check out the big dump, a waste disposal incinerator and numerous huge warehouses).

Strangely, there is only one way to move from suburb to suburb, so we are confined to the main road for a portion while roaming about. Moving into Durack, then Inala where you follow Boss Ck. A right turn and moving up to Darra passing through a few large vacant blocks and a sports field. The downhill run after crossing over Ipswich Rd to Darra Station.

This Stroll is on the longer side of short. Though it is mainly on footpaths and along creeks, so it should be on the faster side of slow. It could/should finish on the later side of early. Be prepared to use your torch (that you will bring with you).

SUNDAY 25th MAY
PLAY – 'NO DINNER FOR SINNERS'
SOCIAL



Leader: Jan Nelson 0401 030 137
Meet at: Community Centre – Cnr Halsbury and Queenscroft Sts, Chelmer
Time: 1.45pm for 2.00pm Matinee
Cost: Tickets \$27 adult; \$24 concession
Web: <https://centenarytheatre.com.au/>

The Centenary Theatre Company, a community theatre group which is based in Chelmer, is putting on a comedy play “*No Dinner for Sinners*” which sounds like it will be full of laughs. The write-up about the play on the above website states –

“Jim Watt runs the London office of a stock exchange firm and is hosting dinner for the International Director and his wife, Bill and Nancy McGregor, members of the anti-permissive society group. As Bill strongly disapproves of unmarried couples living together, Jim asks his girlfriend, Helen, to pose as his wife for the evening. This suggestion goes down like a lead balloon and Helen walks out on him leaving Jim with no partner, no cook and – after ringing around all of his ex-girlfriends rather unsuccessfully – only one last option: his eccentric cleaning lady, Edna, who will do the job for a fee, of course. Disaster reigns as Edna attempts to cook an elaborate dish while keeping her guests happy with “religious chat”. At an extremely inopportune moment, Helen returns to play the role of his wife and so does his young personal assistant, Terri! A string of hilarious miscommunications unravel as Jim tries to save the situation – and his job – by trading lies and wives almost as quickly as Bill is trading shares.”

Tickets can be purchased via the website link above. I suggest you purchase tickets early to avoid missing out. There is plenty of street parking available or the venue is easily accessible by train as it is opposite the over rail pedestrian walkway at the northern end of Chelmer station. When you have booked tickets, please let me know that you will be coming.

WEDNESDAY 28th MAY MORNINGSIDE/TINGALPA A GEOLOGIC STROLL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Time: 2:20pm
Meet at: Edward St; Stop 142 Near Queen St, outside the side entrance to Woolies
Cost: Free
Bus: Bus 232 Cannon Hill
Begins: 2:37pm at Stop 21a, Hawthorne Rd at Lourdes Hill
Grade: M11
Distance: 14km
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.47629/153.09800>
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 *Bring a Torch*

Your next Geologic Stroll to continue the adventure. These Geologic Strolls always seem to be longish; and to be honest – long.

This one is basically along three or four straight roads, with the odd road cutting or disused quarry to inspect and to read from The Oracle. From this, you shall learn all about the geology of the inner eastern suburbs.

This one is not as exciting as all the other Geologic Strolls combined, but still provided very useful information to absorb.

You will be finishing late since this is almost the middle of the year, so bring your torch (and good humour).

Come with me on this Stroll to the Never Never Land and enjoy the pleasures of rocks.

THURSDAY, 29th MAY BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL

Details for this event to be included in the May Jilalan

THURSDAY 12th – SUNDAY 22nd February 2026
Tongariro Northern Circuit
NZ North Island
Through Walk

Leader Khaleel Petrus Ph: 0413314443
Length: Various
Grade: L45 Through walk and Day walks up to M33
Cap: 10 People
Emerg Off: TBA
Note: Nominations closed date Tuesday 6th May 2025

The main aim is to do 45km over four days anticlockwise Tongariro circuit through walk. The views along the track are fantastic. The track traverses rain forest, alpine sections, volcanic ash and rocky sections.

Climbing to Emerald Lakes from Oturere hut is gradual except a short scramble on the ridge leading to the lakes. The hardest section is going up on loose volcanic soil from Emerald Lakes to the top of red crater.

The walks are suitable for most of club members. We will stay in accommodation for 10 Days and do the walks as weather permits.

Flying to Auckland on the 12th February, hire a van and drive to National Park Village, where we will be staying in two bunked rooms (one for males and one for females). There is a well-stocked mini-market close by and their prices are quite reasonable. There is also a bar (just next door) serving variety of meals and drinks and free reliable Wi-Fi.

Bring cooking pot, serving plates, utensils for the through walk and your daily needs of food for the walks (or buy from the shop). The huts are equipped with gas cookers, washing sink, soup and brush. There are also matrices.

If we were struck with bad weather, we will do easy walks (like Tama Lakes, Silica Rapids and Tupapakura Falls) in bad weather until we get a good window for the through walk.



If time permits we might drive to visitor centre at Mount Ruapehu and catch the chair lift up to café at 2100m to enjoy a good meal. The venue offers fantastic views of Mt Ruapehu. There is a possibility (weather permitting) of doing a very short very steep walk up to one of the jagged peaks to enjoy a panoramic view of Tongariro Peaks

Costs estimations:

Flights:	\$A800 Return PP
Car Hire (10 Seater):	\$NZ 2000.00 (\$NZ 200 PP)
Accommodation:	\$36 per night PP (total \$360 PP)
Huts:	\$NZ 66 per Hut PP (total \$NZ 198 PP)
Chair Lift:	\$NZ 49 PP
Total will be around	\$A1650 PP excluding food and car fuel

SUNDAY 3rd AUGUST ZERO BIRTHDAY BASH SOCIAL

Leader: Liz Little Ph: 0414 252 003 / lizlittle2017@gmail.com
Meet: Roma St Station / Walloon Saloon
Time: 10.30 am / 12.00 pm
Cost: Meals from \$20 + train fares

Can you join us to celebrate the 2025 zero birthdays of beloved club members at our favourite saloon? Travel privately or join us for the added fun of the train trip.

The train departs Roma St Station, platform 8 at 10.34 am and arrives at Walloon at 11.47 am, after a change of trains at Ipswich. It is then a one kilometre stroll to the Saloon.

At the conclusion of the party, we will set out at 2.50 pm to catch the 3.13 pm train back to Roma St, also changing at Ipswich and arriving at Roma St at 4.33 pm.

The party will be held in the bistro of the Saloon, where you can purchase your own drinks from the bar and order your own food from the bistro counter.

There are possibly 8 guests of honour.

I have booked for 30 people so, first in best dressed! Nominations are now open.

https://www.facebook.com/walloonhotel?utm_source=restaurantguru&utm_medium=referral
<https://restaurantguru.com/Walloon-Saloon-Thagoona/menu>

OUTINGS SECRETARY REPORT

During the last month we have had significant rainfall which has affected a number of walks, namely –

15 th –16 th Mar	Club Hut Feast	–	Cancelled because of weather
16 th Mar	Club Hut DW	–	Cancelled because of weather
27 th Mar	Lost World DW	–	Postponed to 24 th April
29 th Mar	White's Beach DW	–	Postponed to 6 th September

Also the following walks have been identified for **2026** –

12th – 22nd February Tongariro Northern Circuit, Through Walk, NZ – Leader Khaleel Petrus
September Blue Mountains AT – Sunday to Saturday – Leader Russ Nelson

Contact the leaders if you are interested. Khaleel is ready to accept nominations; and in respect of the Blue Mountains, I would appreciate input into the final date selection, walk choices and accommodation.

As always, I am interested in discussing with members potential leaders for walks. Russ Nelson

TREASURER REPORT

Balance 28/02/25	\$6362.06
Plus Receipt	\$ 303.64
Sub Total	\$6665.70
Less Payments	\$ 62.10
Balance 31/03/25	\$6603.60
Term Deposit	\$5000.00

Please see me if you wish to make a tax deductible donation to the Little Kings. Also, if you wish to make a purchase of a club t-shirt and/or small metal badge before they are all sold.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Therese Abernethy, Rusty Jones, Pat Lawton and Dianne Robertson are celebrating their birthdays in April. Antonia Simpson and Susan Ware recently returned from a holiday in India.

FEDERATION MOUNTAIN RESCUE FMR

The objectives of FMR Inc. are to:

Promote and encourage a professional approach to bushwalking safety through practical training, adoption of sound and credible methods, and by demonstration to other clubs.

Promote, encourage and conduct advanced bushwalking and related activities.

Promote & encourage safe bushwalking practice internally, in other clubs, & to the general public.

Assist other bushwalking club members and their club safety and training officers with training at club level.

Maintain skills in search and rescue techniques. These skills are above those which would usually be required in normal bushwalking activities.

Enable members of other bushwalking clubs to become proficient in search & rescue organisation by training, by leading bushwalking club walks, and by demonstration of walking safety and related techniques to enable members of other bushwalking clubs to become proficient in these activities.

Obtain equipment to enable the search and rescue function to be carried out, and train members in the correct use and maintenance of the equipment.

Where possible maintain liaison with police, SES, communications media, property owners, and other bushwalking clubs.

Carry out research and analysis of any aspect associated with bushwalking, search and rescue, and the techniques and equipment used.

Meetings

FMR general meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month except December, at 19:30. All members are welcome to attend.

Starting with COVID pandemic, in-person meetings were suspended, & subsequently the committee is conducting business by teleconference. Please email fmrqld@gmail.com for details to attend.

A brief history of F.M.R.

As bushwalking clubs grew in the 1950's, they organised 'Safety and Training' activities to train their members in navigation, survival, first aid and rope work, and soon supplemented this with 'Search and Rescue' training to cope with situations which might arise. The SAR skills were more often used as a community service than on club-related incidents.

After the formation of the Queensland Federation of Bushwalking clubs in 1965, the clubs pooled their search and rescue resources in an affiliated volunteer service that became well-known as Federation Mountain Rescue (FMR). "Federation" eventually incorporated under the name Bushwalking Queensland, and the rescue service incorporated separately in 2011 as FMR Inc. Our members are now drawn from both the bushwalking and rock-climbing fraternities. FMR is recognised as a volunteer search and rescue unit in the National Search and Rescue Manual.

For many years FMR has assisted the Police in land searches and rescues, where we specialise in multi-day assignments in rugged terrain. Our knowledge of bushwalking routes is also useful in guiding search aircraft. FMR has been called out to assist with incidents in an area ranging from Fraser Island to northern New South Wales to Toowoomba, but has ventured even further afield to assist bushwalking clubs and other volunteer groups in training their members.

PAST EVENTS

**22nd to 31st JANUARY
SOUTH EAST TASMANIA PART 2
AT**

**Day 3: Friday 24th January
Walk 3: Mount Mangana**

Distance: 4km – time 2hr

This was a designated travel day with time to squeeze in a short walk or two plus some shopping. After considering several options we decided to do a dawn trip to Mount Mangana, which is the highest mountain on Bruny Island, then back to the house, have a shower, have brekky, get packed and hit the road. Our plan worked perfectly. We got up early did the 4km walk in less than 2 hours; and we were out the door by 9.30am. It was beautiful sunny morning; but I have to advise that Mount Mangana was a bit bland in fact it was very bland. We only visited it because it is the highest mountain on Bruny Island. But it was a bit of dud walk. It was a nice track in good condition but there were no views and it was like we were stuck in a tunnel of scrubby trees. Anyhow we zoomed at Warp Speed along to the summit; saw the vague obscure views to the south. It was a little untidy at the summit with a small telecommunications tower in a small clearing; it was a bit ho-hum. Took a few photos then back down again. I should say it wasn't all that bad, as actually it was really good fun walking along the track. Will and Khaleel weren't having a race as such but they really moved along.

We were all packed and on our way and caught an early Ferry back to the Mainland and had a few stops on the way.



The Lake Dobson Hut at Mt Field National Park

Firstly at Vinnies at Margate (yes there is a Margate in Tassie), and bought extra jackets and Anne-Marie got a lovely woollen pullover that was just perfect. Another stop at Kingston for extra groceries and Khaleel bought a new EPIRB thingy. Next we stopped at Ananconda at North Hobart for new gaiters for me, and later stopped at New Norfolk for lunch. We trundled up the highway to National Park (that is the name of the village at Mt Field National Park); on our way we stopped at the Mt Field National Park Office and bought our pass for the trip.

Next up the dirt road to Mt Field and the Lake Dobson Hut. The weather was on the change and when we arrived at the plateau area it started to drizzle, and it was very chilly as we transferred all our stuff to the Hut. It took about two trips each to get all our stuff to the hut – the distance from the car to the hut is about 400m so it was a bit of a drag doing two trips in light drizzle. The Hut was lovely – well I think it is lovely.

It was a bit cool on arrival – it was a like a freezer inside the hut. Thankfully Khaleel got the fire going quickly and we soon warmed up, in fact it was so warm we were only needed to wear t-shirts. Dinner was a communal affair and we were soon happy little campers.



Inside the Lake Dobson Hut – sleeping area was behind the curtains

Day 4: Saturday 25th January
Walk 4: Mount Field East circuit– height 1274 metres
Distance: 11 km; elevation gain 394 metres; time 6hr 40min; speed 4.3kph

Weather very cool and windy – temperature about 10° but much cooler in the wind. When we arrived at the summit we were hit by gale force winds and couldn't have lunch there.

We did eleven walks on this Tassie trip and on reflection two months after the trip this walk got my vote for the best walk of the trip. (Khaleel and Debra also selected this as the best walk). There was a lovely variety of things on the trip - two amazing summits, lots of interesting boardwalks, a lovely moor land to cross, some interesting rock formations at Seagers Lookout, an amazing alpine lake, an interesting Alpine Hut, lots of wildflowers, some challenging walking sections, the interesting boulder hopping section near the summit of Mt Field East and near the finish there was a forest of huge trees that were mainly huge gums but also some beech trees.

As well, it was the only walk we did in typical Tassie conditions of cool, cloudy and windy conditions. The rest of the walks we did were on beautiful warm sunny days that felt like we back in Queensland. We did the walk in the usual clockwise direction and it all went like clockwork.



Map of Mt Field Walk by N.P.

We basically had the trip to ourselves. We met just one other group but they were not Tasmanians, but from France – Florian and Mathilde from Paris. I am constantly amazed at how often we bump into international visitors on these remote Tasmanian walks. It just astounds me how they find out about the walks and then do them on their trips to Tassie. We finished the walk and just as we got in the car it started to drizzle. Arriving back to the Hut carpark it was cool and wet. Then it rained for hours during the evening and the chat started as to whether we will be able to go for a walk tomorrow.



Debra, Anne-Marie and Will – crossing the boardwalks at Windy Moor with the summit of Mt Field in the distance – notice that Will had his gloves on – it was very cold



Debra and Will crossing the boulder field just below the summit of Mt Field East

Day 5: Sunday 26th January

Walk 5: Mount Wedge

Distance: height 1146m; height gain 771m –

7.2 km; total time 6 hours, moving time 1hr 50 min – average speed 3.9kph

Weather – fine and sunny with barely a breeze – temperature about mid-twenties.

This was a joint walk with the Hobart Walking Club. There were 16 from the Hobart Club and 7 from the Brisbane Club. I had planned the BCBC trip back in February 2024 and three months out from the walk I noticed in the Hobart Walking Club monthly magazine that Mt Wedge was listed as a trip for the Hobart Club. After a few emails we organised the trip as a joint trip, but our southern friends basically led the walk. We had a lovely time with them but one was a bit testy when we did the circle at the start of the walk and mumbled so everyone could hear “less talking and more walking” and he almost sprinted up the mountain. But it gave us someone to talk about and actually we were getting a bit tardy in our actually walking endeavours, so he had a point. Of note is that we had a great time talking to them and they were surprised that we were actually staying in their club hut. Also, it is a small world as one of the guys from the Hobart club named Ian had met a BCBC member namely Marlene on a tour in Norway (I think that was the country, it was somewhere up there) and he passed on his regards which I duly did. It was just nice to make these sort of amazing connections on a trip to a very isolated mountain peak in remote and wild Tasmania.

The location of the walk is about 43km west of Maydena. The walk was basically straight forward but hard, park your cars at the carpark and walk up the track that goes up the north-west ridgeline to the summit (but I should note there was a little zig zag at the start of the walk) and near the summit there were a few cliffhops to zig zag around. It was a medium to hard trip for most of the group; well it was a hard trip for some – actually, it was a bit of slog – in fact five walkers turned back early.

Initially the walk is up a defined bush pad but as it got higher the vegetation closed in so you were sort of squeezing your way through the tea tree like vegetation. Shortly before the summit plateau the shrubs give way to very stunted alpine plants about 30cm high. This is where there are views for miles in every direction. In fact the views from the top were the best I have ever seen in Tassie. Probably better than the views from the top of Mt Ossa. (I know that is a big call but I will stand by it as the peaks were so easy to identify whereas from Mt Ossa there were just a jumble of peaks in every direction, plus Lake Pedder and Lake Gordon actually highlighted the peaks.)



Phil with the range called The Sentinels in the background and Lake Pedder in the distance

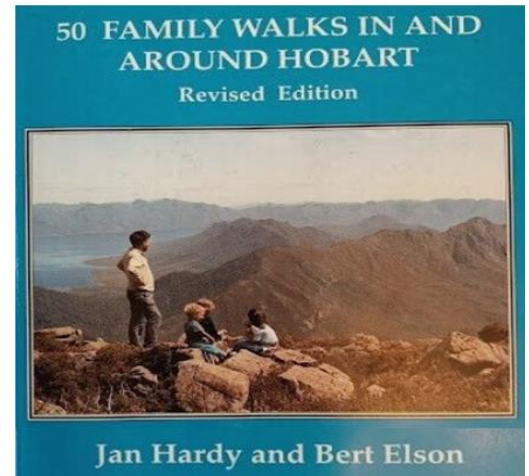
There was a huge number of peaks dotted in every direction including, the Western Arthurs, Federation Peak in the distance and in the foreground were the amazing lakes of Lake Pedder and Lake Gordon. We could also look down on several close by ranges including The Sentinels. I was the last person up from our group as I was helping some of the slower walkers who turned back earlier. I had a very quick lunch then went back down the mountain.

This is a must do trip for any self-respecting bushwalker. A hard walk but a great walk.

I should note that on the way back we had a shower at the National Park campgrounds as there were no showers in the Lake Dobson Hut. It was divine to have a lovely hot shower after a hard walk and it only cost \$2.00 for 4 minutes.

Another note is that the front cover of the book *50 Family Walks In and around Hobart* by Jan Hardy and Bert Elson has a photo of the exact same vista showing the Lake Pedder and The Sentinels in the background. It was truly a magnificent spot and worth the hard slog to get up there.

It is worth noting that the mainstream guidebooks (e.g. Tyrone Thomas, Melanie Bell and John Chapman) don't include Mt Wedge in their list of walks to do whereas the book by Hardy and Elson did include it. I can only presume it is because the track is a rough track that is not maintained or improved by the rangers, whereas nearly all the walks in the mainstream books are well maintained tracks.



WEDNESDAY, 4th MARCH
PANCAKE TUESDAY – Miss Claude's Crepes, Newmarket
COFFEE NIGHT SOCIAL

Pancake Tuesday was the way we celebrated our March Coffee Night and it marked the beginning of the Lenten season the following day. The venue was *Miss Claude's Crepes* at Newmarket, our traditional venue and thankfully the pancakes, both savoury and sweet, were up to the same high standard.

Thank you to those 15 club members who attended this event - Greg & Michele, Cath M & Jon P, Benno & Michelle, Pat & Jonas, Mark & Majella, Will, Prasada, Terry, Sue T and Janet. Mark Deegan

WEDNESDAY, 12th MARCH
LINDUM to WYNNUM CENTRAL
STROLL

On a perfect sunny afternoon, our seven strollers strolled from the newly refurbished Lindum Railway Station to the Wynnum Central Railway Station and discovered the history, architecture and community of the Wynnum area. Gone were any after effects of Cyclone *Alfred* and the tropical low that followed. Minor examples of debris and a very loud chain saw at one residence provided the only visible reminders of the huge rain deluge experienced over the weekend.

Our stroll showed the varying types of housing in the district, from early Queenslanders built on very large blocks to modern brick homes. At various times, we crossed Lindum Creek and Wynnum Creek.

The history of the area was particularly evident in Wynnum Municipal Reserve where a plaque commemorates Earl Kitchener reviewing Queensland troops on that site in January 1910. Nearby Kitchener Park is named in his honour.

Another plaque in the reserve remembers James Warner (1814–1891), the pioneer surveyor who was one of the three surveyors who surveyed the area now Brisbane and its surrounding areas. The Shire Clerk's Cottage (1890), Wynnum Scout Hall (1910), the Wynnum Bowls Club (1924) and the expansive Wynnum Golf Club (1922) are notable local historical landmarks in the area that we passed.

Eventually our strollers reached the well-known Wynnum Esplanade, the Wynnum Jetty and the Wynnum wading pool. Before reaching our endpoint, we passed the Wynnum Central State School, built in 1896 and closed in 2011, now functioning as the Wynnum Community Centre.

Thanks to Janet, Sofia, Paula, Joe, Michael and Prasada for joining me for a pleasant stroll around a very beautiful, peaceful and historical bayside part of Brisbane. Mark D



WEDNESDAY, 19th MARCH AIRPORT LINE – RAIL #32 STROLL

Our stroll was reminiscent of a Rail stroll 'without the rail'. Whilst we certainly commenced at the Eagle Junction Train station and observed the concourse and other typical features of an older railway station waiting for reconstruction, our journey took us amongst the older parts of suburban Clayfield.

As we walked along Jackson Street, we observed an entire street of Queenslanders without any modern homes interrupting the view. We entered the first of our trio of bikeways (Kedron Brook Bikeway) as council workmen stopped their large collecting of storm debris to allow us safe passage. The former site of Toombul Shoppingtown was vast and empty and led us on a long scenic trip along the Jim Soorley Bikeway, all the while observing the imposing AirTrain track above us. We passed by Kedron Brook and the Schulz Canal, connecting with the Gateway North Bikeway before crossing the busy Airport Drive on the Charles Earp Bridge and finishing today's stroll at the DFO.

I would still classify today's stroll as part of the Rail series as we regularly saw the AirTrain but we just did not quite make it aboard. We managed to enjoy the first half of this stroll, unfortunately did not travel on the AirTrain but look forward to returning to complete the unfinished part of our journey and test the airport security as we walk towards the Brisbane Domestic Airport Terminal.

Thanks to Janet and Paula for joining me today.

Mark D



AirTrain Time Capsule plaque



'Alfred' Debris collected on old Toombul SC fence



Overhead AirTrain line

SATURDAY, 22ND MARCH NEW FARM to SOUTHBANK and DINNER SOCIAL

On a glorious autumn Saturday afternoon, our group of eleven met near the Sydney Street City Cat Terminal and started our journey towards the city. After a brief detour away from the river, we enjoyed the cool breezes and stunning city views along the Brisbane River Walk leading to the Howard Smith Wharves.

Our group seemed slightly obvious as we slipped through the busyness of Felons Brewing with its very trendy and fashionable shakers and movers. We passed by well-known Brisbane landmarks, tall residential towers, Customs House, Eagle Street Pier and the historic Naldham House.



A highlight of our trip was the first-time experience (for most members) of crossing Brisbane's newest landmark, the Kangaroo Point Green Bridge, Queensland's tallest bridge, which opened on 15th December 2024. It connected perfectly with the Kangaroo Point Riverwalk, past the Kangaroo Point Cliffs with a handful of dangling abseilers. The atmosphere along this stretch of the river was highly inviting with canoeists, joggers, abseilers and picnickers forming an integral part of this idyllic place.

Eventually we reached our dinner venue, The Ship Inn at Southbank where we were joined by Jan and Russ Nelson, Iain Renton and Merrill Turpin and Michele Endicott. The food and service was first-class and allowed us to enjoy a wonderful social occasion.

Thank you to those eleven walkers who started at Sydney Street – Greg Endicott, Phil Murray, Michael and Jenny Foley, Sue Tobin, Therese Nally and her daughter Michelle, Prasada Vajjhala, Jeanette Chew and Majella and Mark Deegan. Mark D

WEDNESDAY 26th MARCH OPOSSUM CREEK STROLL



We got off to a good start and followed the bikeway past the Lions Stadium, the Anglican Secondary School, the Aboriginal School, new housing estates, the Anglican Primary School until we got to the Enchanted Forest. Along the way, several watercourses were passed - with a bit more water than normal in them and showing signs of a recent higher flow rate. They were Opossum Creek and its tributaries.

Once in the Forest, we saw the devastation caused by 4WDs - it seems they like trying out their vehicles in the mud after heavy downpours.

Apart from all of this, the Enchanted Forest is rather nice, mostly with local native vegetation; perhaps logged in the past, and not seeing much signs of the housing all about - in places you did not even hear sounds of civilisation.

In the "valley" were grasslands (and a sewerage main). At one point, we found a concrete path which we followed - too far as it turned out because when I checked my map again, we were not only off course, but on the wrong side of the creek. Not to worry, there are ways to overcome this and get back on track. Oh, not all that easy. Never follow a path for too far without checking the map. We did find a nice old bridge though.

And the pod of kangaroos - nice to see them so close to housing. They stayed still for us just staring, until they got bored and hopped off. Save Woogaroo Forest.

At another spot I tried to cross the wet and flowing Happy Jack Gully, but no one followed. Sooo, off into suburbia we went to scoot around dry-shod. Big modern houses very close together. And at least one nice garden in blocks of very new muddy gardenless dwellings. Little *Ric Natrass Park* was a nice surprise - small but good to see in the burbs.

Towards the end, the heat of the sunset was so hot we had to put up our parasols to protect our sensitive skin from the strong UV rays.

The train came only minutes after we arrived on the platform - shows the careful planning of our Strolls.



WHITES BEACH DW – Saturday 29th March – Postponed again!!!

The walk was cancelled for the third time this summer due to the forecast heavy rain and boy did it rain with Cape Byron area receiving 55mm of rain from 11am to 5pm. The only consolation about my run of bad luck with the weather for this trip is that I have led 4 trips to Tassie in the last 2 years and each trip was about 10 days long and basically I have had perfect weather on each trip. The good news is that the **White's Beach DW is re-scheduled to Saturday 6th September 2025** and the tides are actually better that day. Hopefully, it will be fourth time lucky. One of the people who nominated for the walk strongly suggested I should change the name of the walk. But at this stage I am not inclined to make that change as the old story goes it is bad luck to change the name of a racehorse...

Also I should mention that back in 2002 I was down to lead a walk to Mt Castle and I got thwarted three times before I got there. First, time someone slipped at Laidley Falls and broke a rib and so we had to walk back. She did recover and came on a few more walks. Second time from Goomburra but the road was closed and we only got to Hole in the Wall. Third time we tried coming in from near Tarome (I think it is Tarome) (and up through the saddle near Kangaroo Mountain) and we ran out of time less than 2km from the summit and JC insisted we turn back. I didn't bother arguing with JC and we still got back to the cars in the dark. Of note we allowed ourselves just 5 minutes for lunch at 4.00pm, but you couldn't sit down. It was one of those types of walks where you just had to keep going and going. Finally, we got there when we did it as an overnighter from Goomburra. And we did that on the fourth attempt. So obviously the moral is we should be luckier on my fourth attempt.

SATURDAY 5th APRIL BUSHRANGER CAVE and MOUNT WAGAWN LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK, BINNA BURRA SECTION DAY WALK

We left at 7:00am and headed to the trail head at the QLD/NSW boarder gate where John Carter was waiting for us. We got ourselves in full walking gear & commenced the walk at 9.30am. The initial 2km up to the cave was moderate ascend on well cleared track except the first 400m on overgrown grass before crossing the border fence to NSW. Thanks to Joe and Prasada for joining me at the pre-outing and spending a good 5 hours of serious work on the clearing task, otherwise it would have been impassable.

After crossing the border fence back to QLD, it was short distance to a brief stop at the cave. Afterwards, the seriousness of the walk was apparent; battling track damages, fallen trees and branches, overgrowth and wet unmaintained class 6 track up to Wagawn. We had our late morning

tea at 300m before the top of Wagawn on a Rocky wet slab at 11.35am. From the top of Wagawn, we continued on a properly maintained class 4 track, however after about 600m the track was blocked by a huge fallen tree, and we had to turn back to Wagawn where we enjoyed a well-deserved lunch after clocking about 7.7km.

We started the treacherous return journey down to the cave; making sure we all stayed together and not far from each other. I was very impressed by the attitude of the walkers who managed put on a beautiful smile after that tiring task. Afterwards it was an easy 2km descent to the car park. We changed our filthy walking gear and had a short break enjoying a quick refreshment of cold Ginger beer. By around 4.15pm we started driving home and we were at my place by 6.00pm. We clocked 13km in 6hrs 40mins and total ascent was 640m.

Well worth noting was the abundance of the nasty wait-a-while vine crossing our path almost from the cave to the top of Wagawn and having secateurs was a great help in tackling it. We also faced some attacks by the prevalence of leeches in the wet environment. I must mention the availability of pink ribbons almost on the entire ascent from the cave. This was a great help to keep us on track whenever there was a blockage.

Thanks to fantastic weather, we enjoyed a good viewing of a large section of the boarder track with good views of Cominan point, Mount Worendo, Throakban, Wupawn and Durigan, also fantastic views of Springbrook and the Cougals.

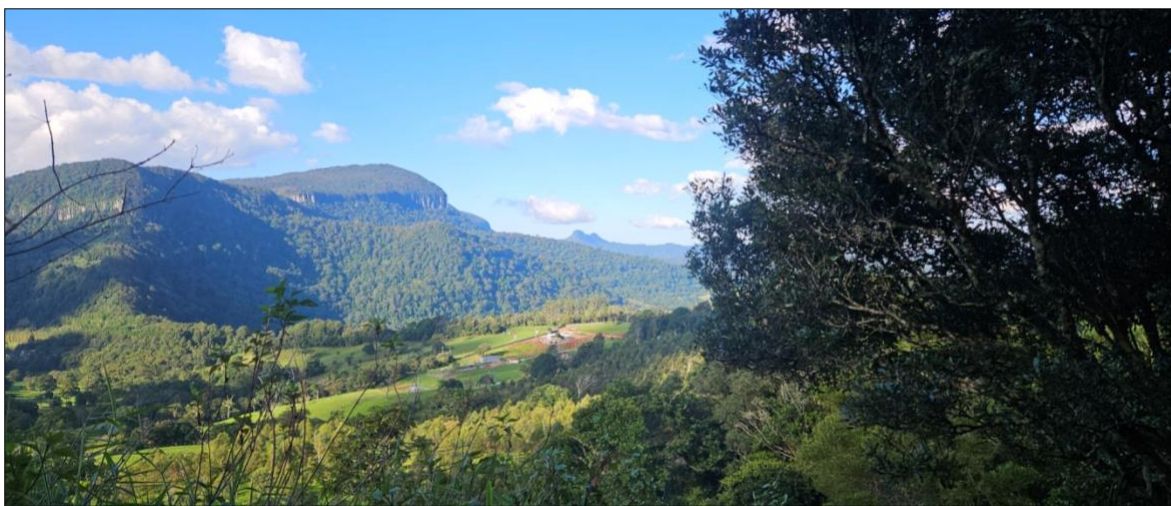
Thank you so much for the company of my capable walkers; Anne-Marie Nash, Annette Cubitt (visitor), Jan Nelson and Benno Juliani. Special appreciation and thanks to John Carter for his efforts in leading us during the ascent from the cave to Wagawn. Khaleel



Impressive smiling faces at the cave, on the way out, after the tiring task up and down Wagawn



Extensive View of the border track



Springbrook and the Cougals

AROUND THE RIDGES

Gold Coast Bushwalkers Club – 50th Anniversary Congratulations

The GCBC are celebrating their 50th Anniversary at the Canungra Showgrounds on Saturday 12th April. Consult their website for details www.goldcoastbushwalkers.org.au/

The Bushies – Bushwalking Adventurers – 60th Anniversary Congratulations

The Bushies are celebrating with a social dinner on Wednesday 9th April at 7 pm – 9 pm. Consult their website for details www.bushies.org.au

OVERLAND TRACK FIRES

The BCBC did the Overland Track walk in November 2024 and we were blessed when we did it as we had lovely sunny and fine weather for most of the trip, but the area was hit by fires in February and the Overland Track was closed for about 4 weeks.

See note on the ABC website:
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-02-13/overland-track-pine-forest-moor-hut-destroyed-tasmanian-bushfire/104930364>



Pine Forest Moor Hut – exterior from the south



Pine Forest Moor Hut – interior view of dining area

One of the huts operated by the private walking companies was apparently burnt down – the media reports are vague as to whether it was actually burnt down or just impacted by fires. The Hut was called the Pine Forest Moor. As an aside I was walking with the hut operators for a bit and then 15 minutes later I met them at the Hut and asked if I could take a look around and they were very friendly and duly obliged and I was able to do a quick look around hut and take some photos.

Vale Peter O'Reilly – 91 years (1933 – 2025) of O'Reilly's Guest House

He was a legend of the region; the patriarch of the O'Reilly family, and a pioneering icon in the Australian ecotourism industry.

Born at Maleny he took over O'Reilly's Guesthouse more than 70 years ago with his brother Vince. They ran the business for the next 40 years, carefully managing its growth and development. He was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in 2001 for his contributions to ecotourism. Of note he introduced an annual week-long special interest programme for birdwatchers known as 'Bird Week'. He designed a world first suspended tree top walkway in 1986. He wrote a book, "The Spirit of O'Reillys", (2008), interwoven about the early history of the O'Reilly Guest House and the family.

<https://hazelmbarke.wordpress.com/book-review-the-spirit-of-oreillys-by-peter-oreilly/>

Peter O'Reilly's funeral was to be held at St Mary's Cathedral, Beaudesert on 21st March.

NEWSLETTERS FROM OTHER CLUBS

If you would like to read any of these magazines, please contact our Secretary to ask her to forward you the e-copy of these newsletters briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au

Toowoomba BWC *Footprint*

Brisbane BWC

Sunshine Coast Bushwalking Club – *Trudge*

Redlands Bushwalkers – *Ramble On*

INSURANCE

Members of Insured Clubs Walking with Another Insured Club

<https://bushwalkingaustralia.org/>

The person is covered as a Member. Thus, the person must be a member of the club he/she is walking with.

The relaxation of the insurance protocols permits a member of another insured club to attend as a guest/visitor for the limited number of times.

The number of permitted times is determined by each club but the insurance brokers suggest three as a reasonable figure, which most clubs have adopted.

Our Insurance Cover

Bushwalking Australia organises a National Insurance Scheme offering insurance cover to clubs affiliated with the peak body in their home state. Most clubs (but not all) take the **Public Liability**, **Personal Accident** and **Associations Liability** cover, but additional policies such as property insurance can also be arranged to meet the specific requirements of a club. Insurance policies are renegotiated each year, and unless otherwise stated or advised, apply from 1st July to 30th June.

Insurance Overview

Insurance Claims & Enquiries

Accident Insurance

Public Liability Insurance

Associations Liability Insurance

Acknowledgement of List

Risk Management

Frequently Asked Questions

The FAQs are provided to assist member clubs gain a better understanding of the insurance arrangements organised on their behalf by Bushwalking Australia (BA). Additional questions will be added over time and suggestions for topics to be covered are welcome at any time by emailing Bushwalking Australia at info@bushwalkingaustralia.org **Insurance FAQs**

Our insurance broker, Marsh, offers Leisure Travel insurance to members of affiliated bushwalking clubs via three insurers: World2Cover, Chubb and nib. For more information, including the discounts offered, please follow this link: **Leisure Travel Insurance**.

Chubb Insurance offers a comprehensive travel insurance policy with some features and optional additional cover for some winter activities, related equipment and Cancellation Expenses. For further details follow this link: **Chubb Travel Insurance**.

BINNA BURRA LIVE WEATHER STATION

<https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/IBINNA6>

Binna Burra Lodge is now a live weather station. The site is hosted in the USA yet you can convert from Fahrenheit degrees and imperial units to Celsius and metric by clicking the Settings cogwheel at top right.

WHY GO WALKING?

https://youtu.be/2X_NW3zRZ10

Here is a *YouTube* from *Walkabout With Rob* on the positives of Walking. Have a look.



FIRE ANTS

They Are Coming To Get You

<https://www.fireants.org.au/>



Fire Ants are now at The Gap.

You could easily come across them anywhere you are bushwalking. You should learn how to recognise their nests and the ants themselves.



Image courtesy of Alex Wild

<https://youtu.be/XL6QWRHZes>

Unlike the black garden ant, fire ants have a few distinguishing features.

Features Of Fire Ants

copper brown in colour with a darker abdomen

quite small at 2–6 mm

found in a variety of sizes within the one nest.

Fire Ant Nests

<https://www.fireants.org.au/look/nests>



Immature Fire Ant Nest

Fire ant nests can appear as dome-shaped mounds or flat looking like a small patch of disturbed soil. All nests have no obvious entry or exit holes.

The shape and size of the nest depends on soil type and ant colony size.

Mature Fire Ant Nest

The ants enter and leave the mound via underground tunnels which radiate outwards from the nest. These tunnels can be up to 30m long.

Internally, nests consist of many interconnecting galleries, which have a honeycomb appearance.

If a nest is disturbed, the workers may very quickly move the queen and the brood (eggs, larvae and pupae) to a new location.

Where To Find Fire Ant Nests

Residential Properties

Top 5 places to check for fire ants:

- Lawns
- Footpaths, driveways and fence lines
- Garden beds
- Near water sources
- Utility pits, including water and gas meters.

Rural Properties

Top 5 places to check for fire ant nests:

- Dams and irrigation lines
- Edges of cultivated land
- Cropland
- Fence lines
- Piles of organic matter.

How To Report Fire Ants

Complete the suspect ant report or call 132 ANT (13 22 68) within 24 hours of sighting.

Provide details, such as:

- description of the suspect ants
- location of the nests
- photos or videos for identification.

Tips for Taking Images and Videos

Stay safe when you're taking photos of suspect ants.

Wear a long-sleeved top, long pants, boots, and gloves.

If no ants are visible, gently poke the nest with a long stick from a safe distance.

Keep the camera still to avoid blurry images or videos. Let the ants walk past the lens.

Use zoom for close-up shots.

Biology And Ecology Of Fire Ants

Fire ants (*Solenopsis invicta*) are one of the few insects capable of surviving in most locations around the world but are native to the South American countries of Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay and Argentina.



Behaviour

Fire ants adapt to survive in different environments. See how they thrive in a range of climates. Find out more

Lifecycle: Like other ant species, fire ants reproduce quickly. Learn how they grow, spread, and form colonies. Find out more



Ant Types

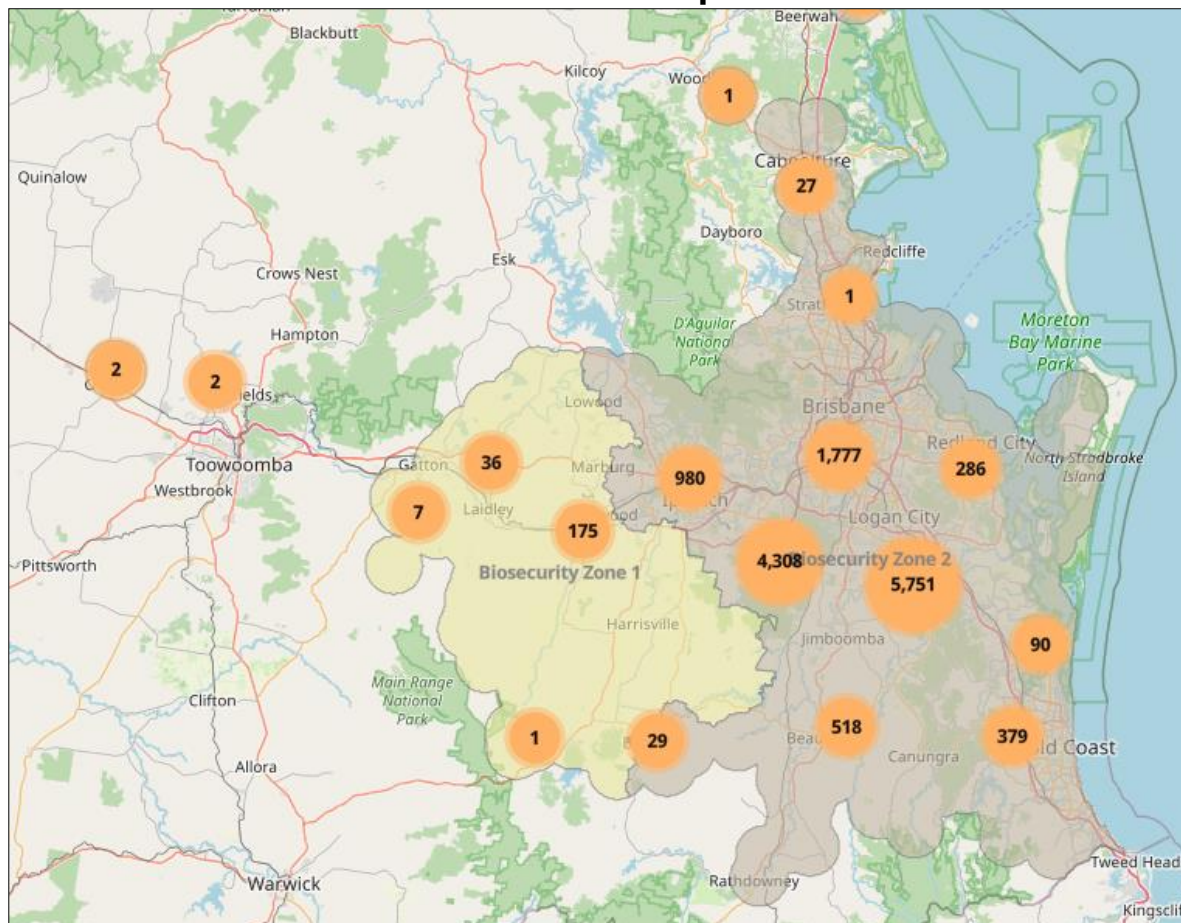
Ants live in highly organised colonies. Learn how they form complex societies and work together. Find out more



Colony Types: There are 2 different fire ant nest types in Australia. See how their colonies function and spread. Find out more

Contact us Ph: [13 22 68](tel:132268)

Fire Ant Map



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Each infested site location may contain one or more fire ant nests.

View the interactive and printable [fire ant biosecurity zones map here](#).

HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

OUTINGS

- Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
- Walk departures are usually from St Brigid's carpark, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill. Check Jilalan to determine the meet-up location, to be sure.
- The Club will usually organise transport for each outing, but you must nominate in advance to the leader. Contacting someone else may lead to your nomination becoming "lost." Nominations should preferably be made by the Wednesday night prior to the activity so that transport etc. can be arranged. Note that nominations for some walks may close well in advance of this. Late nominations may not be accepted.
- Walkers are responsible for their own transport to and from the departure point.
- Walks are rarely cancelled. If they are, all nominees will be notified. Do not presume that outings are cancelled – e.g., because of bad weather.
- Should you change your mind and decide not to come to a Club event, please notify the leader as soon as possible.
- If you are running late for the departure point, ring the leader if the leader shows a mobile phone number. If not, ring Emergency Officer.

All visitors must sign an Assumption of Risk form for insurance purposes.

VISITORS – for general enquiries contact Greg on Ph: 0418 122 995.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of February, May, August and November, at 7:30pm. The location is Fr Denis Power Building (part of the former Sacred Heart School, 347 Given Terrace, Paddington. (Rosalie) – actually 333 Given Terrace.

<https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-27.4623287,153.0006302,450m/data=!3m1!1e3!5m1!1e4?hl=en&entry=ttu>

Parking: Either in Given Terrace, OR down behind the Centre in the school's old playground off Central Ave – enter Central Ave from Ewart Street.

VISITORS are always welcome.

EMERGENCY OFFICER: If you have not returned from an outing by 9:00pm, your family may ring the Emergency Officer (or “Emerg Off” or EO) for that outing – but please, they are not to panic. If the Emergency Officer is not mentioned, ring either the President or Vice President. IF any action is to occur, the Club will arrange it. <https://fmrqld.bwq.org.au/bushwalkers-overdue/>

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT: The Club requires that all walkers on all trips should carry certain minimal basic equipment.

This should comprise the following: Emergency Contact & Medical Information form, a first-aid kit, a torch, a parka/raincoat, hat, shirt, 50+ sunscreen and at least 2 litres of water.

Leaders may require that walkers carry other equipment. Advice of this will be given in Jilalan and/or by the leader.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

The Club financial year is January to December.

There are different amounts for those who want only an electronic Jilalan and for those who want a printed version as well.

Ordinary Members: \$35 for Jilalan e-copy only, AND \$45 extra for a printed copy if you want one

Associate Members: \$30 for Jilalan e-copy only, AND \$45 extra for a printed copy if you want one

Associate Members: Those not of the Catholic faith

Life Members: No membership fee, \$45 for a printed Jilalan if you want one

Honorary Members: No membership fee, \$45 for a printed Jilalan if you want one

Payment of fees can be made to the Treasurer

Pro-rata amounts apply to new members if you join during the year

WARNING: All persons, adult or child, member or visitor, undertakes all activities of the Club at their own risk.

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