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THE HEAD ROAD TO TEVIOT GAP DAYWALK, MONDAY 10TH APRIL – EASTER MONDAY

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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	
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 @ The Gap Tavern	Cath	0402 064 741	Soc	
02	Thu	Bulimba Creek Parklands	Cath	0402 064 741	DW	M12
04	Sat	Cabarita to Pottsville	Phil	0416 650 160	DW	M33
08	Wed	Springfield - Opossum Ck Right (New) Bank	Jon	0422 602 658	Stroll	M22
14	Tues	City Lunch	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
15	Wed	Mitchelton History Tour	Barbara	3355 3639	Stroll	S11
17	Fri	Drinks & Dinner @ Brunswick Hotel	Jan	0401 030 137	Soc	
18-19	Sat	Club Hut Feast	Iain	0401 429 085	ON	S43
19	Sun	Club Hut Day Walk	Terry	3355 9765	DW	S32
22	Wed	Daisy Hill - Koalas	Prasada	0402 964 854	Stroll	M32
25	Sat	Cainbale Falls (near O'Reilly's)	John C	0433 279 771	DW	M44
25	Sat	Earth Hour 8.30pm			Enviro	
26	Sun	Map Reading Skills Training	Paulette S		FMR	
29	Wed	Moggill Ck #1 Rafting Gnds to B'fld Sh Gnd	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	S22
APRIL						
01	Sat	Gold Creek to Enoggera Reservoir	Jan		DW	M33
05	Wed	Coffee Night Downtown Istanbul	Louise	0437 447 277	Soc	
08	Sat	Tallebudgera to Main Beach	Phil	0416 650 160	DW	M33
10	Mon	Head Road to Teviot Gap - Easter Monday	Pat		DW	M33
12	Wed	Fruitgrove to Trinder Park Rail - #15	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	M22
13	Thu	Mt Coot-tha & Bardon Bushland Reserve	Greg	3351 4092	DW	L32
15	Sat	Mt Tibrogargan & Mt Ngungun	Phil	0416 650 160	DW	S33
19	Wed	Country Pub Lunch @ Rosewood	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
19	Wed	Rosewood to Walloon Rail #08	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	M11
21	Fri	Drinks & Dinner @ The Pineapple	Jan		Soc	
22	Sat	Lyrebird Lookout	Phil	0416 650 160	DW	M33
26	Wed	Sandgate Lagoons & Brighton Wetlands	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	M32
29-01	Sat-Mon	Combined Clubs Camp @ Kooyalee Camp			BC	Var
30	Sun	Turpentine Trail & Piccabeen Circuit	Sue Walsh		DW	M33
MAY						
03	Wed	Coffee Night	Russ		Soc	
04	Thu	Koala Bushland Reserve (Burbank)	Needed		DW	M32
06	Sat	Yul-Yan-Man Track & Mt Tibberoowuccum	Michele J		DW	
07	Sun	Country Lunch @ The Royal, Harrisville	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
10	Wed	Boonah Bch Deebing to Thomas St Rail #45	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
13	Sat	Bike Ride <i>In Doubt</i>	Needed		Soc	
15	Mon	May Quarterly Meeting	Michele E	3351 4092	Meet	
17	Wed	Holman St Ferry to Bulimba Ferry River #15	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
19	Fri	Drinks & Dinner	Jan		Soc	
20	Sat	Burgess Crk to Noosa River	Liz		DW	
24	Wed	Moggill Ck #2 – B'field Show Gnds to Source	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
24	Wed	Mt May	Phil		DW	M54
27	Sat	Bally Mountain	Khaleel		DW	
31	Wed	Bulimba Ck, Warick &, Salvin Ck, Whites Hill	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
JUNE						
01	Thu	Venman Bushland Reserve	Susan T		DW	
03	Sat	Mt Tabletop	Michele J		DW	
03-04	Sat-Sun	Emu Ck to Panorama Point & Steamers	Iain		TW	

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

As we are well into the Church Season of Lent now, our prayer for March focuses on seeking divine guidance - and divine power - in order to have our best Lent ever, a transformative Lent:

God of goodness and mercy,

Fill my heart with gratitude and patience, and the strength and peace of Jesus, as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself this Lent. As I renew my resolve each day to be a more loving person, let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Help me to honestly admit my shortcomings/sins and then to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving and come closer to you through prayer this Lent.

Come, Holy Spirit, work a miracle of transformation in me, so that this might be my best Lent ever.

(Based partly on a Lenten Prayer at www.dynamiccatholic.com)

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.

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

Visitors are required to do at least two walks 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.

FIRST AID KIT

It is Club policy that each walker carry their own first aid kit.

It should contain at least compression bandages, anti-sting lotion, bank aids, head ache tablets, personal medication, emergency contact list, safety pins, post-sting soothing cream, whistle, pen & paper, toilet paper and insect repellent.

And do not forget to pack your Club Personal Medical Information Form – this you carry in a sealed & waterproof envelope for the trip leader to hand to the ambulance officer, if needed.

<https://bcbc.bwq.org.au/assets/emergency.pdf>

There is always lively debate as to what should be in the kit – there is the bare minimum approach or the necessary or the almost everything kit. You will have to tailor it for your circumstances.

<https://www.trailhiking.com.au/safety/first-aid-kit/>

<https://australianhiker.com.au/advice/first-aid-on-the-trail/>

<https://bushwalkingmanual.org.au/emergencies/first-aid/>

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to this new Club Year, which I'm hoping will be just as successful as 2022. Our recently published Annual Report provides great evidence of the "current strength and vitality of the Club". Let's all do our bit to keep that going this year by maximum individual participation in events planned by others and also by stepping up to be the planner/Leader of Walks, Strolls and Socials – for others.

We've elected a new Management Committee, with a good mix of old and new faces (Thanks to all these people for their willing service of the Club), and had our first Zoom meeting recently. We welcomed Paulette, who's filling a brand-new position called General Committee Member, and Antonia, who was an invited Observer, since she has accepted nomination as Vice-President for 2023, but won't be voted in till our next General Meeting in May. A main topic of discussion was the issue of a possible increase in frequency of meetings, as proposed by Life Member Pat Lawton at our February General Meeting. Several options were evaluated but a firm decision was not made. Watch this space for updates!

COMING EVENTS

TUESDAY 14th MARCH

CITY LUNCH SOCIAL

Not Too Late To Nominate

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Meet at: Chez Nous Café
Where: 160 Roma St, cnr Makerston St (below “Abbey on Roma” Apartments).
Time: 12 Noon
Cost: Free – Just pay for your own food from the bain-marie or freshly cooked
Location: Opposite Roma Street Station and ample bus stops in Roma St outside
Web: <https://www.cheznouscafe.com.au/>
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 **Bring This Number With You**

Don't go out to evening Socials? Don't drive at night? Trains home too late? How about coming to a daylight social and meal for once – a Coffee Night in Daylight. For this occasion, why not have a spouse, a friend, sibling, child come with you to make the experience more enjoyable.

Chez Nous is conveniently located opposite Roma Street Station (ground floor of the *Abbey on Roma* Apartments). It is an ideal location for catch-ups with friends or just a great spot to enjoy a cup of coffee whilst watching the hustle and bustle go by.

We have been here before and enjoyed its convenience, location and good food at reasonable prices.

“Good old-fashioned service, nice coffee and excellent food that represents great value-for-money” – this is the sort of feedback we love to receive from our loyal and valued customers.

The cafe provides a great variety of lunch options. Choose from our popular gourmet sandwiches or hot food that will guarantee to make your mouth water.

So, whether you are wanting a quick coffee, fast lunch option or leisurely dine-in meal, Chez Nous caters to everyone.

WEDNESDAY 15th MARCH MITCHELTON HISTORY STROLL (with optional dinner at Arana Leagues Club)

Leader: Barbara Eastoe Ph: 0466 652 259
Meet at: Mitchelton Railway Station (on the platform)
Time: 3pm
Train: 2.22pm Roma Street Station Pl 6, Ferny Grove train
OR, 2.53pm Grovely Station. Beenleigh train
Driving: If you are staying for dinner you might want to park at the Arana Leagues Club and walk to Grovely Station where you can catch the 2.53pm to Mitchelton (It's about a 10min walk up Dawson Pde).
Cost: Free
Distance: 9km @ 2hr (+ 1hr to hear about the history)
Grade: S21
Location: Mitchelton, Keperra, Everton Park. Everton Hills
Heights: Max: 239m Min: 40m Gain Overall: 263m Loss Overall: 432m
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.4645/152.9346>
End: Arana Leagues Club, 247 Dawson Pde, Keperra. It's less a 10 min walk to Grovely Station where you can catch the train back to Mitchelton
Emerg Off: Barbara Ph: 0466 652 259 **Bring This Number With You**

This should be a nice easy Stroll with frequent stops to hear about the history. If you are worried that this Stroll is too long for you, the good news is that the most interesting part (in terms of buildings to see) is the first half. There are opportunities to drop out at Stop 6 and walk back to Mitchelton (2.5km) or catch train back from Oxford Park Station (4km)

The history of Mitchelton dates back to the early years of Queensland. The first Auction of Crown Land in the area was in 1856 (about 15 years after Queensland was opened to free settlers and three years before Queensland became a Crown Colony, independent from NSW). Our Stroll around the

area allows us to see how it changed from a valuable farming area to the vibrant suburb it has become today.

We are lucky that several important buildings have survived (the oldest dates back to about 1865) and we can see where earlier farms and army barracks have been replaced by housing over the years, allowing us to chart the changes the district went through changing from rural to suburban. You will be surprised how much history there is in this small area of Brisbane. My favourite is St Matthews Anglican Church and graveyard which was opened in 1869 and is the fourth oldest church in Queensland and the oldest continuously operating church in Brisbane. The Minister has kindly offered to open the church for us to see inside (the original cedar pews made from wood felled at Samford still exist).

Why not finish off the day with dinner at the Arana Leagues Club (one of the newer buildings on our stroll, opening in 1994). If not, it's a 10min stroll along Dawson Parade to Grovely Station where you can catch the train back to Mitchelton. I hope you can join me on the first Stroll I have organised.

- *If you want to stay for dinner, please let me know so have an approximate idea of how many to book for. Text me on Ph: 0466 652 259 or email on barbareastoe@gmail.com*
- *If you want to stay for dinner, you might like to park at the Arana Leagues Club and walk up to Grovely Station to catch the train back to Mitchelton (see time above). Alternatively, I (and I'm sure some others) will be happy to drive you back to Mitchelton after dinner.*

FRIDAY 17th MARCH DRINKS & DINNER SOCIAL



Leader: Jan Nelson Ph: 0401 030 137
Address: 569 Brunswick St New Farm (cnr Kent St)
Time: 4.30pm onwards
Cost Meals from \$18 for main course
Web: <https://www.thebrunswickhotel.com.au/>

This is a new venue for us, but I am reliably informed that it is a worthy inclusion for a Drinks & Dinner evening. Either the 196 or 199 Bus will get you within a short (71m) walk from the venue. Alternatively, the Fortitude Valley train station is 1km away.

The Bistro has a varied menu at reasonable prices.

Come along to catch up with friends or meet new ones. It is not a late night, as we have usually headed home by about 8pm.

SAT 18th - SUN 19th MARCH CLUB HUT FEAST OVERNIGHTER

Leader: Iain Renton Ph: 0401 429 085
Meet at: St Brigid's, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 12.30pm
Cost: \$25 +food costs
Grade: S43

Location: SW of Brisbane near NSW Border
Web: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/taketheticket/193800021>
Emerg Off: Kerry Mulligan Ph: 0421 022 250
RSVP: 8pm Sunday 12th March

The Club Hut Feast is back.

Most years the club celebrates the long history of our wonderful Club Hut with a feast. This is when we can leave behind all those 2-minute noodles and dehydrated meals and enjoy some seriously good tucker in the bush. What could be better than relaxing in a beautiful peaceful spot in the bush for a laidback late afternoon and evening, enjoying wonderful food and great company.

All those coming to the feast provide a course or part of a course and the final menu is worked out once I have talked to all those coming. You will need to bring all the usual stuff for an overnight stay at the hut (sleeping bag, a comfy sleeping mat etc), the food you are bringing for the feast, all your eating utensils and whatever you are eating for breakfast on Sunday morning (we bring our own meals for breakfast). Some people choose to bring in a hike tent to sleep in and hitch it in the hut paddock rather than sleep in the hut (there are bunks for nine people in the hut).

Please make sure you contact me by the RSVP date if you are coming. Iain.

SUNDAY 19th MARCH **CLUB HUT** **DAYWALK**

Leader: Terry Silk Ph: 3355 9765
Meet at: St Brigid's 78 Musgrave Rd Red Hill
Time: 7:00am
Cost: \$25
Grade: S32
Location: South West of Brisbane adjacent to the NSW Border
Web: <https://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/parks/mount-barney>
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

Once again, it is time to celebrate a milestone in the Club's history and walk into the Club Hut to celebrate its birthday.

The Club Hut was built in the sixties by enthusiastic Club members with most materials carried in by hand. The hut is a 4km walk from the Lower Portals carpark. There are a couple of easy creek crossings and a few short uphill sections but the walk is definitely within the capabilities of most people.

Once we get to the hut, we will down our packs and have a shared morning tea with tea or coffee. Afterwards, the group will make our way up to the Lower Portals for a swim. This is a short walk, crossing the creek at the hut. Then we will retrace our steps back to the hut where we usually relax over a cuppa and lunch before making our way back to the cars.

This is a chance to catch up with friends, relive those early trips spent at the hut and be part of history as we celebrate the Club Hut's birthday.

Bring the usual daywalk gear as well as morning tea to share and a mug or cup. If you plan to swim, don't forget your togs. Give me a call to nominate.

WEDNESDAY 22nd MARCH **DAISY HILL RESERVE** **And Cuddly Koalas** **STROLL**

Leader: Prasada Vajjhala Ph: 0402 964 854
Meet at: Springwood Rd at Trevallyn Drive; Stop ID: 310488
Time: 2.10pm
Bus: 1.09pm @ Elizabeth St, Stop 82 (back of Myer Centre) Route 555 *Loganholme*.

Driving: Change at Springwood Busway Station, Pl 3, to Bus 574 *Loganholme*
Park in vicinity of Springwood Rd, cnr Trevallyn Dr, rather than the Koala Centre
in the Park. There is no parking in Springwood Rd

Cost: Free

Grade: M32

Location: Springwood / Daisy Hill

Distance: 12km @ 3½hr

Height: Max: 121m; Min: 63m; Total Uphill combined; 203m; And Down: 207m

Sunset: 5.56pm End of Twilight: 6.20pm

Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=16/-27.6211/153.1695>

End: Springwood Rd at Kinloch Road; Stop ID: 310486

Bus: 5.31pm Bus 575 *Loganholme* from above; change at Stop B, Loganholme onto
Bus 555 *City* – This Bus goes to the City along the Busway

Emerg Off: Prasada Ph: 0402 964 854 Bring this number with you

The starting place is the Bus Stop at cnr Trevallyn Dr, and not the Koala Centre - there is a back way into the Reserve. Once in the park, the first point of interest is a very quick visit to the Koala Centre building. Ahhh, cute and cuddly.

Off again into the bush, going around the Reserve in an anti-clockwise circuit. Visit the creeks, an old quarry, get views over the southern suburbs, walk through eucalypt forests, see the headwaters of Buhot Creek, and more.

This Stroll is in the bush – with dirt tracks containing tree roots, rocks, and all that; up hill & down dale, crossing creeks – but all on man-made formed graded tracks.

Prasada is doing a pre-outing to make sure he knows all the turnoffs. He will also be tying stuffed Koalas in the trees for you to spot. There may even be a prize for the Stroller who finds the most of these delightful big toys.

Come along on this “different” Stroll led by one of our star performers. Greg

SATURDAY 25th MARCH **CAINBABLE FALLS** **DAYWALK**

Leader: John Carter Ph 0433 279 771

Meet at: St Brigid's, 78 Musgrave Rd Red Hill

Time: 6:15am

Cost: \$25

Grade: M44

Location: Near Green Mountains/O'Reilly's

Web: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w7Pquvlgslq&ab_channel=BarryINGHAM

Emerg Off: Michele Ph: 0418 708 638

We will walk to Cainbale Falls and then returning via an escarpment walk and dirt roads. This one is an interesting off-track walk at Lamington National Park. You will have an opportunity to visit the top of Stockyard Creek Falls, which is in the adjoining valley. The distance of the walk is 12km.

The cars will be parked on Duck Creek Road, which is off Lamington NP Road. Then you descend a ridge northward to the Falls - there are good views along the way. The return is via the top of an escarpment which leads back to Duck Creel Rd. There will be a little lantana to get round in places.

Following this, the party will visit Stockyard Creek Falls, which is down a short ridge on the southern side of the road.

There will be an opportunity to view the Romeo Lahey monument which is nearby.

I have yet to do the pre-outing so chat with me about the walk. So, we will see two waterfalls that are seldom visited. John

SATURDAY 25th MARCH

EARTH HOUR SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS

Shape Our Future 8.30pm
<https://www.earthhour.org/>

This Earth Hour, we're calling on Australians everywhere to sign up to switch off and join a worldwide community of millions supporting stronger action on climate change. It's never been more critical to come together to protect our world than at this moment. Climate change is impacting our precious environment right now. We've watched Australian communities and wildlife endure raging bushfires and devastating floods in quick succession.

Register <https://www.earthhour.org.au/#form>

We still have time to make a difference for the planet we call home. Whether you're an individual, school, business or community, we all have the power to Shape Our Future. Australia's wildlife and landscapes are at risk due to the impacts of climate change. It's not too late to show your support to #ShapeOurFuture.

<https://youtu.be/jN21i3NIFyk>

What is Earth Hour? WWF's Earth Hour is the world's biggest movement to protect our planet. Every year hundreds of millions of people around the world in more than 7,000 cities in over 190 countries take part by switching off for 60 minutes as a symbolic gesture of solidarity to show they care about our planet's future.

This year, Earth Hour is at 8.30pm local time Saturday 25th March. We're inviting all Australians to sign up to #ShapeOurFuture and join a worldwide community of millions supporting stronger action on climate change. Individual actions can benefit our planet, while symbolically demonstrating support for a renewable future for our country, and for the world.

Did you know Earth Hour was started in Sydney in 2007? Since then, Earth Hour has become a global movement for change. Our actions today can change our tomorrow.

Will you switch off for Earth Hour 2023? Climate change is causing biodiversity loss at a frightening scale, threatening the health of some of our most important and iconic ecosystems, like the Great Barrier Reef. We cannot ignore the impacts of climate change and species loss any longer.

We intend to be part of the solution to ensure that the natural resources and ecosystems that underpin our organisation are used sustainably.



SUNDAY, 26th MARCH NAVIGATION TRAINING DAY FMR

Leader: Peter Rollings fmrqld@gmail.com
Meet at: The playground opposite 16 Chay St, Shailer Park
Time: 8:00am to 3:30pm
Cost: Free
Location: SW of Brisbane, just inside Logan
Web: <https://fmrqld.bwq.org.au/>
FMR: Is the Bushwalking fraternities own search & rescue organisation, formed in the years when the SES did not exist. We had to go out and look for our own people – no one else did.

Numbers are limited so book early

FMR will be running a couple of navigation training days before peak bushwalking season, one on *classic map and compass work* and the other one on *using GPS navigators*. These will be free to members of insured bushwalking clubs.

Classic Navigation Training

This free training will give you basic map-and-compass skills for navigating on a bushwalk.

What the lines and symbols on a topographic map mean.

Relating a map to the ground and features around you.

Scale, topography.

Finding your location.

How to state a location concisely using coordinates.

Choosing a route to your next destination.

How to follow it.

Which way is north? True north / grid north / magnetic north.

Bearings.

Using an orienteering compass.

What can affect the accuracy of your compass?

Location Kimberley Forest Park. Meet at the playground opposite 16 Chay St

Grid Reference: Beenleigh 1:25000 184 421.

Lat / long.: -27.6446, 153.1867

Practice will be in nearby Venman National Park

Contact: Peter Ph: 0419 665 812 if you have any queries

Bring: Water, lunch, sun protection, folding chair, pen & paper, small backpack with day-walk gear, orienteering compass, any standard topographic map sheet you may own, and preferably a smart phone that geotags photos.

Please download, print, and bring the map for the exercise, using a link you will be emailed after you nominate.

If you have a smartphone, the [Emergency Plus](#) app is highly recommended and is available free from the iPhone App Store or Google Play.

To nominate: email to fmrqld@gmail.com, with subject "Classic Navigation".

WEDNESDAY 29th MARCH **MOGGILL CREEK #1** **Rafting Ground Rd to Brookfield Showgrounds** **STROLL**

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092

Meet at: Moggill Rd at Rafting Ground Park Bus Stop; ID: 010378
2328 Moggill Rd, Kenmore – Rafting Ground Reserve

Time: 3.10pm

Bus: 2:29pm Bus 444 *Moggill* from King George Square Bus Station, 1A
OR 2:31pm from Roma Street Busway Station PI 1
OR 2:42pm at High St, Toowong, Stop 14A, Toowong (Near Ebor St)
OR 2:50pm at Indooroopilly Shopping Centre Station, PI A,

Driving: Rafting Ground Reserve, 2328 Moggill Kenmore [cnr Pullenvale Rd]

Car Shuffle: There is an advantage to have one car at the end in Brookfield

Cost: Free

Grade: S22

Location: Kenmore, Pullenvale, Brookfield

Distance: 8½km @ 2½hr

Height: Max: 48m; Min: 10m; Total Uphill combined; 113m; And Down: 95m

Sunset: 5.50pm End of Twilight: 6.13pm

Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.5055/152.8981>

End: Brookfield Rd at Brookfield, Stop 47; ID: 004558

Bus: Last Bus: 5:30pm Bus 435 *City*

Arr: 6:22pm Queen Street Bus Station

Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

**Bring this number with you
Bring a Torch**

If you did our River #06 Lone Pine to Brookfield, you ended at Rafting Ground Reserve – remember crossing the little bridge over that pretty little creek just on dark – that creek was Moggill Creek. We start today/s Stroll at the bus stop we finished that one at.

You will go back along Moggill Rd till you cross Moggill Ck, then follow the path upstream and head to Brookfield Rd – but not for long. The creek & path does a backflip and now heads for Rafting Ground Rd. This the Strollers follow on the path to Brookfield Village to catch the bus home.

The Creek has varied growth along its banks – some is “natural,” some is regrowth, some is non-existent. However, after the back-flip, the Council has made it a lovely planned park with trees planted, mown grass and a lovely path. Not all that natural or native, but scenic all the same.

This is #1 of our 2-part *Moggill Ck* Creek Series. Come along to Stroll this little-known area of Brisbane and got into our last rural suburb.

SATURDAY 1st APRIL GOLD CREEK to ENOGGERA RESERVOIR DAYWALK

Leader: Jan Nelson Ph 0401 030 137
Meet at: Either Indooroopilly Station
OR Brookfield General Store, (550 Brookfield Rd – next to the Showgrounds)
Time: 8.20am Indooroopilly Station.
OR 8.35am Brookfield General Store
Cost: \$5
Grade: M33
Location: Brookfield
Web: <https://www.weekendnotes.com/enoggera-dam-to-gold-creek-dam/>
Emerg Off: Sue Tobin Ph: 0438 800 039

This is a lovely bushland area on the outskirts of Brisbane. The walk will be approximately a 14km circuit commencing at the tracks off Jones Road at Brookfield. A short car shuffle will be required at the start to leave some vehicles at the Gold Creek Reservoir, the destination of our walk. We will follow the Gold Creek Trail before turning off onto the Tunnel Trail. This tunnel was built in 1928 and moved water from the Gold Creek Reservoir to the Enoggera Reservoir. A zig zag track will take us to South Boundary Road and we will follow this dirt road to the Enoggera Reservoir for morning tea.

After a break we will continue along the southern side of the Enoggera Reservoir until we reach McDonalds Loop. This track starts ascending gently, but there is a steepish section for a couple of hundred metres. We turn onto the 69 Track which will lead us up to South Boundary Road where we turn west. At the junction with Gold Creek Road, we will have lunch before descending to the Gold Creek Reservoir.

<https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=16/-27.4569/152.9005>

When nominating, please advise whether you will be meeting us at the Indooroopilly Train Station (Railway Ave) or whether you will be parked near the Brookfield General Store, 550 Brookfield Rd Brookfield.

SUNDAY 2nd APRIL DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS INFORMATION

"Clocks in the southern states and territories will go back an hour on the first Sunday of April as daylight saving ends for another year.

Here's everything you need to know about daylight saving ending in 2023."

<https://www.9news.com.au/national/daylight-savings-time-2023-when-does-it-end-australia-what-to-do-clocks-april-explainer/4b244c82-9e32-4081-8904-d8ccf4751f22#:~:text=C%EF%BB%BFlocks%20in%20most,ending%20in%202023.>

**WEDNESDAY 5th APRIL
COFFEE NIGHT
SOCIAL**

Leader: Louise Jones Ph: 0437 447 277
Where: *Downtown Istanbul*
Meet at: 274 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne cnr Lindsay St (opposite the cinemas)
Time: 6pm
Cost: \$30 depending on what you order
Web: <https://downtownistanbul.com.au/>
Emerg Off: Rusty Ph: 0437 185 902
RSVP: Monday 3rd April

This month we are heading south of the river to the busy hub of Hawthorne to a café located in the newly developed precinct opposite the Hawthorne Cinema complex: “ Warm and delight your palate with our menu; it’s a twist on the traditional with mezze share plates. Turkish inspired burgers golem, salads and char grill meats and vegetables are available for your dining pleasure.”

Please let me know if you are coming by the 3rd April, so I can book a table of the right size.

**SATURDAY 8th APRIL
TALLEBUDGERA CREEK to MAIN BEACH
DAYWALK**

Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160
Meet at: St Brigid’s Carpark, 78 Musgrave, Rd Red Hill
Time: 8:00am (a late start)
Cost: \$25 And Bring your GoCard
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 is a walk along the sunny beaches of the Gold Coast Glitter Strip. The meeting time is a bit later than usual as the tides are high early in the morning. The plan is to park the cars near Tedder Ave, Main Beach and catch the tram from Main Beach tram station 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) at approximately 10:30am and cross the bridge and walk around Burleigh headland. 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. And bring your GoCard.

The Tides for the day at Snapper Rocks
are :-

High tide	8.52am	1.55m	
Low tide	2.56pm	0.35m	Phil

**MONDAY 10th APRIL
EASTER MONDAY
THE HEAD ROAD to TEVIOT GAP
DAYWALK**

Leader: Pat Lawton Ph: 3366 1956

Meet at: St. Brigid's, Red Hill
Time: 7am
Cost: \$25
Grade: M33
Distance: 15km
Location: On NSW Border near Boonah
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=14/-28.2234/152.5398&layers=C>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q6ITJaMgPLQ>

Emerg. Off:

The Head Road to Killarney has been closed for nearly 3 years due to landslides etc. It is a lovely road with wonderful views but when driving up it one does not have time to admire the scenery – such as The Veranda and Kinnanes Falls.

The Veranda is a narrow ledge which traverses all the way across the large cliff face near Kinnanes Falls. It is impressive when viewed from below. The Veranda has not been done by the Club for many years. A good head for heights and considerable care is required as it is narrow and precipitous. I have done it once – never again.

As the road is still closed it is a good opportunity to walk it and admire the scenery. I understand that repairs have commenced but the road won't reopen until later in the year.

The walk will finish at Teviot Falls Lookout – that is unless machinery etc. prevents us getting that far. The walk is all uphill and all downhill. Total distance is approx 15km. But if you don't want to do the entire walk you can turn around and go back to the cars – you won't get lost, just follow the road and admire the scenery.

The Club had never walked up the road before as it is usually open and as it is narrow in parts it would be too dangerous to do.

Here is your chance to do a different walk and if you come, I'm sure you will enjoy it. Being Easter Monday, we will be away from all the Easter traffic coming home.

Hope you can come along and enjoy the bush and being away from all the Easter crowds.

WEDNESDAY 12th APRIL
FRUITGROVE TO TRINDER PARK
Rail #15
STROLL

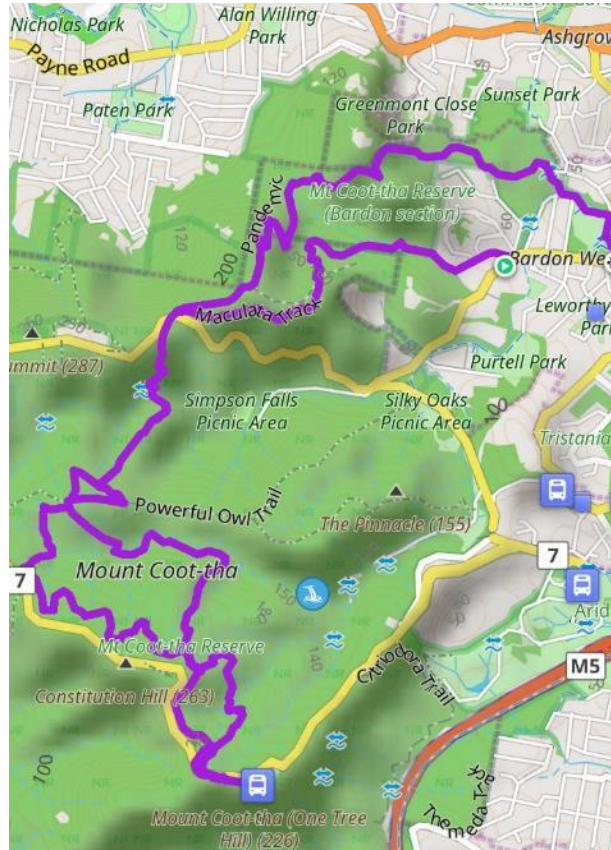
Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Meet at: Fruitgrove Railway Station (Beenleigh Line)
 48 Nectarine Street, Runcorn
Time: 3:15pm
Train: 2:37pm from Roma Street Stn PI 4
Bus: Beenleigh Rd at Fruitgrove Station, Stop ID: 005786
 150; 155; 156; P157
Driving: Park & Ride, 48 Nectarine Street, Runcorn
Cost: Free
Grade: M22
Location: Fruitgrove, Kuraby, Karawatha, Trinder Park
Distance: 10½km @ 3hr
Height: Max: 74m; Min: 36m; Total Uphill combined; 153m; And Down: 163m
Sunset: 5:34pm End of Twilight: 5:57pm
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.6150/153.1029>
End: Trinder Park Railway Station – Trains to City
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 Bring this number with you **Bring a Torch**

Now for the next Stroll in our Railway Series. Prasada took us to Fruitgrove last year, and now the journey goes on.

This one is a mixture of suburbia and bush, with the railway line not being sighted much at all. Oh well, such is life. The bush is remanent bushland caught between creeks, main roads, a freeway and a train line. There is even a sports oval to cross. Some of the bush is part of the Karawatha Reserve.

Along the way, you will see the site of the infamous head-on collision of two electric trains, EMU 11 and 27, in 1985 – the Trinder Park crash. And also, sight the site where QR wants to resume houses in order to straighten the line to make it 2 minutes faster to the Gold Coast.

Come along on this third last Stroll of the Beenleigh Railway.



THURSDAY 13th APRIL M^t COOT-THA & BARDON BUSHLAND DAYWALK

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Meet at: Bus Stop @ 8:45am – Roma Street Bus Stop 121 @ Police HQ; Stop ID: 000121 for “Bus 375 Bardon”
Start at: Simpsons Rd at Bardon School, stop 21; Stop ID: 001443 – Opposite Gordon Rd
Parking: Bowman Park – Just down the road & walk to the start
Time: 9am at Bardon
Cost: \$2
Distance: 17km @ 6hr not counting stops & breaks
Grade: L32
Location: Western Suburbs
Height: Max: 251m; Min: 39m Overall: Gain: 701m; Loss: 710m
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.4689/152.9533>
http://www.100roads.com/images/australia/bri/brisbane_mt-coot-tha_track_map.pdf

End: Bowman Park Bus Stop 20; Stop ID: 001445
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995 *Bring This Number With You*

This is a walk that goes to the top of The Mount but does not start on it. I have chosen an unusual approach to get to the top.

You start in a little known part of the Reserve, going up from Bardon, along the Maculata Track from Gordon Rd. All I can say about it is that it is UP. This track is followed to the Chanel 10 tower. Next

cross the road to Simpson's Falls and out to the main East-West firebreak – the Powerful Owl Track – but not for long. Now out to the “car wreck” and up/down the ridges across to the Lookout.

/after soaking up the view here (and having lunch), the party shall go to the Litchfield Track and over to the Gold Mine. This is a good, graded track and should be fast. Now back to Simpson's Falls and over to a radio tower and onto the Bardon Track for a short distance. Onward to the Kulgun Cct and then the Tallowood Track. Some rough weathered track here. The end is in sight.

Some tracks in The Mount are steep, and ours are no exception. Others can be eroded, as are some of ours. There can be steep parts – and there are. Lookout for tree roots, pebbles under foot, some minor rocky outcrops, The up-side: great views of all of Brisbane from the top, Simpson's Falls are amazing, some lovely native bushland, great company, blue skies. Some tracks we use could be closed for maintenance, or you could take the wrong turn-off.

Come with me on this adventure.

SATURDAY 15th APRIL M^t TIBROGARGAN & M^t NGUNGUN DAYWALK

Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160
Meet at: St Brigid's Carpark, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 7:00am
Cost: \$15
Grade: S33
Distance: 8km
Location: Glasshouse Mtns, north of Caboolture
Web: https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0033/163869/ghmntns-walks-map.pdf
Emerg Off: Sue Murray Ph: 0420 510 214

Mt Tibrogargan is one of the Glasshouse Mountains. They are one of Queensland's most outstanding natural features and this trip is a great chance to get to the top of these amazing “volcanic spires.”

Tibro is 364 metres high and is basically straight up. So, there is a bit of rock scrambling involved - you need a head for heights and be able to do some scrambling. The views from the top are nice. The distance is only 3km but it takes 3 to 4 hours to do. The party will do the steep climbing early to beat the heat of the day. Hopefully, we will back to the cars before 12pm. We will have a quick lunch at the carpark.

Our group will then drive across to Mt Ngungun. This mountain has nice views of the other Glasshouse Mountains. This trip is only about 1.5km return and usually takes just under 2 hours. This is an easier walk with basically no scrambling.

I hope to finish the walk early and be back in Brisbane by mid-afternoon. You can pack light for this trip with water and morning tea on top of Tibro and a small afternoon tea on top of Ngungun.

We last did this walk back in 2020 just before the Covid lockdowns. The date was 14th March and there were only 4 on the walk. Hopefully we can get about 6 to 10 on the walk this time.

This year is the Club's 65th anniversary year since it was formed. As a short note for the history buffs in the club's first walk was arguably up Mt Tibrogargan on the 1st December 1957. A walk to Mt Tibrogargan was advertised in the Catholic Leader by Fr Willie Hayes to test the waters so to speak and they got a very good turnout of about 50 people for the walk. From this one outing it was obvious that there was interest in forming a Catholic bushwalking club which duly happened in January 1958.

This walk gets a write up in the book *Take a Walk in South East Queensland*.(2010) by John and Lyn Daly. See page 73 and 75.

Phil

WEDNESDAY 19th APRIL LUNCH at ROSEWOOD SOCIAL



**WEDNESDAY 19th APRIL
A COUNTRY PUB LUNCH
SOCIAL**

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Meet at: Royal George Hotel, 24 John St, Rosewood (Cnr Royal George La)
Time: 1pm
Train: 11.30am from Roma Street Station PI 8 – Ipswich Train
Change at Ipswich for the 12.35am Rosewood Train
Driving: 60km @ 1hr
If you are doing the Stroll as well, best to park at Walloon and catch the 12:47pm train to Rosewood. Trains run only one an hour – coming to Rosewood to pick up your car afterwards will be difficult.
Cost: Pub Meal Prices
Location: West of Amberley
Web: <https://www.facebook.com/RGHotelRosewood/>
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

Come along to this old pub with character. It is not the most modern, fanciest, best-looking pub in town, but it has a homely, family atmosphere. This is a traditional country pub from the old era. We have been here before a few years ago for one of our Country Lunches. We liked it immensely and promised to come again – but never did. So, this is our opportunity.

Come along on this Lunch, for the atmosphere, the food & the good company.

Sorry Jan, a bit close to the D&D on Friday evening.

**WEDNESDAY 19th APRIL
ROSEWOOD to WALLOON
Rail #8
STROLL**

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Meet at: Rosewood Railway Station,
Time: 2.00pm
Train: 12.30pm from Roma Street Stn – Ipswich Train PI 8
Change at Ipswich Stn to the Rosewood Train PI 2 at 1.35pm
Parking: Best not to drive to Rosewood.
Driving: Park at Walloon and catch the 1.47pm Rosewood Train
Cost: Free
Lunch Option: If coming to the 12 Noon lunch, after lunch just walk down John St for 5min with me to get to the station to meet the 1.56pm train from Ipswich with the other Strollers aboard
Distance: 11km @ 3hr

Grade: M11
Location: West of Ipswich
Height: Max: 58m; Min: 31m Overall: Gain: 48m; Loss: 61m
With a 48m gain over 11km, you can call it Flat
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.6242/152.6298>
End: Walloon Railway Station
Trains: 5.13pm & 6.13pm
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995 *Bring This Number With You* *Bring a Torch*

This is our last Stroll along the Main Western Line – we have reached the terminus of the Brisbane Suburban Rail Network.

From the map in the above link, you will see it is virtually a straight run. We shall stay away from the main road and take the minor ones – a little longer but much more pleasant. It should be a simple easy journey across mainly flat ground – look at the train line – straight as a needle – so it does not dodge around hills or ridges – meaning it is flat.

Be prepared for the sun bearing down on us during the hottest part of the day. They do not put many trees beside roads for safety reasons – so not much shade. Sun protection & water will be essential. There is only one train station between the start and end of this Stroll – not many exit points.

FRIDAY 21st APRIL DRINKS & DINNER SOCIAL

Leader: Jan Nelson Ph: 0401 030 137
Where: The Pineapple Hotel, 706 Main St Kangaroo Point; cnr Baines St
Time: 4.30pm onwards
Cost: Food from \$20 for main course
Web: <http://www.pineapplehotel.com.au/>

On the third Friday of the month, we generally gather for dinner at a venue close to the city. In April we will be dining at The Pineapple Hotel. This hotel was established in 1864 but has undergone a refurbishment in recent years.

It is well known for its steaks, but also has the usual pub favourites. The Hotel can be reached via a 700m walk from the Woolloongabba Busway Station.

We meet from 4.30pm for a relaxing chat and catch-up and order dinner between 5.30-6pm, so it is not a late night. I hope you can come along and join us.

SATURDAY 22nd APRIL LYREBIRD LOOKOUT (O'REILLY'S) DAYWALK

Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160
Meet at: St Brigid's carpark, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 7:00am
Cost: \$15
Grade: M33
Location: O'Reilly's Western Cliffs, Lamington Plateau
Web: <https://www.aussiebushwalking.com/qld/se-qld/lamington-np/moonlight-crag-balancing-rock-castle-crag>
Distance: 14km
Emerg Off: Sue Murray 0420 510 214

The walk is a circuit starting and finishing at O'Reilly's. Initially we will walk past the units at O'Reilly's. Our Group then descend down to Moran's Creek via the Wishing Tree Track. Then we head across to the Moran's Falls Lookout. The walkers will retrace our steps and head up to Balancing Rock. Now we head back along the ridgeline and follow an old pad near the escarpment up to Moonlight Crag,

then on to Orchid Grotto Lookout and thence Lyrebird Lookout. (Bring gloves and gaiters for this section of about 3km). We then turn left and head towards the Border Track and then back to the carpark.

This walk gets a write up in the book *Take a Walk in South East Queensland*. (2010) by John and Lyn Daly. See page 214. I did this rip on 29th December last and I am keen to go again as it was during the Christmas period and several people may have missed out..

Map: <https://oreillys.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Track-Map.pdf>

Bring the usual Daywalk stuff especially an insect repellent like Rid and 2 litres of water. Ensure you have a change of clothes and shoes for the end of the trip. Phil

WEDNESDAY 26th APRIL SANDGATE LAGOONS & BRIGHTON WETLAND RESERVES STROLL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092
Meet at: Deagon Station, Albury St (Carpark entrance off Adams St)
Time: 2:46pm @ Deagon
Train: 2.09pm Roma St Stn Pl 7; 2.15pm Fort Valley; 2:18pm Bowen Hills.
And 2:32pm Northgate
Cost: Free
Distance: 13km @ 3½hr
Grade: M32
Location: Northern Bayside
Height: Max: 20m; Min: 3m Overall: Gain: 78m; Loss: 78m
Tides: High: 1.45m @ 1:31pm; Low 0.82m @ 7:10pm
Sun: Set 5:28pm Dark: 5:44pm
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=14/-27.3122/153.0478>
End: Sandgate Station
Trains: To Roma St Stn @ 6.11pm; 6.26pm.
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995 *Bring This Number With You*
Bring a Torch

Everyone knows about the Sandgate Lagoons; aptly named "First Lagoon," "Second Lagoon" and etc. This Stroll is almost new ground for us – we've followed creeks, roads, climbed hills – never stumbled around wetlands. Always a first time.

Since the Lagoons do not come to us, we have to Stroll through the back streets to get to them. I have navigated a path through Sandgate and Brighton linking up the four lagoons and two other wetlands.

You will go up following beside the M1, sort of, bagging a lagoon or two; and then onto Dianella Woods and Pimelea Woods before Goodenia Woods and back south to Dowse Lagoon and Einbunpin Lagoon to finally stop at Sandgate Station. Basically, going clockwise, and trying not to retrace our steps.

Come with me on this expedition, and if it is wet, an exciting expedition. Some mossie repellent may be called for. Prepare to get your feet wet. If there are navigational problems, rain, or boggy ground, it could be more like a real 4 hour or more Stroll.

Whatever happens, I can guarantee an adventure.

FRIDAY 28th APRIL to MONDAY 1st MAY COMBINED CLUB CAMPOUT (CCC) BASECAMP

Host: Capricornia Buswalking Club
Leader: Kevin: Ph: 0487 655 892 <https://cbw.bwq.org.au/CCC.html>
Where: Kooyalee Outdoor Education Centre
<https://www.facebook.com/KooyaleeOEC/>

**Address: 36 Sandringham Road, Sandringham Rockhampton,
30km north east of Rockhampton**

The Combined Club Campout is an annual event where the clubs of Rockhampton, Gladstone, and Bundaberg gets together.

Combined Club Campout – Kooyalee

Friday 28/04 - early (afternoon) arrivals/ set up camp

Saturday 29/04 morning - more arrivals/ walkers register for walks with possibly three or four half day walks starting from lunch time, occasionally a day walk

Sunday 30/04 is a mixture of full day and half day walks

Monday 01/05 is pack up and go home day, so most walks are half day. Sometimes clubs offer a day walk for those who live close/ aren't travelling

Further details of the Campout will be provided here as they become available.

Please also note that only members of bushwalking clubs may attend CCC events.

Kevin 0487 655 892

SUNDAY 30th APRIL MAPLETON NATIONAL PARK DAYWALK

Leader: Sue Walsh Ph: 0403 487 737

Meet at: St Brigid's, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill

Time: 7am

Cost: \$25

Grade: M33

Location: Sunshine Coast Hinterland

Web: https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0023/161429/mapleton-np-map.pdf

Emerg Off:

This time I will be combining a few walks together for this outing. They include the Turpentine Trail, Piccabeen Circuit and The Pilularis Forest Walk. The Turpentine Trail is a small undulating track through wet eucalyptus forest with lots of fern and vine undergrowth. You then reach a clearing where the power line cuts across. From here, the country changes to a drier hardwood timber section until you reach the end of the trail.

The Piccabeen Circuit provides a pleasant walk through piccabeen groves, tall blackbutt forest and rainforest communities and across various creeks. We will leave the circuit for a morning tea stop at the Ubajee Walkers Camp to enjoy a view of the Mary Valley below.

The Pilularis Forest Walk is a 700 metre return forest walk through tall and straight Blackbutts. The trail is also quite tight in places through thick vine forest with an understorey of rainforest shrubs and ferns. After this walk we will continue along the Piccabeen Circuit till we reach the Day Use Area where we started from.

The Turpentine Trail is a flat walk but the Piccabeen Circuit has a few hills and creek crossings. The Pilularis Walk is flat but narrow in places. This walk will be on a long weekend, so there's no need to worry about traffic going back. Come and stretch your legs on these walks with me.



SUNDAY 7th MAY AUTUMN COUNTRY LUNCH SOCIAL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092

Meet at: Royal Hotel, 1 Wholey Dr, Harrisville (Queen St Corner)
Time: 11:30am for 12 Noon
Cost: Bistro Prices
Location: SW of Ipswich on the way to Kalbar
Distance: 65km @ 50min
Carpooling: Recommended – let me know when nominating
Web: <https://www.royalhotelharrisville.com.au/>
Menu: <https://www.royalhotelharrisville.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Menu-2023-Final.pdf>
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995
RSVP: 10am Thu 4th May (You can just turn-up, but I do prefer an RSVP so I can book a table.)

Twice a year, we go out country to have a good slow old-fashioned lunch in a pub. This time, it is Harrisville's turn, an old historic town on the Ipswich to Mt Edwards branch railway.

Nestled in the heart of the Scenic Rim, The Royal Hotel is situated within the historic township and vibrant culture of Harrisville. The Hotel is one of Australia's most historical venues that dates all the way back to the 19th century.

In 1875, The Hotel was originally established as the Harrisville Inn by Margaret Wholey Dunn, one of Australia's first female licensees. The original hotel serviced the local cotton and beef industries. It was one of the earliest hotels in the region before burning down in 1916. After being rebuilt in 1920, the hotel has since been the source of many paranormal stories. The Royal has now evolved into the perfect destination for your weekend getaway or special occasion celebration.

Restaurant: There are very few pubs left where people can have a hearty country meal by the wood stove in the restaurant on a chilly winter's evening, or sit out on the veranda overlooking the town or countryside with a cool breeze in summer. This country hotel has been restored to its former glory and often leaves visitors commenting on its beauty, warm & friendly atmosphere without the noise of pokies.

THE Coronation: Saturday 6th May and the BIG Public Lunch Sun 7th.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coronation_of_Charles_III_and_Camilla

Public celebrations: On 7th May, the "Coronation Big Lunch" will take place with people signing up to host Big Lunches and Street Parties across the Empire. The "Coronation Concert" will be held on the same day at Windsor Castle's East Lawn. In addition to performances by singers, musicians, and stage & screen actors, the show will also feature "The Coronation Choir" composed of community choirs and amateur singers such as Refugee choirs, NHS choirs, LGBTQ+ singing groups, and deaf signing choirs.] The BBC will produce, stage, and broadcast the event,

Come to The Royal or forever regret missing this exceptional event. Share your time & lunch with millions throughout the Empire celebrating this momentous event. Watch Chuck & Cammie on the big screen in the dining room. Listen to the Concert in the background.

Ring now to book your place at the table, as the pub will be overcrowded by the fans celebrating this BIG once-in-a-lifetime event. Be there with your friends and not alone in your dark dingy home, warm XXXX Gold in hand, watching the family bunfight on the very small screen of your TV.

WEDNESDAY 24th MAY **M^t MAY** **DAYWALK**

Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160
Meet at: St Brigid's Carpark, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 7:00am
Cost: \$25
Grade: M54
Distance: 8km
Location: South West of Brisbane between Boonah and Rathdowney
Web: <https://www.aussiebushwalking.com/qld/se-qld/mt-barney-np/mount-may>

Emerg Off Sue Murray Ph: 0420 510 214

Mt May is a "rough track" walk that is a bit steep in places with a bit of rock scrambling but is actually only an easy to moderate off track walk. Mt May has two peaks and we will ascend both. The walk will start near the 'water reserve'. We ascend the mountain via the north ridge. The party will get to the north peak first; then it is down into the gully between north and south peaks. There is a bit of rock scrambling and a small cliff to pass by but not too scary. The south peak is the main one- here we will have our lunch while enjoying the view of the Mt Barney Massif and the Ballow Range. The height of south peak is 836 metres. Then it is down the south-west ridge to the Grace's Hut Road.(according to the map it is called Waterfall Creek Road). It is a rough 4WD road. Now it is an easy walk back to the cars.

The height gain for the day is about 600m so it is a good uphill walk that the bushwalking purists love but it is within the capability of most members. The vegetation is open eucalyptus woodland forest. All up about 8km in distance and only about 4-5 hours of walking. This walk is on to assist members build their fitness and endurance for doing the Bartle Frere trip in July. But also, to go while my memory of the track is still very fresh - I need to do it again soon before the memory of the track gets a bit fuzzy.

Bring the usual daywalk stuff:- lunch, raincoat, water etc. and perhaps bring gaiters and gloves as well.

This walk gets a write up in the book *Take a Walk in South East Queensland*.(2010) by John and Lyn Daly. See page 301-302... Phil

SUN 25th JUNE to MON 3rd JULY CAIRNS & M^t BARTLE FRERE ACCOMMODATED TRIP

Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160

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

If you go up to Cairns you may as well do several other walks up north so we will also include Wallaman Falls and Walsh's Pyramid - a major landmark near Cairns. The plan is to do a few short walks on the Islands near the coast; Dunk and Fitzroy Islands. Plus, I hope to do tourists things like the Kuranda Rail.

The limit on trip size about 8. Nominations close late March.

Expected cost for trip about \$1600 to \$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 Jun	Fly to Townsville 3hr Drive to Ingham – 2hr Wallaman Falls walk – 2hr	Ingham
2	Mon	26 Jun	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	Tue	27 Jun	Dunk Island – Island Circuit Walk -Dist 11km time 4hr (Ferry cost \$45?)	Mission Beach
4	Wed	28 Jun	Mamu Tropical Skywalk (Price \$26) Wallicha Falls - 1hr Drive time about 2hr Nandroya Falls - 7km time 3hr	Innisfail
5	Thu	29 Jun	Bartle Frere - 15km, 11hr	Innisfail

6	Fri	30 Jun	Walsh's Pyramid - 6km – 4hr	Cairns
7	Sat	01 Jul	Fitzroy Island Summit Track	Cairns
8	Sun	02 Jul-	Kuranda Rail day	Cairns
9	Mon	03 Jul	Arrive airport about 10am. Plane – 11.50am to 2.05pm Home by 4pm	

Flight to Townsville – Airline Virgin - Sunday – 25th June
Departure BNE 8:50am ; Arrival TSV 10:5 am Flight Time - 2hr 5min Direct –
Flight VA367 – Aircraft -Fokker 100 - Fare \$359 as at 30-12-2022

Flight Cairns to Brisbane - Arline – Virgin – :- Monday 3rd July -
Departure Cairns -11:50am; Arrival - BNE 2:05pm Flight Time -2hr 15min Direct
Flight number - VA780, Aircraft Boeing 737-700 Fare From \$255.01 as at 31-12-2022

FRI 4th to SUN 6th AUGUST BWQ PILGRIMAGE BASECAMP

Leader: Michele Endicott Ph: 3351 4092

Inquiries: Dwan Moore Ph: 0493 043 522

Cost: \$30 per person, Plus

Camping - Unpowered Site \$15 per person per night

Powered Site Extra \$5 per night per site

Optional Extra Saturday night Alfresco BBQ \$15 per meal

Register: <https://form.jotform.com/230097478377064>

Web: <https://bbw-website-media.s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/Pilgrimage%202023%20Brochure%20v2.pdf?JbDZbNjGs81R.pmtziWpE4fnafHrUdS9>

Location: South west of Brisbane in the Fassifern Valley

<https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=13/-27.9985/152.5344>

Registration Closes 07/07/2023.



<https://www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/our-community/about-scenic-rim/towns-and-villages/Kalbar>

Itinerary:

Friday 4th Arrive after 12.00 noon

- 5.30pm Saturday Walks posted in the Hall.
- 6.00pm Soup and Breads service commences
- 7.00pm Team Trivia Competition

Saturday 5th From 7.00am Walkers depart

- 4.00pm Afternoon Tea
- 5.00pm Happy Hour (BYO drinks)
- 6.00pm BBQ meal available -Sizzled sausages, Hamburgers (Beef and Vegan), Chicken sate skewers, Vegetable and Tofu Shashliks, (Vegan/GF), Salad selection, Breads
- 7.30pm Boogie Bush Band and dancing

Sunday 6th 8.00am Short Walks

8.00am	Kayak and SUP Boarding on Wyaralong Dam
11.00am	Presidents Meeting
12.00pm	Handover of the Golden Boot
1.00pm	Departure

Please follow the link on the BBW website home page

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

bbw75@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au

SATURDAY 12th AUGUST
CRY BABY -THE MUSICAL
SOCIAL
Last Seats Available Now

Leader: Russ Nelson Ph: 0427 743 534
Meet at: Conservatorium Theatre, 140 Grey Street, Southbank (opposite Rydges Hotel)
Time: 1.00pm for 1.30pm
Ticket Price: \$40 each via group pricing (Full price for adults is \$60)
Bookings Close: By email by Friday, 28th April to russnelson52@outlook.com (Please put "Cry Baby" in the subject line of your email)

Almost exactly four years ago the Club saw the production of *Les Mis*. Then last year we saw *42nd Street* and saw the amazing dancing and singing.

This year we are off to see *Cry Bay – The Musical*. It is set in 1954 in the USA. Everyone likes Ike, nobody likes communism and Wade "Cry-Baby" Walker is the coolest boy in Baltimore. He's a bad boy with a good cause – truth, justice and the pursuit of rock and roll. Cry-Baby and the square rich girl, Allison, are star-crossed lovers at the centre of this world. Fuelled by hormones and the new rhythms of rock and roll, she turns her back on her squeaky-clean boyfriend, Baldwin, to become a "drape" (a Baltimore juvenile delinquent) and Cry-Baby's moll. At the other end of the topsy-turvy moral meritocracy of 1954 America, Baldwin is the king of the squares and leads his close-harmony pals against the juvenile delinquents, who are ultimately arrested for arson, sending the drapes all off to prison. It's Romeo and Juliet meets High School Hellcats

This year we are going to a matinee performance so after the show we can go for a drink and even a meal and recall our favourite memories of the show. We only have a few seats left. So, book now!

CAPE to CAPE WA
6th - 15th OR 18th - 27th OCTOBER

There is ONE spot available in each of these groups for a male to share on this supported walk in the Margaret River region:

6-15th or 18-27th October

It's a 135km coastal walk over 7 days with a winery tour in the middle. You only need to carry your day pack. It's \$1250 and the price includes 9 nights' accommodation in chalets, transport every day to the track and all meals except lunch on winery trip. The group consists of 9 walkers, all fit members of incorporated bushwalking clubs.

I'm a walks leader for the Gold Coast Bushwalkers Club and have been assisting members of many SE clubs to do this extended walk for the last 7 years.

If interested I can email you the itinerary.

Dee Mitchell, Leader: Gold Coast Bushwalkers Club
dee4diesel@gmail.com Ph: 0407 716 122

ANYONE WANT A STEAM TRAIN TRIP?
SATURDAY 24th JUNE
<https://downsexplorer.org.au/>

Downs Explorer, Warwick QLD

They say: The 'Downs Explorer' aims to provide a unique heritage railway experience on the Darling Downs and Granite Belt through the operation of our tourist railway. We offer you a range of unique heritage rail experiences through some of the most picturesque countryside in Australia. We have regular tours from Warwick to Stanthorpe, Wallangarra, Clifton, Wheatvale, Hendon, Toowoomba, plus special long weekends to Miles, Goondiwindi and Tenterfield, NSW.

Who are we?: The Southern Downs Steam Railway Association Inc (SDSR) is a volunteer, not-for-profit tourist heritage steam railway. Formed in 1996, the SDSR has been operating on Queensland Rail main lines in the heart of the picturesque Southern Darling Downs and Granite Belt Regions of Southern Queensland since 2009.

The lines run on include: Southern Line – South to Stanthorpe & Wallangarra, and North to Hendon, Clifton & Toowoomba, and the South Western Line – West to Inglewood, Goondiwindi, and Toobeah.

With a focus on people "experiencing the magic of steam on the Southern Downs", SDSR offers train journeys to meet most tastes. From short family journeys to Hendon and Clifton, to the full day out retracing the Sydney Mail run to Wallangarra, SDSR's journeys are all different, unique, and steeped with a touch of magic.

Saturday 24th 8:00am: Warwick – Wallangarra + 2 course lunch on Wallangarra Station 10hrs \$180.00

Ring Greg on Ph: 3351 4092 or e-mail endhouse@bigpond.net.au

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

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 guidelines

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 a mask
- 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.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Members are still able to send correspondence i.e. membership forms, through the post as the Management Committee has agreed to keep the Club's Post Office Box as it provides stability for mail to be sent to the Club.

Sue.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 31/12/2022	\$3669.48
Plus Receipts	\$2014.40
Balance 31/01/2023	\$5683.88
Term Deposit	\$2957.61

If you have not renewed your membership, you need to do so before the end of March in order to continue receiving our monthly magazine.

When paying your subs, you must remember to return your completed renewal form and, if making a direct bank deposit, please reference your name.

I am still accepting donations for Vinnies and will soon start collecting donations to The Little Kings.

Terry.

OUTINGS SECRETARY'S REPORT

General Notes

Firstly, a quick thank to the Club who appointed me to the role of Outings Secretary once again at the AGM in February. I hope to do a better job this year for a bigger and better year. We might even do a canoe trip.

New Walks Added

08 Apr	Sat	Tallebudgera to Main Beach	DW	Phil
22 Apr	Sat	Lyrebird Lookout	DW	Phil
6 May	Sat	Yul-Yan-Man track	DW	Michele Johns
1-6 Nov	Fri-Wed	Vic Alps	TW	Phil # •

the Great Ocean Walk in November is full so the option of doing a Vic Alps walk (Mt Howitt & Crosscut Saw) was added.

Walks Re-Scheduled

18-20 Aug	Fri-Sun	Mt Ballow	TW	Matthew
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Walk Leaders Appointed

06 May	Sat	Yul-Yan-Man track	DW	Michele Johns
01 June	Thu	Venman Bushland Reserve	DW ^T	Sue Tobin
04-6 Aug	Weekend	Pilgrimage at Kalbar	BC	Michele E
19 Oct	Thu	Mt Coochin by Train	DW	Michele Johns

Leaders Needed

22 July	Sat	Mt Beau Brummel	DW	needed
9-11 Sept	Weekend	Border Ranges National Park	BC	needed
23 Sept	Sat	Minnages Mountain	DW	needed
05 Nov	Sat	Albert River Circuit	DW	needed

Small Changes

15 Apr	Sat	not Sun 16 th	and do both mountains	Mt Tibrogargan & Mt Ngungun
02 Aug	Wed	Hell Fire Pass walk	DW	previously on Thurs 3 rd
06 Sept	Wed	Mt Vane (Straddle)	DW	previously on Thurs 6 th
13 Sept	Wed	Neville Bonner Bridge	DW	previously on Thurs 14 th

I have other commitments on Thursdays this year.

Date Changes

The Boyne & Burnett Rail trail walk is now on the Mon 17th to 21st July

The previously proposed walk to Mt Cordeaux on 5th August will be rescheduled to next year. Mt Cordeaux is one of the proposed walks for the Pilgrimage.

Fitness Training Walks for Bartle Frere

We will offer a few training walks in late May early June to enable members to get fit for the Mt Bartle Frere. Mt Bartle Frere is a 1500m ascent and we need lots of training to get there.

24 May	Wed	Mt May	DW	Phil
07 June	Wed	Mt Greville	DW	Phil
14 June	Wed	Mt Barney	DW	Phil
21 June	Wed	Mt Maroon	DW	Phil

PAST WALKS

Date	Day	Trip	Type	Leader	Walkers
February					
02	Thurs	Thornside & Wynnum	DW	Paddy	10
04	Sat	Coomera creek Circuit	DW	Khaleel	13
26	Sat	Piper Comanche Wreck	DW	Michele J	18

March

02	Thurs	Bulimba Creek Parklands	DW	Cath M	8
05	Sat	Cabarita to Pottsville	DW	Phil	11

COMING WALKS

March

Date	Day	Trip	Type	Leader
18	Sat	Club Hut Feast	ON	Iain
19	Sun	Club Hut Daywalk	DW	Terry
25	Sat	Cainbale Falls	DW	John Carter
26	Sun	Safety & Training – Map Reading	S&T	Paulette Schmidt

April

01	Sat	Gold Creek to Enoggera Reservoir	DW	Jan
08	Sat	Tallebudgera to Main Beach	DW	Phil
10	Mon	Easter Monday Walk- The Head Road	DW	Pat
11 to 14	Tue-Fr	Upper Moreton Island	TW	Khaleel
13	Thu	Mt Coot-tha & Bardon Bushland	DWT	to be advised
15	Sat	Mt Tibrogargan & Mt Ngungun	DW	Phil
22	Sat	Lyrebird Lookout	DW	Phil
30	Sun	Turpentine Trail & Piccabeen Circuit	DW	Sue Walsh

May

04	Thu	Koala Bushland Reserve (Burbank)	DW ^T	to be advised?
06	Sat	Yul-Yan-Man walk	DW	Michele Johns
13	Sat	vacant		
14	Sun	Mother's Day		
15	Mon	May Quarterly Meeting		
20	Sat	Burgess Creek to Noosa River	DW	Liz
24	Wed	Mt May	DW	Phil
27	Sat	Bally Mountain	DW	Khaleel

Camping Trips For 2023

A few decades ago, the Clubs walks program was usually full of camping trips. But the trend is for less and less camping trips. In 2022 there were only 5 camping trips for the whole year. Camping isn't for everyone but the bushwalking experience is so much better when you go camping. Perhaps it should be a new year's resolution (albeit a belated resolution) that you should go on at least one camping trip each year.

This year there are several camping trips on offer. We are very fortunate that we still have members who are willing to lead these camping trips. Do yourself a favour and go on a camping trip this year. You never know next year there may be a lot less trips on offer.

The planned camping trips for 2023 are :-

1	11 to 14	Tues-Fr	Upper Moreton Island	Khaleel	TW
2	3 June	Sat/Sun	Emu Ck to Panorama Point	Iain	TW
3	11th 15th	J Sun-Th	Fraser Island great walk -	Khaleel	TW

4	5 Aug	Sat	Pilgrimage at Kalbar	Michele E	BC
5	16 Aug	Wed	Barney Mass	t.b.a	BC
6	18-20 Aug	Fri-Sun	Mt Ballow	Matthew	TW
7	25 -28 Aug	Fri -Mon	Blue Mountains NSW	Phil	TW
8	9-11 Sep	Fri-Sun	Border Ranges NSW	needed	BC
9	30 S /2 O	Sat-M	Green Gully (NSW)	Matt	BC
10	1 to 5 Nov	Week	Vic Alps – Crosscut Saw	Phil	BC

Cairns & Bartle Frere Trip

Just a heads up about the Bartle Frere trip in June/July. Bartle Frere is the highest mountain in Queensland at 1622 metres and the Club has never been there. At this stage we only have 5 starters. But please note although we are doing Bartle Frere, we are also doing about 5 days of easy to moderate bushwalks as it is too far to go to just do one daywalk. Please contact me very soon if you would like to join us.

Tassie Trip – Future Plans

The Tassie Tour in mid-January went off extremely well. We did basically all the walks we planned to do. And the weather was perfect as it was sunny and warm on nearly every day. We actually jam packed our itinerary.

There is still a lot to do in Tassie. I am keen to go back in January or February next year (2024) for a week to do the southern parts of Tassie plus a few walks in the central part near Mt Field. The proposed walks would include most of the following - Mt Wellington, Tarn Shelf Walk (Mt Field National Park), Mt Wedge (near Maydena), Mt Eliza, Cape Queen Elizabeth (Bruny Island), Fluted Cape (Bruny island), Labillardiere Peninsula, Plover Falls, Hartz Mountain, Lion Rock & South Cape Bay. Of note is that we expect to stay in motels or cabins each night.

In 2025 I would like to do the northern parts of Tassie to include Cradle Mountain, Mt Rowland, Mt Murchison and several other walks. In 2026 I would like to do the east coast and include places like Maria Island, the Freycinet Peninsula and possibly Crecent Beach. Basically, lots more to do down there.

Plus, Khaleel is super keen to do the Overland Track and Frenchman's Cap. We are all getting a bit older each year and we need to start planning to do these trips while we are still fit enough to do them. I hope you can join us.

For details about the above walks for 2024 may I suggest the book *Walks in Nature Tasmania* (2nd Edition) 2022 by Anna Carlile ISBN 9781741178036

Tassie Trip 2023

We basically did 10 daywalks on our Tassie trip and each walk warrants a short write up and will start next month. I will put the articles about the past trips one a month for the next few months.

The Banff Mountain Film Festival

The Banff Mountain Film Festival is a showcase of short films and documentaries about mountain culture, sports, and environment. It was launched in 1976. About 300 films are entered and the best of the best are selected for tour of Australia each year. <https://banffaustralia.com.au/#about>

The tour is coming to Brisbane in late June at the Brisbane Powerhouse. 119 Lamington St, New Farm from 7:00pm – 10:00pm. The tickets are \$37.00.

The dates are: - Wednesday 21st June, Thursday 22nd June, Friday, 23rd June & Saturday 24th June.

I suggest Thursday night 22nd June – the shortest day of the year to go to the showing.

Mini -Drought In Brisbane

After the floods in Brisbane last summer (2022), the wheel has turned so to speak and in 2023 Brisbane is now going through a mini drought this summer.

On checking the Bureau of Meteorology website they have this update about the mini-drought on their website

Over the last 3 months, since December 2022, serious rainfall deficiencies (totals in the lowest 10% of observations since 1900) have developed in south-east Queensland, north-east New South Wales, south-west Western Australia, parts of the Wimmera in Victoria, and western Tasmania.

<http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/drought/>

Brisbane Rainfall 2023

- Total rainfall for Brisbane was 269.0mm, which is **63%** of the long-term average of 425.3mm
- The mean daily maximum temperature for Brisbane was 29.7°C, which is 0.3°C below the long-term average of 30.0°C.
- The warmest day was 35.7°C on 12th February, and the coolest day was on 1st December when the temperature reached 22.3°C. #

<http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/current/season/qld/brisbane.shtml>

(it was actually only 18 degrees#)

Tracks Re-Opened

- **Lower Bellbird Track** at Binna Burra was closed for what seemed like years. It was closed after the bushfires in 2019. It has reopened recently and if possible, we would like to have a trip there in September. If we don't get anyone to lead the Minnages Mountain walk for the 23rd September 2023 the backup plan is to do the Lower Bellbird Track combined with the Caves Circuit.

<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/australia/queensland/lower-bellbird-circuit>

Track Closures

- **Purling Brook Falls** is still closed <https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/park-alerts/22416>
- **Illinbah Circuit** closed to 31 March (and likely to be extended) <https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/park-alerts/22618>
- **Gap Creek Falls** is closed until 31 May 2023 <https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/park-alerts/21980>
- **Mt Warning remains closed** - Wollumbin (Mount Warning) summit track remains closed and I expect it will for the next few years.

“Quote For The Month”

Hiking, tramping, rambling, trekking, bushwalking. Whatever term, the activity represents escape. Where better to escape than Australia,

The term bushwalking does not apply to just eucalypt bush terrain. Coastal heath, sand dunes, alpine meadows and rocky plateaus are all bushwalking environments. Although bushwalking is a blanket term, the rewards can be quite different for each participant. A walker might focus on the wildlife, or the lure of swimming in a pristine river, or camping in a remote gorge...

The bush offers many opportunities. To improve fitness or survival skills. Many people also find that social bonding is accelerated by the unique interaction that the natural environment allows. See you out there.

Sven Klinge, The Introduction to “Classic Walks of Australia”

Phil, Outings Secretary

ABOUT PEOPLE

Matthew Chen, Barbara Eastoe, Donna Harris, Katrina Hall, Jan Nelson, Julie Philippi, Gerard Sammon, Prasada Vajjhala, Sue Walsh, Susan Ware and Michael Wood are celebrating their birthdays in March.

Congratulations to our latest new members: Tim and Marguerite (Marg) Clarke.

Michele & Richard Johns have just become 2nd time grandparents to Cooper Glenn Johns. Born 11.45am weighting 2.92kg.

Past Members, Maree & Gordon Denkes along with Annette Mackenzie were visitors on Paddy Taylor's Thorneside to Wynnum walk. Janet Millar was a visitor on Khaleel's Coomera Circuit walk. Emma Jones (Louise & Rusty's daughter), Kyle Serra, Wei & Tom Luo were visitors on Michele Johns's Piper Comanche walk. Janet Millar was also a visitor on Phil Murray's Cabarita to Pottsville walk.

Visitors are always most welcome on any of our activities.

The club extends its condolences and prayers on the recent death of Veronica Forsythe.

PAST EVENTS

THURSDAY 2nd FEBRUARY
THORNESIDE to WYNNUM
DAYWALK

On a hot and steamy morning, eight club members met at Roma Street Station to catch the train to Thorneside. Five other people had pulled out in the previous two days, which must be something of a Club record! At Thorneside Station we met up with our three visitors and commenced the walk.

Crossing Tingalpa Creek, we entered the wetlands, and explored several of the tracks, before exiting to the Lota Bikeway and Boardwalk. The wetland tracks were bitumen, and in very good condition. The party continued on to the Lota foreshore for morning tea. We shared a picnic shed with Liz and Marlene, who had been walking in the opposite direction, starting much earlier to beat the heat.

Our group continued along the coastal track, thankful for the breeze blowing off the water. We passed a boat storage complex, the Manly Marina, and the wading pool, before turning inland to cross Wynnum Creek. There were several derelict boats moored there. The promised clean-up has obviously not begun in that area yet!

After a leisurely lunch in a park beside the creek, we followed the esplanade to Wynnum North and the Mangrove Boardwalk. Along this stretch, we saw lots of bin chickens, but not many other birds. It was delightful under the tree canopy on the boardwalk, and the walkers spent a bit of time there enjoying the cooling breeze. We saw several small crabs, but none big enough to eat. After the boardwalk, our party made a slight detour to see the birdhide. Unfortunately, we didn't see a single bird, although there were some interesting bird charts on the wall. It was a good excuse for a sit-down before completing our walk.

After that, we continued the circuit, crossed the park, and returned to Wynnum Station for our train home. Thanks to members Prasada, Jan, Michael, Cath, Jon, Sophie and Joe, and our visitors Annette (from Ipswich Bushwalkers), and past members Maree and Gordon, for joining me on the walk.
Paddy





**SATURDAY 4th FEBRUARY
COOMERA CIRCUIT
DAYWALK**

Jan arrived at my place and we drove in my car arriving at 8:10am at Canungra Park where we met the rest of the group and we all drove to Binna Burra.

Our party commenced the walk before 9:00am. The weather was really pleasant and the track having good moisture making it very nice on the feet, therefore enjoying a pleasant walk under the canopy of the rainforest. We were also greeted by the abundance of blue crayfish and a couple of Pythons. I have never seen that large number of crayfish, some of them were even on the track sides.

We were slowed down considerably due to good amount of water in many of creek crossings which were sometimes tricky (especially during rock hopping) for some of us and I really appreciate the cooperation of walkers during these crossings as there were always helping hands for the slightly struggling walkers.

We had our morning tea at the Coomera Falls lookout at 10:55am.

Very convenient lunch spot, on the creek, was well picked up at 1:50pm by JC close to Goorawa Falls, just before heading to the Border Track.

Thanks to all the group members joining me on this very interesting and enjoyable walk and made it a wonderful long and very safe event; Greg, Jan, John, Allen, Pat, Jonas, Louise, Rusty, Paddy, Peggy, Mark and our visitor Janet Millar. Many thanks go to JC for accepting to stay at the front leading the pack and making most of the decisions during the entirety of the walk, while I was tail-end-Charlie. Khaleel





**FRIDAY 17th FEBRUARY
16 ANTLERS
DRINKS & DINNER
SOCIAL**

Our first-ever Club visit to Sixteen Antlers, an attractive open-air but undercover rooftop bar with a unique close-up view of the Brisbane City Hall clock tower, at clock level, was a pleasant affair. Seven members came along early, relaxed in one of the comfortable alcoves and chatted while trying various beers and non-alcoholic drinks. At the end of pre-dinner drinks, two of our number had to leave, but when we moved downstairs to Goldfinch Café for dinner, three more members turned up to enjoy a tasty meal and good company in a very pleasant (much quieter) environment.

So, there were ten of us in all at this historic first Drinks & Dinner Social at the Pullman and Mercure Hotels in Brisbane CBD. Thanks to Barbara, Greg, Sue T, Graham, Maree & Gordon, Stafford, Michele E, Antonia and Geraldine for 'giving it a go' at a new venue.

**SATURDAY 25th FEBRUARY
ANNUAL MASS AND LUNCH
SPIRITUAL/SOCIAL**



Thirty-six Members and Visitors, including Past Members, attended our Annual Mass, held for the first time at St Cecilia's Hamilton, where there is excellent parking and accessibility. Two more arrived in time for Lunch at Graziers Bistro at the Hamilton Hotel afterwards.

Our Mass Celebrant was Fr Nev Yun, who has celebrated Eucharist with us a number of times before, including on top of Mt Barney. We're really grateful to him for finding the time to be with us on his

typically busy weekend – and for staying on to ‘break bread together’ at the Hamilton as well. Thanks, also, to Peggy for playing her guitar and leading the singing and to all who obliged by doing a ‘job’ in the Mass, especially Sue W, Louise J and Rusty and Antonia, who did readings and led prayers.

At the end of Mass, we had a Commissioning and Blessing of the new Committee, as well as presentation of the 2022 awards. The Most Walks award went, once again, to Paddy Taylor, who has very impressive walk stats indeed! Our Bushwalker of the Year, Jan Nelson, was absent (away bushwalking interstate!), so her sister Anne Cashman accepted the certificate on her behalf. We then made special presentations to our two Honorary Members: founding President and long-time member/supporter Merv Galvin; and our Honorary Auditor of 40+ years’ standing, Joe Tottenham.



Graziers Steakhouse Bistro, just 3 minutes up the road from St Cecilia’s at the Hamilton Hotel, was a good venue for our group of 33 to meet for lunch. Everyone in the group seemed to be able to find a cold drink and main dish to please their palate – and their budget - , as well as lovely desserts and hot drinks. The service was fast and friendly. My only disappointment was that we were not able to have the quieter, more private, area I’d requested at the back, so the noise level in the main dining area ended up being quite high, especially when we added to it the friendly chatter of bushwalkers catching up with each other at what is for many a lovely once-a-year reunion .It was also a nice opportunity for our prospective members Tim and Marg to see us in action and get a feel for our Club. They have since joined up!



Thanks to all who came along, to make it, once again, a successful Annual Mass and Lunch. Attendees at Mass were: Maria & Mervyn Galvin, Sue Tobin, Sue Walsh, Peggy Roe, Mark Daly, Pat Lawton, Jonas Bernotas, Paddy Taylor, Terry Silk, Jon Peake, Graham Glasse, Trevor Kelly, Joe Tottenham, Iain Renton, Merrill Turpin, Antonia Simpson, Louise & Rusty Jones, Susan Ware. Di Robertson, Anne and Michael Cashman, Sue & Phil Murray, Michele & Greg Endicott, Paul Mullins, Cath & Mike Wood, Barbara Eastoe, Maree & Gordon Denkes, Louise Leonardi, Marguerite & Tim Clarke. The two who joined us for Lunch were Past Member Mary Rogers and her daughter.

**SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY
PIPER COMANCHE WRECK
DAYWALK**

A perfect summer's day, saw 18 eager walkers meet at the Lepidozamia Track at Mt. Glorious. Introductions out of the way, Richard lead off with Trevor tail end. A steady pace was maintained as we made our way down an old timber track to the bottom of a valley and up the other side. We gathered for a group photo and a short rest at the top before descending the other side of the ridge to the valley floor where an old timber jinker remains from a bygone era.

At the top of the next ridge, the track veered left to descend to the wreck. National Parks have sign posted the way to the wreck with infrequent guideposts but the track is hard to follow in places and we had to watch carefully to avoid veering off course. The final descent was relatively steep and rocky with lots of wait-a-while to slow down the pace.

Once at the wreck, plenty of photos were taken before we sat down for a much-needed snack. The local leeches also had a feast. Climbing out of the valley seemed easier and before long we were back at the cars.

Most of the group stopped at the Mt. Glorious cafe for refreshments before making our way back to Brisbane.

Thanks to fellow walkers, Louise & Rusty Jones, Pat Lawton, Jonas Bernotas, Benno Giuliana, Maria Kerruish, Joe Tottenham, Trevor Kelly, Richard Johns, Paddy Taylor, Prasada Vajjhala, Danny and Matthew Chen and visitors, Wei & Tom Luo, Kyle Serra and Emma Jones. Michele Johns

**WEDNESDAY 1st MARCH
THE GAP TAVERN
COFFEE NIGHT**

It was an enjoyable night at The Gap Tavern with a gentle breeze blowing on the verandah - a nice way to cool off after another humid day.

For the steak lovers, it was a good choice of venue. However, the roast beef eaters were a little disappointed, but we did enjoy our \$5 pavlovas. It was very interesting to listen to stories of the adventurous travels of Pat and Jonas. The evening was well supported by those club members living locally, namely Pat, Jonas, Joe, Michele, Greg, Sue, Terry, Cath and Jon. And a special welcome to Annette on her first social outing with the club. Catherine Morahan

**THURSDAY 2nd MARCH
BULIMBA CREEK PARKLANDS
DAYWALK**

This "two strolls" walk meandered its way along Bulimba Creek around Carindale way.

Our group of nine for the day comprised Prasad Vajjhala, Patty Taylor, Chris Burke, Sofia Ramsay, Sue Tobin, Sabrina Li, Cath Morahan and Jon Peake, with Louise Jones joining us after work for a quick jog. This walk along a creek had the usual "Greg specialties"- down obscure easements, using steppingstones to cross the creek, up private pathways beside townhouses, crossing busy roads with heart in mouth.

Bulimba Creek around Carindale was a tranquil location with an abundance of lush greenery, open parkland and sports fields adjoining. Our group stopped at Tones Road Park for a late morning tea and enjoyed watching the dogs in the off-leash area. We then wound our way back to Carindale

Shopping Centre for a well-earned coffee after this 13 kilometre walk. Thanks gang, for your company on an enjoyable day. Catherine Morahan

**SATURDAY 5th MARCH
CABARITA WALK
DAYWALK**

Attendance 11

Distance 15.6 kilometres

Weather – fine and sunny with a light breeze.



***View From Norries Head South To Hastings Point
Prasda, Benno, Cath, Joe, Sue, Paddy, Sabrina & Jon.***

The walk went off like clockwork. A classic beach walk on a picture-perfect day. We started from the Salt Surf Club at Bells Boulevard, Casurina. Initially the party walked along the ‘bike track’ just behind the beach. This went for 5km. The original plan was to walk along the beach but the idea of walking in the shade was the preferred option. It was a very nice shady walk with native bushland on our left and nice houses on the right. But often the houses were obscured by bushland and gardens. There were a few very beautiful sculptures along the way. It was very easy going but there was a near mishap with a bike rider who lost control of her bike and was swerving wildly across the track and she bumped into Jon with the rider fell down. It was all in slow motion and the good news was that Jon was fine but the lady bicyclist hit the ground and was shaken up a bit. Basically, the moral is that you have to concentrate all the time.

Anyhow after 5km we reached the bushland reserve and had to walk down to the beach. But it was great with Cabarita in the near distance and very easy walking on the hard sand. The views were magic. (But I have to mention that we did get some odd looks from some beachgoers who were frying themselves in the sun and seemed to think we were a bit odd as we had on hats and long shirts & pants to stop the sunburn. It was priceless moment). Our group reached the headland quickly and we had to wade through 200mm of water. It was fun judging the time between waves. Anyhow we quickly got through with a minimum of fuss. Joe took about 4 people (who didn’t want to take their boots off) up and over the headland. Joe met us again and was most impressed with the patch of rainforest they traipsed through.

We had late morning tea/early lunch at about 11.30am at the picnic tables in a nice shady spot. After lunch the party quickly ascended Norries Head (the official name of the headland at Cabarita). The views were stunning. There were lots of board-riders out as the surf was about 6 feet. (it is a strange fact that for some things we still use the old imperial measurements; people still give baby’s weight in pounds, the height of waves for surfing is in “feet”, and you order a beer in the old system of a schooner which is 15 ounces or better still a pint which is a pint or 20 fluid ounces. And TV screen sizes are often quoted in inches).

Anyhow we were keen to move on and zipped along the beach to Cudgera Creek at Hastings Point. The tide was still a bit high so we walked around the bridge to get to the other side - Janet and Benno

waded across. It was about thigh deep. Actually, the creek was a raging torrent and you could ride the current for about 200m out to where the waves were breaking. It was great fun.

Anyhow, our walkers regrouped in the shade for our “second lunch.” We then walked up to the headland and were watching some surfers jumping off the rocks. However, some of our group had already started walking and we regrouped at Pottsville. We had a swim in the creek (Mooball Creek). Our group had to do a car shuffle, eventually got moving and started the trip home up the M1 about 4ish. I received an email the next day from Prasada to advise that there were no delays at all on the M1. The trip down to Cabarita only took 90 minutes.

We were blessed with perfect weather for the day. The temperature was 28^o and the wind speed was 17kph at 3pm. The only down-side was at the finish of the walk all the cafés at Pottsville were shut but the IGA was still open for an ice cream or soft drink.

Thanks to those who joined me:- Sue Murray, Cath Morahan, Jon Peake, Prasada Vajjhala, Paddy Taylor, Sabrina Li, Joe Tottenham, Benno Giuliani, Sue Tobin and Janet Millar. Phil

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Quarterly Meetings or Monthly Meetings

At the February meeting there was a request for reinstating the monthly meetings and there was a discussion about having monthly meetings again. I didn't speak against the motion as I expected it to fizzle out. The chair called for a show of hands to indicate members views and although there wasn't a majority for returning to monthly meetings there was some interest in having meetings perhaps every 2 months. I note it wasn't a formal motion put forward but rather an indication of members views on the matter. The “matter” was not decided at the February meeting but was referred to the committee for further consideration. The issue of monthly meetings was discussed at length and in details at the last committee meeting (6/3/2023) and no resolution was made and will be discussed again at the next committee meeting.

I would like to add a few words to the matter. Basically, I think it is a backward step to go back to monthly meetings.

Firstly, because I fear we would rarely meet the requirements to get a quorum and this would become very awkward and counterproductive.

Secondly, I would like to reiterate the reasons for the change to quarterly meetings which were set out by the then President, Cath Wood, in the March 2022 Jilalan at page 14 :-

Over the past years the attendance and functionality of the monthly meetings has steadily decreased, and the committee has voted to change our General Meetings to quarterly, rather than monthly. There are numerous reasons why we have made this decision, including:

- *The decreased attendance at meetings.*
- *Meetings are no longer the first point of introduction to the Club for visitors, as shown by our records. Visitors phone or email, and come to walks, strolls or socials rather than meetings.*
- *Modern technology has replaced some of the functions which meetings traditionally met. We now have the Jilalan emailed to most members, the website gives up to date information regarding events and the calendar, the “Fortnightly Update” acts a reminder of coming events and unplanned changes and nearly all members have easy access to this technology.*
- *Few leaders are attending meetings to report in person on coming and past outings, relying instead on the above methods of giving out information.*
- *As our members age, fewer are wanting to drive at night to attend.*
- *Fewer meetings mean a decrease in the workload for the committee members, who make up a fair percentage of the current attendees.*
- *The Club still has a wide range of events, both walking and social, to bring people together.*
- *By having fewer meetings, we can work to give a special focus to each of the 4 meetings per year, and hopefully generate some enthusiasm to attend these events.*

Therefore, the committee has voted to change the existing By-Law [to allow for Quarterly meetings].:

All the above points are still very, very relevant and in particular few leaders attend meetings to talk about walks coming up or about past walks.

I was also concerned that the push to have monthly meetings overlooks a few facts. The attendance at meetings has become lower and lower over the last few years. We now have 10 on committee and we will have trouble reaching the number of members for a quorum of 21. (twice the number on committee plus 1 – see clause 23-01 of the constitution). See table below of attendance at 2021 meetings which had an attendance of only 17.6 and in 2022 the average attendance was only 20.3.

In 2021 I was interested in how many members and visitors attended monthly meetings. I had never done this analysis before and was shocked and dismayed by the alarming minimal number of visitors to meetings. In simple terms we had only 4 brand new visitors at meetings in 2021. In 2022 we had no new visitors to the Club meetings. Also, another point is that we had 20 people join the Club in 2021, but only 2 of them had been to a meeting.

I am also concerned that having more meetings doesn't address a few key issues. I am very concerned that we need to improve our meetings and make them less stuffy and less formal. We need to improve the use of audio-visual technology to make it easier to describe the nature of our walks and other events.

We also need to reconsider the venue for the meeting. The Little Kings venue is a bit quirky; others would use stronger language. The access to the 'room' or "hall" is a shocker to find at night. The access point is not off O'Keefe Street but is off Wolseley Street. It is a bit hard to find the correct "driveway / laneway" at night. We need to improve signage or lights to make it easier to find the way in. Also, the 100 metre walk along a dimly lit laneway is less than comfortable. Also, the 'hall' or "undercroft", although clean, is perhaps not an ideal venue.

My other concern is that we haven't given the process of having quarterly meetings time to evolve and become a way of life for the Club.

In summary it is too soon to change back to monthly meetings.

Below is a summary of the attendance at the 2021 meetings that was a factor to go to quarterly meetings in 2022. In column 4 is a note as to whether the attendance would qualify as a quorum for the 2023 year. In 6 of the 11 months the attendance wouldn't meet the requirements for a quorum.

2021 Monthly attendance	Members at meeting	Visitors	Would number attending meeting meet a Quorum for 2023
Jan	13	0	No
Feb	18	0	No
Mar	15	1	No
Apr	13	3	No
May	19	1	Yes
Jun	24	0	Yes
Jul	19	1	Yes
Aug	covid		No
Sept	15	0	Yes
Oct	No quorum		No
Nov	21	2	Yes
Dec	19	0	Yes
Total	176		
Average	17.6		

Below is a summary of the attendance at the 2022 meetings. In column 4 is a note as to whether the attendance would qualify as a quorum for the 2023 year. In 2 of the 6 meetings, we wouldn't have a quorum.

Attendance at Monthly Meetings 2022	Members	Visitors	Quorum for 2023
Jan 2022	13	0	No
Feb 2022	22	1	Yes
March 2022	15	0	No

May 2022	22	0	Yes
Aug 2022	19	1	yes
Nov 2022	20	0	yes
Average for the 3 Monthly Meetings	16.6		
Average for the 3 Quarterly Meetings	20.3		

The other concerning trend is the minimal number of visitors attending in 2022. The only visitor was a former member. The average attendance in 2021 was 17 per meeting. In 2022 the average for Quarterly meetings was 20.3. The percentage increase in attendance in 2022 was 18%.

In summary the above figures clearly indicate that the decision to move to quarterly meetings in early 2022 was a good choice. It would be a counterproductive choice to reinstate monthly meetings.

Phil Murray



FEDERATION MOUNTAIN RESCUE FMR

<https://fmrqld.bwq.org.au/>

Programme For 2023

FMR offers regular training activities, at near-cost, to adult financial members of BWQ-affiliated clubs. For more information, email Secretary at fmrqld@gmail.com

Planning

Date	Activity	Member	Limit	Cost	Contact
March 26 2023	Classic Navigation - map and compass	BWQ Club 15	free		Peter Rollings
TBC 2023	Digital Navigation - GPS devices	BWQ Club 15	free		Doug McDonald
May TBD 2023	First Aid Refresher	BWQ Club 12	TBD	TBD	

About FMR Inc

The Objectives Of FMR Inc. Are To:

- Promote and encourage a professional approach to bushwalking safety through practical training, adoption of sound and credible methods, and by demonstration to other clubs.
- Promote, encourage and conduct advanced bushwalking and related activities.
- Promote and encourage safe bushwalking practice internally, in other clubs, and to the general public.
- Assist other bushwalking club members and their club safety and training officers with training at club level.
- Maintain skills in search and rescue techniques. These skills are above those which would usually be required in normal bushwalking activities.
- Enable members of other bushwalking clubs to become proficient in search & rescue organisation by training, by leading bushwalking club walks, and by demonstration of walking safety and related techniques to enable members of other bushwalking clubs to become proficient in these activities.
- Obtain equipment to enable the search and rescue function to be carried out, and train members in the correct use and maintenance of the equipment.
- Where possible maintain liaison with police, SES, communications media, property owners, and other bushwalking clubs.
- Carry out research and analysis of any aspect associated with bushwalking, search and rescue, and the techniques and equipment used.

Committee

President: Doug McDonald
Treasurer: Judy Moody-Stuart

Secretary: Peter Rollings
Members Officer: Vacant

Committee member: Rob Manthey

Training Officer: Vacant

A Brief History Of FMR

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

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

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

Bushwalkers Overdue

1. For Walks That Have No Emergencies Or Unexplained Delays:

Use your club contact system for club walks. Notify the Contact Officer before the walk and on your safe return. If you know for sure that some or all of the party is safe but delayed, let the Contact Officer know, so worried friends or relatives can be reassured.

2. For Walks With An Emergency!:

Overdue is NOT, in itself, an emergency. If in doubt talk to a [Rescue Leader](#) or your Club Contact Officer.

For life-threatening or time critical emergencies dial 000 or 112 (mob) and explain the situation

OR

for injury, known lost persons, extreme bad weather, dangerous conditions or serious delay (that is more than 24 hours late on a normal bushwalking trip) notify Police to explain the possible emergency.

- notify the police (required for a search or rescue)
- the police will arrange a helicopter response (if needed) and
- organise any search and rescue (if needed)
- you must keep necessary records (time, location and any relevant details)
- inform your club contact officers so they can reassure anxious friends and relatives.

Useful Links

Bushwalking

[Incident Report Form](#) [PDF] Keep a copy in your first aid kit

Insurance

[Certificate of Currency](#) [PDF]

Activity Planning

[FMR Riskmanagement plan](#) used for all FMR activities

[Abseiling OHS&E forms](#)

[Group abseiling waiver form](#)

Search and Rescue

[Field Party Check List](#) [PDF]

Administration

[Membership Application/AOR](#) [PDF]

[Model Rules](#) [PDF]

By Laws [PDF]

[Draft Privacy Policy](#) [DOCX]

[Nominate for a position on the committee](#) [PDF]

Archived Training Calendars

[2008-9](#) [DOC]

[2010](#) [DOC]

Research

[An improved self-belay protected abseil method](#) [DOC]

National Search and Rescue Manual

<https://natsar.amsa.gov.au/natsar-manual.asp>

VERONICA FORSYTH, DECEASED

I am just writing to let you know that my dear friend Veronica Forsyth, who was a member of BCBC, passed away on Friday morning, 3rd February. There will be members in the club who will know Veronica from her/our walks with the club.

Veronica was diagnosed with a brain tumour just over three years ago. She remained as active as she possibly could for as long as she could. This included continuing to do walks and treks. She was at home, being cared for by her family and a fantastic group of carers, when she passed. She loved her home and its bush setting and I am sure that there was no place that she would rather be for her last days.

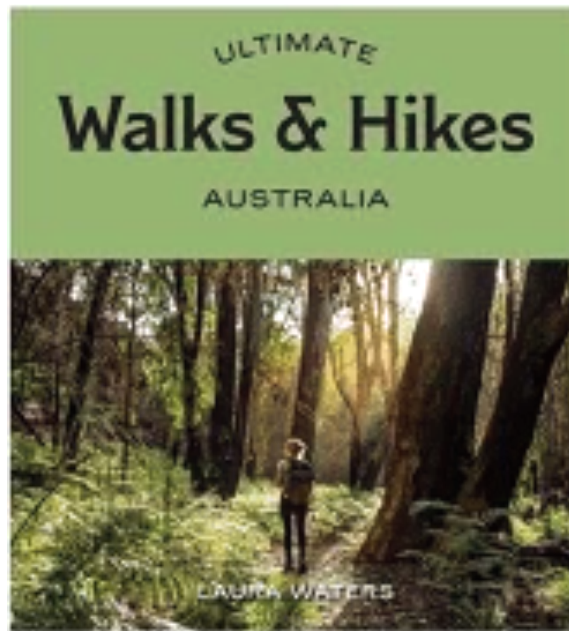
She will be greatly missed. She was the best navigator I have ever known, fantastic company to be with and a steadfast friend.

Kind regards, Ben Sotiriadis

BOOK REVIEW

Ultimate Walks & Hikes: Australia By Laura Waters

Published 2022 by Hardie Grant
ISBN 978174117749



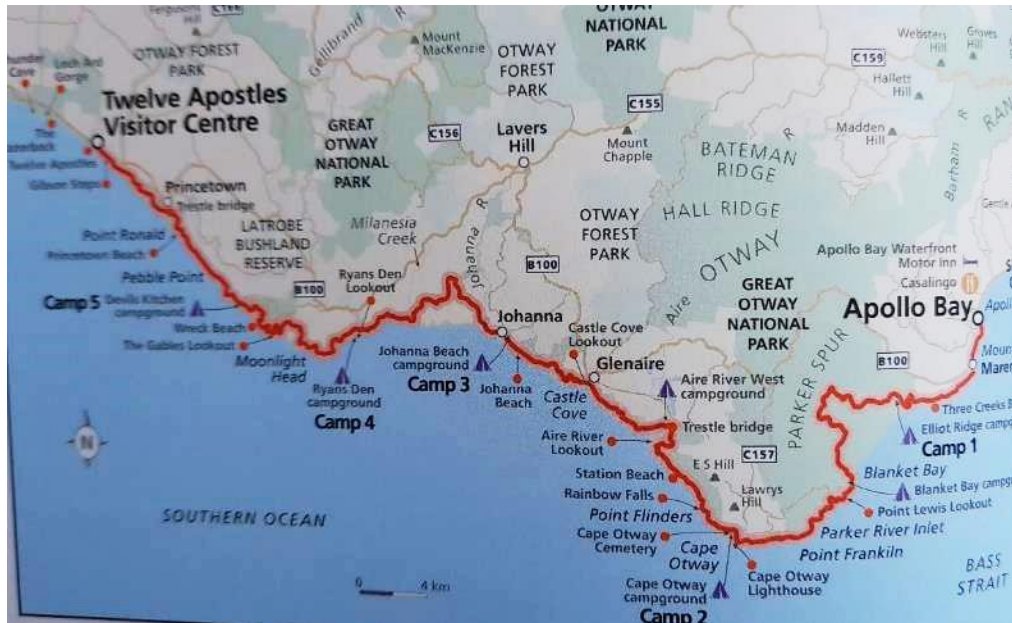
This is a really good guide to bushwalks in Australia. I saw this in the shops and was really impressed by the quality of the descriptions, the photos and the maps. It also had a walk description of a walk (Whyte River) in Tassie I was planning to do in a few weeks. I gave into temptation and bought it at Dymocks on Boxing Day last year.

The book has a selection of the best walks for each state. The ones selected for Queensland were Mt Ngungun, Toolona Creek Circuit, Cooloola Great Walk, Thorsborne trail and Carnarvon Gorge. The write ups for these walks were a nice description of the respective walks. An example of her writing style was her comment about Mt Ngungun - "Emerging onto Mt Ngungun's ridgeline peak is like mounting the back of a stegosaurus." (page 219). It was sort of a cute comedic style of a high school essay but I loved it and agreed with her comment. She was constantly mentioning things to see and not focused on getting to the top so she wasn't "end fixated" like some books are. The walk descriptions went for 4 to 6 pages with photos and a map. At the end of the book there were quick one-page descriptions of another 8 walks which included the Warrie Circuit at Springbrook.

The other states have all the usual "walk" candidates but there were a few I didn't know. The maps don't have contour lines but they really highlighted the route of the trip. The photos were good and captured the essence or vibe of the walks. I was really interested in the walks listed for Western

Australia. In particular they had good track notes for Bald Knob in Torndirrup National Park which is a great little walk near Albany. <https://trailswa.com.au/trails/trail/bald-head-walk-trail?print=1> This walk is reputedly rated as the best daywalk in Western Australia and from the photos and the other information on the web it seems like a justifiable claim. Bald Knob was a walk I already knew about and it was already on my must do list and the write up in the book confirms that it is a must do walk.

For Victoria they have listed the usual candidates Wilsons Prom, Grampians Peak Trail, Great Ocean Walk, The Razorback Walk (Mt Feathertop) & Mount Buffalo. But also included some 'smokies' like - Flinders Peak in the You Yangs and the Mitchell River Walk. The write up about the Great Ocean Walk is a must read for members who are doing the Great Ocean Walk in November this year. The map of the Great Ocean Walk was so easy to read and just made it so easy to understand where the walk went.



Another quirky feature is that the book picked up strange anomalies like in the You-Yangs National Park you are allowed to take pet dogs on the track with you. I was flabbergasted. I was unaware this was allowed in National Parks. Should dogs on a leash be allowed into most National Parks? As an aside my son would say yes.

<https://www.alltrails.com/parks/australia/victoria/you-yangs-regional-park/dogs-leash>

The other feature I liked about the book is that it had suggestions for other walks in the area, a list of best eats and best sleeps. The other feature is that the summary has the usual guff about distance, time expected, grade (difficulty) and also had a heading called "puff factor" to describe the fitness requirements. The writing style wasn't pretentious and was very easy to read. The other feature to note is that it didn't try to be a nuts-and-bolts navigational guidebook but rather it was a motivational description to inspire you to get up and go style.

The title of the book as the *Ultimate Walks & Hikes*, is perhaps a bit of tall claim as it doesn't include places like Mt Barney (Qld) or Mt Bogong (Vic) or Mt Bartle or my favourite walk in Tassie, Brown Mountain & Crescent Beach. But walks listed are certainly a good selection and the word "Ultimate" is sort of a publishing phrase as there is a series of books called Ultimate Caravan Trips, Ultimate 4WD Tracks Ultimate Food & Drink. The use of the word "Ultimate" lends comparison to the Americans calling their baseball championships the *World Series* when all the teams are from the USA except one.

It is worth checking out the book in the library. Apparently, Brisbane City Council Library has 10 copies. Dewey Call number is 919.4 WAT. Laura Waters has also published a book about her 3,000km traverse of New Zealand from North to South called *Bewildered*. Dewey Call number 919.3 WAT.

About the Author :- Laura writes for major magazines and newspapers and her hiking memoir *Bewildered* won Best Travel Book in the "Australian Society of Travel Writers" Awards For Excellence 2021.

It didn't know such an organisation called "Australian Society of Travel Writers" existed until I did some research for the book review but I will be checking out the previous winners of the best book soon and there are links to lots of other interesting travel articles.

<https://www.astw.org.au/awards/past-winners/2021-astw-awards-for-excellence-winners/>

Phil

LAUDATO SI'

"Everything is connected" is central to understanding 'ecologies' and Laudato Si'! Spirituality, theology, anthropology, philosophy and science are intimately linked.

Each Monday Judith Keller makes earth "links" with contemplation in a Monday Meditation at 5:00pm Brisbane time:

<https://csjthewell.org/about/>

Meditation Links across the North and South hemispheres are made with the Josephite mission called The Well:

<https://csjthewell.org/about/>

Fr Denis Edwards explores the evolution of theological thought about the natural world:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NmRtUDDaP90>

Science is of great interest to theologians:

<https://ctu.edu/event/sundays-at-ctu-gods-creation-with-br-guy-consolmagno-si/>

'catholic' means "whole." As Catholics 'whole' means everything, everywhere all the time. Dr Saul Gareth addresses our 'now' energy situation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FQ8-uAhG-zs&t=7s>

THE ARCHDIOCESE SUMMIT MAY 18th to 20th

The Archbishop of Brisbane has announced "The Summit," to be held at Riverlife Centre, 47 Jennifer St., Seventeen Mile Rocks, from May 18 – 20, 2023. This is not a Synod as such, although it will use some strategies found in a synodal approach. The "Summit" will entail key note presentations from notable speakers and a series of "Masterclass" topics conducted by leading catholic voices in the Archdiocese and beyond.

A statement by Deacon Peter Pellicaan, executive Director, Evangelisation Brisbane, states: "The Summit is a key step in the implementation phase of the Plenary Council and where Archbishop Mark will be sharing his priorities for the coming years".

LENT

Do you want to fast this Lent? Suggestions from Pope Francis:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

ODE TO THE WOMBAT

As you pound along the track

Eyes wide open and ears pinned back

You may have noticed those queer square turds
And thought if not expressed in words
The pain of such defecation
Baffles the imagination
But it ain't done to entertain us
The wombat has an oblong anus
So if at night you hear pained cries
Outside your tent, feel no surprise
With eyes shut tight, teeth clenched with pain
A wombat's gone and crapped again!

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PLANNING A TRIP TO EUROPE

<https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/schengen-visa-countries-list/>

Planning a trip to Europe next year? Rules on travelling are changing.

<https://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/planning-a-trip-to-europe-next-year-rules-on-travelling-are-changing/gpwreefh8?cid=newsapp:socialshare:other>

Australians travelling to several parts of Europe will soon need to apply for a visa waiver program in new rules that come into force next year.

For anyone eyeing a trip to Europe from 2024, here's what you need to know about the European Travel Information and Authorisation System, otherwise known as ETIAS - European Travel Authorisation and Information System.

What Is ETIAS?: is a new mandatory pre-travel authorisation for countries in the Schengen Area to have information about travellers passing through their states for increased security. ETIAS is not a visa. It's a pre-screening system designed to waive the requirement of applying for a visa for people travelling for business or travel purposes to the Schengen Area, for up to 90 days. Those looking to stay in the region for longer than 90 days in a six-month period will need to apply for a Schengen Visa.

How Do I Apply?: Travellers can access the ETIAS application online, which should take 10 minutes to fill out. *The link will be made available to travellers from next year.*

It will ask applicants to fill out standard contact details, like their full name, address, passport information, citizenship, education and work experience, as well as the first EU country they intend to

visit. There will also be questions about a person's criminal history, drug use, human trafficking, previous trips to Europe and past travel to areas of conflict. It will cost around \$11 for each Australian applicant aged between 18 and 70 and will be valid for up to three years.

What Happens Next?: After submitting the application, automated checks will be conducted against EU information systems. Generally, successful application outcomes are received within a few minutes of paying for the application. In exceptional circumstances, when doubts arise around the information provided in the ETIAS application, they will be manually processed to by ETIAS National Units to conduct further assessments.

When Will The ETIAS Authorisation Be Checked?: Air, sea and overland coach carriers will have an obligation to verify their travellers have the required documentation to enter the Schengen Area. Upon border checkpoints, security will ask visa-exempt travellers to present their ETIAS authorisation prior to entering.

Schengen Area Countries: The 27 Schengen countries are Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland.

Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Lichtenstein are associate members of the Schengen Area but are not members of the EU. They are part of the EFTA and implement the Schengen acquis.

There are four more EU members that have not joined the Schengen zone: Ireland Romania, Bulgaria, and Cyprus – which are seeking to join soon.

SOME SITES TO LOOK AT

For The Traveller:

YouTube – “The Cheap Flights”

<https://youtu.be/HPyl2tOaKxM>

The Power Of The Earthquake

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=liDvo-xTinY>

E-MAIL SECURITY

Look up

<https://haveibeenpwned.com/>

This is an e-mail address search to see if your identity has been hacked & stolen.

He is not up to date with the latest Australian corporate hacks.

FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL

<https://www.affrenchfilmfestival.org/schedule/brisbane>

Wed 15th MARCH to Wed 12th APRIL

At Palace Cinemas at James Street Fortitude Valley or at Barracks Spring Hill

There are many interesting movies. It is always good to watch foreign films as they are “different” with a different perspective on life.

Two I want to see are the one about the Notre Dame fire, and one about a senior’s choir “Silver Rockers”. .

Look up their programme for films and times, and to book online.

FAWLTY TOWERS

SUNDAY 19th MARCH

DISCUSSION ON FAWLTY TOWERS

INTERESTING

ABC Radio RN

"In The Minefield"

@ 10am

AM – 792

TV Chanel 26

Digital Radio

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.

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

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