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# **JUNE 2024**

MAY						
11	Sat	Miketeebumulgrai, Elimbah & Beerburrum	Michele J		DW	
15	Wed	Belmont Bushland Reserve	Prasada		Stroll	
17 18	Fri Sat	Drinks & Dinner Hotel West End	Liz L Michele J		Soc DW	
20	Mon	Mt Tabletop Quarterly Meeting	Antonia		Meet	
22	Wed	Cabbage Tree Ck Ferny Grove to Old Nthn Rd	Paula H		Stroll	
25	Sat	Awassi Cheesery at Grantham	Barbara		Soc	
27–31	Mon-Fri	Toowoomba to Allora	Russ		AT	
29 30	Wed	Dutton Park, Highgate Hill, Boundary Rd, City Banff Mountain Film Festival	Susan Ware		Stroll Movies	
30	Thu	JUNE			wovies	
01	Sat	Mapleton to Gheerula Fall Cancelled	Sue Walsh		DW	
05	Wed	Coffee Night – Kafe Meze	Prasada		Soc	
09	Sun	Mt Maroon	Phil		DW	
12	Wed	Teneriffe, The Valley & Spring Hill to City	Janet G	0419 466 373	Stroll	S21
14	Fri	Mystery Progressive Dinner	Sue T	3366 3193	Soc	
15	Sat	Flinders Peak	Michael C	3556 1664	DW	S66
19	Wed	Wynnum North to Lota – Rail #22	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	S11
20–21	Thu-Fri	Tweed Rail Trail	Russ	0427 743 534	O/N	M22
22–23	Sat-Sun	Club Hut Working Bee	lain	3870 8082	BC	S33
26	Wed	Nudgee Beach to Toombul – River #01b	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	M11
29	Saturday	Ravensbourne Pole Farm	Matt	0438 720 235	DW	L55
30	Sun	Doyle Art Awards & lunch at Mudgeeraba	Phil	0416 650 160	Soc	
		JULY				
03	Wed	Coffee Night – Tutto Cafe & Expresso Bar	Mark D	0420 621 973	Soc	
04	Thu	Bunyaville to Chermside Hills Cancelled			DW	
06	Sat	Neglected Mountain	Russ	0427 743 534	DW	M44
10	Wed	South Brisbane – History #2	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
12–14	Fri-Sun	Club Hut Basecamp – Upper Portals	lain	0401 429 085	BC	M56
17	Wed	Toohey Forest Park	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
19	Fri	Drinks & Dinner	Jan	0401 030 137	Soc	
20	Sat	Freeman's Lookout	Jan	0401 030 137	DW	M34
24	Wed	Lota to Wellington Point – Rail #23	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
27	Sat	Boonah Ipswich Rail Trail	Sue Walsh	0403 487 737	DW	M34
31	Wed	Toowong Creek – Mt Coot-tha to Milton	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
		AUGUST				
03	Sat	Noosa Trails	Terry	3355 9765	DW	
03–04	Sat-Sun	Lizard Point	Matt	0438 720 235	O/N	
07	Wed	Coffee Night	matt	0100120200	Soc	
10	Sat	Musical Theatre – Legally Blond	Russ	0427 743 534	Soc	
14	Wed	Barney Mass – Peasants	Terry	3355 9765	DW	
14	Wed	Barney Mass – South East Ridge	John C	0422 279 771	DW	
14	Wed	Barney Mass – South East Ridge		3351 4092	DW	
			Greg			
18	Sun	Bralcalba Trails	Sue Walsh	0403 487 737	DW	
19	Mon	Quarterly Meeting	Michele E	0418 708 638	Meet	
21	Wed	Indooroopilly – History #3	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
24	Sat	White Rock	Greg	3351 4092	DW	
25–31	WK	Sydney Upper Harbour	Russ	0427 743 534	AT	
28	Wed	Bunyaville Conservation Park			Stroll	
SEPTEMBER						
04	Wed	Coffee Night			Soc	
06-08	Fri-Sun	Pilgrimage at Kenilworth Redlands BWC			BC	
11	Wed	Wellington Point to Cleveland – Rail #41	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
12	Sun	Mt Alexander	-		DW	
14	Sat	City Botanic Gardens & Roma St Parklands	Sue T	3366 3193	Soc	
18	Wed	Banyo & Nudgee – History #4	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
21	Sat	Mt Ernest	John C	0433 279 771	DW	
25	Wed	West End – Under The Lino #2	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
29	Sun	Country Lunch	Greg	3351 4092	Soc	
25	Jun		Greg	5551 TU32		

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

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### **KEY – Walk/Event Types**

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

### **KEY – Walk Gradings**

Distance	Terrain	Fitness/Endurance
Short under 10km / day	1 – Smooth reasonably flat path	<ol> <li>Basic – Suitable for beginners</li> <li>Up to 4 hours walking Or Flat</li> </ol>
	2 – Graded path/track with minor obstacles	<ul> <li>2 – Basic – Suitable for beginners.</li> <li>Up to 4 hours walking Or Minor Hills</li> </ul>
<mark>M</mark> edium 10-15km / day	<ul> <li>Graded track with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Intermediate – Suitable for fit beginners</li> <li>Up to 5 hours walking</li> <li>And/Or minor hills</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>4 – Rough unformed track or open terrain with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>4 – Intermediate – Suitable for fit beginners</li> <li>Up to 5 hours walking</li> <li>And/Or up to 300m gain/loss</li> </ul>
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	<ul> <li>7 – Climb/descend steep rock using hands or footholds. May be some exposure. Good upper body strength</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>7 – High – Up to 8 hours walking And/Or up to 750m gain/loss High fitness Endurance and agility required</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>8 – Climb/descend near vertical rock with exposure. Climbing skills may be required</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>8 – High – Up to 8 hours walking And/Or up to 1000m gain/loss High fitness Endurance and agility required</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>9 – Sustained climbing or descending of vertical or near vertical rock with exposure. Advanced climbing skills required. Good upper body strength</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>9 – Challenging – Up to 12 hours walking And/Or over 1000m gain/loss Very high fitness Endurance and agility required</li> </ul>

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

# **PRAYER**

June – Month of the Sacred Heart

The fruit of silence is prayer the fruit of prayer is faith the fruit of faith is love the fruit of love is service the fruit of service is peace *Mother Teresa Mother Teresa O* most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore You, I love You, and with lively sorrow for my sins, I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to Your will. Grant, Good Jesus that I may live in You and for You. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen

# **ABOUT WALKS**

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

Leaders are asked to print their own *Nomination Forms* and to consult the *Leaders' Guide* on the Club website. <u>https://bcbc.online/assets/Nomination.pdf</u> Leaders Notes are at https://bcbc.bwg.org.au/assets/leading.pdf

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

If **changes** are made to walks (date, location, cancelation, etc.) leaders are asked to advise Russ, Ph: 0427 743 534.

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

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

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

# **COMING EVENTS**

### WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE TENERIFFE to THE CITY STROLL



Leader:	Janet Galos Ph: 3871 0322
Meet at:	Teneriffe Ferry Terminal, cnr Commercial Rd and Brisbane River
Transport:	CityCat, Bus 60 "Blue Glider" or Bus 199
Depart:	3:30pm
Cost:	Free
Grade:	S21
Location:	Inner Suburbs
Distance:	6.5km @ 2hr
Web:	https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=16/-27.4600/153.0314
Height:	92m total ascent; 72m overall descent
Pace:	That of the slowest person
Emerg Off:	Janet Ph: 3871 0322

This day we Stroll from the old wharves along the Brisbane River, go up Teneriffe Hill via a graded track to look over New Farm and over the River to Bulimba. You'll go to places you never knew existed, visit one location of the 1989 Kylie Minogue movie "The Delinquents", see the houses of the rich end of New Farm, go through the edge of The Valley and through the back blocks of Spring Hill to get transport home from Roma Street Station.

Those on this Stroll will also see historic Teneriffe House, the first house in the area – built in 1865.

Anyone can come along, not just those who have been strolling before. You'll find it very pleasant to walk in the twilight hours, chatting as you go – or strolling in silence at times, if you prefer – and discovering hidden corners of our city while enjoying a 'constitutional' (healthy walk, so good for your constitution).

Whether or not you've been on one of the previous strolls, come along and join us in this little local adventure. You won't regret it!

# FRIDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE MYSTERY PROGRESSIVE DINNER SOCIAL

- Leader: Sue Tobin Ph: 0438 800 039
- Meet at: West End Ferry Terminal
- Phone if you need transport
- Time: Between 4:15 and 4:30pm

Cost: Go Card plus what you drink and eat

Food: Entrees: \$10.00-\$20.00 Mains: \$17:00-\$30.00 Dessert: \$10:00



Have you ever wondered where the Blue Glider (Bus 60) goes? Well here is your chance. This month we are doing something a little different. We will meet at the West End Ferry Terminal – street parking is available. This is where there will be no more driving for the evening, only to go home.

This is a mystery tour, where we will visit three different venues where the Club has not visited before. There will be plenty of seats as this is the start of our journey. There isn't too much walking from each of the stops to the venue.

After a short ride, we will disembark to enjoy a pre-dinner drink. All tastes are catered for; and if you wish, nibbles and shared plates are available.

After enjoying a drink and catch up, we will head off with our driver from Bus 60 for the main course. We will travel through the City and the Valley, where we will arrive for mains, where a range of dishes are available providing for a variety of tastes. You can also order something smaller if you wish.

To end the night we will head back on Bus 60 for dessert and coffee. After which the bus will take us back to West End.

It shouldn't be a late night but hopefully a very enjoyable one. Everyone is welcome. Remember your Go Card. If you want, just come for the company and the ride. Sue

### SATURDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE FLINDERS PEAK DAYWALK

Leader:Michael Cashman Ph: 0401 308 665Meet:St Brigid's carpark, Red HillTime:7.00amDistance:Less than 10km, Elevation 680mCost:\$15Grade:S66

Location: Flinders–Goolman Conservation Estate, Mt Flinders Rd between Ipswich & Boonah Web:<u>https://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0003/239313/Flinders Poster About Web.pdf</u> Emerg Off: Joe Tottenham Ph: 0423 469 704 or 07 3351 4493

We will commence the walk from the car park at Flinders Plum Picnic Area on Mount Flinders Road, Peak Crossing [Plan A]. The track soon becomes quite steep, and remains so for the next hour to 90min, depending on your pace. You then reach a peak, with quite good views. Then you will cross a ridge full of boulders, stretching perhaps 500m. You will need reasonable agility here. After descending a little you come to a wide open area of rock with excellent views. There is a possibility for some walkers to call it a day at this point.

The main peak is now 130m above you, and perhaps 20 more minutes of walking, including a chimney. On the peak there are views in all directions, and also a helicopter landing pad. The return journey is also difficult, partly because the boulders require the same energy in both directions, and partly because the tracks going down are steep. A walking pole would be helpful here.

Except for on the peak, there is some shade throughout, including on the boulder section.

[Plan B] On the pre-outing the council had closed the road about 1.5km before the picnic area, and it was necessary to park the cars beside the road and walk this distance, adding 3km to the walk. If the road is closed, we will walk in.

### WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE WYNNUM NORTH to LOTA RAIL #22 STROLL

Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092 Leader: Meet at: Wynnum North Rail Station, 81 Cameron Parade Time: 3:24pm Train: 2:50pm Cleveland Train from Roma Street Stn PI 5; front carriage Cost: Free Grading: S11 Distance: 7.3km Duration: 2hr Wynnum Nth, Wynnum, Wynnum Central, Manly, Lota Location: https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.4536/153.1800 Web: Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 – Bring this Number with you

You are back to following rail lines; continuing our trek to Cleveland. You have been to Wynnum North Station a few times recently (especially for the River Series around the Port of Brisbane), so now it is time to say "Goodbye" to it.

Our track takes us near this historic rail line – not always in view of it, finding all the parks and sports grounds to Stroll through along the way. If you are in the mood, you could even explore the old (now closed) Wynnum Community Health Centre and perhaps fine a way through the bush behind it.

This one is reasonably flat, mainly along streets, with no bush (unless we do the abandoned Health Centre option), and visits to 4 stations.

Come along on this pleasantly enjoyable Stroll on a nice winter's evening.

### THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> to FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE NORTHERN RIVERS RAIL TRAIL – TWEED SECTION ACCOMMODATED WALK

on Ph 0427 743 534		
carpark, Red Hill		
ht accommodation at Imperial Hotel		
lurwillumbah		
hns Ph: 0414 635 542		
NOMINATIONS CLOSED		



The Northern Rivers Rail Trail was originally a railway line that operated between the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and 2004. This walk follows the former railway line from Murwillumbah to Stokers Siding Station (20<sup>th</sup> May) and then onto Crabbes Creek Station on 21<sup>st</sup> May. It anticipated that in the future the track will continue all the way to Casino. The route is flat, very green with some stunning views and passes through lush rainforests, quaint villages and rural farmland.

The overnight will be in the Imperial Hotel, Murwillumbah.

Along the way on day one we will visit the Margaret Olley Art Centre which is just south of Murwillumbah. There are a lot of stairs from the trail up to the Art Centre, but the view of Mount Warning and the Tweed Valley from the top of the stairs is well worth the effort, as is the visit to the Art Centre. Margaret Olley was born in Lismore in 1923 and died in 2011 after living in Queensland and New South Wales. Entry to the Art Centre is free.

Day two goes via a long tunnel (500 metres) and weaves through the cuttings and the hills through the Burringbar and Mooball areas. Bring a torch for the tunnel.

This is a gentle walk and all are invited. Day 1 is only 8km plus the stairs to the Art Centre. Day 2 is 16km. It is being held on a week day so as to avoid the crowds of cyclists on the weekend and to visit the Margaret Olley Art Centre.

### SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> and SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE CLUB HUT WORKING BEE OVER NIGHTER/DAYWALK

Leader:Iain Renton Ph: 0401 429 085Meet:St Brigid's carpark, Red HillTime:6.30am SaturdayCost:\$25 (car pool)Grade:S33Emerg Off:Kerry Mulligan Ph: 0421 022 250



It's time for our annual hut working bee. This is always a sociable and enjoyable occasion. It is a great feeling at the end of the working bee to see the hut paddock freshly mown and the hut looking good. All are welcome and no particular skills are needed. Some people enjoy working much of the time, others will do a few hours of work and then spend the rest of the time relaxing and yakking (or walking to the Lower Portals). We are glad to have your help however much you decide to do. This year there will also be the bonus (hopefully) of walking in on a much improved Lower Portals track. The track has been closed by National Parks since mid-April for prescribed burning and then work on the track. It should be reopened very soon.

We will be doing the usual weeding, removing lantana and mowing the hut paddock. Possibly we will start working on the roof of the hut chimney (it is getting a bit rusty in spots). We will be preparing it for painting, then start painting it. Inside the hut will need a good clean up and things put in order. There will probably be a few other odd jobs to do. Some of us will be going in for the weekend and others will be going in for the day on Saturday. Join me in helping keep the Club's unique hut in tip-top condition.

### WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE NUDGEE BEACH to TOOMBUL RIVER #1 STROLL

Leader: Meet At: Time:	Greg Endicott Ph: 3351 4092 Toombul Station carpark, Sandgate Rd side 2:45pm
Train/Bus:	https://jp.translink.com.au/plan-your-journey/journey-planner
Car Shuffle:	From Toombul to Nudgee Beach and again at the end
Cost:	Free
Grading:	M11
Distance:	12km
Duration:	3½hr
Location:	Nudgee Beach, Nudgee, Nundah, Toombul
Web:	https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=14/-27.3779/153.0883
Finish:	Toombul Shopping Town Bus Station OR Toombul Rail Station
Emerg Off:	Greg Ph: 0418 122 995 – Bring this Number with you

To finish at a reasonable time, we'll have to move quickly. It is very flat – the height gain is only 9m. So, you will scoot along. This is why you are having a car shuffle – we can do it on our own terms. I have discovered that the buses to Nudgee Beach go only every  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours, which is not good enough for us.

On this 12km, three-hour stroll you will start out at picturesque Nudgee Beach and have a very quick look at the sun shimmering on the swell on Moreton Bay. Then you will follow the road around to the Jim Sooley Cycleway which runs along Kedron Brook/Schultz Canal all the way to the Gateway.

The first part is beside the road, but as it passes the Boondall Wetlands it veers away from the road and goes bush all by itself. Eventually, you will go under the Gateway and the Airport Rail Line and meet up with the Kedron Brook Bikeway in outer Toombul. Then it is a short Stroll back to Toombul Shopping Centre Bus Interchange or the Railway Station. The route is completely flat; however, we will have to move if we want to complete it in three hours.

Come along on this Kedron Brook Stroll to complete your Brisbane River experience

### SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE RAVENSBOURNE POLE FARM DAYWALK

Leader:	Matt Palmer Ph: 0438 720 235
Meet at:	Contact Leader
Time:	6.30am
Cost:	\$20
Grade:	L55
Location:	Lockyer Valley
Emerg Off:	Kerry Mulligan Ph: 0421 022 250

Have you ever wondered where do power poles come from? What makes a power pole and what doesn't? How does growing of power poles work in with nature conservation? Well this is the trip for you. We will be walking along roads and trails, following creeks and gullies, maybe even spot a koala? The trip will contain some off track parts so you will need to be confident on uneven surfaces. Matt

### SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE The Darcy Doyle Art Awards And Lunch at Wallaby Hotel Mudgeeraba SOCIAL



Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160

Meet at: Firth Park Mudgeeraba at 10.30am

Or by train: DOWN on Gold Coast Train. Departs Roma St Stn 9:02am; Arrives Robina 10.18am BACK – leave hotel no later than 2.40pm. Train Departs Robina 3.13pm; Arrives Roma Street Station 4:27pm

 Cost:
 Lunch; and Train Fares – Go Card Concession \$4.58; Adult \$11.46 each way

 Web:
 https://thedoylesaward.com.au/

Emerg Off: Sue Murray Ph: 0420 510 214

### Nominations: By Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June (for table booking)

A chance for a slightly different country trip. Mudgeeraba is on the Gold Coast, but it still has the old country village feeling to it. The trip is scheduled to link up with the D'Arcy Doyle Art Awards (from 27<sup>th</sup> June to 7<sup>th</sup> July). The winner of the landscape category receives a cash prize of \$20,000. The exhibition is held in the Mudgeeraba Community Hall and has fantastic lighting to beautifully display the paintings.

By way of background D'arcy Doyle lived up the road for many years and to honour his legacy each year there is a prestigious art show to encourage up and coming artists. The exhibition is usually of a very high standard. There are many landscape paintings, but there is also a variety of other categories like still life and portraits. A key reason to come and see the show is that many of the paintings are scenes from our popular bushwalking haunts. Entry to the exhibition is usually free, but they do ask for a donation, and sell tickets in a prize. After an hour or so we will retire to the Wallaby Hotel for lunch.

Plan A is to drive down by yourselves; or Plan B to catch the train down to Robina and Sue and I will transfer people to Firth Park Mudgeeraba. We will have a good look at the art show, and gather at the local Wallaby Hotel, then return to Brisbane. (The proposed lunch venue was the Woodchoppers Hotel, but it closed down in January this year after the storms and has not reopened). It should be a great day out. For those who are keen there is also the Mudgeeraba Show on the same weekend.

https://thedoylesaward.com.au/about/ - https://wallabyhotel.com.au/ - https://www.mudgeerabashow.org.au/

### WEDNESDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY COFFEE NIGHT SOCIAL

Leader: Mark Deegan Ph: 0420 621 973 or markdeegan33@gmail.com

Meet at: Tutto Café & Espresso Bar, 11 Stewart Road, Ashgrove (between Waterworks Road and Harry Street). Perhaps park in Coles carpark, corner Stewart Road and Harry St Time: 6.00pm

Web:<a href="https://www.tuttocaffeespressobar.com/">https://www.tuttocaffeespressobar.com/</a>RSVP:Monday, 1st July

In May 2023, the Club discovered the pasta and pizza dishes in this traditional Italian café were both delicious and excellent value for money. Come along for a re-visit and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and Mediterranean menu designed by the talented chef.

This trendy little café in Ashgrove has a wide range of traditional pasta and pizza dishes ranging in price from \$17.90 to \$29.90. Most of the Italian dishes are between \$19.90 and \$22.90. Gluten-free options are also available. The menu extends to Spanish paella and popular Australian dishes including veal saltimbocca and veal piccata, pork belly, lamb and steak.

We will be sitting inside in this cosy café. Please let me know if you would like to join us for delicious food and good company. Mark D

### SATURDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> JULY NEGLECTED MOUNTAIN DAYWALK

Leader:Russ Nelson Ph: 0427 743 534Meet at:St Brigid's carpark, Red HillTime:8.00amDistance:10kmsCost:\$25Grade:M44Location:South east of BeaudesertEmerg Off:Joe Tottenham Ph: 0423 469 704

https://www.wiley.wei.co/wei.wei.co/wei.wei.co/wei.wei.co/wei.co

This is a traditional bushwalk with no graded tracks or directional signs. It is a walk the Club has not done in a few years. It is in the Christmas Creek Valley and we leave the bitumen road at Stinson Park and turn right on a gravel road and follow it a short distance to a locked gate and the start of the track.

From the gate we continue along the gravel road uphill through private property and we should find a hut and a derelict ute. Veer left and follow a 4WD track uphill along the crest of a ridge. When the road ends, we follow the spine of the ridge. At the crest turn right onto the main ridge. We go up two rocky bluffs to the crest of the ridge and continue on to the top of a grassy knoll.

This trail is great for walking and it's unlikely we will encounter many other people on this walk. There is an elevation gain of 589m. Our timing of this trip is at the best time and there are great views of the Christmas Creek Valley and looking west to the peaks of Lindsay, Barney and Maroon. Come and enjoy a classic bushwalk.

### WEDNESDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> JULY SOUTH BRISBANE HISTORY #2 STROLL

Article will be in the Fortnightly Update and July Jilalan

FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> – SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JULY CLUB HUT – UPPER PORTALS WALK IN BASECAMP





Leader: Iain Renton Ph: 0401 429 085 Meet at: TBA Time: TBA Cost: \$25 (car pool), \$2 (private) Grade: M56 Emerg Off: Terry Silk Ph: 3355 9765

It is a long time since the Club has done this walk, which is a pity, because it is a really beautiful and varied walk. It includes open ridge top walking with close-up views of the rugged peaks of Mt Barney and glorious walking along Barney Creek, with lots of cascades, small waterfalls and enticing rock pools.

We will walk in to the Club Hut on Friday. Our time leaving Brisbane could be anywhere between 1.30pm and 5.30pm, depending on whether we need to accommodate work finishing times (the earlier start means getting in to the hut before dark). We sleep at the hut and start walking early on Saturday morning at seven. We will ascend the ridge near the Lower Portals and follow it all the way to the Upper Portals. Then the party will meander downstream along Barney Creek to just above the Lower Portals. Here the group will climb back over the ridge and return to the hut after a long and rewarding day's walk. With the wood heater blazing away we will have an evening meal and settle in for the night. On Sunday, after a relaxing morning enjoying the peace of the hut, we will make our way out to the car park.

The ridge walking is along a well formed foot pad; the creek walking is off-track with some along creek banks, lots of lovely flat rock slabs and a fair bit of rock hopping at times. There will also be some large rocks and boulders to clamber over and one spot of rock scrambling using hands and feet. So walkers will need to be reasonably fit, agile and steady on their feet. You will need all the usual day-walking gear, plus stuff for staying at the hut overnight. Two footnotes: Barney Creek is probably technically called Mt Barney Creek, and this is your chance to see what the Lower Portals Track (which we will be taking to get to the hut) looks like since National Parks have finally refurbished it. Join me on a great walk.

### WEDNESDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> JULY TOOHEY FOREST PARK STROLL

Article will be in the Fortnightly Update and July Jilalan

### FRIDAY, 19th JULY DRINKS AND DINNER SOCIAL

Leader: Jan Nelson Ph: 0401 030 137 Where: The Pineapple Hotel, 706 Main St Kangaroo Point Time: 4.30pm onwards Cost: Meals from \$21 Web: <u>https://pineapplehotel.com.au/</u>



The Pineapple Hotel has proven to be a popular venue in the past, as it is not noisy, conversing is easy and the meals are tasty and reasonably priced. It's only a 700m walk from Woolloongabba Bus Station.

The interesting history of the Hotel is given in an excerpt from the Hotel website: "The Pineapple Hotel is one of Queensland's great treasures. Established in 1864, only five years after Queensland became a state. The Pineapple Hotel is the fifth oldest pub in Queensland. Its name stems from the pineapple plantations that dotted the Kangaroo Point area in the mid-1900s. Its unique name and long and colourful history make 'The Piney' not only one of Queensland's oldest pubs, but one of its favourites.

The Hotel has had an interesting array of owners and many changes to suit the times, but also managed to retain its individuality. Pat Palmer was one of its more colourful owners. Rumour has it that after a lucky strike in the gold fields, Pat rode his bicycle all the way from Charters Towers, placed a bag of gold on the bar and bought the Hotel in 1923. He then renamed it 'Palmers Hotel.' Grazier Sid

Guthrie bought the Hotel in the early-1950s, immediately restoring the original name 'The Pineapple Hotel.' The Guthries eventually sold the Hotel to Bob and Heather Singleton in 1989.

The Singletons have been gradually restoring the hotel with Tasmanian oak wall panels, brass fittings and leadlight windows. Verandas, one of the original features of the Hotel in the early-1990s, have been reinstalled on the exterior to restore the sense of history."

We meet from 4.30pm and generally order our meals between 5.30 and 6.00pm, so it is not a late night. There are usually a few people walking to the Bus Station after the event, so you won't need to walk alone. Visitors are welcome. Hope you can join us.

# SATURDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> JULY FREEMAN'S LOOKOUT DAYWALK

Leader:	Jan Nelson Ph: 0401 030 137
Meet at:	St Brigid's carpark, Red Hill
Time:	8.00am
Cost:	\$20
Grade:	M34
Location:	Lower Beechmont, Gold Coast Hinterland
Web:	https://maps.bushwalk.com/j/k6dzgv/
Emera Off:	Michele Johns Ph: 0414 635 542



This walk begins from the end of Belliss Place (off Clagiraba Road) which is about 7km west of Nerang. This walk follows an old forestry road that is very steep in places, through the 'Lower Beechmont Conservation Area.' We climb to a plateau called Hell Fire Pass. There are great views from here. We will then continue on 2kms to visit Freeman's Lookout where we will have lunch.

If you like to walk with poles, please bring them as you may find them useful on the steep sections.

This walk is a good warm up for the Barney Mass in August.

### WEDNESDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> JULY LOTA to WELLINGTON POINT RAIL #23 STROLL

Article will be in the Fortnightly Update and July Jilalan

### SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JULY BOONAH IPSWICH RAIL TRAIL DAYWALK

Leader:Sue Walsh Ph: 0403 487 737Meet at:St Brigid's carpark, Red HillTime:7.00amCost:\$25 (carpool) \$5 (private)Grade:M34Emerg Off:Joe Tottenham Ph: 0423 469 704

We commence the walk from Goan Road, Coulson, opposite the Step-Over to Goan Hills and follow the BIT posts. We follow the grassy trails on the northern side of Goan Hills and turn left at the bottom of the Sandy Creek Circuit. Once we reach the creek crossing, we will have morning tea.

After going through a few gates, we reach Schneider Road, admiring the beautiful Scenic Rim with all its different farms and views. We continue on some gravel and a few bitumen roads before reaching a cemetery, where we will turn right and head back towards the main road. Lunch will be under a shady tree. We will have a car shuffle between Springleigh Park in Hoya Rd, Boonah and Goan Rd, Coulson.

Bring plenty of sunscreen and water to enjoy this winter walk in the countryside.

## WEDNESDAY, 31<sup>st</sup> JULY TOOWONG CREEK – MT COOT-THA to MILTON STROLL

Article will be in the Fortnightly Update and July Jilalan

# **ADVANCE NOTICE**

### SUN 25<sup>th</sup> to SAT 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST SYDNEY UPPER HARBOUR ACCOMMODATED TRIP

### Leader: Russ Nelson Ph: 0427 743 534 <u>russnelson52@outlook.com</u> Cost: Travel to/from Sydney + Accommodation at North Sydney + incidental public transport costs

#### Grade: M to L23 except 29<sup>th</sup> August - M34 Location: Sydney with a focus on Harbour west of Harbour Bridge

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Emerg Off: To be advised

	Day	Start	End	Walking
Sun	25 <sup>th</sup> August	Brisbane	Sydney	
Mon	26 <sup>th</sup> August	Maroubra	Rose Bay	14km
Tue	27 <sup>th</sup> August	North Sydney	Gladesville Bridge	15.9km
Wed	28 <sup>th</sup> August	Huntley Point (Gladesville Bridge)	Parramatta	18.8km
Thu	29 <sup>th</sup> August	Berowra	Cowan	12.9km
Fri	30 <sup>th</sup> August	Gladesville Bridge	North Sydney	12.1km
Sat	31 <sup>st</sup> August	Sydney	Brisbane	

There are over a dozen people coming on this trip. Now is an opportunity to nominate, and nomination should be made no later than 31<sup>st</sup> July. If you have any questions, give me a ring – Russ Nelson 0427 743 534

This walk follows the success of the Sydney Harbour Walk in May 2022 and primarily focuses on the Harbour west of the Harbour Bridge. Travel days are 25<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August when you travel to/from Sydney by the means of your choice and catch the train to North Sydney. If flying, I suggest you fly mid-afternoon. Hopefully we can all meet for an evening meal on 25<sup>th</sup> August.

The basic plan is to gather at 7.50am each morning and head off, either by foot, ferry or train. The return will be at the end of the walk by either foot, ferry or train. Our meeting point will be in North Sydney at our accommodation site, namely Meriton Suites, 80 Arthur Street, North Sydney – Ph 1800 214 822 or 02 8319 9888. To minimise costs, you may like to share multi-bedroom accommodation if staying at the Meriton, but you can choose to stay nearby in North Sydney, if you wish.

The walks –

**26**<sup>th</sup> **August** – Maroubra to Rose Bay – In 2022 we walked part of this, so we repeat visiting some of the most scenic coastal walking in eastern Australia and it ends in an older area of Sydney which is now occupied by prestige dwellings.

**27**<sup>th</sup> **August** – North Sydney to Gladesville Bridge – This walk is the first five bridges in the Sydney "Seven Bridges" walk and provides classic views of inner Sydney west of the Harbour Bridge. We return to North Sydney by ferry.

**28**<sup>th</sup> **August** – This walk commences where yesterday's walk ended and turns toward Parramatta and follows the Parramatta River upstream to Parramatta past the 2000 Olympic site. We return by train on the western end line.

**29**<sup>th</sup> **August** – Today we have a break from urban walking and spend a day in the bush. We catch a train to the north to Berowra and then walk west to Berowra Waters. Half way along is Naa Badu a suitable place for lunch. Afterwards we gain height to reach the railway line and Cowan Station for our journey home.

**30**<sup>th</sup> **August** – Our last day of walking is the completion of the "Seven Bridges" walk and we catch a ferry to Gladesville Bridge and walk via Tarban Creek Bridge, Fly Tree Bridge, Lane Cove Village and Wollstonecraft Village to our accommodation at North Sydney.

If you want to come, please let the leader know, ideally by 30<sup>th</sup> April. It is recommended that you access an Opal Card (if you desire a concession rate) for public transport travel (Sydney equivalent of a Go Card). See <u>https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/opal/get-opal-card</u>, Credit cards can be used for adult fares. Also remember to book your travel arrangements to/from Sydney plus your accommodation.

### TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> – SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025 WILD SOUTH COAST WAY and KANGAROO ISLAND WILDERNESS TRAIL ACCOMMODATED WALK

Leader:	Russ Nelson
Admin:	Paulette Schmidt
Email:	paulette.t.schmidt@gmail.com
Cost:	Air Fares/Transport to Adelaide to be booked privately
	Tour costs for 12 days approx. \$3600
Location:	Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island, South Australia
Links:	Wild South Coast Way (WSCW)
	The Friends of the Heysen Trail
	Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail (KIWT)
Google Map:	Victor Harbor; Cape Jervis & Kangaroo Island

Projecting to one of the first of the multi-day walks for 2025, your early nomination to walk both the **Wild South Coast Way (WSCW)** located on the Fleurieu Peninsula, South Australia, followed by 5 days walking the **Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail (KIWT**). The WSCW is also the first 7 days of the famous 1200km Heysen Trail. The trail commences at Cape Jervis, but for practical reasons we will be walking from Victor Harbor to Cape Jervis, to then catch the ferry to Kangaroo Island to commence the KIWT. The trails are in south-west, SA. Some of these walking areas are in remote locations, normally making this a camping experience. However, BCBC has organised this walk, supported by *Big Heart Adventures* into an accommodated walk.

With all logistics included for our 12 day journey, walkers will be collected from Adelaide Airport where a group of 16 will make their way to Victor Harbor for 4 days, then to Cape Jervis for 2 nights to complete the WSCW. A ferry to Kangaroo Island will be a rest day between walks to allow for a little sightseeing while on Kangaroo Is (Seal Bay, etc).

There is a maximum limit of 16 people and a \$400 deposit on confirmation of your booking will be required to secure your place for this trip. Numbers are restricted on this trip due to the Parks Permit and the size of the bus that needs to navigate some of the remote areas.

If you would like to participate, or are interested in registering, a schedule of the daily activities along with a summary of the logistics, can be emailed to you. **Email Paulette, to secure your place.** Once fully subscribed, a waitlist will be compiled.





Highlighted in green – Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail

# **PRESIDENT REPORT**

# **TREASURER REPORT**

Balance 30/04/24	\$5125.97
Plus Receipts	\$ 237.80
Sub Total	\$5363.77
Less Payments	\$ 236.30
Balance 31/05/24	\$5127.47

Term Deposit \$5000.00

I am still collecting donations for the Little Kings Movement for which I can issue tax deductable receipts. Please see me if you wish to purchase a Club t-shirt or small metal Club Badge before they are all gone. Terry

# **OUTINGS SECRETARY REPORT**

We have had a few walks cancelled in the first five months of 2024 for reasons such as insufficient nominations, lack of access, and bad weather. In April and May there has been a surge in the number of walkers on walks with averages in these months in the teens. For the first five months of 2024 the average is now just over 10 per walk. This surge reflects the better walking weather becoming available. Now is an ideal time for walking, have a look at our Calendar. The Outings Program for 2025 is on track to be presented at the General Meeting in August. As always, if you would like to lead a walk, or have a walk suggestion, please let me know. Russ Nelson

# **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

As at the end of May 2024, BCBC has a total of ninety current members. This consists of eighty ordinary and associate members, seven life members and three honorary members.

The Club welcomes Father Michael Grace as an honorary member of the Club in recognition of his valued contribution to Club activities, in particular, the BCBC annual Mass, and also the Mount Barney Mass each Exhibition Wednesday.

A reminder email has been sent out to members from 2023 year who have not, as yet, rejoined this year. Jon

# **ABOUT PEOPLE**

Graeme Aldom, Mark Daly, Maree Denkes, Merv Galvin, Neil Holm, Louise Jones, Elizabeth Richards, Susan Tobin and Will Taylor are celebrating their birthday in June.

Paula Sedgman was a welcome second time visitor on Michele Johns' Glasshouse Mountains walk. Visitors are always most welcome on any of our activities.

Russ and Jan recently returned from an enjoyable holiday in Canada.

The Club extends its sympathy and prayers to Louise Jones, and husband Russell, on the recent death of her Mother. Terry

# **AROUND THE RIDGES**

### **MT WARNING UPDATE**

Mt Warning is still closed – its ongoing closure is a live issue.

Two activists groups "Save Our Summits" and "Reopen Mt Warning" have been doing as much publicity as they can muster. There have been several small groups doing 'clandestine' trips to the summit, and have reported the track is still in trafficable condition, and is basically safe with only the scrambling up the rock near the summit that would be of any concern.

The issue has been picked up by John Ruddick (Libertarian Party), Member of NSW Legislative Council, who sponsored an e-petition to get the matter listed for mention in Parliament. This e-petition

was closed on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, and required 10,000 signatures from people enrolled in NSW, receiving 10,943 signatories. It was debated in Parliament on 9<sup>th</sup> May.

Commentators Note -

- The summit track is closed; there is no indication when, or if, it will be reopened.
- The reasons (or evidence, if any) why the Aboriginal group considered it should be closed were not made public. Why it was considered sacred to the Bundjalung people has never been set out, let alone tested. Most evidence clearly indicates that the so-called sacred nature of Mt Warning is a modern invention as mentioned in the statement by John Ruddick.
- The safety issue seems to be overplayed by the government. No report has been provided setting
  out what is actually the safety concern, and no evidence was put forward whether any significant
  accidents or injuries occurred, and what mitigating steps were required. It seems to be just an
  unfounded blanket claim.
- The discussion has not addressed the key issue of 'why does a sacred site have to be closed' for everyone except a few special people? By way of contradistinction, Mt Sinai is a sacred mountain, yet anyone is allowed to visit it. Japan's Mt Fuji is a sacred mountain, yet the public and overseas visitors are allowed to visit the summit.

### THORSBORNE TRAIL ENHANCEMENT PROJECT COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENING Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – 5:30pm to 7:00pm Cardwell Community Hall, Brasenose St, Cardwell, QLD

This article was forwarded by Bushwalking Qld Inc. from Ecofacilities < Ecofacilities@des.qld.gov.au >

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) extends an invitation to an information evening on the Thorsborne Trail Enhancement Project on Hinchinbrook Island.

QPWS will share information about the project, including works that are happening on the island and the future of small group tours on the Thorsborne Trail. It will be an opportunity to talk directly to representatives from the organisation and raise ideas to inform project development.

QPWS understands the importance of Hinchinbrook Island to the local community, conservation groups and tourism industry.

If you are unable to attend, keep an eye out on **our website** which will be updated following the event. <u>https://parks.desi.gld.gov.au/parks/hinchinbrook/about/thorsborne-trail-enhancement-project</u>

# **'SNEAKY' ELECTRICITY CHARGES**

Energy retailers' 'insidious' power pricing – charging householders electricity prices based on their single biggest point of usage across an entire month – fuelling claims power firms are using 'sneaky' tactics to gouge consumers. Read more at <a href="https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-06-03/demand-power-tariffs-shock-to-australian-households/103913030?utm\_source=abc\_news\_app&utm\_medium=content\_shared&utm\_campaign=abc\_news\_app&utm\_content=other">https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-06-03/demand-power-tariffs-shock-to-australian-households/103913030?utm\_source=abc\_news\_app&utm\_medium=content\_shared&utm\_campaign=abc\_news\_app&utm\_content=other</a>

# **MOVIE REVIEW**

### The Way, My Way"

Date: Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May. Location: Cineplex Balmoral, Oxford Street, Bulimba.

**Weather and Attendance:** On a cold, wet winter's night, our group gathered to watch "The Way, My Way," and we made up more than half of the audience.

Anticipation and Experience: As an aspiring Camino walker, I had been eagerly anticipating this movie, especially after hearing many experiences from our Club members. Many of our Camino walkers also attended the movie eager to compare experiences. There was some trepidation about the movie's claim of being a "life-changing" event!

**Movie Synopsis and Themes:** The movie, directed by Bill Bennett and based on his memoir, combines professional actors and real pilgrims. It starts with Bill, played by Chris Haywood, encountering pilgrims while on holiday in Spain. Intrigued by their journey and unsatisfied with their vague explanations, he decides to become a pilgrim himself, much to his wife's embarrassment. His quest to understand why people walk the Camino leads him through a path of discovery.

The movie beautifully depicts the warm, generous community of the Camino, the simplicity of life on the trail, and the long periods of reflection it offers. The stunning architecture of old churches, cobblestone paths and landscapes add a rich visual backdrop to the narrative.

Bill's journey is marked by physical challenges, particularly a bad knee, which only increases his determination. His drive, whether fuelled by the desire to return a towel or the influence of fellow pilgrims, leads to inner personal discovery.

### Specific Takeaways:

- **Backpack Tips:** Your backpack should not exceed 10% of your body weight. If it's too heavy, consider gaining some weight!
- **Photography Insight:** Budding hiking photographers should avoid "too much headroom" in their shots.
- Cultural Discovery: We learned that Hobos are equivalent to bogans based on their drink preferences.

**Evening Reflection:** The movie night was an enjoyable experience. Watching films as a group enhances the experience, fostering a sense of community. Perhaps next time, we could organize a place for a hot beverage after the movie, if movie nights resume.

A big thank you to our Club members who attended, especially on such short notice: Annette MacKenzie, Terry Silk, Joe Tottenham, Sue Tobin, Marlene Warnick, Michael and Anne Cashman, Jon Peake and Cath Morahan and Louise and Rusty Jones. Special thanks to Sue



Tobin and Terry Silk for handling the logistics and making this event possible. For more information about the movie, visit <u>The Way, My Way Official Film Site</u>. Prasada

# **PAST EVENTS**

#### FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> to MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MAY BUNYA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK BASECAMP

**Day One.** We drove privately to Bunya Mountains, and met at the Dandabah Camping Ground, greeted by Cathy and Mike who were already there and picked a nice camping spot for all the camping people. We setup camps and had lunch. We waited until 2:00pm for the house keys for Annette M, Louise and Rusty and Therese A and Donna H. At 3:00pm we started our first short walk from Dandabah Camping Ground and clocked about 5km at the scenic circuit. We were not very lucky at the Pine Gorge Lookout as clouds blocked the beautiful scene. Then we headed to our accommodations for some nibbles, followed by dinner, then a good sleep.

**Day Two.** The walk commenced at 8:20am again from Dandabah Camping Ground and had morning tea at Barkers Creek Lookout while enjoying the nice scenes in a better weather than the previous day. In the afternoon we drove to the house accommodation and attended online Mass (on big screen TV) streaming from Lismore Parish, thankfully and very nicely organised by Tim and Marg.

**Day Three.** We divided into two groups. The slow group (Cathy, Liz, Louise and Eugene) drove one car to Paradise carpark for a car shuffle (to avoid road bashing), and another car at Burton Well carpark. The fast group (Rusty, Marg, Tim, Jodie, Mike, Annette and Khaleel) drove to Paradise carpark and started the circuit walk at 8:20am towards Chinghion Lookout, and to return via bashing Bunya

Mountains Road. Unfortunately, the track section from Bottle Tree Bluff Lookout towards Burton Well was closed and looked very much overgrown. Therefore, the fast group returned the same way to Paradise carpark clocking 17km. The slow group also clocked 17km as they walked to Cherry Plain carpark and then bashed the road to their car at Burton Well carpark. We enjoyed the beautiful scenes to the East from the lookouts at Westcliff, Koondaii, Cherry Plain and Bottle Tree Bluff. We all finished the walk around midday with enough time to get ready for our dinner at the tavern.

**Day Four.** Was fairly short and we started walking Russell Park Track at 8:20am. The starting point at Fisher Lookout carpark was confusing as they have done a lot of work for the mountain bike tracks and abandoned/included in the bike track parts of the previous walking track. Fortunately, the mountain bike track was closed for bikes, so we followed it until it crossed the old walking track, which we followed to Log Chute No. 3. We enjoyed a beautiful lookout with clear weather to the valley below, and had morning tea at the Lookout, then back to the cars. On this we clocked 5km. It was time to say goodbye, and drove home concluding our very enjoyable and well worth long weekend.

I am very grateful to the all participants' co-operation and fruitful suggestions in running the whole event that made it quite a memorable and enjoyable long weekend. Thank you to my great participants Eugene, Jodie, Tim, Marg, Liz L, Louise, Rusty, Cathy, Mike, Annette, Therese and Donna. Khaleel



### SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 AWASSI CHEESERY AND LAKE APEX SOCIAL

No matter how organised you are you can't organise the weather! Thus, thirteen intrepid bushwalkers gathered at the Awassi Cheesery in Grantham in the light but steady rain to find out what Awassi are and what their cheese (and ice cream) taste like. In true bushwalking fashion, we were not going to be put off by a little wet weather! We were warmly welcomed by our hosts, Di and David who offered us a cup of tea or coffee while we waited for everyone to get there. We then sat down and Di gave us a very interesting talk on the Awassi sheep and their history in Australia. Awassis come from Syria and the females are used for their milk and the males for their meat. The sheep's milk has a very high fat content which makes it ideal for making cheese and ice cream. Their fleece is very wiry and unsuitable for spinning so they use it as mulch around the farm.

After this it was on to the cheese tasting. Di is the cheesemaker and usually makes a few pecorino cheeses as well as labneh and a blue cheese. While we were eating we had the chance to continue

talking to Di and David about the sheep, the cheese and their experiences on the land (including their time in the floods of 2011 where they were completely cut off for some time). Everyone must have enjoyed it as there was no cheese left on the platters at the end. Then it was on to tasting the ice cream. Choosing was really difficult because there were so many delicious flavours.

After farewelling our hosts, we headed off on the 15 minute drive to Lake Apex in Gatton. We went for a short walk around the lake with a detour to the Lights on the Hill memorial to Truckies and Coach Drivers. Every October they hold a memorial service and convoys of trucks and buses converge on the memorial to attend the service. After our walk we went to the restaurant overlooking the lake to have a coffee then made our way home.

Everyone really enjoyed the day. It was something totally different and we learned a lot as well. I would like to thank Di and David who were perfect hosts and made the day so enjoyable and interesting. Also thanks to those who came along: Prasad, Russ, Jan, Mark, Andrea, Annette, Sophie, Khaleel, Sue, Maria, Liz and Marlene. Barbara Eastoe





### MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> – FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MAY TOOWOOMBA to ALLORA ACCOMMODATED WALK

This walk began at St Patrick's Cathedral in Toowoomba, which was the terminus of the Club's 2CC (Two Cathedrals Camino) walk. Then we went west to West Creek for morning tea with the car drivers who had completed a car shuffle. Next, we turned south and followed West Creek and picked up Kearney Street and walked to the end of the bitumen. We descended down a steep concrete path and picked up the bitumen again. This marked the end of the day's walk and we drove to the Japanese

Gardens at the University of Southern Queensland for lunch. Afterwards, we went to the Cobb and Co museum where most of us visited the museum, while a few had a coffee instead.

We moved to our hotel rooms and had dinner at the Federal Hotel where we had a good meal and enjoyed each other's company.

Day 2 began with a car shuffle which took more time than expected because of a low bridge and road works. The morning led us through the new urban growth of Toowoomba across a number of hills. This turned out to be the most hilly part of the walk. We arrived at Wyreema after 1.00pm for lunch. There was a gentle slope to Cambooya with its Bull and Barley Inn which opened in 1892. This hotel offers marvellous meals with generous servings, the best of the walk. Because of limited accommodation, nine of us stayed at Mountainview Homestead, a few km out of town.

The shortest walking day was the third day when we walked to Greenmount. During lunch a long freight train operated by Watco rolled past hauling a load of grain. After lunch 12 of us travelled north to walk the Panorama Walk on the southern edge of Preston. At the top we had magnificent views of the Southern Downs where we were walking.

Day 4 began with a car shuffle and we walked from Greenmount to morning tea at Nobby where we found Rudd's Pub and a shop that offered coffee. This pub celebrates the work of Arthur Hoey Davis (1865–1935) who wrote under the name of Steele Rudd. A van from Highfields Bakery, north of Toowoomba, arrived offering delightful baked goods. A memorial museum to Sr Elizabeth Kenny(1880–1952) was opened for us and we were able to view the history of her treatment of polio which changed how the world treated polio patients. We enjoyed lunch at King Creek and then entered Clifton. Here we found four "Op Shops" and we enjoyed some shopping. Also, Antonia Simpson donated a jug to the local museum and Cath Morahan donated a photograph of family members who had links to Clifton and district. Cath M even met up with a cousin here. A second car journey took us to Allora for our accommodation spread over three venues.

Our last day saw us take a car shuffle back to Clifton and we began our walk to Allora. The locals at Clifton, as happened in other towns, were intrigued as to what we were doing, namely walking from Toowoomba to Allora. As we left Clifton we saw the smallest train in Queensland – a Toyota Land Cruiser travelling on rail wheels on the railway lines. So, on this walk we had seen small and very long trains. We walked south through the rolling downs, often on gravely roads. One car passed us and then stopped to invite us to look over their Goat Dairy, the only commercial one in Queensland. We enjoyed our visit and learnt some of the art of raising goats.

We were able to walk into Allora for lunch and then undertake a car shuffle to recover the cars from Clifton. By 2.43pm we had all left Allora heading for Brisbane. Those on the walk, who numbered 18, were – Mike and Cath Wood, Jon Peake and Cath Morahan, Mark and Majella Deegan, Gordon and Maree Denkes, Rusty and Louise Jones, Liz Little, Annette MacKenzie, Anne Debert, Neil Holm, Geraldine Young, Antonia Simpson and Russ and Jan Nelson

We enjoyed fine and mild conditions the whole week – great walking weather. Thank you to all who joined this venture. Russ Nelson

#### MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> April M<sup>t</sup> GLORIOUS DAYWALK

At first we did about a 5km walk down Fahey's Road, passing through rainforest and the surrounding houses. Thirty people attended the walk – twenty-seven Club members, and three from BOSQ.

One of the residents commented "I've never seen so many people walking down this road." On the way back we returned by Joyners Ridge Road. After morning tea we walked along the Lapidozamia Track. An enjoyable walk. Pat

# MAGAZINES FROM OTHER CLUBS

The Club receives magazines from other south-east Queensland Clubs and interstate; if you wish to read any contact Sue, our Club Secretary at briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au

Townsville Bushwalking Club – May Newsletter. This month celebrates the 64<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Club Gold Coast Bushwalking Club – June Newsletter Ipswich Bushwalkers – June/July Newsletter Brisbane Bushwalkers – May Newsletter – online, click on this link: <u>BBW May 2024 Newsletter</u> Sunshine Coast Bushwalking Club – May and June Newsletter Bushwalkers of Southern Queensland – June Magazine

# **BUSHWALKING QLD**

#### **BWQ PRESIDENT UPDATE 12 May 2024**

Dear affiliated Clubs ...

This update hopefully will enable clubs to catch up with what has been happening at Bushwalking Qld. After a period of internal administrative difficulty, we are now up and running (walking) once again with the 2023 AGM behind us, up to date with the Office Of Fair Trading, bank signatories reorganised, and email access restored. By now clubs should also have submitted their Insurance Questionnaire.

Recently I was invited to participate in a Bushwalking NSW zoom meeting arranged for their 'new presidents'. This proved to be most enlightening in that a large proportion of attendees were young people - "20 somethings", with the majority being female. Apart from the encouraging aspect of a younger cohort taking on a leadership role, they provided some practical tips for attracting young people to clubs. One tip was to switch to Instagram for club social media output, another was to tag club websites with the word 'hiking'. While the discussion in no way suggested clubs should drop the term 'bushwalking' which has a rich and exclusive history here in Australia, the reality is newcomers are generally unfamiliar with the term or may have a misunderstanding of club activities. Hiking is universal and could act as effective 'click bait' for your club.

Also recently the secretary Desley Pedrazzini and I had a meeting with Anna Campbell from Queensland Walks. We discussed the possibility of a closer working relationship with potential to post club activities to the Qld. Walks event calendar. This will grow to showcase to the general public a wide range of walking activities and would be an ideal location to promote bushwalking club beginner level walks. There are also both paid and volunteer roles available within Qld. Walks, see attachment.

Queensland Walks is funded by state government to promote walking in all its forms. Website: <u>https://queenslandwalks.org.au/about/</u>

Bushwalking Qld. is working with Bushwalking NSW to propose an interstate recreational trail linking the Gondwana Rainforests between Barrington Tops and the Qld. border. Ultimately, with connections, the trail could extend from Sydney to Brisbane. The Great Escarpment Trail will link existing wilderness trails and tracks, national parks, back country roads and possibly some new trail construction for walkers and, where permitted, other passive recreational use. We will soon be calling for more ground truthers to explore the possibilities. If club members are interested in any aspect of this project they can be put on the email list. Contact information and indicative maps of the proposed route are on the Bushwalking NSW website.

https://www.bushwalkingnsw.org.au/great-escarpment-trail/

Finally, a word about snakes. Recent persistent rainfall in most areas of Queensland has resulted in lush undergrowth and long grass in many walking areas. The potential for snakebite is increased. Tom Bor, club president of Bushwalkers of Southern Qld. has this timely warning:

A recent ABC article by Emily Dobson and Zara Margolis on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May highlights the rise in snake bites - a doubling in the last 3 months and a 400% rise in April in the Mount Isa area. Two reports of surviving victims highlighted that they did not have first aid kits or compression bandages and had to improvise (poorly) by using a shirt and strap as tourniquets. The article reminded people to be aware of the increase in snakes, particularly Eastern Browns, they also stressed the need to carry a first aid kit with compression bandages. A Good Samaritan (Jeremy Brookes) died in Townsville in January trying to move an Eastern Brown from a child care centre. He was bitten three times and drove himself home. He was not an accredited snake handler. He died within 30 minutes from a cardiac arrest. He was the first death from snake bite in Australia this year. There are a few lessons to be learnt by his death: don't handle snakes; immobilize yourself immediately when bitten; and tourniquets are not used - we use compression bandages. Hopefully numbers of snakes will start to decrease with cold weather triggering brumation (inactivity) in snakes. (Snake bite compression bandages can be purchased from Chemist shops; you should carry two).

Feedback or questions about Bushwalking Qld, email to: secretary@bushwalkingqueensland.org.au

Best regards and good walking John Marshall - President

Qld Walks seek a person for the Business Development and Communications role – view link: https://queenslandwalks.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Business-Development-and-Communications-role\_-Queensland-Walks-April-2024.pdf

# 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 St Brigid's carpark, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill. Check Jilalan to determine the meet-up 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 e.g., 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of February, May, August and November, at 7:30pm. The location is Fr Denis Power Building (part of the former Sacred Heart School, 347 Given Terrace, Paddington. (Rosalie) – actually 339 Given Terrace.

https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-

27.4623287,153.0006302,450m/data=!3m1!1e3!5m1!1e4?hl=en&entry=ttu

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

VISITORS are always welcome.

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

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

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

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

#### MEMBERSHIP FEES:

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Payment of fees can be made to the Treasurer.

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

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

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