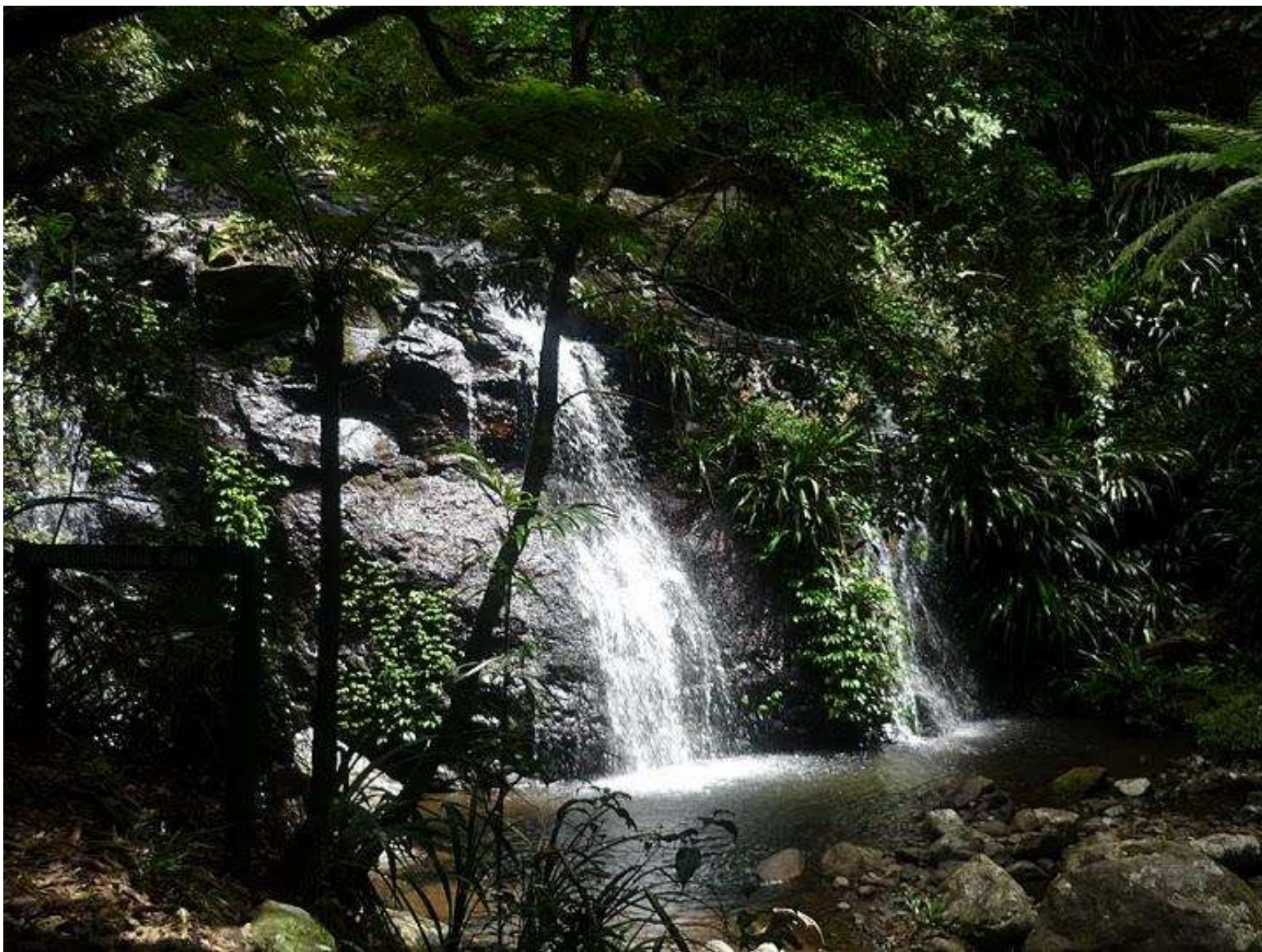


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JANUARY 2023

DECEMBER						
01	Thu	Bridges of Brisbane	Phil		DW	
03	Sat	Warrie Cct	Phil		DW	
07	Wed	Rail #10 – Richlands to Springfield Station	Greg		Stroll	
10	Sat	Christmas Party @ Indooroopilly	Jan		Soc	
21	Wed	Kenmore to Indooroopilly via Marshall La & Mine	Greg		Stroll	
22	Thu	Blue Pool	Phil		DW	
26	Mon	Bridges of Brisbane	Phil		DW	
28	Wed	Keperra to Mitchelton via Mystery Creek	Greg		Stroll	
29	Thu	Lyrebird Lookout & Moonlight Craig	Phil		DW	
JANUARY						
03	Tue	Mt Glorious	Phil		DW	
04	Wed	BBQ @ Gap Creek, Kenmore	Jan		Soc	
07	Sat	Gheerulla Circuit	Michele J		DW	
11	Wed	Gaythorne RSL - Vinnies Fundraiser	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
14-22	Sat-Sun	Tassie - Walls of Jerusalem, Mt Field + More	Phil	0416 650 160	AT	Var
18	Wed	Springfield to Springfield Central - Rail #11 –	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	M22
20	Fri	Drinks & Dinner @ The Red Brick Hotel	Jan	0401 030 137	Soc	
22	Sun	Currumbin to Coolangatta	John C	0433 279 771	DW	S22
25	Wed	Bardon Bushland Resv – Mt C to The Gap	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	S32
26	Thu	Toolona Circuit	Phil	0416 650 160	DW	L35
28	Sat	Obi Obi	Phil	0416 650 160	DW	M66
FEBRUARY						
01	Wed	Coffee Night @ Miss Claudes	Russ	0427 743 534	Soc	
02	Thu	Thornside Wetlands & Wynnum Foreshore	Paddy	3378 4813	DW	S21
04	Sat	Coomera Circuit	Khaleel	0413 314 443	DW	L35
08	Wed	Bulimba Ck – Left Br – Stretton to 8-Mile Plns	Prasada	0402 964 854	Stroll	M21
15	Wed	Cedar Ck – Ross Rd to FG Stn via Levett Rd	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	S11
17	Fri	Drinks & Dinner @ 17 Antlers	Michele E	0418 708 638	Soc	
18	Sat	Tallebudgera to Main Beach	Phil	0416 650 160	DW	M33
20	Mon	Annual General Meeting & Elections	Cath	0428 755 100	Meet	
22	Wed	West End to Holman St - River #14	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	S11
25	Sat	Annual Mass & Lunch @ Hamilton	Michele E	0418 708 638	Soc	
26	Sun	Piper Comanche Wreck	Michele J	0414 635 542	DW	S33
MARCH						
01	Wed	Coffee Night	Cath		Soc	
02	Thu	Bulimba Creek Parklands	Greg	3351 4092	DW	M11
04	Sat	Cabarita to Pottsville -	Phil	0416 650 160	DW	M33
08	Wed	Mitchelton History Tour	Barbara	3355 3639	Stroll	S12
14	Tues	City Lunch	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
15	Wed	Springfield - Opossum Ck Right (New) Bank	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
17	Fri	Drinks & Dinner	Jan		Soc	
18	Sat	Club Hut Feast	Iain		ON	
19	Sun	Club Hut Day Walk	Terry		DW	
22	Wed	Bulimba Ck, Warick &, Salvin Ck, Whites Hill	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
25	Sat	Cainbabe Falls)	John C	0433 279 771	DW	
29	Wed	Rafting Gnds to B'fld Sh Gnd - Moggill Ck #1	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
APRIL						
01	Sat	Gold Creek to Enoggera Reservoir	Jan		DW	
05	Wed	Coffee Night	Louise		Soc	
07-09	Fri-Sun	Kroombit Tops (Gladstone) Easter Trip	Richard		BC	
10	Mon	Easter Monday - (Head Road at Teviot Gap)	Pat		DW	
11-14	Tues-Fri	Upper Moreton Island	Khaleel		TW	
12	Wed	Fruitgrove to Trinder Park - Rail - #15	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
13	Thu	Mt Coot-tha & Bardon Bushland Reserve	Greg		DW	
16	Sun	Mt Tibrogargan or Mt Ngungun	Phil		DW	
19	Wed	Sandgate Lagoons & Brighton Wetlands	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
21	Fri	Drinks & Dinner	Jan		Soc	
21-25	Fri-Tue	Mt Ballow Throughwalk	Matt		TW	
22	Sat	Mt Walker			DW	

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 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
SW	Social Walk	AT	Accommodated Trip

KEY – Walk Gradings

Distance	Terrain	Fitness/Endurance
Short Under 10km / 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 / 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 15-20 km 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 20 km 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, in which the trip is hard or strenuous for fit walkers requiring agility and endurance.

PRAYER

A New Year Prayer, based on Isaiah 40:31: 'But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.'

O God of New Beginnings

Grant that I may

put behind me the failings of this year past and

hope in you to renew my strength,

so I will rise above the trials and disappointments of this coming year and focus on the joys You will surely bring, as I trust in You and soar on eagle's wings, committing myself to You day by day, trusting.

May I run and not grow weary, walking on with You, day by day – never faint, constantly re-newed by Your Spirit – throughout this coming year. Amen.

THINK ABOUT BEING ON OUR COMMITTEE

We Need You

Our AGM will be held in February, and an important part of this is the election of the Management Committee for 2023. To function effectively and efficiently, the Club needs members to take on Committee positions, and various other volunteer positions to support the many and varied activities of the Club. Please think about nominating yourself or someone else for a Committee position in 2023.

For the past few years, not every position has been filled; thus, some Committee members have had to fulfill 2, 3 or even 4 roles – this burns people out and makes it difficult to do justice to some of the jobs.

So, please truly consider what your abilities are and nominate for a Committee position. Even if you think someone else “owns” it, still nominate. Most of the jobs are not time consuming or hard. The work is in the planning at the start, and the rest flows naturally when the deadline is due.

Child Protection Officer: a new role – to remind us of the need to protect minors (We only have children at Club events if the parents are with them.)

General Committee Position: A new role where a member can gradually enter Committee without a “responsibility”. There is no specific work to do, but you may be given tasks to perform. You will be a fresh clear voice on Committee adding your views to those of the “old hands”.

Suggestion: Ring the person currently doing the duties to find out more about the role.

I am not sure if all the Committee Positions will have the incumbent standing again. I know Cath will be standing down as President, so this is one position that is definitely up for grabs.

Let's have a real election where multiple candidates stand for each of the positions. You never know, you just might win. Become an active participant and not just a follower

The forms are in this *Jilalan*, the January Edition. They are already on the Club website.

IF A WALK IS DELAYED COMING BACK HOME

Occasionally trips are delayed due to unforeseen circumstances.

Who should the leader in the field contact back in Brisbane?

If friends or relatives of walkers are concerned about the delayed return, who might they contact in the Club to inquire about what has happened?

At first, contact for both of the above should be with the “Emerg Off” shown in the article in *Jilalan*. If that person is not responding, ring the Committee from top to bottom name till you speak with someone.

Give clear details of the incident, location, names of those in the party, their contact numbers, the next of kin of each person on the trip, and vehicle details on the trip incl rego numbers. Find out if help is needed, injuries, any first aid requirements, should Triple Zero be contacted, and any other relevant information.

Before leaving on any outing, walkers should tell a family member or friend where they are going and give them a copy of *Jilalan*, or a link to our web site, or the phone numbers of the Committee members.

Leaders should also carry a list of contact numbers with them on the walk.

In an emergency, life threatening or serious injury situation, or one that requires a search and rescue, contact the Police on 000 (or 112 when out of range of your mobile network).

If the party is overdue but otherwise safe, the leader should attempt to contact the Emerg Off (or Committee member) who can advise family members from the contact information you provide.

If overdue more than 24 hours and no contact made with the walkers, the Police should be notified by the Emergency Officer.

If the Emergency Officer is unsure what to do, the Emerg Off should ring the President or Outings Secretary (if unavailable, ring an experienced member of the Club).

More search and rescue information at: <http://fmrqld.bwq.org.au/overdue.html>

Thanks to the BOSQ Magazine *Footnotes* for reminding me about this and providing the basic wording.

ABOUT WALKS

Trips leave from St Brigid's Car Park at 78 Musgrave Rd, 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.online/assets/Nomination.pdf>

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

Pre-Outings: Leaders are to ring Phil, Ph: 0416 650 160, to advise him details of it.

If **changes** are made to walks (date, location, cancelation etc.) leaders are asked to advise Phil Murray on Ph: 5522 9702.

Visitors are required to do two walks before the Committee declares them Club members.

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

Leaders: When you get an enquiry about your walk, social or any other Club event, please obtain the full name, address, phone numbers and especially the e-mail address. Then, please pass these onto both the Membership Officer, Jon Peake and the Editor, Greg Endicott, so we can include these new people in our records.

COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 11th JANUARY GAYTHORNE RSL DINNER SOCIAL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092

Meet at: Gaythorne RSL, 534 Samford Rd, Mitchelton

Entrance: 19 Tel El Kebir St at the back of the building, through the carpark to the entrance steps. Near the corner with Heliopolis Pde

Time: 6pm

Cost: \$16 to \$39

Reason: Fund raising for St Vinnies

Location: Mitchelton – opposite the Council library

Web: <https://gaythornersl.com.au/home/>
[https://gaythornersl.com.au/wp-](https://gaythornersl.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Gaythorne_RSL_Menu_August_2022.jpg)

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Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

RSVP: 10am Wednesday 11th – But earlier is better

This is our traditional January Coffee Night. – an added bonus is our collection for St Vincent de Paul by a paper note donation to Terry.

The “G”, as it is known, is our favourite RSL Club in that it is not too noisy, not too full, has good bistro meals, drinks on tap, quick service, only a singer and no band, is in a convenient location, has plenty of parking, a lot of us are members (\$1 for lifetime membership – bring along an ID photo such as a drivers licence), discounts to members, and we can stay and chat.

This is an ideal night to chat with friends and acquaintances to catch up on all the happenings over the Christmas break. Find out what we did, tell us what you did, ask about future holiday plans, or just catch up on family happenings.

Here is the opportunity for our newer and not-so-often seen members to come along and tell us your latest news. This is not just for the regulars – everyone is welcome. Bring the spouse, bring the kids, bring your friends, bring the neighbour. Bring anyone and everyone with you. We will be scrubbed

and well dressed – not in our grubby sweaty bushwalking clothes. And if you forgot to ring me to nominate, still come along. This has always been a great night to catch-up.

Don't forget to bring a note or two for your donation to Vinnies. With all the support they give to the disadvantaged in the lead up to Christmas, their coffers are depleted. Every bit helps.

See you there on Wednesday 11th.

14th to 24th JANUARY
THE TASSIE TRIP
A ROVING BASECAMP
(Accommodated Trip)

Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160 Or philmurray16@gmail.com

Walking Type: A series of daywalks

Accommodation: A mixture of motels and huts.

Day	Walks	Dist	Stay Overnight
1	<i>Fly to Hobart by 1.30pm</i> Tessellated Pavement, Devils Kitchen & Blowhole	3km	Port Arthur area
2	Crescent Bay & Mt Brown	10km	Port Arthur area
3	Cape Raoul	14km	Mt Field
4	Tarn Shelf & Lake Webster	14km	Mt Field
5	Mt Field West	12km	Mt Field
6	Mt Wedge and The Needles	7 & 3km	Mole Creek cabins
7	Walls of Jerusalem (the Temple)	20km	Mole Creek cabins
8	Cradle Mtn	12km	Mole Creek cabins
9	Mt Donaldson & Pieman River	10km & 6km	Corinna Wilderness Village
10	Montezuma Falls or Pieman River Cruise	10km	Hobart area
11	Mt Wellington -Organ Pipes <i>Fly back about 7pm</i>	8km?	home

WEDNESDAY 18th JANUARY
SPRINGFIELD TO SPRINGFIELD CENTRAL
Rail #11
STROLL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092

Meet at: Springfield Station (The second last station, not the terminus; The station after Richlands)

Time: 2.21pm

Train: 1.45pm Springfield train from Roma St Station PI 8 – Arr: 2.21pm; Carriage #3

Cost: Free

Distance: 16km @ 4+hr

Grade: M22

Location: Springfield, Springfield Lakes, Habitat Springs, The Promenade, The Peninsula, Lakes Entrance, Tim Apelt Park, Springfield Central, Robelle Domain

Heights: Max: 92m Min: 41m Gain Overall: 161m Loss Overall: 204m

Tides: Who cares, you are nowhere near the ocean or the River

Sunset: 6.44pm and fully Dark at 7.09pm

Moon: Sets: 3.05pm

Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.6709/152.9189>

End: Springfield Central Station @ 6.39pm to Roma Street & Redcliffe

Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 *Bring This Number With You*

Well, our first Stroll of 2023, the first one in 3 weeks, and the first one after the excesses of Christmas/New Year.

In order for you to slim down and lose those extra kilos gained by eating & drinking too much over the holiday period, I have put on a looongish Stroll to help you get into shape.

This one is the last of the Springfield Branch Railway series, so is the easiest "Rail Series" to complete in full. However, except for the 2 Stations, you won't be seeing the actual railway. In fact, you will be nowhere near it. So much for the "Rail Series." It will be a good Stroll though, to finish off this side of the Brisbane rail lines. Besides, who has ever been to Springfield, let alone Strolled around it?

Springfield is a suburb you may have driven through, but probs never stopped at. This time you will fully appreciate the concept of a planned sub-division. Come look at the newish houses, the gardens, the parks, the creeks, the schools, the churches, the shopping centre, the "Keep Out" signs of the Greenbank Army Camp. There is even a Mater Hospital out there.

I have found every park, creek, remnant bush left by the developers and are joining them up by my cunning track through this delightful area. A lot is track-walking along the various creeks in the area (one is Opossum Creek which we Strolled beside last year, now you will discover its headwaters), along quite suburban streets, through Tim Apelt Park (Tim was a past President of BCBC and worked for the developer), and into the education & scientific hub of The Central.

This Stroll is on the longer side of Strolls, but we should be able to keep moving and complete it in the 4 hours predicted. It is the middle of Summer; however, a later start cannot be contemplated – be sun smart as well as bring water. After the slackness of Christmas, this Stroll is just what you require.

There is nothing difficult, no great mountain to climb, no creeks to walk through, no scrub to bash your way through, no big animals to scare you. Not even any long grass. Just ducks, water dragons, rosellas, lovely trees, green vegetation, lakes, creeks, and railway stations.

Come on this new adventure with me and explore this new area for us.

FRIDAY 20th JANUARY DRINKS & DINNER SOCIAL

Leader: Jan Nelson Ph: 0401 030 137
Meet at: The Red Brick Hotel, 83 Annerley Rd, Woolloongabba, (Cnr Stephens Rd)
Time: 4.30pm onwards
Cost: Food from \$16.50 for main course
Web: <https://redbrickhotel.com.au/>
Bus: Route 112 & 116 - Stop 8, Annerley Rd at Lockhart Street, Stop ID: 001198;
AND 107 & 202 at Stop 8, Stephens Rd near Annerley Rd, Stop ID: 001196
OR: is a short walk from Boggo Road Busway Station
Train: Is a short walk from Park Road Station

The first Drinks & Dinner for 2023 will be at the Red Brick Hotel. This hotel was built in 1890 for Thomas Burke and was initially named Burke's Hotel. It was later renamed the Red Brick Hotel because of the red £10 notes, known as bricks, which were used by the bookies in the public bar when settling bets. The hotel is heritage listed and has interesting architecture. It is easily accessed either by bus or train.

This has been a popular venue for the Club to visit in the past, so come along and join us for a nice meal and a new year catch-up.

SUNDAY 22nd JANUARY PALM BEACH TO COOLANGATTA DAYWALK

Leader: John Carter Ph 0433 279 771
Meet at #1: St Brigid's 78 Musgrave Rd Red Hill
Time #1: 6:15am at Red Hill
Meet at #2: The Pirate Carpark at Palm Beach, 945 Gold Coast Hwy, Palm Beach
Time #2: 7:45am at Pirate Carpark

Cost: \$25 + bus fare
Grade: S22
Location: Palm Beach, Currumbin, Snapper Rocks, Tugun, Bilinga, Kirra, Greenmount, Rainbow Bay, Snapper Rocks, Point Danger, Duranbah, Tweed River, Coolangatta
Web: <https://australiayourway.com/gold-coast-beaches/>
Map: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=14/-28.1529/153.5057>
Emerg Off: Phil Murray 0416 650 160

This is an interesting walk on the Gold Coast in the middle of summer. The distance of the walk is approximately 9km.

The walk is a chance to see the huge Summer king tide. One of the quirky features of the walk is that we walk along a boardwalk beside Currumbin Creek that is about 5cm under water. I also want to check out the pedestrian bridge that goes under the road bridge at Thrower Drive. The water will cover the pedestrian bridge by about 15cm at the top of the tide.

The predicted high tide at Snapper Rocks is 2.27m at 8.34am. Hence the early starting time.

The plan is to park our cars at the Pirate Carpark, then traipse across Palm Beach to the rock wall on the northern side of the Creek, then do a quick loop around the lagoon at the entrance of Currumbin Creek. Next, the party will meander along the boardwalk towards the highway. The boardwalk here will probably be a few centimetres under water which is very interesting (and safe). We then walk down past the Currumbin Oval and cross the Creek just before the M1 Freeway. The pedestrian bridge here is actually the old South Coast Railway line bridgework. Our group will then walk up the other side of Currumbin Creek towards the river-mouth.

We will have morning tea along here as there are several picnic shelters. Afterwards, the party will head out towards Currumbin Rock to do a quick walk around it. We will walk along Currumbin Beach and have a quick look at Elephant Rock. Hopefully, the tide will start dropping quickly. We then head east (south) towards Coolangatta along Tugun Beach, Bilinga Beach and then Kirra Beach. It usually only takes about 90 minutes to do this section. Lunch will be near Kirra Headland or alternatively on Coolangatta Beach. After lunch, we will walk past Greenmount Beach, past Rainbow Bay, Snapper Rocks and up to Point Danger and the down to Duranbah Beach. Following this, we walk back beside the Tweed River to the Twin Towns Services Club and into the Coolangatta shopping Centre to catch a bus back to Currumbin.

Recommended footwear is "croc" as they provide better support than thongs, plus, they are so easy to get on and off when we walk through the water

Bring the usual daywalk stuff, plus I suggest you bring at least 2 litre of water as it will probably be warmish. I recommend you bring a thermos of cold water for the end of the walk to be left in the car. Expected finishing time of the walk will be about 3pm

Low Tide	01:49am	0.31m
High Tide	08:34am	2.27m
Low Tide	03:15pm	0.34m
High Tide	08:56pm	1.52m.

Phil

WEDNESDAY 25th JANUARY **Mt COOT-THA to THE GAP** **Via the Bardon Bushland Reserve** **STROLL**

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Meet at: Mt Coot-tha Lookout Bus Stop; Stop ID: 001406 (Just put these 6 digits in the Translink *Journey Planner* in "End Location")
Time: 4.10pm
Bus: 3:32pm Bus 471 Mt Coot-tha @ Ann Street Stop 7 at Anzac Square Stop ID: 000007 (Opposite Central Station); OR
 3:42pm @ Baroona Rd at Baroona Shops, stop 7 Stop ID: 000918 (Near Milton Rail Station), OR
 3:59pm @ Mt Coot-tha Rd at Botanic Gardens, Stop 19

Driving: There is no easy way to get back to the beginning from the end
Cost: Free
Distance: 8¼km @ 2½hr
Grade: S32
Location: Mt Coot-tha, Bardon, St John's Wood, The Gap
Heights: Max: 239m Min: 40m Gain Overall: 263m Loss Overall: 432m
Sunset: 6.45pm and fully Dark at 7.10pm
Moon: At Its Highest: 3.06pm Set: 9.29pm
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.4645/152.9346>
End: Waterworks Rd at Greenlanes Road, stop 28/27; Stop ID: 004117
Buses: 380; 381; 382; 383; 385
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 *Bring This Number With You*

This is an interesting track-Stroll across Mt Coot-tha. It begins at our favourite spot – the Lookout Bus Stop, then follows the tracks to Chanel 9 and across Simpson's Falls to Chanel 10. From here, you shall follow the tracks down to a few houses above the old Gap Quarry (now The Gap Tavern), down even more to the Bardon Bushland Reserve, and then out to the Energex substation is the back blocks of St John's Wood and onto the Ambulance Station on Waterworks Rd at The Gap.

We attempted this once before; however, I got lost in the many un-signposted tracks in this part of the forest. But it was fun. This time, I shall follow that little blue arrow on my phone so I can know when to turn and when not to.

The graded tracks up the top are good and well used. Those below Chanel 10 are steeper, may get a but washed out, and are less used. It shall be a good adventure for the holiday period. Simpson's Falls are impressive – even without water flowing over them – I do want to see them in flood; but not today. You may even come across a little elfin grotto. And do not forget the mysterious "Communications Site B" out of sight out on it's lonesome in the middle of the bush.

The eucalypt forest on Mt Coot-tha is beautiful with tall, majestic trees amongst their little cousins; callistemons, banksia, paper barks and more. A bit too late for flowering trees and shrubs.

Come along with me on this exciting Stroll investigating the tracks on the back end of The Mount.

THURSDAY 26th JANUARY TOOLONA CREEK CIRCUIT DAYWALK

Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160
Meet St Brigid's 78 Musgrave Rd Red Hill
Time 6.30am
Cost \$25
Grade L35
Distance 17.4km
Location: A link track between O'Reilly's and the Border Track in Lamington NP
Web: <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/australia/queensland/toolona-creek-circuit--5>
Emerg Off: Sue Murray 0420 510 214

This walk is a lovely walk up at O'Reilly's. It is only 18km and is along a graded track but there are a few creek crossings. We start at O'Reilly's and will be descending to Picnic Rock and then visit Elabana Falls. After this, along Toolona Creek and up to Wanungra Lookout on the Border Track. We have lunch up near Wanungra Lookout. There are some nice views from here down to Mt Warning and the Tweed Valley. Then it is an easy return walk to O'Reilly's along the Border Track.

Bring the usual daywalk stuff, including at least 3 litres of water as it will probably be warmish. Make sure you bring a mug to have a cup of tea with your Lamington cake at lunch time. Plus, bring all the usual day walk stuff and a change of clothes and shoes for the end of the trip.

This walk is also designed to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of the Club's first walk. The Club was formed at a meeting in January 1958. Our first ever official trip after that meeting was a weekend camp at O'Reilly's and the first walk was the Toolona Creek Circuit and the date was Saturday 25th January. So, to mark the occasion we are retracing the steps of the Club's first official walk. I have

tried to do this walk the last 2 years and both times we were thwarted by bad weather; hopefully it will be third time lucky.

This walk gets a write up in the book *Take a Walk in South East Queensland*.(2010) by John and Lyn Daly at page 234.

SATURDAY 28th JANUARY
OBI OBI CREEK
LILO TRIP
DAYWALK

Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160
Meet: St Brigid's carpark Red Hill
Time: 6.30am
Cost: \$25
Distance: 12km
Grade: M66
Location: Sunshine Coast Hinterland.
Web: <https://sites.google.com/site/acaciacanoes/trip-preparation/white-water-trips/white-water-trip-details-2-5> Obi Obi Creek (Baroon Pocket Dam to Kenilworth Road)
Emerg Off: Sue Murray Ph: 5522 9702

The Obi Obi lilo trip is a classic. The date we go out is usually dependent on the rains. In 2019 we went on 24th March. The trip is rain dependent and hopefully we will go again on 28th January.

It is just such fun paddling down through the Narrows gorge. Last time we did it we only went halfway down which made it a much shorter trip.

Hopefully we can do the full trip which is about 11km long and we spend about 10km in the water. There are about 12 long pools joined by zippy stretches of moving water. Some are wonderful mini-waterfalls and sometimes they are babbling brooks that bounce along under the overhanging rainforest.



BENNO AND I BEFORE WE GOT IN THE WATER IN 2019 .

Bring a lilo, wear thermals for sun protection and bring some food for a great day out. Bring either a dry bag (cost about \$40) or 3 garbage bags to use as waterproof bags to go inside your pack. I highly recommend wearing Dunlop Volleys as footwear and garden gloves for your hands as they get very soft after a few hours in the water.

This trip is great fun but it has a serious element of risk and you need to be aware of the danger as we will be in moving water with a risk of drowning. Yep, it can be very serious. Anyhow it is a trip for the young at heart and the adventurous.

This walk inserted due to gap from the cancellation of the Victorian South Coast walk

WEDNESDAY 1st FEBRUARY
EARLY "PANCAKE TUESDAY"
on a Wednesday
SOCIAL

Leader: Russ Nelson Ph: 0427 743 534 – russnelson52@outlook.com
Meet at: Miss Claude's Crepes, Village Shopping Centre,
400 Newmarket Rd, Newmarket - Cnr Enoggera Rd –
Under the Reading Cinemas, ground level, Enoggera Rd side of complex
Time: 6.00pm
Menu: <https://www.missclaudes.com.au/newmarket>
Food: Dinner and Dessert Crepes – A huge range – one for everyone

This year "normal" Pancake Tuesday is on 21st February, the day after our Annual General Meeting. So as not to overload the calendar, the Club's celebration of Pancake Tuesday will be held early, on the Coffee Night date for February.

Who is Miss Claude? "I grew up in the beautiful region of Normandy, famous for its apples and Calvados. I was born with an adventurous spirit and later, in 1971, I packed up my four little children and two large trunks and left Paris for Australia. Our love of the sun and beaches made for more adventures and after a few years we headed to beautiful Queensland where I have now lived for over forty years. My Mother's special recipe, which she used to make crepes when I was a little girl, was in my head.

I have always made crepes for my children and grandchildren. They are what connects me to France, and now my family is making them to share with those I think of as My Very Big Australian Family. "

Light, soft and wafer-thin, Miss Claudes Crepes delivers the delectable heritage of traditional French crepes in every bite. Miss Claudes Crepes follows a secret fourth-generation family recipe that French-born chef-owner Naima Knudson brought to Australia. Named for Naima's mother (the eponymous Miss Claude), the family-run creperie offers Normandy-style crepes in an array of sweet, savoury and breakfast options, including gluten-free and vegan.

Miss Claudes is more than a dessert destination. The secret batter, fresh seasonal ingredients and inspired toppings all make for consistently great sweet and savoury crepes that attract diners from far and wide. The beauty of a crepe is that it is perfect at ANY time of the day - for breakfast, lunch, dinner, dessert or just as a snack - in both sweet and savoury varieties - so there's something for everyone!

This café is fully licenced and serves award winning Bellissimo Coffee. Maybe it's time you discovered the unique flavours of Miss Claudes today.

Lent – the 40 days leading up to Easter – was traditionally a time of fasting and on Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday, the day immediately before Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were "shriven" (absolved from their sins). A bell would be rung to call people to confession. This came to be called the "Pancake Bell" and is still rung today in many parts of England. Pancake Tuesday always falls 47 days before Easter Sunday.

Pancake Tuesday was traditionally the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients. A pancake is a thin, flat cake, made of batter and fried in a frying pan. A traditional English pancake is very thin and is served immediately. Golden syrup or lemon juice and caster sugar are the usual toppings for pancakes. The pancake has a very long history and features in cookery books as far back as 1439.

The ingredients for pancakes can be seen to symbolise four points of significance at this time of year:

Eggs ~ Creation
Flour ~ The staff of life
Salt ~ Wholesomeness
Milk ~ Purity

This is an opportunity to prepare for the beginning of Lent, which is a time of preparation for EASTER, the key moment in the Christian Calendar. All welcome!

THURSDAY 2nd FEBRUARY
THORNESIDE to WYNNUM
DAYWALK

Leader: Paddy Taylor Ph: 3378 4813
Meet at: Thorneside Station
Time: 9.10am
Train: Cleveland Train 7.52am from Roma St.
Cost: \$2
Grade: L11
Distance: 17km
Location: Thorneside, Lota, Manly, Wynnum
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=14/-27.4561/153.2092>
Emerg Off: Barry Taylor Ph. 3378 4813

This is a lovely summer walk, close to the water, so we should get a cooling sea breeze most of the way. If you are coming by train, meet in the rear section.

From Thorneside Station, the party will proceed to Rickertt Rd and cross Tingalpa Creek, before entering the Ransome Reserve. After exploring some of the tracks, we will make our way to the Lota Boardwalk, and the Moreton Bay Bikeway, which will take us to the waterfront.

The walkers will walk beside the beach through Lota, Manly, Wynnum and Wynnum North. At Elanora Park, we enter the Mangrove Boardwalk which goes out over the water. After exploring the bird hide, our group will circle back to the park, and return along the waterfront to Glenora St. and then to Wynnum Station for our train home.

Please join me on this very easy walk. It is almost totally flat the whole way. We are in suburbia, so there is access to public transport if you need to pull out. Bring all the usual daywalk gear, including hats, sunscreen, raincoats and plenty of water. As we will be walking in some mangrove wetlands, don't forget the Aerogard!

SATURDAY 4th FEBRUARY COOMERA CIRCUIT DAYWALK

Leader: Khaleel Petrus Ph: 0413 314 443
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
Time: 6:45am
Cost: \$25
Grade: L35
Distance: 17.4km
Location: Binna Burra
Web: <https://www.aussiebushwalking.com/qld/se-qld/lamington-np/coomera-circuit>
Emerg. Off: Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160

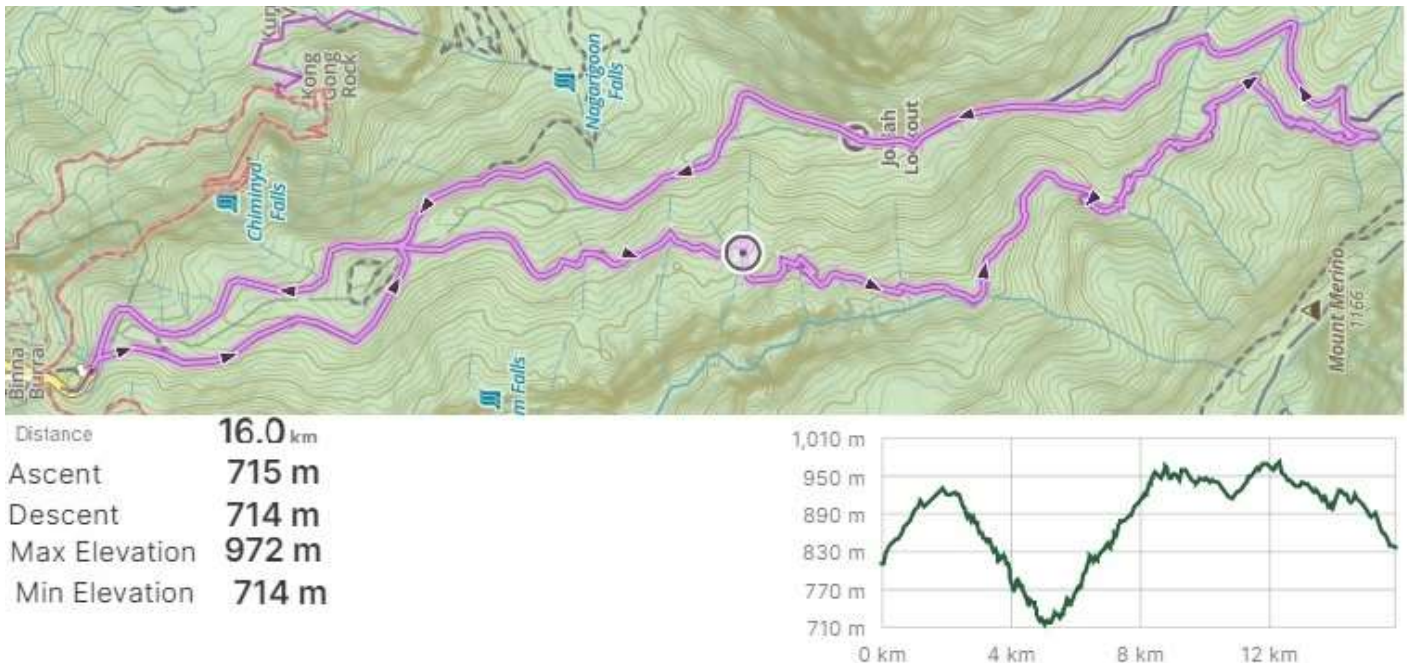
The Coomera Creek Circuit is a graded track walk up at Binna Burra. We will do the full Coomera Creek Circuit past Coomera Falls to Bahnamboola Falls, up to the Border Track, and finally to the border lookouts. The highlight of the day is the Coomera Falls which are just awesome. You might be lucky to spot blue crayfish.

The walk is mainly through rainforest; but also, through a few areas are dry eucalyptus forest with an understorey of wildflowers.

If we are making good time and, if it is a clear sunny day, I hope to make a detour out to the Tweed Valley escarpment; in particular to the scenic Bilby Lookout which has excellent views of Mt Warning. This detour is a further 1.3km each way.

Bring the usual daywalk equipment; plus at least 2 litres of water and a ground sheet or large raincoat to sit on at lunch time as it could be damp. And why not apply Rid or other insect repellent as there could be leeches. Please ensure you have a change of clothes and shoes for the end of the trip, since you will be travelling home in someone else's car.

Khaleel



WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY STRETTON to EIGHT MILE PLAINS Bulimba Creek #2 STROLL

Leader: Prasada Vajjhala Ph: 0402 964 854 And Joe Tottenham
Time: 2:35pm.
Meet at: Garden City Shopping Centre Interchange, Stop B, Upper Mount Gravatt – Level with the Shopping Centre (Not below ground), at the back of Garden City above the freeway
Bus: Bus 152 Stretton
Arrive: 3:07pm @ Eisenhower St at the Park, Stop 87, Stretton
If Driving: Park your car at Garden City and catch the 152 Bus as above.
Finish: At Eight Mile Plains Busway Station - Stop ID: 010824. Buses back to Upper Mt Gravatt Busway Station, Buranda, the Cultural Centre and the City.
Time: 3hrs
Distance: 11km
Grade: M21
Sunset: 6.37pm; end of twilight: 7.02pm
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.5951/153.0875>
Location: Stretton, Fruitgrove, Eight Mile Plains
Emerg Off: Prasada Ph: 0402 964 854 **Bring This Number With You.**

This is an alternate beginning to the series of Strolls following Bulimba Creek from its various sources to its mouth at Colmslie; it is the turn of the Left Branch to be investigated. Today, we start following the second tributary from its source to almost its junction with the main Bulimba Creek – but ending at a convenient transport hub.

We follow the nearest streets and byways to the Creek to get a look at it on occasions. Still, it is the goal we are chasing. This is true “Creek Bagging”.

The beginning is through a bit of familiar bush beside the State Archives, then along quiet suburban streets with some variations. This variation is to find if a new housing development has an exit street favourable to us Strollers! Following this, there is a train line to cross, a bike path beside the Creek, then we go under a freeway and back again, we stroll under high tension power lines through grass, follow more paths & streets near the Creek & freeway, into a hotel carpark, cross Logan Rd and wander through a Tech Park to the Eight Mile Plains Busway Station.

All this, not in a day, but instead in 3 hours. Wow, what a feat – or two of them.

Come along for a nice easy, though longish, Stroll on one of our interesting Strolls.

WEDNESDAY 15th FEBRUARY
CEDAR CREEK
Ross Rd to Ferny Grove Stn
STROLL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Meet at: Ferny Grove Station Concourse
Time: 3:45pm 3.07pm Ferny Grove Train Pl 7 @ Roma St Stn
Cost: Free
Grade: S11
Distance: 7km @ 2hr
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=16/-27.4161/152.9212>
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 **Bring this number with you**

This Stroll is a variation of our Upper Kedron series. This time you will be following Cedar Creek without much deviation from it. You might remember parts of this Stroll from other Strolls out this way – bits & pieces as Cedar Creek crosses the route of our previous Strolls.

You shall start out in Ross Rd, cross the park to a picnic area, follow streets to Canvey where again you will go along Canvey Rd and turn into a park through which runs Cedar Ck, and now stay with it till it joins Kedron Brook at Ferny Grove.

Home is from FG Station.

As per the last Stroll at Upper Kedron, a car shuffle will be required to get all to the start, so 2 cars more cars will be needed – thanks.

Perhaps, diner at the Ferny Grove Tavern.

FRIDAY 17th FEBRUARY
DRINKS & DINNER
SOCIAL

Leader: Michele Endicott Ph: 0418 708 638
Meet at: Sixteen Antlers Rooftop Bar, Floor 16, Mercure Hotel, cnr Roma & Ann Sts, City
Entrance: Via lift from Ann St hotel entry
Time: 4:30pm onwards
Cost: Individual small dishes \$12-14; sharable platters \$24 -\$30
Web: <https://www.sixteenantlers.com.au/menu/>
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

This month's Drinks and Dinner social gathering is at a fairly up-market venue with a view over the City, including a unique close-up view of the Brisbane City Hall clock tower, at clock level. Join us for a first-ever Club visit to Sixteen Antlers, an attractive (open-air but undercover) rooftop bar with a great range of beers, cocktails and non-alcoholic drinks, plus tapas-style food (individual or sharable dishes) like antipasti and cheese platters, pulled-pork sliders, chicken skewers, lamb kofta, arancini, croquettes, crispy chicken wings.

Let me know if you're coming, so I can save a seat for you. Arrive any time after 4:30 to join us for a drink and nibbles. Those who are planning to eat something more substantial a bit later will probably order and pay for that food about 5:45. It's best to arrive before then, if possible. See you there!

SATURDAY 18th FEBRUARY
TALLEBUDGERA CREEK to MAIN BEACH
DAYWALK

Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160
Meet at: St Brigid's, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 7am
Cost: \$25
Grade: M33

Distance: 14km
Location: Gold Coast Beaches
Web: <https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-28.0415896,153.344401,14320m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en>
Emerg Off: Sue Murray Ph: 0420 510 214

This weekend is now a free weekend as the Victorian south coast trip has been postponed to another year. So rather than a chilly walk on the Victorian Coast a walk along the sunny beaches of the Gold Coast Glitter Strip.

You shall park the cars near Tedder Ave, Main Beach and catch the tram from Main Beach down to Broadbeach South. We will then catch the bus from here down to Tallebudgera Creek (southside of creek).

The party will start walking at Tallebudgera Creek (Palm Beach) and cross the bridge and walk around Burleigh Headland at the lower level (if it is closed, we will climb up and over Big Burleigh). There are great views from the lookout and then we will walk back along the beaches to Main Beach, which is about 2km north of Surfers Paradise. If time permits, we will drive up to the Spit to walk out to the end of the Breakwater where we can enjoy the great views of the coast.

Bring your lunch, a hat, sunnies, sunscreen, togs and a quick-dry travel towel. May I strongly suggest you wear long sleeve shirts and long pants (not shorts) Also bring your GoCard.

I did this walk in November 2022 but we only had 2 people on the walk. I suspect the very low numbers were due to the length of the trip which was 21km and I think that was a bit too far for some members, so this time we are doing the shorter version. Also, I think a few members were "beached out" after the Cape to Cape walk in mid-October.

The Tides for the day are :-

High tide	06:39am	2.22m
Low tide	01:37pm	0.37m
High tide	19:02pm	1.59m

MONDAY 20th FEBRUARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOLLOWED BY THE MONTHLY MEETING

Contact: Cath Wood Ph: 0428 755 100
Time: 7.30pm – Doors open & meeting starts soon after.
Where: Little Kings, 33 O'Keefe Street, Buranda
<https://thelittlekingsmovement.org.au/index.php/contact-us/>
Parking: Turn off O'Keefe St into Wolseley St, and then down the laneway on the left past the medical centre, just before the small cottage.
Web: <https://bcbc.online/>

We welcome all members to attend and be involved in this important meeting for the success of the Club in 2023. A quorum of 17 members is needed for the AGM to be held.

The business conducted will include:

- Receive the Committee's Report,
- Receive the Statement of Income & Expenditure, Assets & Liabilities, for the year 2022;
- Receive the Auditor's Report;
- Election of Committee for 2023;
- The appointment of the 2023 Auditor;
- Voting of Honorary Members;

All persons are welcome to attend – Do not be put off because there are two meetings. The AGM is usually fast.

Members should attend to carry out their right to vote in the new Committee. It works better if we have more than the usual number of members present.

As soon as the AGM is completed, the normal February Monthly Meeting will commence under the authority of the new committee.

Visitors may find it a bit slow but will see the Club in operation. Also, the regular monthly meeting is on afterwards, so Visitors can ask leaders about their coming trips.

WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY
WEST END to HOLMAN STREET FERRY
River #14
STROLL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Meet at: West End Ferry Terminal, cnr Orleigh & Hoogley Sts
Transport: Buses 60; 192; 199; Stop ID: 001132 OR CityCat to Stop ID: 317574
Try: <https://jp.translink.com.au/plan-your-journey/journey-planner>
Time: 4:00pm
Cost: Free
Grade: S11
Distance: 9km @ 2hr
End: Holman St, cnr Annie St – Under the Story Bridge - on the point of Kangaroo Point
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=16/-27.4820/153.0155>
Location: Hill End, Orleigh Park, West End, South Brisbane, Southbank, Kangaroo Point
Home: Ferry to Riverside & Buse/Train from the CBD or CityCat from Stop ID: 317580
OR buses 27; 234 from Baildon St at Story Bridge Hotel from Stop ID: 011203 to City & Woolloongabba
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 **Bring this number with you**

Here we are continuing our “River Series” - having finished the north (right) bank last year and halfway through the south (left) bank (Our last one was Yeronga to West End on Wed 30th Nov). We are half-way through this bank and now on the home stretch.

You shall begin at the ferry terminal, follow the river through Orleigh Park, past the rowing sheds, along Riverside Dr, under all the bridges (5½ of them), through Southbank, under another 1½ bridges, into a part of Southbank Parklands I have never been in, along the old South Brisbane Branch Rail Line, look at an old destroyer, under another bridge and past the Riverlife Centre, Stroll along a boardwalk, along Kangaroo Point, past the Jazz Club to the Holman Street Ferry Terminal.

It is all flat – after all, we are walking along a riverbank and since water only flows downhill to the ocean, you will be on flat, slightly downhill ground. What more can I do for you?

Want to hang around for dinner at The Story Bridge Hotel – in the Bridge Garden (newly renovated, once known as The Outback Bar). Come join us at 2 Baildon St, even if you do not do (or complete) the Stroll. Be there, grab a table and wait for us.

SATURDAY 25th FEBRUARY
ANNUAL MASS & LUNCH



Leader: Michele Endicott Ph: 0418 708 638
Meet at: St Cecilia's Church
Address: 30 College St, Hamilton (Cnr Hants St)
Time: 10:45am for 11am Mass
Cost: Mass Free.

Web: <https://www.motherofmercyparish.org.au/mass-times--prayer-opportunities.html>
Bus: Kingsford Smith Dr at College Street, Stop 31; Stop ID: 002883
Route 301 Toombul
Parking: Best parking for entry via ramp: College St. Further street parking on Hants St and also a small carpark off Hants St.
Lunch: Hamilton Hotel
Address: 442 Kingsford Smith Dr, Hamilton (Cnr Racecourse Rd)
Time: 12.15pm
Restaurant: Steakhouse (Graziers) Bistro
Cost: Mains \$18 to \$32; Steaks: \$36 + – Pay as you order
Web: https://alh-res.cloudinary.com/image/upload/v1666915758/venues/QHA%20-%20Hamilton%20Hotel/menus/Hamilton_Hotel_Main_Menu.pdf
Bus: Frequent Buses & CityCat nearby
Parking: Hotel carpark at rear, off Racecourse Rd or Riverview Tce

RSVP for one/both events is by text message or phone call to M.E. on my mobile (above).
RSVP date: Monday 20th Feb.

The Annual Mass & Lunch, one of the major events of the Club year, is just a few weeks away now. I hope you have already put 25th February into your 2023 calendar and that you plan to be there. It's now time to nominate!

Fr Nev Yun will be our Celebrant. We know him from previous Club Masses (Annual & Barney) and are pleased that he has agreed to be with us again this time. He will join us on 25 Feb to celebrate Eucharist and then to have lunch with us afterwards at the Hamilton Hotel (his local watering hole).

St Cecilia's Hamilton is one of three churches within Fr Nev's Mother of Mercy Parish. It has been chosen for our Annual Mass, as it is smaller than the other two and quite accessible – by a ramp from the footpath (College St) to the door. Those who are not so mobile can park nearby in College St. Others can park in the carpark beside the church building, accessed from a driveway off Hants St - or in Hants St itself. Then it's just a short walk round to the College St ramp entrance, which is now the main entry.

After Mass, those who want to walk the 1.3km (16 mins) to the lunch venue, may leave their cars parked where they are. Alternatively, if you prefer to have a car nearby when you come out from our lunch at the Graziers Steakhouse bistro, you can drive the 1.4km (3 mins) up to the Hamilton Hotel, on the corner of Racecourse Road and Kingsford Smith Drive and leave your car in the free carpark at the rear, accessible from Racecourse Road - or from the back street, Riverview Tce (or from Kingsford-Smith Drive, if approaching from the City).

I've been to two very pleasant group-lunches at Graziers, where everyone in the group was able to find a drink and a main dish to please their palate, as well as lovely desserts and hot drinks. The service was fast and friendly. Please come along and bring others from your current or past group of BCBC friends. This will make for a lovely reunion. It will also be a good occasion for Visitors to attend and get a feel for our Club, with its longstanding tradition of spiritual and social events for those who love bushwalking.

When you nominate, by sending me a text-or voice- message, I'll assume you're coming to both events unless you specify just one. Please start those nominations rolling in now.

SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY

PIPER COMANCHE WRECK

DAYWALK

Leader: Michele Johns Ph: 0414 635 542
Meet at: St Brigid's, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 7.00am
Cost: \$15
Grade: S33
Distance: 8km return

Location: D'Aguilar Range, just beyond Mt Glorious
Web: <https://www.weekendnotes.com/piper-comanche-wreck/200362/>
Emerg Off: Sherryn Minnetti Ph: 0406 897 123

This is a walk that can be done by most people, with the advantage of being close to Brisbane and also only being short at 8km return. The Piper Comanche crashed on 2nd March 1977 due to poor visibility during a severe storm and there are still remains of the plane there to this day.

The walk begins on the Lepidozamia Track, 5km from Mt. Glorious, branching off following an old logging trail till a small cairn of stones. From here we take a faint trail down a rocky steep bank. The wreck was once hard to find, but over the years, with all the foot traffic, it has become easier.

We will enjoy refreshments at one of Mt Glorious' many cafes on the way home. Michele Johns

SATURDAY 4th MARCH CABARITA to POTTSVILLE DAYWALK

Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160
Meet at: St Brigid's, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 7.00am
Cost: \$25
Grade: M33
Distance: 14km
Location: Northern NSW Beaches below The Tweed
Web: <https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Cabarita-Beach/Pottsville-Beach#r/Walk/s/0>
Emerg Off: Sue Murray Ph: 0420 510 214

This walk is a lovely beach walk along the Tweed Coast which is very quiet compared to the Gold Coast. The highlights are the 2 lovely headlands at Cabarita and Hastings Point. We will also have a quick look around the Salt village near the start of the walk. We will start near the Salt Surf Club at Casuarina and finish at Pottsville near Mooball Creek. It will be a one way walk and this will require a car shuffle.

It is an area we rarely visit. The first and last time we did a walk down here was several years ago when Graham Glasse led the walk back in October 2013.

Bring your lunch, a hat, sunnies, sunscreen, togs and a quick dry travel towel. May I strongly suggest you wear long sleeve shirts and long pants (not shorts).

The Tides for the day are :-

High tide	06:07am	1.84m
Low tide	12:41pm	0.51m
High tide	06:29pm	1.43m

SUN 11th – THU 14th APRIL NORTHERN MULGUMPIN (MORETON) ISLAND THROUGHWALK

Leader: Khaleel Petrus Ph: 0413 314 443
Meet at: 14 Howard Smith Dr, Port Of Brisbane (Whyte Island)
Do NOT cross the bridge to The Port – Exit freeway at Kite St
Time: 7:10am for the 8:00am departing ferry
Cost: Various
Grade: Various
Location: Moreton Island
Web: <https://www.mulgumpincamping.net.au/camp-grounds/>
Emerg. Off: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995

Day 1: Tue 11th – Drive to meeting point and park the car.
Ferry to Tangalooma @ 8:00am Arriving 9:30am \$36pp (one way)
Commence walking from Tangalooma approx 9:40am:

Walk Tangalooma to Bulwer 13km Camping

Day 2: Wed 12th - Walk Bulwer to Blue Lagoon Camp 24km Camping

Day 3: Thu 13th – Walk Blue Lagoon to Mt Tempest 15.5km

Climb Mount Tempest and back

Walk to a beach camp 4km to North East Beach Camping

Day 4: Fri 14th - Walk to Ferry Terminal 10km

Board ferry 2:30pm \$36pp (one way)

Drive Home

- Camp fees \$14 per two persons per night (already booked the three camps for two)

Please call Khaleel on Ph: 0413 314 443 if you are interested.

You need to book your camp by yourself. I have already booked for two people only (I am not allowed more)

Prices/Fares are current, there might some change when finalising. Khaleel

SUN 11TH JUNE – THU 15TH JUNE FRASER ISLAND GREAT WALK From Happy Valley To Dilli Village THROUGHWALK

Leader: Khaleel Petrus Ph: 0413 314 443

Meet at: Hervey Bay

Time: 6:45am Departing Ferry from River Heads

Cost: Various

Grade: L35

Location: K'gari (Fraser Island)

Distance: 71km

Web: <https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/great-walks-kgari-fraser>

Emerg. Off: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995

Day 0: Sat 10th -Drive Brisbane to Hervey Bay and stay the night at

Woolshed Eco Lodge: 181 Torquay Rd, Scarness

Day 1: Sun 11th -Ferry to Kingfisher Bay @ 6:45am Arriving 7:35am \$65pp (return).

(Low tide 9:16am; 4wd pick up has to be within 2 hours either side of low tide)

7:50am 4wd taxi \$165 - maximum 5 passengers to Happy Valley.

Commence walking from Happy Valley approx 9:40am:

Walk Happy Valley - Lake Garawongera 6.7km. 30min stop at the lake

Walk Lake Garawongera - Valley of the Giants 13.1km Camping

Day 2: Mon 12th Walk Valley of the Giants to Lake Wabby 16.1km Camping

Day 3: Tue 13th Walk Lake Wabby to Central Station 19.6km.

Food drop : Central Station \$50 (cold stuff separate bag, name bags)

Camping/Hot Showers

Day 4: Wed 14th Walk Central Station to Boomanjin Lake 14km Camping

Day 5: Thu 15th Walk Boomanjin Lake to Dilli Village 6km

(low tide @ 12:08pm) 4WD Taxi 11.30am \$135, catch ferry @14:30pm.

Drive back to Brisbane.

- Camp fees \$56 per two persons (already booked)
- Hervey Bay accom \$75pp (one night)
- 4WD taxi including food drop (\$350)

Please call Khaleel on Ph: 0413 314 443 if you are interested.

You need to book your camp by yourself. I have already booked for two people only (I am not allowed more)

Prices/Fares are current, there might some change when finalising.

25th JUNE to 3rd JULY THE BARTLE FRERE TRIP (THE CAIRNS TRIP)

Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160

The Club has never done a trip to Bartle Frere before and it is long overdue that we venture north to do the highest mountain in Queensland. Especially as it's the Club's 65th year. Bartle Frere ain't easy, but we need to do it sooner rather than later and before we get much older as it will only get harder to do if we leave it for another year.

If you go to Cairns, you may as do several other walks up north so we will also be including Wallaman Falls (the highest Waterfall in Queensland) and Walsh's Pyramid a major landmark near Cairns. The plan is also to do a few short walks on the Islands near the coast - Dunk and Fitzroy Islands. Plus, I hope to do a tourist thing like the Kuranda Rail.

Limit on Trip size is about 8. Nominations close mid-March. Expected cost for trip about \$2,000 per person which is a lot, but if you never go you never go.

INTENDED PROGRAM

No	Day	Date	ACTIVITY	stay at
1	Sun	25 th	Fly to Townsville 3hr Drive to Ingham – 2hr Wallaman Falls walk – 2hr	Ingham
2	Mon	26 th	Cardwell lookouts walk 40min Attie Creek Falls walk – 40min Murray Falls walk - 2hr Drive to Mission Beach 2hr Edmund Kennedy Walk (Mission Beach)	Mission Beach
3	Tues	27 th	Dunk Island – Island Circuit Walk -Dist 11km Time 4hr (Ferry cost \$45 ?)	Mission Beach
4	Wed	28 th	Mamu Tropical Skywalk (Price \$26) Wallich Falls - 1hr Drive time about 2hr Nandroya Falls - 7km time 3hr	Innisfail
5	Thurs	29 th	Bartle Frere - 15km, 11hr	Innisfail
6	Fri	30 th	Walsh's Pyramid - 6km – 4hr	Cairns
7	Sat	01 st	Fitzroy Island Summit Track	Cairns
8	Sun	02 nd	Kuranda Rail day	Cairns
9	Mon	03 rd	Arrive airport about 1pm. Plane – 11.50am to 2.05pm Home by 7pm	

Flight to Townsville – Airline Virgin - Sunday – 25th June

Departure BNE 8:50am ; Arrival TSV 10:55am Flight Time - 2hr 5min Direct –
Flight VA367 – Aircraft -Fokker 100 - Fare \$359 as at 30th Dec 2022

Flight Cairns to Brisbane - Arline – Virgin – Date :- Monday 3rd July-

Departure CNS -11:50am; Arrival - BNE 2:05pm Flight Time -2hr 15min Direct
Flight number - VA780, Aircraft Boeing 737-700 Fare From \$255.01 as at 31st Dec 2022

The walk up Bartle Frere can be done as a very very long and hard daywalk. There is a note on the internet that advises as follows:

We're two girls in our late twenties of above average fitness and decent hiking experience. This took us just about 8 hours return as a day hike - 4 hours up and 4 hours down, but our descent was slower because of one dodgy knee. We hiked on a clear day in May without much recent rainfall. The first 3km had minimal elevation gain but it got steeper after that. From about halfway up the ground was wet but not too muddy. From the start of the boulder field onwards it was much colder, wetter, quite windy and very misty, no real views from the top for us today!

We took around 4 litre water each but didn't need that much, only drank ~2 litre. We also took light fleeces as well as waterproof jackets which we were glad to have at the top..

<https://www.aussiebushwalking.com/gld/far-north/wooroonooran-np/mount-bartle-frere-eastern-approach>

Indicative Cost – approx. \$2,000 per person -

- airfares approx. \$350 each way, \$700
- Motels approx \$100 to \$150 per night, $\$100 \times 8 = \$800 \div 2 = \$400$
- share of vehicle costs – approx.
 - car hire - 160×9 (amongst 4 people) = $1,440 / 4 =$ \$360
 - petrol – $1500 \text{ km} \div 600$ 3 tank fulls $300 \div 4 =$ \$75
- Total for cars \$435 per person
- Meals $9 \times \$30$ \$270
- Fares to islands \$200
- Total expected budgeted costs \$2,000 per person

I am aware that there have been a few private trips by Club members to northern Queensland and Cape York back in the 1970s but I don't know if they actually did Bartle Frere so it is high time for members to do an official Club trip there. Phil

8th to 15th NOVEMBER
GREAT OCEAN ROAD WALK
Southern Victoria
ACCOMMODATED WALK

Leader: Russ Nelson Ph: 0427 743 534 or russnelson52@outlook.com
Cost: Expected to be less than \$3,000 plus travel to / from Victoria
Grade: S24 to L25 per walk

100% of Available places taken!

Booking Detail

I need the names and the number of beds / bedrooms you need – singles, twins or doubles now.

Please send a (refundable) deposit of \$50 per person to me – BSB 064011, A/C 10090016 by 10th February. Send advice to russnelson52@outlook.com Russ

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday 20th February 2023

Contact: Cath Wood Ph: 0428 755 100
Location: Little Kings Hall, 33 O'Keefe Street, Buranda
Time: 7:30pm

We welcome all members to attend and be involved in this important meeting for the success of the Club in 2023. A quorum of 17 members is required for the AGM to proceed.

The business conducted will include:

- Receive the Committee's Report,
- and Statement of Income & Expenditure, Assets & Liabilities, for the year 2022;
- Receive the Auditor's Report;
- Election of Committee for 2023;
- The appointment of the 2023 Auditor;
- Voting of Honorary Members;

Any business arising from the Minutes of the 2022 AGM, and from the 2022 Annual Report, please e-mail the Club Secretary, Susan Tobin on the Club e-mail address – briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au so that Committee can become aware of your views and present them to the AGM. The actual AGM is not the place to raise new business - there is no "General Business" at an AGM.

All persons are welcome to attend. Members should attend to carry out their right to vote in the new committee.

As soon as the AGM is completed, the normal February Monthly Meeting will commence under the authority of the new committee.

Please consider coming along to the AGM and participating in the election of the Committee for 2023. You can also vote by Proxy if you are unable to attend in person.

Section 21 of the Constitution

Susan Tobin, Club Secretary.

NOTICE ELECTION 2023 Call for Nominations for All Committee Positions.

1. Elections will be held on Monday 20th February at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM is held prior to the February Monthly Meeting – from 7:30pm, and
2. The normal February Monthly Meeting will start straight after.
3. All existing Committee Positions are deemed vacant, and all are up for election.
4. All existing Committee Members are eligible to stand for election.
5. The positions are voted on in the following order: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Outings Secretary, Social Secretary, Vice-President, General Committee and Membership Officer.
6. If you cannot make it to the AGM, you can vote by Proxy – the form is available from the website, in this Jilalan or from the Secretary – fully complete the form and have it in the hands of the Secretary prior to the AGM.
7. Associate Members are not eligible to be on Committee.
8. Associate Members are not entitled to vote on any matter before any meeting of the Club, i.e., vote at the election of members to Committee.
9. Nominations for Committee must be in writing, signed by the Nominator, the Secunder & the Candidate. Nominations can also be in the format of an e-mail from all 3 – the Nominator, the Secunder and the Nominee to the Club e-mail address – all 3 e-mails must be sent 10 days prior to the AGM.
10. Any two (2) members of the Club may nominate any Ordinary Member for a Committee Position.
11. The Candidate cannot be his/her own Nominator or Secunder or nominate anyone else for the same position as she/he is standing.
12. The Nomination Form must be in the hands of the Club Secretary at least 10 days prior to the AGM – This is Monday 11th February. You can post them to the Club (at PO Box 31, Red Hill Qld 4059), provided they are stamped by the Post Office prior to 11th February. They can be scanned and e-mailed to the Secretary only at the Club's e-mail address.
13. The list of all the Nominated Candidates, their Nominators & Seconders will be emailed to all members by 14th February – 7 days prior to the AGM.
14. A person can be nominated for more than one Committee Position. They are elected to the first position they win. If they do not win the first position nominated for, they are still in the ballot for the next nominated position until elected or remain unelected at the end of the night.
15. If only one person stands for a position by having a valid nomination in the hands of The Secretary by the required date, that person is automatically elected to that position.
16. In the event of more than one person being nominated for a Position, there shall be an election by secret ballot.
17. Should there be no candidate for a position at the start of the AGM, nominations will be called from the floor for nominations to that position.
18. Nomination Forms are enclosed in this Jilalan.
19. In recent years, if a position has been left vacant due to no one nominating for it, the Club has allowed any member, regardless of category, to act in the position unofficially without being formally elected. Being in the position unofficially means the person is not actually in the position, thus cannot vote at committee when a vote is necessary.

Section 13 of the Constitution.

Susan Tobin, Secretary

SUBS ARE DUE

Your 2023 Membership Subscription was due on 1st January.
There is no Covid discount for early payment.
The Renewal Form is attached.

ANNUAL FEES 2023	Printed Newsletter	e-mailed Newsletter
Ordinary Member	\$52	\$27
Associate Member	\$48	\$23
Life & Honorary	\$0	\$0

FROM WILLIE HAYES A Club Founder

Dear Sue & Members of BCBC,

This brings my Christmas and New Year wishes to you and members of the BCBC, especially the oldies who may remember me.

I'm still keeping fairly well, thank God, and am looking forward to celebrating another Christmas, my 92nd one.

Wishing all members great blessings,
Willie

OUR COVID-19 POLICY

<https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/queenslands-covid19-vaccine-plan/queenslands-public-health-measures>

The Club has a Covid Policy based on the Government rules

Unvaccinated persons are welcome to participate in walks and all other Club events.
Drivers or other passengers in the car may ask all passengers to wear masks

The Club introduced the following COVID-19 Protocols:

- You should carry face masks with you at all times.
- Drivers or other passengers in the car may ask passengers to wear masks
- All people at any Club gathering, maintain your distance - 1.5m minimum between people.
- No physical contact between people; No handshaking.
- No sharing of anything – water, hats, gear, equipment, food, lollies, biscuits – nothing where you put your hand in to take something out.
- Carry hand sanitiser with you.

2023 COMMITTEE

It is time for each and every one of us to begin thinking about the makeup of the 2023 Committee of our Club. There will be one or two current members who will not be renewing their seat on Committee. It is now up to you to give a real thought about nominating.

Committee is not hard or complicated. All we do is maintain an overview of the running of the Club. The Secretaries who have responsibilities do have to maintain the running of Outings or Socials. The other positions have certain responsibilities, but not as onerous as Outings, Treasurer or Socials.

We now have a *General Committee* member who has no portfolio, thus has no actual work to do. You are on Committee as someone new to provide input from the members – to give a different and new look at how we organise ourselves.

Please think about nominating – ask someone on Committee what an actual position does. Rather than rearranging the deckchairs on the Titanic, let us get some new persons to sit in those chairs. It does not matter if there is an incumbent in the chair; still think of what position matches your skills or desires. Let's have an election for once.

The nomination form is attached to this magazine.

ANNUAL REPORT

Those who write reports for the Annual Report, please start to write your articles.

The end of January and early February will be busy – especially when Jilalan and the Annual Report will be done in the same household.

Your deadline will be 15th January. Please start writing!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Congratulations to Anne Iron who won our last raffle, which was drawn at our very successful Christmas party.

The new year means that it is time to renew your membership. Subscription rates have increased by two dollars and there is no discount as Covid did have a significant impact on our activities last year.

The new rates are:- Ordinary members printed magazine \$52 and e-mailed magazine \$27 and Associate members printed magazine \$48 and e-mailed magazine \$23.

You can pay in person, or via our P.O. Box, or via a direct deposit to our bank account making sure you reference your name and that you send your completed renewal to the Club.

You need to complete, sign and return the enclosed renewal form along with your payment. Terry

OUTINGS SECRETARY'S REPORT

Past Walks

December

01	Thursday	Bridges of Brisbane	DW	1 (a cold wet day)
03	Saturday	Warrie Circuit	DW	5 (a wet day)
22	Thurs	Blue Pool	DW	5
26	Mon	Bridges of Brisbane	DW	11
29	Thurs	Lyrebird Lookout	DW	5

The walks in December were well attended considering it was Christmas party season and the 2 walks at the start of the month had rain forecast and the nominations were greatly reduced. The highlight for the month was the Lyrebird Lookout outing as it was a great off-track walk.

Coming Walks

The proposed Victorian South Coast walk (11th to 18th Feb) has been delayed until next year as there was a clash with other commitments for both the leader and many of the expected participants. This change left a gap in the program and I have slotted in a beach walk from Burleigh to Main Beach on the 18th February. There is currently a gap in the program for 11th February and Saturday 11th March. Members are very welcome to put forward suggestions for an event for these weekends, and as usual first in best dressed..

January

03	TueMt	Glorious	DW	Phil
08	Sat	Baxter Falls	DW	Michele Johns
14/22	Sat-Sun	Tassie trip	BC	Phil
22	Sun	Currumbin to Coolly	DW	Liz
26	Thu	Toolona Creek Circuit	DW	Phil
28	Sat	Obi Obi Lilo trip	DW	Phil

February

02	Thu	Thornside & Wynnum	DW	Paddy
04	Sat	Coomera Creek Circuit	DW	Khaleel
11	Sat	Spare		
18	Sat	Burleigh to Main Beach	DW	Phil
26	Sun	Piper Comanche	DW	Michele J

March

02	Thu	Bulimba Creek Parklands	DW	Greg
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04	Sat	Cabarita to Pottsville	DW	Phil
11	Sat-	Spare -		
18	Sat	Club Hut Feast	ON	Iain
19	Sun	Club Hut daywalk	DW	Terry
25	Sat	Cainbabe Falls	HDW	John Carter

Walk changes - Easter Monday walk – 10th April

Pat Lawton advised that her proposed walk to Ramparts Lagoon is not an easy to medium walk as was generally presumed, but rather it is a hard walk and includes some scunge. She traditionally does a medium walk and Ramparts Lagoon didn't align with tradition. So, a new walk was needed and her new choice is to do the Head Road at Teviot Gap. The road is actually closed to road traffic but it has great views of the surrounding countryside. It should be a great walk to do with her on Easter Monday.

Walks & Leaders Needed

we needed a walk and a leader for the walk on 11th February. Most of the walks for the first 6 months of 2023 have leaders appointed. But there are still 2 that still need leaders and I will be asking a few people on the quiet to see if they are interested in leading either of them.

Book Reviews

I didn't finish my book review this month (it was for the Bill Bryson book about a walk along the Appalachian Trail called *A Walk in the Woods*) as I was so busy leading walks plus lots of other stuff. As a suggestion I am very keen to hear about other books on walking that members may have read.

The Mt Bartle Frere Trip

Just a heads up about the Bartle Frere trip in June/July. Bartle Frere is the highest mountain in Queensland at 1622m and the Club has never been there. So, we plan to rectify that hole in our Club's walking history in 2023 which is the Club's 65th Anniversary. . According to the book by Tyrone Thomas and Sven Klinge *Australia's Mountains: The best 100 Walks* (1998) the next highest mountains is 2,000km away in the Brindabellas in the Australian Capital Territory.

It is a hard but great walk. Please consider joining us. The book by Thomas and Klinge gave a listing of the best walks from 1 to 100. There were some interesting rankings I will list the top 12 walks:

- 1 Federation Peak (Tas)
- 2 Mt Gower (Lord Howe Island)
- 3 Mt Barney (Qld)
- 4 Mt Feathertop (Vic)
- 5 Uluru/Ayers Rock (NT)
- 6 Mt Anne (Tas)
- 7 Mt Bartle Frere (Qld)
- 8 Frenchmans Cap (Tas)
- 9 Mt Owen (NSW)
- 10 The Castle / Budawang (NSW)
- 11 The Acropolis (Tas)
- 12 Mt Kosciuszko (NSW)

Other Queensland Mountains

- 37 Walsh's Pyramid (near Cairns)
- 52 Mt Cordeaux (Cunninghams Gap)

Track Closures

- **Purling Brook Falls** is still closed <https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/park-alerts/22416>
- All **bush camping spots in Lamington** are closed from 1st Dec to 31st Jan <https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/park-alerts/22531>
- **Illinbah Circuit** closed to 27th Jan (and likely to be extended. <https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/park-alerts>)
- **Gap Creek Falls** is closed until March 2023 <https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/park-alerts/21980>
- **Mt Warning remains closed** - Wollumbin (Mount Warning) summit track will remain closed pending the development of a Memorandum of Understanding and further joint management arrangements, with future management of the park to be guided by Aboriginal custodians. <https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/walking-tracks/wollumbin-mount->

warning-summit-track But there are voices that dispute the that the local aborigines want Mt Warning closed – it seems there is a view out there that a vocal minority has undue influence
<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2022/jun/05/the-next-uluru-hikers-and-aboriginal-elders-await-decision-on-closure-of-wollumbin-summit>

Covid Virus Is Still Here

The Covid-19 health epidemic seems to be ongoing. If anything, it seems to have had a slight resurgence with cases per day in early November trending upwards.

Also there seems to be an upsurge in numbers in Queensland with a 12% increase in reported cases.
<https://www.health.gov.au/health-alerts/covid-19/case-numbers-and-statistics>

Quote For The Month

"The only walks I regret are ones I didn't go on"
Paddy Pallin

Phil, Outings Secretary

ABOUT PEOPLE

Michael Brophy, Terri Evetts, Janet Galos, Amanda Johnston, Therese Nally, Khaleel Petrus, Ray Rowe, Peggy Rutter, Paulette Schmidt, Jarrod Sefton and Stafford Shepherd are celebrating their birthdays in January.

Benno and his family returned from a successful cruise just before Christmas.

Michele and Greg made a trip to Perth for their son Stephen's wedding just before Christmas. Kylie Moore recently returned from an extended overseas trip where she walked some more of the Camino. Pat and Jonas spent a few days at Girraween just after Christmas where they did some walking.

PAST EVENTS

THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER BRIDGES of BRISBANE DAYWALK

There was only one person on the walk, namely me. The weather forecast was for rain with about 30mm expected.

The amount of rain forecast was sort of on the threshold of cancelling the walk. Not surprisingly no one else nominated. But I was still very keen to go as I had missed out on so many walks this year due to wet weather and I wanted to check out how well my wet weather gear worked.

I was carrying a faint hope that the rain may clear by 10ish; well, it didn't. It was wet & cold and, apparently, the coldest December day on record. And the rain was a consistent drizzle all day until about 2pm.

Anyhow I went and did the walk and I had a great time. It was lovely day and very atmospheric with the tops of the skyscrapers covered in low misty clouds.



I also found out that the Sydney Street Ferry Terminal was opened just that morning. I love walking along the boardwalk between New Farm & the City and the views of the city were superb. I also got to check out the progress on the 2 bridges been built, the new Kangaroo Point Bridge which is barely 5% complete and the Neville Bonner Bridge which looks about 50% complete. It is due to be opened in July but we will see. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neville_Bonner_Bridge

It was a very cold day for Brisbane The official weather observations showed the maximum temperature for the day was 22.3°. But during daylight hours of the Thursday the temperature never got above 17.8°. The 17.8° is not regarded as the maximum for the day as early on the Friday morning, at about 8.30am, the temperature got to 22.3°. So, the highest minimum for the Thursday is on the Friday morning. Apparently the cut off points (criteria) for the weather for the Bureau of Meteorology is from 9am on the Thursday morning to the 9am the following day. (Why I can't figure out) <https://www.farmonlineweather.com.au/news/almost-brisbanes-coldest-december-day/960097>

Well, the only response to that bizarre anomaly is that obviously they need to change their rules/protocols/criteria as it gives bizarre results. The only bad news for the day was that my rain jacket was less than satisfactory as it let a lot of moisture transpire through the membrane as I was a very damp under the raincoat. Phil

SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER WARRIE CIRCUIT DAYWALK

There were 5 people on the walk: 1 member and 4 visitors. It rained a bit but we had a great walk. The weather forecast was a bit dodgy and I didn't get many nominations so I was pleased to get a nomination from Tim of the Brisbane Bushwalkers Club. The day before the walk I half expected him to ring up and cancel. He duly rang up and was still keen to go and he also brought along his wife and another couple. So, we were doing it.

Well on the day it was a bit overcast and we set off. After about 45 minutes, we got our first shower and I half expected the 4 visitors to pull the pin and ask to call the walk off. But not once did they even think about calling it off. Ummm, so I had to keep going. Part of me was wishing we turned around early and go get a coffee in some take away shop where it was dry.



Gooroolba Falls near Meeting of the Waters

Anyhow we kept going and it was magic walking through the rainforest in gentle summer rain. In total we got about 90 minutes of rain over the 6 hours we were walking. I used my umbrella and it worked a treat. But Marguerite wasn't a fan as it broke with the unwritten tradition that bushwalkers don't use umbrellas.

A magic moment was when we were walking up the steep uphill section near the turnoff to the Pinnacle that Eugene started singing a hymn and the others joined in. Then they sang about another 3 hymns. It was a truly remarkable moment. The downside was we didn't see any Blue Crayfish but we did see some leaches.

A big thank you to the 4 visitors for making sure the walk went ahead and having a great time. Those on the walk:- Phil Murray, Tim Clarke, Marguerite Clarke, Eugene McAteer & Jodie McAteer Phil

**SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS PARTY
SOCIAL**

This year the Club's Christmas Party was held in the rooms under the Holy Family Parish Church at Indooroopilly. Thirty-nine people gathered together for dinner to celebrate Christmas, and the coming end of another successful year for the Club.

The night began with nibbles, along with a game organized by Michele (thanks Michele). We then moved to the tables to enjoy a dinner of chicken, ham, turkey, potato-bake and various salads. Russ challenged us with the traditional trivia quiz. Congratulations to "Fida's Team" who were the winners of the quiz with a score of 14 from 20 questions. The members of the successful team were Cath & Mike Wood, Liz Little, Sue Tobin, Khaleel Petrus and Sr Fida (Khaleel's sister). Thanks for the thought provoking questions Russ.

After exercising our brains with the trivia quiz, we were rewarded with dessert, being cheesecake, ice cream cassata or plum pudding (or all of the above) followed by tea and coffee along with rum balls and rocky road.

Thanks to all those who came along on the night, and a special thanks to Sue Tobin for her generous provision of the bonbons and lolly bags and to Cath Morahan and Liz Little for assisting with supplying the food. Thanks also to all who assisted with setting up, serving, clearing, washing-up, packing away and vacuuming. Your generous assistance made for a successful event which ran smoothly.

Those who came along to join in the Christmas celebration were: Paddy Taylor, Janet Galos, Sue Tobin, Cath & Mike Wood, Anne & Bob Irons, Liz Little, Peggy Roe, Mark Daly, Michele & Greg Endicott, Maria Kerruish, Cath Morahan, Jon Peake, Louise & Rusty Jones, Therese Abernethy, Terry Silk, Pat Lawton, Jonas Bernotas, Kathryn Abernethy, Donna Harris, Fr Michael Grace, Prasada Vajjhala, Andrea Turner, Barbara Eastoe, Joe Tottenham, Sr Fida, Khaleel Petrus, John Carter, Donna Ellison, Sue & Phil Murray, Michele & Richard Johns, Antonita Sanidad and Russ Nelson. Jan

**THURSDAY 22nd DECEMBER
BLUE POOL
(West Canungra Creek Circuit)
DAYWALK**

There were 5 people on the walk - 3 members and 2 visitors, and it was just perfect summer weather for a rainforest walk. The morning was a bit coolish and overcast but no rain at all.

We did the circuit by going down to Blue Pool then up along the Creek to Elabana Falls. Then back up to the Border Track to O'Reilly's. The day was great and very enjoyable. It was good to see that Anthony in his first walk for the year and good to have Danny and Matthew Chen do their first walk with the club.



Anthony, Danny, Matthew & Jarrod With A Huge Brush Box Tree

Those on the walk were Phil Murray, Anthony Dolan & Jarrod Sefton. Visitors on their first walk were Danny & Matthew Chen Phil

**MONDAY 26th DECEMBER
BRIDGES OF BRISBANE
DAYWALK**

There were 10 people this day. This is basically a city walk but I always love this one. I think it is the river that keeps me coming back. And now they are building 2 new bridges across the river, the Neville Bonner and the Kangaroo Point Bridges.



The Neville Bonner Bridge at Southbank

Anyhow, the walk got off to a great start. Rather than meet at the Cathedral steps we met 70 metres down the road at a bus stop where there was a bench seat for us to use. Then I got some late messages there were 3 people running late. But they were merely 2 minutes away. We convened as a group, quickly said hello in a circle and then bolted for the Riverside Ferry terminal .

The Council had changed the ferry timetable so the ferry was now at 8.40am not 8.45am. I thought we might miss it but got there just in the nick of time and all boarded the ferry. One of my great loves is just getting there in the nick of time.

We had a superb day with great views and lovely company. Our group had an early lunch at Kurilpa Point after crossing the bridge there. We completed 5 of the 6 bridges - didn't do the William Jolly Bridge as it was a bit too hot and sunny. After we did the Go Between Bridge, we went along the walkway on the northern side of the river which is shaded by the Riverside Expressway to keep us cool. The river was super high with a King Tide. My party got back to the Victoria Bridge; thus, had done the bridges we wanted to do. Over the morning we had travelled 12km so decided to finish early - about 1pm. We discovered that seniors had free travel on the Council Buses and Ferry's for the day. I meant to check if it applied to the trains as well but never found out.

Those on the walk were: Phil Murray, Jarrod Sefton, Sophia Ramsay, John Brack, Prasada Vajjhala, Graeme Aldom, Louise Jones, Rusty Jones, Mary Kelly and visitors Danny & Matthew Chen.



Matthew, Danny, Phil, Rusty, Mary, Sophia, Louise, Jarrod, John, Graeme with the new bridge in the background. Photo by Prasada Vajjhala

**WEDNESDAY 28th DECEMBER
KEPERRA TO GAYTHORNE
STROLL**

Though I do not normally report on Strolls, I feel I have to with this one.

There were 29 Strollers here this day. Four new persons, a few others who have not been on a Stroll in recent months. And most of the regulars. A wonderful group, good humoured, lots of discussions, everyone mixing and talking.

Thank you all for joining me in this one.

**THURSDAY 29th DECEMBER
LYREBIRD LOOKOUT
DAYWALK**

Finally, we got this walk to go out. Well to be precise, the walk only went out because 4 other people nominated for the walk. There were 5 of us. I was concerned I had scared away a few people as my walk article made it sound it a bit hard, but we had a great time. We did the loop as planned.



Phil, Michele, Sue & Maria At The Wishing Tree

The track was down the Wishing Tree track, out to Morans Falls and then up to Balancing Rock, along the old track atop the western cliffs. We had a stop at Moonlight Crag - this was special with a large wooden terrace to cater for special gatherings for weddings etc. Then we followed the old trail through the rainforest, first to Orchid Grotto, then Lyrebird Lookout. Eventually we got to the cairn at the Old Forestry Camp.

It was a bit tricky in places as we had to follow the old red electrical tape that was tied around tree branches. (to be precise the tape looked pink but I think that was because the red tape had faded to pink). There were a few places where the track was obliterated by tree falls but we only had one spot that took us more than 10 seconds to find the trail. This is where we crossed the headwaters of Morans Creek. The jumble of branches and trees covered the area the size of half a tennis court and Greg was in front at this stage and he was on a mission to find the track again and after about 2 minutes he duly found it. We got a real buzz following this old trail. From the old Forestry Camp, we followed the rarely used trails back to the Pensioner Track to the Border Track and finally back to O'Reilly's.

A highlight of the morning was at our first stop we found a clearing beside the creek and after 5 minutes we spotted not one but 6 Lamington Blue Crayfish. See photo by Greg



We were puzzled to find this sign in the middle of nowhere stating *Trail Only*. You can just discern the trail to the left of the sign. Greg just had to take a photo of the sign



I should mention that the off-track section takes a bit of time to traverse as the section Moonlight Crag to Orchid Grotto was only about 800m but it took us nearly 40 minutes to do this section. I think it just takes longer as you stop for 3 seconds to work out where the track is going, then you walk 10m and then stop again and redo the process again and again and again. It wasn't tiring or frustrating but it just took time.

Anyhow it was a great walk and it is one I want to do again as soon as possible. I nearly forgot to mention the weather was just perfect at about 23^o in summer.

Thanks to those who joined me - Michele & Greg Endicott, Maria Kerrusih and Sue Walsh.

Phil

TUESDAY 3rd JANUARY M^t GLORIOUS DAYWALK

The first walk of 2023 and there were 11 walkers. The 3 tracks were about 19km in length but very easy walking. We met at Jolly's Lookout at the appointed time and did the Thylogale Track first, then had morning tea, and up to Manorina and did the Morelia track out to the Mt Nebo Lookout. A quick car trip up to Maiala Picnic Grounds for lunch then we did the Green's Falls Track.

Our party made very good time as we actually zoomed along the tracks; especially the Thylogale Track. It was a bit warm at about 27^o but just perfect for summer with no rain. It was a lovely day with lovely company. One of the best aspects of the walk was the fitness benefit - 2 days later when I went shopping, I positively just floated on air as I was walking around doing the shopping. It was clearly a delayed fitness benefit from doing the walk at a cracking pace.

Those on the walk were :- Phil Murray, Joe Tottenham, Prasada Vajjhala, Jan Nelson, Paddy Taylor, Sophia Ramsay, Graeme Aldom, Khaleel Petrus, and visitors Yousif Gaggi (Khaleel's nephew), Danny & Matthew Chen.

Phil



Sophia, Graeme, Matthew, Danny, Paddy, Phil, Jan, Khaleel, Prasad, Joe, Yousif.

WEDNESDAY 4th JANUARY BBQ AT GAP CREEK RESERVE SOCIAL

Despite the storm warnings, seventeen members gathered at Gap Creek Reserve picnic ground for an evening barbeque. Fortunately, the storms decided to pass us by and a lovely cooling breeze came through, making it a very pleasant evening. The picnic ground has a couple of very large picnic shelters with 3 tables with seating plus additional bench seating, so our group took over one of these shelters, and by 6.00pm we were the only people remaining in the picnic ground.

With the longer days at present, we were able to cook in daylight and, as the sky darkened, a few lanterns provided sufficient light.

The event was a great opportunity for members to catch up after the busy Christmas period and there was plenty of conversation regarding recent walks, past travels or upcoming travel plans. Some sweet items were shared to finish off the meal.

Those who came along to the event were: Liz L, Paddy T, Paulette & Allan S, Sabrina L, Prasada V, Joe T, Maria K, Louise & Rusty J, Michele & Greg E, Cath & Mike W, Khaleel P and Russ N. Jan

INSURANCE COVER

Insurance for BCBC members is arranged through the peak body of the Australian bushwalking federations, Bushwalking Australia Inc (BA). There is coverage of both Public Liability and Personal Accident.

Club members and visitors are insured while participating in all activities conducted by this Club, including pre-outings, meetings, social events and travelling to & from Club activities.

The policies can be viewed and downloaded at
<https://www.bushwalkingaustralia.org/insurance/insurance-overview>
<https://www.bushwalkingaustralia.org/insurance/claims-and-enquiries>
<https://www.bushwalkingaustralia.org/insurance/accident-insurance>
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<https://www.bushwalkingaustralia.org/>

Thanks to the BOSQ Magazine *Footnotes* for reminding me about this and providing the basic wording.

Some Clauses in the Policy:

What Age Limits Apply?

All members of a club are covered by the insurance policies up to age 95. Under the Personal Accident policy, some benefits are reduced for members under the age of 18 and over the age of 85.

More details are provided on the Accident Insurance page of the BA web site.

Note: The age limit of 65 in the policy wording is overridden by the age limits in the schedule.

Do The Liability And Accident Policies Cover Extended Trips

Interstate Or Overseas, E.G. Those That Involve Extensive Travel?

The policies do not provide cover for activities undertaken overseas, except for NZ.

The policies do provide cover for activities undertaken interstate and in NZ, but only for the duration of the approved activity i.e. the policies should not be relied upon to provide coverage and benefits equivalent to those provided under a travel insurance policy.

For example, a club trip over the course of say two to three weeks to another state would typically involve a range of bushwalks, interspersed with travel between walk locations, sightseeing or other tourist activities, shopping, dining etc.

The BA policies would provide cover only while participating in those activities listed above as approved activities i.e. bushwalking, and would not cover say accident or injury while travelling, shopping, etc.

When undertaking extended trips, whether overseas, to NZ or even interstate, participants should be strongly encouraged to consider their own insurance arrangements, including travel insurance.

Chubb Insurance offers a comprehensive, yet affordable travel insurance policy that offers some features and optional additional cover for activities that may be of particular interest to our membership. For example, they offer an:

- Adventure Sports pack that covers activities such as trekking, bicycle touring, mountain bike riding and white-water rafting, related equipment and Cancellation Expenses, and
- A Winter Sports Pack that covers some winter activities related equipment and Cancellation Expenses.

For further details go to <https://www.chubbtravelinsurance.com.au/bushwalking>

Acknowledgement of Risk

Are Temporary Members (I.E. Visitors) Covered By The Insurance Policies?

The insurance policies arranged by BA are to cover clubs and their members. Our insurers recognise that many clubs accept (or even require) intending members to complete one or more walks with the club as a pre-requisite to applying for full membership and have agreed that cover under the policies can be extended to them provided they become temporary members for the duration of the activity.

To formalise such arrangements, BA strongly recommends that club rules include provision for temporary membership, and those temporary members complete and sign an Acknowledgement of Risk for Temporary Members before participating in each activity.

What Is The Purpose Of The Acknowledgement Of Risk Form?

BA has advised its insurers that member clubs require:

temporary members/visitors and
renewing members

to sign the AoR, and the insurers factor this into the cover provided, policy conditions and exclusions and ultimately premiums.

The purpose of the Acknowledge of Risk (AoR) is to help ensure that participants:
understand the basic requirements of participation in the activity they are about to undertake, and
the potential risks that they are about to expose themselves to.

In the case of people new to bushwalking, the AoR is particularly important in ensuring they have at least a basic appreciation that there are some risks involved in going bushwalking.

In the case of existing members, it is hoped that signing the AoR at the time of renewing their membership is an annual reminder that there are risks involved in going bushwalking.

Is There A Maximum Number Of Walks/Activities That A Temporary Member Can Attend Before They Must Become A Full Member?

The maximum number of walks/activities that a temporary member can attend before they must become a member is entirely a decision for each club to make. The insurers and insurance policies do not specifically cover this matter. BA strongly encourages all clubs to specify in its rules, by-laws or policies the maximum number of walks/activities that a temporary member can attend and recommends that the number be set at three.

Is A Member Of An Affiliate Club Considered A Temporary Member (Visitor) If They Participate On An Activity With Another Affiliate Club?

For insurance purposes only, the answer is no, provided that the affiliate club is also covered under the insurance policies. The person will not be required to complete an Acknowledgement of Risk form as they should have done so at their own club.

If there is any doubt about whether the club the visitor belongs to is an affiliate and/or covered by the insurance policies, this can be confirmed by the state peak body (i.e. Federation) or by the insurance broker.

While a person from another club may not be considered a visitor for insurance purposes, the host club may have other requirements that visitors must comply with.

BWQ NEWS & INFORMATION

Qld Trails Strategy Workshop

I attended a workshop in relation to the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) in relation to the Qld Trails Strategy.

The purpose of this workshop was to present the findings of research conducted in Qld, NSW and Victoria about the use of trails including what people use trails for, the distance they prefer to travel on the trail while using, and what aspects of a trail make it attractive to visit the trail, and does Qld have anything unique about the Qld trails compared to trails in their local area.

The majority of respondents preferred the Tropical Qld Trails, followed by the Coastal Trails, and then Bush Trails. Most people used trails for health and for contact with nature, and most used a trail for a maximum of half a day. A network of trails was also popular, as people preferred to have a different route from their point of origin and back to their point of origin, and it provides greater accessibility to the trails.

Only 1 in 4 people would travel with a particular trail in mind as their destination, while 1 in 2 people will travel to a destination and if a trail exists would then use it.

As a result of this TMR may be re-positioning the rail trails as multi-user beginner bush trails.

I have attached screen shots of some of the slides presented as illustration of the results.

I will be receiving the report of the research in the New Year, so please contact me if you wish to get a copy.

Gavin Dale, Secretary, Bushwalking Queensland Inc.

W: www.bushwalkingqueensland.org.au

Blog: <https://bushwalkqld.wordpress.com>

Next steps

Considerations.

CREATIVE CONCEPT TERRITORIES

- Do we look at developing an idea that melds the two dynamics of Natural Diversity and Connection & Discovery?
- Or do we go forward with the preferred Natural Diversity positioning?

POSITIONING

- The overarching idea (umbrella) of QLD trails delivering to these key undertones of natural diversity and our ability to connect in unique ways to our landscape, our flora and fauna, and each other.
- Do we push this idea of a grand (interconnected) trails offering in QLD – much like case studies of Oregon and NZ
- And then do we talk about our products in new ways? Eg BVRT not positioned around heritage (which lacked broader appeal), but messaged around the diversity of landscape and connection to place, history and adventure?
- How do we begin to drive the multi use offering more clearly – eg don't use terms like cycleways

TRAILS OF FOCUS – for operational review (5)

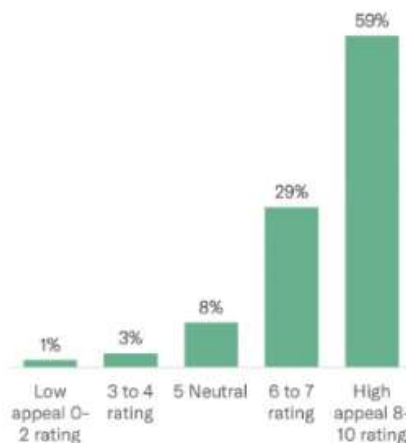
- Eg BVRT; Cairns Northern Beaches; GC Oceanway ; Wangetti ; SC Coastal Pathway

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There is appeal in Queensland having a strong trail offering



Appeal for Interconnected Network of Trails for each Queensland Region



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I'd love to be able to branch off and explore different areas from the same base trail.

If that is possible that sounds very impressive to me. Having the trails connected is very appealing, and what I previously read about all the trails throughout Queensland I'm extremely impressed with the wide variety being established.

Its important as it offers more opportunities to engage in different trails more easily.

Some people would really enjoy this interconnected network for an extended holiday.

Driver analysis can further show us

That highlighting the unique benefits of a well planned trail can drive appeal



Trails Must-Offer these ...



These are important factors to all trail-goers
(*Stated Important factors and Needs of Trail-goers*)



Elements can drive appeal higher or lower ...



These can set apart a trail offering and provide extra pull
(*Attributes that are significantly important to Influencing overall appeal of the Queensland Network of Trails concept as derived via Logistic Regression*)

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Key Takeaways

1

Lacking strong understanding

There is a limited understanding of multi use trails

Verbatim comments highlight that trail-goers of all types like descriptions that clearly articulate what a trail is and its benefits

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2

Creative Concept Territories

Natural Diversity is a slightly stronger proposition that a) may be slightly more enticing and b) is more interesting, challenging and unique

However, either territory holds merit and elements of Connection & Discovery could be integrated into Natural Diversity.

3

Tropical, Coastal and Bush

These trail types hold greatest appeal and deliver upon core expectations of what a trail should deliver.

Urban and Rail trails can be used to support the core offering and as an integral part of regional trail networks. They will provide a longevity of different experiences for trail-goers but may not be the 'hero' products.

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Base level expectations

Trails need to deliver upon:

- Natural beauty and spectacular scenery.
- Functional elements of wayfinding, signage, safety and ensure they are well-maintained.
- Different lengths.

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Strengthening the product

- Linkages of local areas & sites / coverage of regions.
- Conveying multi-use clearly.
- Ensure well resourced amenities and on-site options.
- Different trails within a geographic area to suit different skill levels or different terrains.

The top four trails maintain a consistent level of interest

NET 8-10 rating %	TRAIL-GOER TYPE		TRAIL-GOER DURATION		
	Enthusiasts	Leisure	Short only	Full-day	Multi-day
CAIRNS NORTHERN BEACHES LEISURE TRAIL	65%	59%	59%	65%	68%
GOLD COAST OCEANWAY	62%▲	51%▼	52%▼	57%	71%▲
SUNSHINE COAST COASTAL PATHWAY	60%▲	51%▼	50%▼	60%	69%▲
WANGETTI TRAIL	60%▲	51%▼	48%	63%	66%
ATHERTON TABLELANDS RAIL TRAIL	49%	43%	39%▼	50%	62%▲
BRISBANE VALLEY RAIL TRAIL	44%	37%	32%▼	48%▲	60%▲
MORETON BAY CYCLE WAY	46%▲	35%▼	30%▼	48%	62%▲
BRISBANE TO BORDER	42%	33%	31%	39%	58%▲
BETHANIA TO BEAUDESERT RAIL TRAIL	36%	30%	22%▼	39%	59%▲
BOONAH TO IPSWICH TRAIL	36%▲	27%▼	20%▼	37%	60%▲

Consistently, Enthusiasts and Multi-day trail users have significantly higher interest in all trail products tested.

The top 4 trails are consistent across each sub-group at varying levels of appeal. There are some slight rank order differences in the other trails.

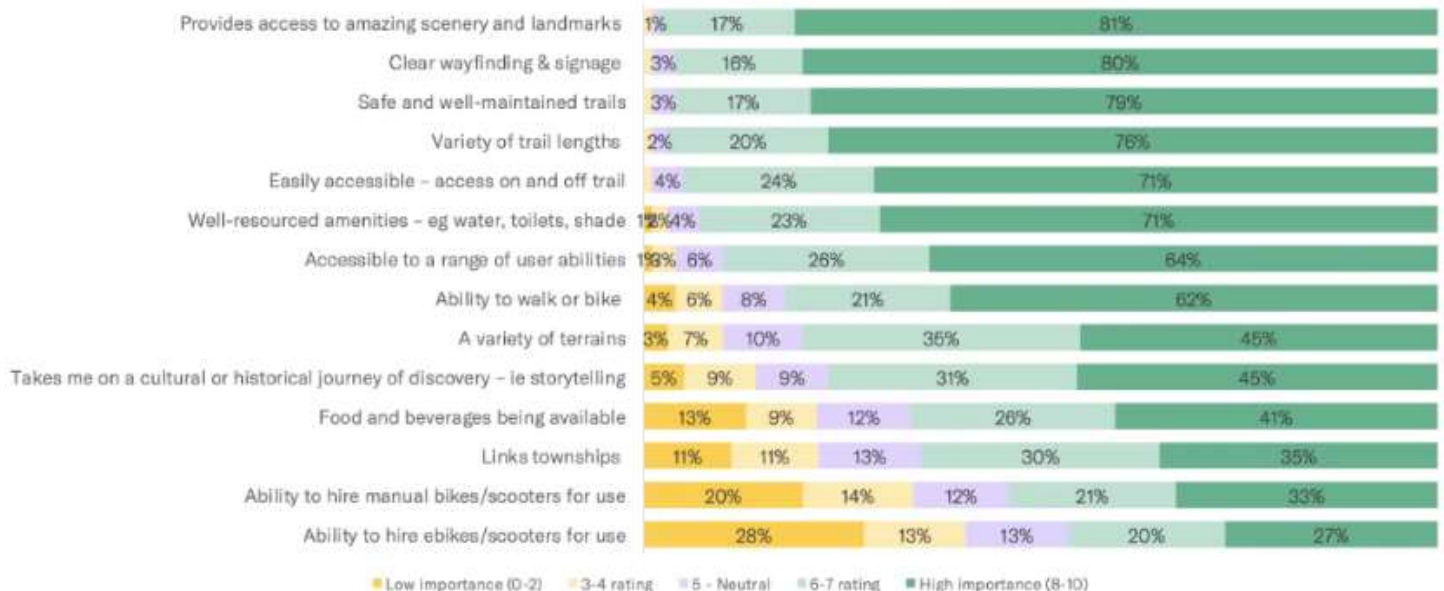
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Q9.5 The following descriptions detail actual trail offerings available (or under construction) within Queensland. On a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 being not at all appealing and 10 being extremely appealing, how do you rate your interest in visiting and experiences each trail? Base: Total sample n=756, Enthusiasts n=390, Leisure n=366, Short only n=407, Full-day n=225, Multi-day n=124

▲ Significantly higher than result to other groups at 95% confidence interval

Trail attributes of importance The importance of the scenery, accessibility and being well maintained

Trail Attributes - Importance



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Q8.4 On a scale of 0 to 10 with 0 being not at all and 10 being extremely important, how important is it for a Queensland trail to deliver on the following attributes? Base: Total sample n=756

Tropical and Coastal Trails

Hold wider reaching appeal

Urban Trails	Tropical Trails	Bush Trails	Coastal Trails	Rail Trails
Lower appeal	Highest appeal	Strong appeal	High appeal	Moderate appeal
#5	#1	#3	#2	#4
APPEAL 32%	APPEAL 75%	APPEAL 55%	APPEAL 72%	APPEAL 41%
UNIQUENESS 28%	UNIQUENESS 68%	UNIQUENESS 44%	UNIQUENESS 52%	UNIQUENESS 42%
FIT TO TERRITORY 1 34%	FIT TO TERRITORY 1 62%	FIT TO TERRITORY 1 57%	FIT TO TERRITORY 1 65%	FIT TO TERRITORY 1 42%
FIT TO TERRITORY 2 27%	FIT TO TERRITORY 2 66%	FIT TO TERRITORY 2 54%	FIT TO TERRITORY 2 59%	FIT TO TERRITORY 2 38%
INCREASE CONSIDERATION 30%	INCREASE CONSIDERATION 65%	INCREASE CONSIDERATION 52%	INCREASE CONSIDERATION 60%	INCREASE CONSIDERATION 41%

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Trails have a similar pull for

Local and interstate audiences

	MARKET		LIFESTAGE					TERRITORY PREFERRED	
	Locals	Destinationals	Young SINK/DINK	Older SINK/DINK	Young family	Older family	Empty nest	#1	#2
CAIRNS NORTHERN BEACHES LEISURE TRAIL	59%	64%	54%	63%	65%	66%	60%	63%	61%
GOLD COAST OCEANWAY	59%	55%	59% ▲	50% ▼	60%	53%	56%	60%	55%
SUNSHINE COAST COASTAL PATHWAY	60%	54%	54% ▲	56% ▼	58%	54%	52%	58%	55%
WANGETTI TRAIL	54%	56%	59% ▲	53% ▼	55%	60%	49%	55%	56%
ATHERTON TABLELANDS RAIL TRAIL	48%	45%	39%	51%	47% ▼	47%	44%	44%	47%
BRISBANE VALLEY RAIL TRAIL	47%	38%	39%	42%	43%	41%	37%	43%	40%
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thelab Q8.5 The following descriptions detail actual trail offerings available (or under construction) within Queensland. On a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 being not at all appealing and 10 being extremely appealing, how do you rate your interest in visiting and experiences each trail? Base: Total sample n=756, Locals n=226, Destinationals n=530, Enthusiasts n=290, Leisure n=366, Young SINKS/DINKS n=124, Older SINKS/DINKS n=172, Young Family n=236, Older Family n=308, Empty Nesters n=107

▲ ▼ Significantly higher/lower groups at 95%+.

Enthusiasts and Leisure trail-goers Seek different benefits from trails

Enthusiasts

Place significantly greater priority on:

- Immersive experiences of sights and nature
- Exploration
- Personal challenge
- Escape
- Exploring a region / sites/ townships
- Seeing flora/fauna
- Variety of terrains
- Flexibility on how to use e.g. user abilities, options to hire manual bikes, well-resourced amenities, F&B

Leisure

Benefits of trails focus upon:

- Exercise
- Close to nature/immerse
 - Seeing flora/fauna
- Something done with a group of friends
- Escape from hustle and bustle
- Easily accessible



EXPLORATION

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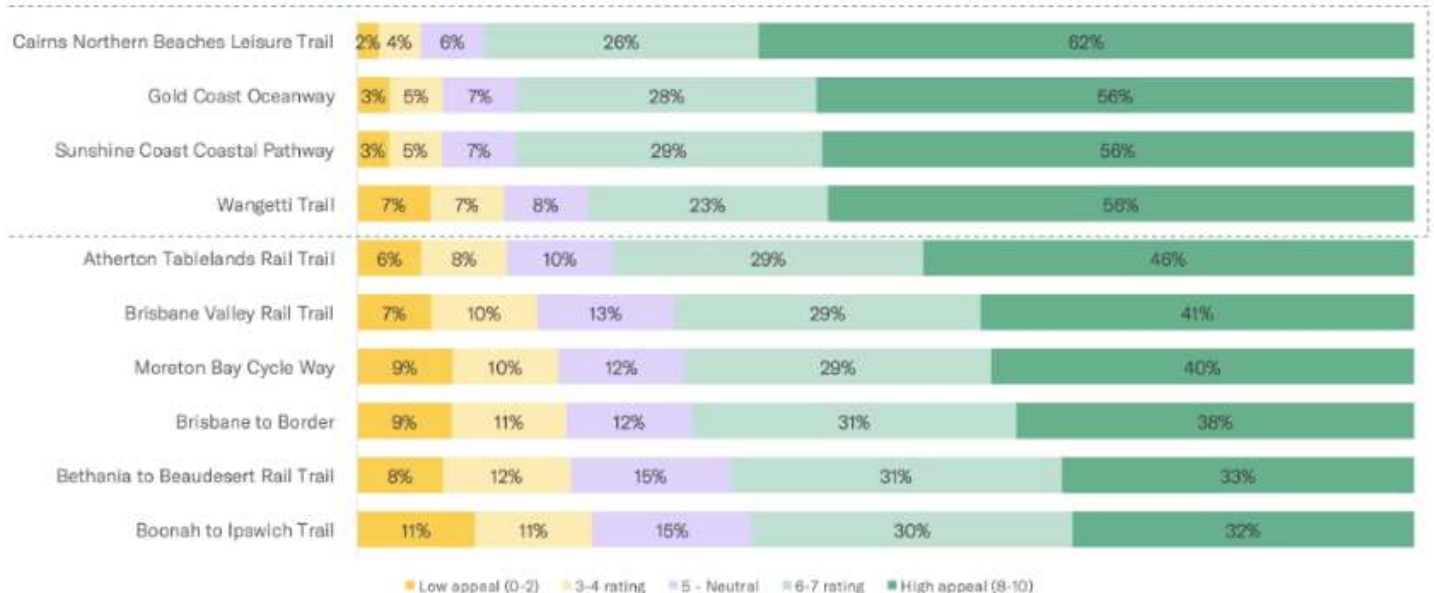
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Q3.4 What do you value (or get out of) by participating in and experiencing a bike riding or bush walking / hiking activity or trip? Q4.3 On a scale of 0 to 10, where 10 is Strongly Agree and 0 is Strongly Disagree how much do you agree with the following statements?
Base: Enthusiasts n=280; Leisure n=280

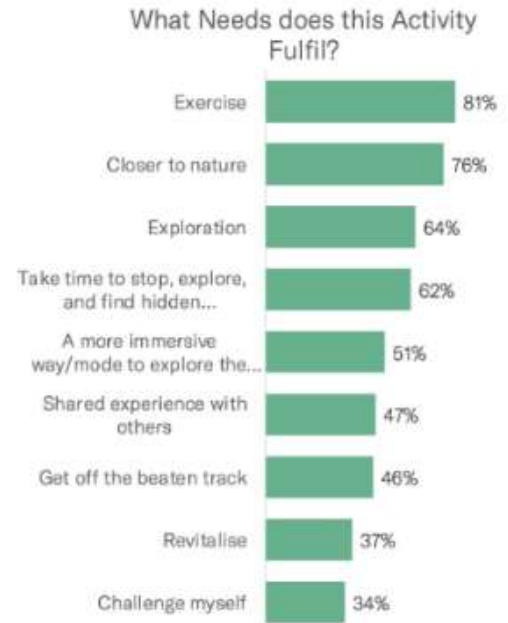
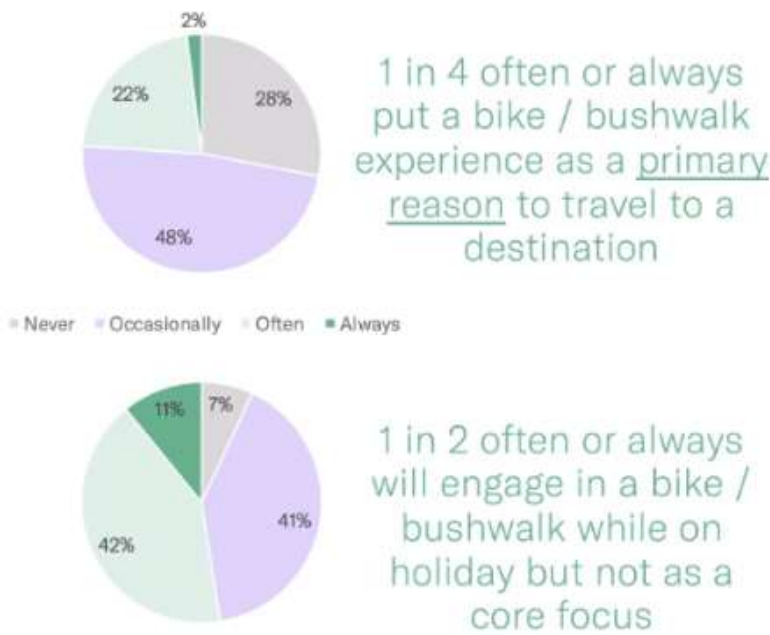
Trails located at Tourism destinations hold greatest appeal

Interestingly, the trails that have the greatest investment focus are also with greatest appeal.

Prompted Queensland Trails - Appeal



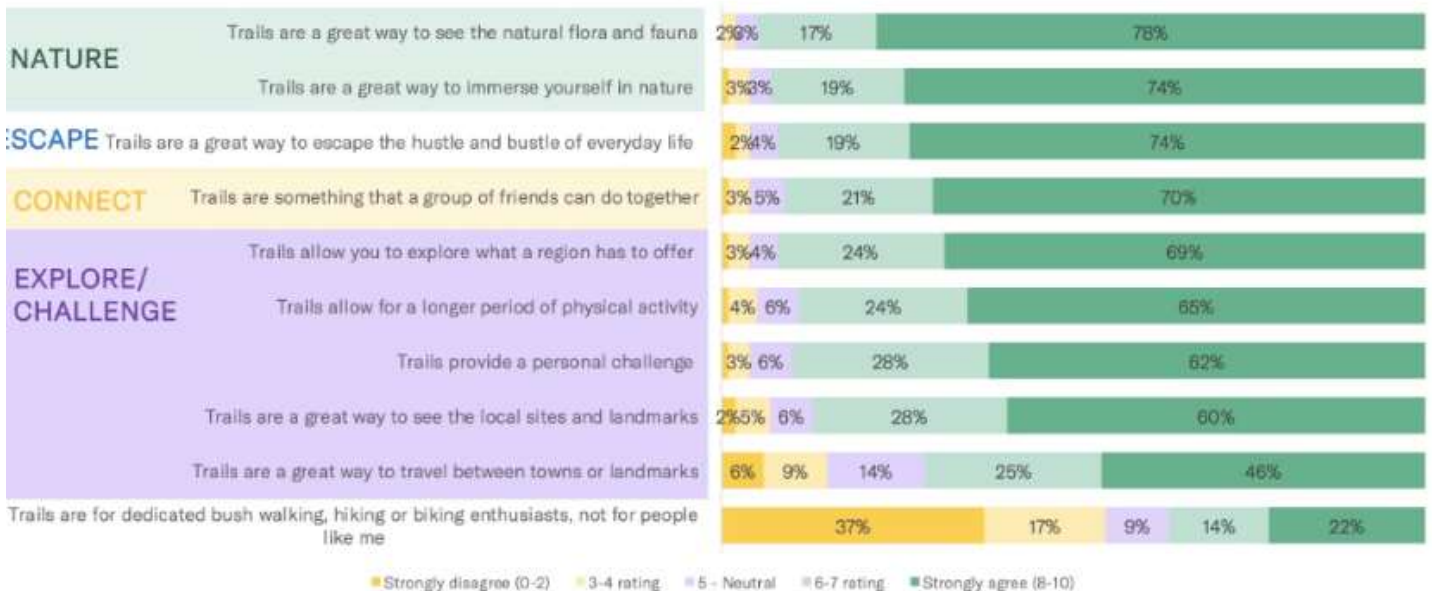
What role can trails Play in holidays and short breaks?



thelab Q3.3 When planning holidays or short breaks, and thinking about bike riding and bush walking / hiking experiences, how often are those activities where...The bike or bush walk / hike experience is a primary focus of the holiday - ie it is the reason I am going to a certain destination? A bike or bush walking / hike experience is an activity I will do while on holiday - but it is not the core reason or focus of the holiday? Q3.4 What do you value for set out off by participating in and experiencing a bike riding or bush walking / hiking activity or trip? Base: Total sample n=758

For most, trails are firstly about Getting into nature, escaping and connecting

Perceptions & Needs - Agreement

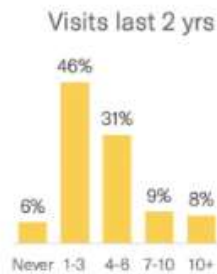


thelab Q4.3 On a scale of 0 to 10, where 10 is Strongly Agree and 0 is Strongly Disagree how much do you agree with the following statements? Base: Total sample n=758

What type of trail Experiences are sought?

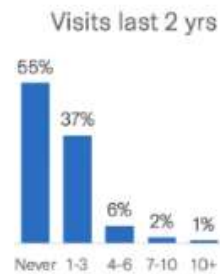
Short trail

59% strong appeal



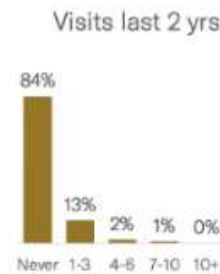
Day trail

20% strong appeal



Multiday trail

11% strong appeal



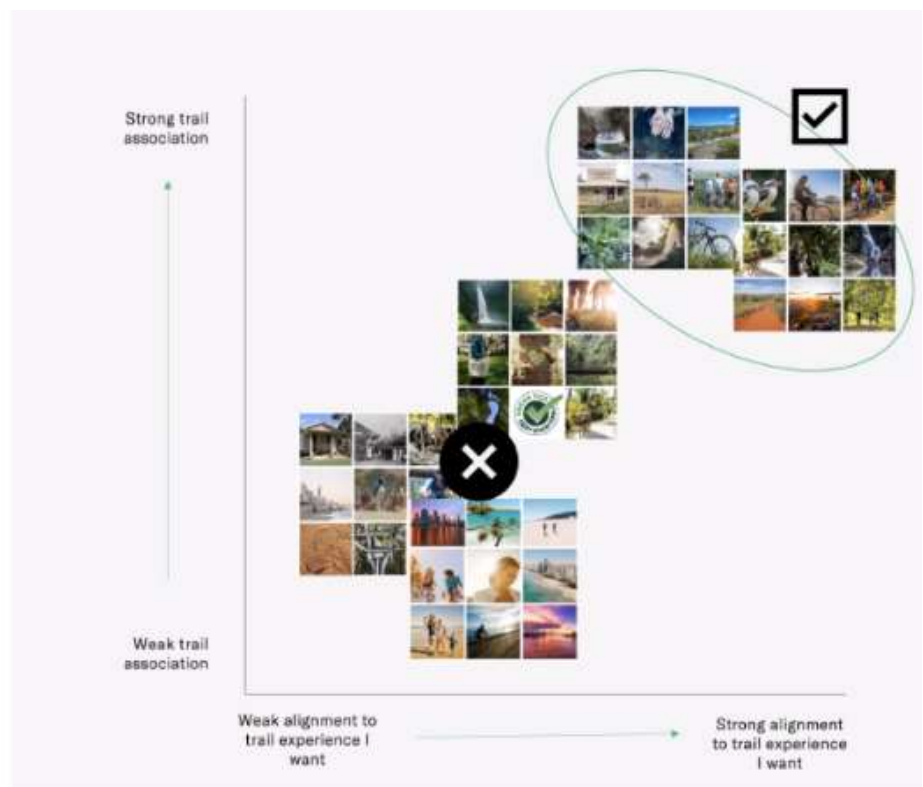
the**lab** Q4.1 Using the definition of a multi-use trail. On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is not at all appealing and 10 is extremely appealing, how appealing are the following? Q4.2 Over the past 2 years (2021-2022), how many times would you have gone and experienced... Base: Total sample n=766

How the concepts Fit with needs and desire

The two territories that resonated best spoke most to two key factors:

1. A desirable trails experience - the type of trails experience most want to have
2. How well it aligned to what a trail represented or should be.

The remaining territories either didn't reflect a motivating or desirable experience or weren't reflective of a clear and strong need from trails experiences.



What people want from trails Needs and desired experiences

Based on words and language used by respondents, when describing why they participate in trails activities- and what they get from it.

Adventure and exploration	Immersed in nature	Scenic views and vistas	Revitalisation	Bonding and connection
Seeing new places and new scenery.	Get amongst nature in its natural environment.	Breathtaking views of natural landscapes.	Physical invigoration.	Quality time with loved ones
Navigating through natural environments.	See wildlife in their natural habitat.	Feel a world away from everyday life.	An enjoyable and rewarding way to exercise	Creating memories.
Excitement of discovery.	Escape the urban sprawl.	Places to stop and take it all in.	Sense of achievement at the end.	Grateful for people and place.
Getting out of the 'everyday'.	Variety of terrains and landscapes	Discover and experience	Mental recharge	A shared experience

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ILLINBAH CIRCUIT QUERY

From: "Wil Buch" Wil.Buch@des.qld.gov.au

Sent: Monday, 19 Dec, 2022 At 7:44am

Subject: RE: Illinbah Circuit query

The few QPWS ranger staff we currently have working, have been able to achieve the reopening of the wet (creek) side of the circuit over the last few months, along with the track down to Gwongoorool.

Unfortunately, the dry (ridge) side of the circuit has around a dozen major landslides blocking the track as a result of the bushfire in 2019 and 4 floods in 2021/22 which has undone all the previous work to reopen it.

The good news is that we have been able to win both the argument to reopen it and not abandon it; and also secured substantial disaster recovery funding for the works. We are currently putting a scope of works together to put the job out to contract next year, which means we are hoping the contractor can start in May or June and work through the drier winter and spring period. All disaster funded work has a two-year timeframe for completion due to the delay in approvals and the complexity of the work and procurement process.

We still have to deal with the 2 major landslips at the entry to Gwongoorool and Illinbah. They will certainly require some significant geotechnical advice and engineering solutions for a long term fix, but believe reopening is achievable. We are hoping to be able to push a temporary track through them first up in the new year. This will hopefully allow us to reopen the track to Gwongoorool and the wet side down to the Illinbah Clearing at end of January so people can use it and help keep it open. This will also support the reopening of the Darlington Range Remote Bush Campsite and the Middle Ridge Traverse walking route which have been closed since March last year.

Unfortunately, has been a very slow process with limited staff (only me plus two at BB and two at GM until this month) so thanks for your patience and understanding.

Plenty of other tree falls and small landslips on many of the other tracks but we managing to just keep them open.

Have a safe and happy Christmas.

Regards Wil

VOLUNTEERING IN QPWS

Interested in volunteering for the QPWS?

Go to the following website for more details.

https://www.des.qld.gov.au/our-department/employment/volunteers/opportunities?fbclid=IwAR0bSiOOWjNVox7uazmKUYI2a-no-cRJYooov9D_HheDCRWcYO7nMfx1ygoNU

VISITING BURNETT CREEK GORGE

I am with the Logan Beaudesert Bushwalkers.

We have been to Burnett Creek Gorge quite a few times over the years, it is a great walk/abseil through the gorge.

We'd really like to go again but the access road from NSW for a 4WD vehicle needs a lot of clearing. We have made a good start but there is still a lot to do.

We have also seen that other clubs go there and also do some clearing. But we have no idea who the other clubs are.

I'm hoping to coordinate with other clubs that go there as well.

I'd like to have a chat with other clubs about the best way to access the gorge?

Any help is greatly appreciated.

Thanks, Mark

Mark Filius mark.filius@outlook.com

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE SUMMIT 18th to 20th MAY



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SUMMIT 2023

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SUMMIT23 is a three-day gathering of clergy, religious, educators, catechists, lay leaders and communities from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane for keynote presentations, workshops, panel discussions, prayer, praise and encounter with Jesus.

The Summit is a key moment in the implementation of the decrees of the Plenary Council. Though we do not yet have papal approval, there is much we can do.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will share his vision for the Archdiocese alongside a number of other leading voices, including Sherry Weddell (author of *Forming Intentional Disciples*).

The Summit will create a place where each person can encounter Christ, be formed in faith and equipped for the mission we are called to.

When: Thursday 18th – Saturday 20th May

Where: Riverlife Centre (47 Jennifer St, Seventeen Mile Rocks, QLD)

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THE PLENARY COUNCIL



<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>



The celebration phase of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia ended on Saturday, July 9th as Archbishop Timothy Costelloe formally closed the Council and celebrated the closing Mass.

Plenary Council Decrees

During the second general assembly, more than 35 motions were put to a consultative and a deliberative vote. Those motions that received a qualified majority in the deliberative vote – two-thirds of voters eligible and present – were passed by the Plenary Council. They were confirmed as the decrees of the Plenary Council.

After the November 2022 meeting of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, the decrees will be sent to the Apostolic See. In accordance with canon 446 of the Code of Canon Law, decrees are not to be promulgated until they have been reviewed by the Apostolic See. They will be promulgated in the *Australasian Catholic Record* [<https://www.acr.catholic.org.au/>] and the website of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference [<https://www.catholic.au/s/>] and

<https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/>] in accordance with its usual practice. The decrees will oblige six months after promulgation.

The introduction to the Motions and Amendments document also received a qualified majority in the deliberative and [can be read here](#).

Click on the links below to open the decrees (subject to final corrections).

[Decree 1](#)

Reconciliation - Healing Wounds, Receiving Gifts

[Decree 2](#)

Choosing Repentance - Seeking Healing

[Decree 3](#)

Called by Christ - Sent Forth as Mission Disciples

[Decree 4](#)

Witnessing to the Equal Dignity of Women and Men

[Decree 5](#)

Communion in Grace - Sacrament to the World

[Decree 6](#)

Formation and Leadership for Mission and Ministry

[Decree 7](#)

At the Service of Communion Participation and Mission – Governance

[Decree 8](#)

Integral Ecology and Conversion for the Sake of Our Common Home

[Decree 9](#)

The Implementation Phase of the Fifth Plenary Council

[Decree 10](#)

The Decrees of the Fourth Plenary Council of Australia

Click here to read the terms of reference for the implementation of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia.

[Terms of Reference - Implementation Plan](#)

Click the link below for more information on the voting that took place during the second assembly.

[Motions and Voting](#)

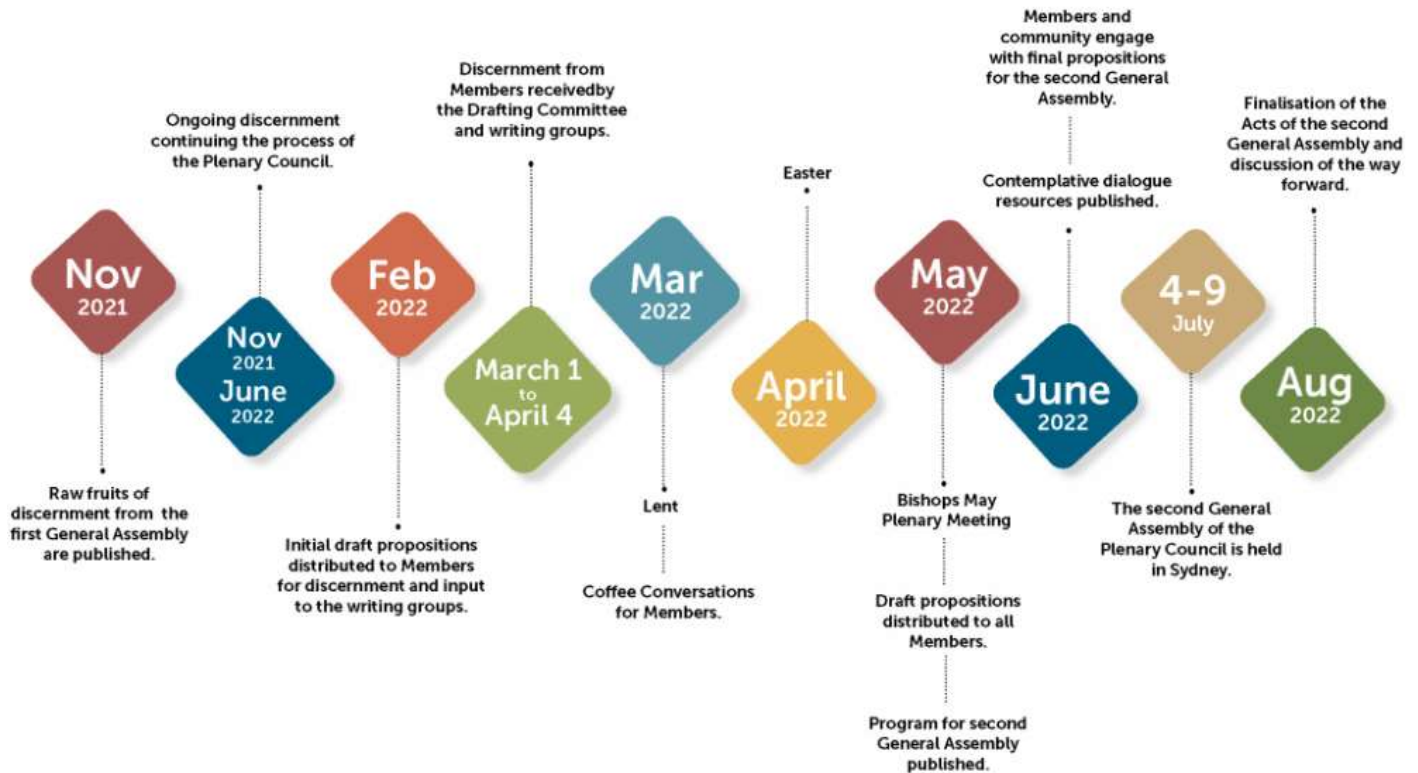
Relive the Second Assembly

Many stories and videos were shared during the Council's second assembly. [Click here to read stories](#) and [click here to watch videos](#), including daily Masses, highlights videos and media.

Plenary Council Members approved a concluding statement at the end of the second assembly. [Click here to read the statement](#).

Timeline

The timeline below describes key moments in the Plenary Council journey, including the lead-up to the second assembly and beyond. We invite you to walk this journey with us.



Plenary Council Members experienced a wide range of emotions during the Council journey, and especially during the two assemblies. After the second assembly concluded, Members were invited to — if they wish — share a reflection on their personal experience, as part of a larger group drawn from the People of God across Australia.

Many members have agreed to have their reflections published on the Plenary Council website. Here are some excerpts from the reflections.

To know more about the members, click here:

plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/members/

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The four-year journey of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia will reach the second – and final – assembly in July 2022. At the Second Assembly, the 277 Council Members will consider the motions that have emerged from that national journey, with the goal of renewing the life and mission of the Church in Australia.

[History and Theology](#)
[2018](#)

[In 2018, when the decision to hold a Plenary Council was announced, the entire People of God in Australia began preparing for this historic moment by listening to God and by listening to one another's stories of faith.](#)

[Listening and Dialogue](#)

2018-2019

More than 222,000 people participated in Phase I: Listening and Dialogue, contributing 17,457 submissions.

Listening and Discernment

2019-2021

The voices in the Listening and Dialogue submissions inspired The National Themes for Discernment, which have served as guides as we went through Phase II: Listening and Discernment.

Assembly 1

October 2021

In October 2021, the Catholic Church in Australia will gather for the first Assembly of the Plenary Council to be held since the second Vatican Council.

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HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

OUTINGS

- (a) Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
- (b) Walk departures are usually from Red Hill Parish Hall, 78 Musgrave Rd. Check “Jilalan” to determine the location to be sure.
- (c) 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.
- (d) Walkers are responsible for their own transport to and from the departure point.
- (e) Walks are rarely cancelled – if they are, all nominees will be notified. Do not presume that outings are cancelled – ie, because of bad weather.
- (f) Should you change your mind and decide not to come to a Club event, please notify the leader as soon as possible.
- (g) If you are running late for the departure point, ring the Emergency Officer, or if the leader shows a mobile phone number, phone the leader.

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

VISITORS – for general enquiries contact Greg on Ph: 3351 4092.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of February May, August & November, at 7:30pm. The location is Little Kings, 33 O’Keefe Street, Buranda (Woolloongabba) Parking: Turn off O’Keefe St into Wolseley St, and then down the laneway on the left past the medical centre, just before the small cottage.

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 “EO” or “Emerg Off”) for that outing – but please they are not to panic. If the EO 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 – 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 - Membership Subscription fees:

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Ordinary Members - \$25 e-copy & \$50 for printed copy.

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Associate Members are those not of the Catholic faith.

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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AUSTRALIA DAY 2023

I came from the dream-time
From the dusty red-soil plains
I am the ancient heart
The keeper of the flame

I stood upon the rocky shores
I watched the tall ships come
For forty thousand years I've been
The first Australian

I came upon the prison ship
Bowed down by iron chains
I fought the land, endured the lash
And waited for the rains

I'm a settler, I'm a farmer's wife
On a dry and barren run
A convict, then a free man
I became Australian

I'm the daughter of a digger
Who sought the mother lode
The girl became a woman
On the long and dusty road

I'm a child of the Depression
I saw the good times come
I'm a bushie, I'm a battler
I am Australian

We are one, but we are many
And from all the lands on earth we come
We'll share a dream and sing with one voice
"I am, you are, we are Australian"

I'm a teller of stories
I'm a singer of songs
I am Albert Namatjira
And I paint the ghostly gums

I'm Clancy on his horse
I'm Ned Kelly on the run
I'm the one who waltzed Matilda
I am Australian

I'm the hot wind from the desert
I'm the black soil of the plains
I'm the mountains and the valleys
I'm the drought and flooding rains

I am the rock, I am the sky
The rivers when they run
The spirit of this great land
I am Australian

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