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MEETINGS

CLUB MEETING: The Brisbane Bushwalkers Club meets every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at the Newmarket Memorial Hall, cnr Enoggera Rd. & Ashgrove Ave., Newmarket. Except for December when the only meeting is on the 2nd Wednesday. All welcome.

Start time: 7:30pm for new members (for an introductory talk).
8:00pm (or a bit earlier) for existing members.

COMMITTEE MEETING: Committee meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm at 228 Stafford Rd. Stafford. (cnr Gamelin Cres). All members are welcome to attend. (Check for December and January in case meetings are rescheduled.)

MEMBERSHIP FEES

<u>Full Members:</u>	Singles	\$40 per annum
	Couples	\$60 per annum
Annual membership falls due 28th February.		
<u>Probationary Members:</u>	Singles	\$20 per 6 month

FIRST AID CERTIFICATES

To encourage members to maintain a current First Aid certificate, the Club will organise courses for Full members (not Probationary members).

The Club will refund 50% of cost upon completion.

EQUIPMENT HIRE

The following equipment is available **for club activities**.

The charge *between meetings* per item is:

Foam mat	\$2.00
Self inflating mat	\$5.00
Stove	\$5.00
Tent or Pack	\$10.00

Members can hire up to 4 items at one time for a maximum charge of \$10 per person.

All equipment may be booked for hire by emailing the Equipment Officer. Pre-booking will ensure availability.

PLB: The Club has several PLBs which Leaders may borrow, at no cost, for approved club activities only.

LIBRARY

Free loan to members:-

Books, Magazines, DVDs, CDs

Free loan to leaders:-

Maps and Rasters

Duration of loan:- 2 weeks for Maps, 4 weeks for all other items. If unable to return items on time please put them in the mail.

For Sale:-

Snake bandages: \$10.00

Car stickers and badges: 3.00

Club T shirts, jackets, vests

COVER PHOTOGRAPH

Mount Beerwah - North West & East Routes walk (looking towards Mt Coonowrin/Crookneck) Photo: Matt Dunleavy

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0431 691 773 (Tom Cowlshaw) or
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In an emergency, contact police on 000.

For a response from the club in urgent circumstances, these numbers may be used to reach a club contact officer.

These are VOICE ONLY numbers (ie. no SMS)

The Brisbane Bushwalkers Quarterly News is a selection of articles that have been posted on the Brisbane Bushwalkers web site over the past few months. This newsletter will be published quarterly - or thereabouts - depending on the number of articles that are posted.

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Compulsory items for Day Walks and Other Activities

These items are also referred to by the club as "Always Take" or "Page 3" items.

Back pack	Paper and pencil
Warm clothes (3 layers)	Whistle
Raincoat	Torch
Food (lunch, snacks, spare)	First aid kit
Hat & sunscreen	Matches or lighter
Footwear (closed-toe)	Change of clothes and shoes for driving home
Water (at least 2 or 3 litres)	Money for car pooling & drinks/snacks

Transport Costs

Passengers are asked to pay a contribution to the driver for their share of car expenses. Each passenger should expect to contribute 10-15 cents per km. Large cars and 4WDs cost more to run than small cars. If there are 3 or more passengers then 10c/km is a reasonable contribution. If you are unhappy with the contribution amount, you are free to take your own vehicle.

Activity Gradings

Distances	S Short	Under 10 km per day
	M Medium	10 to 15 km per day
	L Long	15 to 20 km per day
	X Extra Long	Over 20 km per day

Example – **SDW-3B**
Short Day Walk (**SDW**)
Graded track with obstacles (**3**)
Easy (**B**)

Activity Type

Abbreviations for some common activities are: **DW** (Day Walk), **BC** (Base Camp), **S&T** (Safety & Training), **TW** (Through Walk), **SOC** (Social).

For a full list of Activity Type abbreviations, refer to: "What We Do / Activity Types" on the BBW website.

Terrain Gradings 1 to 9

- 1 Path with smooth surface and low gradient
- 2 Well-formed path or graded track with some minor obstacles
- 3 Graded track, with obstacles such as rock or root intrusions, fallen debris, or creek crossings
- 4 Rough, unformed track or open terrain, with obstacles such as rock or root intrusions, fallen debris, or creek crossings
- 5 Rough or rocky terrain that may require use of hands, and/or creek rock hopping that requires small to moderate steps. Fallen debris possible
- 6 Steep, rough or rocky terrain requiring use of hands, and/or creek rock hopping requiring moderate to large steps or jumps. Fallen debris possible
- 7 Climb or descend steep rock, using hand or foot holds. May be some exposure. Good upper body strength required
- 8 Climb or descend near vertical rock with exposure, using widely spaced or small hand or foot holds. Climbing skills may be required. Good upper body strength required
- 9 Sustained climbing or descent of vertical or near vertical rock with exposure, using widely spaced or small hand or foot holds. Advanced climbing skills may be required. Good upper body strength required

Fitness & Endurance Gradings A to E (Note: Walking times do not include breaks.)

- A** Basic - Generally suitable for new bushwalkers. About four hours of walking and possibly minor hills. Slower pace with frequent breaks.
- B** Easy - About five hours of walking and about 300m of elevation gain/loss per day.
- C** Moderate - About six hours of walking and about 600m of elevation gain/loss per day. Agility required.
- D** Hard - Good fitness, endurance and agility required. About seven hours of walking and about 800m of elevation gain/loss per day.
- E** Very Hard - High fitness, endurance and agility required. About eight hours of walking and about 1000m of elevation gain/loss per day.
- F** Extreme - Very high fitness, endurance and agility required. About twelve hours of walking and greater than 1000m of elevation gain/loss per day.

Brisbane Bushwalkers Photographic Competition 2019

Posted by Ian Poynten, September, 2019

Entries are now open!

Please submit your entries to this year's photo comp by **Wednesday, 30th October 2019** via the link below (see How to Enter).

We will display all entries at the **Presentation Ceremony - Wednesday, 13th November 2019** - Club Meeting.

Categories

The Photo Competition 2019 has two main categories:

1. **Amateur** - aimed at the compact camera user with no post processing on images.
2. **Enthusiast** - aimed at the DSLR/SLR enthusiast user, basic post processing may be used.

Sub-categories

Each main category has five sub-categories:

- **Landscape** - Photographs in any natural scene which may be a seascape, mountain vista, bush scene or any scene you deem to be a landscape with little or no presence of humans. Let's see the natural wonders of the great outdoors.
- **Wildlife/Macro** - Photographs may include any native wildlife encountered on your walk including any macro of fungi, flora or anything abstract you deem to be macro along the way.
- **Bushwalking/Action** - We want to see what activities you are participating in the great outdoors including social activities. This category includes bushwalking, abseiling, kayaking, cycling, base camping - anything sanctioned by the club but we want to see how you or your group enjoyed the action!
- **Best Capture of Natural Light** - This category can include any outdoor scenery with natural light. Examples could be a sunset, a moonrise, the play of light on trees, plants or people.
- **Overseas Tramping** - Tramping, glamping or camping as long as it is overseas and it can include anything you want. We want to see the natural landscape you visited as part of your holiday.

Conditions

1. To enter you must be an active club member. Photos you submit must have been taken from any of the Brisbane Bushwalkers Club's sanctioned activities (except for the overseas category-see 1a) since October 2018.
 - 1a. To enter in the overseas tramping category, you must be an active club member and photos from this category must have been taken since October 2018) We understand not all overseas walks are sanctioned by the club but we want to see the beauty of those places through your eyes.
2. Winners selected for each sub category will be as follows:
 - Amateur: 1st Prize, 2nd Prize and Highly Commended
 - Enthusiast: 1st Prize, 2nd Prize and Highly Commended.
3. The Grand Champion will be selected from one of the category winners. **Note:** photos submitted in the overseas tramping category from walks not sanctioned by the club will be excluded from the Grand Champion prize.
4. Permission is granted for Brisbane Bushwalkers Club Inc. to reproduce entry photographs online, in print and via projector/screen display with the express purpose of presenting and publishing competition results.
5. Permission is granted for images to be shared with sponsors for publishing on their websites if requested. Photos will reference the competition and photographer.

How to Enter

Submit a maximum of 10 entries per financial member to the Photographic Officer (Angie Sobyra) via the link below by the 30th October 2019. [Alternatively, use the link directly from this notice on the BBW website]

Dropbox: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/ONKGZQ9OVcp5BeeyGsBb?oref=e>

Please submit files as JPEGs. Please name all entries in the following format without spaces.

MainCategory_SubCategory_NameSurname_ImageTitle_EntryNumber.jpg

e.g. Amateur_Social_JohnSmith_ChristmasinJuly_01.jpg

e.g. Amateur_Bushwalking_JohnSmith_MtCootha_02.jpg

e.g. Amateur_Bushwalking_JohnSmith_Light_03.jpg

Please submit an electronic file with brief description of where you were and what you want your photo to convey should you win.

NameSurname.txt

e.g. JohnSmith.txt

Image pixelation should not be more than 1920 pixels on the longest dimension with images being approximately 1 to 3 megabytes in size.

If you have any questions, email Angie at photographic@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au

Interested in Becoming a Walk Leader?

Posted by Nick Brooking, Oct 2019

Leader Training Base Camp - Mt Glorious Barracks Sat 30 Nov - Sun 1 Dec

Leaders are the backbone of our club. We need leaders for all grades of walk.

If you're a full member, have done a few walks and thought about becoming a leader, we have two day base camp with a training course for you. On the weekend of 30/11 - 01/12 at the Barracks at Mt Glorious with help from other experienced leaders, we will give presentations based on the Leaders Guide. There will be a one or two Grade 3 walks, and we'll have plenty of time to relax and socialise on what is always an informative and enjoyable weekend. At the end of the weekend you can decide if you want to apply to be a leader.



Nominate via the Activities Calendar on the club website or get in touch with me.

Nick Brooking,
Safety & Training Secretary

Temporary Closure to Maiala Picnic Ground, Car Park and Toilets

Posted by Diana Norkaitis, July 2019

South D'Aguilar National Park Office advises that, pending favourable weather conditions, a planned upgrade to the Maiala day-use area will commence late July. Closure may be until March 2020 but Nat Parks are aiming for completion before Christmas.

This upgrade will see a new trailhead with an interpretive node, upgraded picnic tables, new walking tracks within the day-use area, new shelter sheds and electric BBQs.

As a result the entire day-use area will be temporarily closed including: Picnic and BBQ facilities, toilet amenities, all car parks and the Maiala entrances to the Rainforest Circuit, Greene's Falls and the Western Window walking trail.

Alternate facilities are available at Bellbird Grove, Camp Mountain, Jollys Lookout, The White Cedars.

Trip Report: Arts Camp, The Barracks, Mt Glorious (20-22 Sep 2019)

Posted by Valerie Fjellstrom, Sep 2019

A major drawcard to our Arts Camp is always Dr Paula Peeters, scientist, teacher, artist, environmentalist and nature journaling expert. Trouble was that Paula lives at Beechmont and the previous week had been evacuated along with family, chooks and animals during the disastrous fires there. Fortunately her property remained intact and she was able to keep her date with us for the camp.

Because of the dry state of the forests, we couldn't have the usual camp fire, but the conversation and vino flowed nonetheless. Next morning, what is usually a 'warm up' walk down to and along the Westside Track, became quite an adventure as several huge trees and debris tried to bar our way. With a bit of help from our friends, we got over or under and all arrived back more or less unscathed.

Paula's session was fabulous and she proved that we were all quite capable nature artists, writers, botanical observers and documenters. These sessions were followed by Ilse Broekaert's wonderful yoga session, a quick cuppa and Steve Simpson's excellent and practical Bushwalkers Photography segment. The very long Happy Hour, dinner and some fabulous Ted Talks by campers ended a great day.

Sunday began with another scramble over logs and debris through the bush to the Westside Track and along to Joyner's Ridge Road. We continued down to the Phoenix Sculpture Park where we had another yoga session with Ilse on their Meditation lawn. This was followed by a delicious morning tea provided by the co-owner, Margit and a wander around to see the sculptures and enjoy the park. After our return to the Barracks, tents were packed up, cleaning up done and goodbyes said.

Plaudits have come in from all angles so I'm certain that this year's camp was another great success. Why not nominate for next year's camp?



Sketch of The Barracks by Graham Marshall



Photos by Sam Seghers



Trip Report: "One Step Ahead of the Blues at Ballina"

Ballina to Lennox Coastal (Day) Walk LDW-2B, Sep 2019

Posted by Greg Kuss, Sep 2019

We woke to the 4am alarm. The beautiful large full moon shone light through the new verticals. This particular type of full moon won't be seen again for 30 years, and farmers believe it brings good luck. The trip from my house to Fairfield Gardens was in record time 20 minutes. With green lights all the way, no red. Green. Green. Green. Green. Green. The trip from Fairfield Gardens to Lennox head was smooth sailing all the way at speed limits and took 1 hour 57 minutes.

In January 2011 after the Brisbane River flood, I hosted a Granite Belt wine tasting weekend. The flood hit. Every walk on the calendar was cancelled. Nominees were dropping like flies. Flooded out or having a nervous breakdown. I was resilient. I shone. My activity was appropriate for the time of year. The granite highlands. A wine tasting. Nine participants went. The weather was beautiful. Fine. Large soft puffy white clouds. Cool fresh granite belt air. Lakes brimming with water everywhere we went.

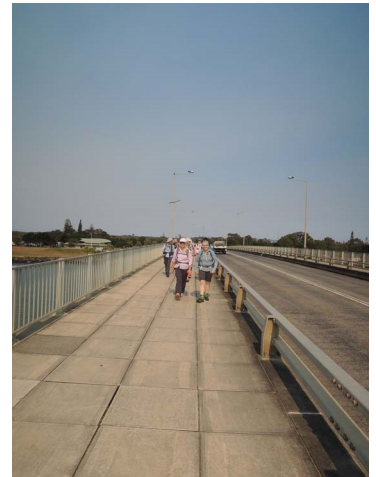
This time in September 2019 during the natural disaster of the Queensland fires. When Lamington National Park was on fire, Binna Burra Mountain Lodge burnt down, and Peregian beach was burnt out. All the national parks were closed due to fire danger, and every walk on the calendar was cancelled. My Ballina to Lennox Head Coastal walk was still on. It was the right activity for the right time of year. Greg reigned supreme yet again.

Once parked at Lennox Head we had time for an organic coffee from the Lennox Coffee Company. We caught the 640 8:25 bus to the start of the one way walk at Ballina. For \$2:50 for a senior what could go wrong. And sure beats those dismal car shuffles.

We walked along the Richmond River. Crossed the bridge with 360° water views. Along the rock break wall. Then, Oh Dear! Time for coffee and sweets at Lighthouse Beach Café. I had the strawberry Pancetta with cream and the coffee was delicious and "just" the right temperature.

We continued our 14.5k walk. Along the coastline. Lighthouse beach. Angels Beach. Flat Rock. Boulder Beach. Skennars Head. Multiple headlands. Iron Peg. Pat Morton Lookout. Views all the way. Pods of dolphins surfing the waves in squadron. Whales leaping out of the water from every vantage point. Sea Eagles eyeing us from their gliding position. (And possibly one large shark.)

The day was quite warm in the high 20's and we raised a sweat on our walks. I must admit the sky was a little hazy and I thought my sunglasses were smeary, even after repetitive attempts at wiping them. But looking out from on top of all the cliffs all we could see was blue water in all directions. So we loved it.



Ballina Bridge



Whale Watching

At Ballina East Aboriginal area, the girls were looking at indigenous information signs. Maureen called out "Come on you girls a dry white wine is calling from Penny Lane Café!"

At Flat Rock Viewing Platform, the girls were watching whales breaching. Maureen called out "Come on you girls a dry white wine is calling from Penny Lane Café!"

Once back at Lennox Head and a quick change of clothes we were at Penny Lane Café. It was Sauvignon Blanc all round. As we blew away the blues at Ballina and Lennox Head. The kitchen stayed open especially for us. The special of the day, Moroccan chick pea salad was the hit of the day with everyone. I had the Penny Lane Burger with a side of thick cut fries. Maureen asked "What's on the Penny Lane Burger Greg?"

Greg replied "Everything!"

The trip home took 120 minutes and I was drinking a cold pure blonde out of my fridge at home by 10 past 5. What a beautiful day. Full on I must admit. Well planned. Executed. 11 participants. All female except Greg. Greg's harem. It was a brisk walk at 4.5k per hour. But we loved it with great views all the way. And as for my sore knee I had been battling earlier in the year, after my winter rehabilitation period, What sore knee? No pain what so ever. Blue oceans. A highlight was the whale and dolphin watching. Great Day!

Well I have no concerns
I don't live in fear
Cause I am keeping it all numb
With Prozac and beer
I don't even blink when they give me the inevitable bad news
Somehow I been staying one step ahead of the blues
I'm keepin it real
Just as long as pain
Isn't the only thing I feel
Somehow I been staying one step ahead of the blues.



Lighthouse Beach Cafe

Trip Report: HINCHINBROOK ISLAND. MT. BOWEN only

MT. BOWEN TRIP REPORT, 30 June - 4 July. 2019

Posted by Mark Houghton, July 2019

WEATHER; Fine, no rain but some high cloud, but not on the peak.

LOCATION; Mt. Bowen is the highest peak on Hinchinbrook Island off the coast of Cardwell in North Queensland. At 1126m it rises steeply from the sandy coastline of the island. Recommended way up is from Little Ramsay Bay camp site up Willawarra Creek to a 'saddle' camp, at approximately 820m and then along a ridge to the top of Mt. Bowen.

GRADING/Difficulty of Walk; Although I had on the club website a grading of 6E/F, I think that the grading should be much higher than this at 6G.

Compared to Mt. Barney via Sith Ridge, while the rock work is not much harder, the amount of endurance/fitness required is far higher. The hardest walk I have ever done in terms of endurance/fitness required.

GENERAL TIMELINE:

Sunday, 30 June; Dept. Marine Hotel at Cardwell at 6:30am. Arrived Pontoon on island approx. 7:30am. Reached Little Ramsay Bay Camp site at approx. 11am. Had lunch. Dept. Little Ramsay Bay camp site at approx. midday to reach as far as possible up Willawarra Creek. At approx. 4:30pm decided to camp on the southern bank of the creek.

Monday, 1 July; Departed the '4&1/2' hour camp at approx. 8:30am (was approx. 9am before we got away). Arrived at the 'Saddle' camp at approx. 3:30pm.

Tuesday, 2 July; Dept 'Saddle' camp at 6:30am. Reached top of Mt. Bowen at approx. 8:20am. After celebrations left the top of Mt. Bowen at approx. 8:40am, arriving at the 'Saddle' camp at approx. 10:05am. Packed up tents and gear and left 'Saddle' camp at 10:30am. Commenced our descent down the gully/creek to Little Ramsay Bay. Arrived at the '4&1/2' hour camp at approx. 4pm. Camped here Tuesday night.

Wednesday, 3 July; Dept '4&1/2' hour camp at 8:30am. Arrived at Little Ramsay Bay at 12:15pm. Had lunch and a swim. Left Little Ramsay Bay Camp site at approx. 2:10pm, arriving at Nina Bay camp site at 3:20pm. Camped here.

Thursday, 4 July; Dept Nina Bay at 8am. Reached the Pontoon at 9:20am. Caught the ferry back to Cardwell.

CONDITIONS:

Willawarra Creek; At the start of the ascent up the creek rocks are small – up to about the size of a party balloon. As you progress up the creek the rocks get larger, reaching up to the size of a car by the time the '1&1/2' hour camp site is reached.

By the time the '4&1/2' hour camp site is reached (which is a little over halfway between Little Ramsay Bay & the 'Saddle camp.) the creek is starting to narrow, vegetation is closing in, rocks are often much larger and walkers are having to push past saplings & find ways around the large boulders. Altitude gain continues to be slow, being under 300m at the '4&1/2' hour camp.

After '4&1/2' hour camp creek continues to narrow, vegetation becomes more of a problem in the creek, altitude gain rate starts increasing. At about 500/600m altitude often have to mostly use the sides of the creek where 'wait-a-while' barbed wire vine and lawyer vine are a constant obstruction. Last 200m to saddle camp is steep, still in forest and difficult to find the best way. On our trip could have picked up water later – at about 650m but there had been recent rain. Drier recent weather would have meant collecting water for the saddle camp earlier. Reached the saddle camp about 3:30pm. Saddle camp is in forest of saplings & undergrowth. To the north there is a track that takes you (about 50m) to a place of low brush and great views.

Camped the night at saddle camp. Set out early at 6:30am, sun just rising to try and reach the top of Mt. Bowen. The faint track from the saddle camp rises initially through forest, then moderately steeply around to the west side of some cliffs, before reaching a ridge. After walking along this ridge a rocky outcrop is negotiated and up a moderately steep slope. From here it is easier walking, with low grass trees to about waist height with scattered, dead banksia bushes at near head height.

Finally reached the top of Mt. Bowen at about 8:20am with clear, awesome views from the top. Left a note in the canister. Started the tip back down the way we came up at about 8:40am. Reached the Saddle camp at 10:05am, packed up and started back down at 10:30am. Camped at the '4&1/2' hour camp site at 4pm. Departed this camp at 8:30am next morning, finally reaching Little Ramsay Bay camp site at 12:15pm. After lunch made our way to Nina Bay and camped the night.

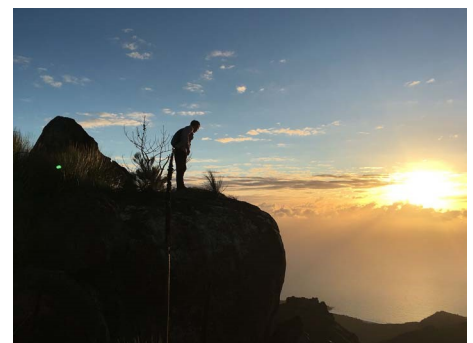
Thursday walked out to the pontoon for the ferry ride back to Cardwell.



A view from near the saddle campsite



View northwards from the upper slopes of Mt. Bowen with the Prophet and North Peak in the background



Photos by Annie Marlow

Trip Report: Pilgrimage 2019

Venue: Camp Laurence (Lake Moogerah)

The weekend of 27-30 September saw the 50th annual bushwalkers Pilgrimage held this time at Camp Laurence on Lake Moogerah. There were 90 members of various clubs who came along either for the day or one, two or three nights to join in with members of other clubs on bushwalks, a bush dance, or some kayaking on the lake, bike rides and just kicking back and relaxing on the lakeshore.

There was great camaraderie amongst the clubs and the walks program was made possible through the cooperation of leaders from several clubs. This was despite the threat of park closures in the lead up to the weekend due to the extremely dry conditions and potential for bushfires. Fortunately most of the closures and fire bans were lifted in the week prior to the event.

The group walks undertaken over two days were: Bare Rock led by BBW with 16 participants, Mt Greville led by Gold Coast with 17, Teviot Falls led by Ipswich with 12, Mt Maroon led by Toowoomba with 4, Mt May led by Brisbane Catholic BC with 6, Mt Bangalora/e led by Redland with 8, Mt Cordeaux led by BBW with 15, Boonah-Fassifern Rail Trail led by Glasshouse BC (twice) with 17 and 9, Mt Edwards led by Redland with 7. Other small groups and individuals did the kayaking/sailing (about 6), bike ride and Mt Edwards again, as well as the short walk from camp up to Sandy Ck gorge. So quite an active weekend with 111 "walker-days" registered on the sign-on sheets.

On top of all the outdoor pursuits, we had the bush dance on the Saturday night with 'Band-O-Coots'. Great classic Australian bush tunes (including Scottish/Irish/Russian heritage) soon had most up on the dance floor with the caller providing a walk through for each dance. Loads of fun and wonderful musicianship. We also had the Pilgrimage History Project display compiled by Nancy Hodge with photos, programs from the past and a slideshow running. This is ongoing and we are seeking more material for future Pilgrimage displays.

As for the future, we are pleased to advise that Toowoomba club have offered to run it next year and there is another club in line for the following year. The future of the Pilgrimage is assured.

Thanks to the Camp Laurence manager Narelle who facilitated our booking. If any club is considering booking the venue for a club weekend, all details are on their website. They have a minimum group size of 30 and you can either camp or book their comfortable cabins.

<https://www.camplaurance.com.au/>

<https://360.youtour.com.au/camplaurance/>

Thanks to all who came along to made it a success.

John Marshal
for the BWQ committee.

2-Oct-2019



Brisbane Bushwalkers Club - Committee Reports 2019

President - Stephen Simpson

- Committee

This year has again been very busy where the volunteer Management Committee and non-Committee members of BBW have all worked hard to keep the Club operating. Most Committee members continued to partake in local and overseas walks while others filled the Committee space.

A particular time consuming challenge was updating the majority of our documentation to meet current standards and requirements of the Club. Thanks to all who contributed and continue to monitor for compliance, continuity and technical innovation so we can all benefit.

At times the Committee has some difficult decisions to make, however the overall outcome is one of achievement and improvement for the Club and all members.

- Fires

Fresh in my mind are the devastating fires in the South East and greater Queensland. I offer thanks to all of the Fire and Emergency Service personnel who have worked so hard to ensure people, houses and Community assets have been protected from devastation where at all possible. The disastrous bushfire that burned out Binna Burra Lodge showed that nothing is safe from harm. We can only imagine the loss of plants and animals in those affected areas.

It's also been a tricky time for our Leaders and Outings Secretary with track and park closures from bushfires causing cancellations and relocation of walks. Many thanks go to the Club members who volunteered to help the Rangers at Lamington National Park clear fire damaged tracks this past weekend.

- Safety

A couple of recent accidents involving walkers highlights the importance that our Club Rules and Guidelines regarding safe practices when bushwalking are there for your, and others, safety.

I also strongly encourage all members to apply these principles when undertaking private bushwalks, particularly-

- Don't walk alone
- Tell someone where you are going and time of return
- Carry a PLB/map/GPS

- Membership

Club membership continues to grow and this means there is a significant need for our current Leaders to provide sufficient walks to satisfy the demand, and emerging Leaders encouraged to attend Leader training. It also highlights the need for a dedicated team of volunteers on the Committee and within the Club Membership.

These roles are absolutely key to maintaining a strong well respected Club with a reputation for personal and walk safety, whilst producing minimal impact to our valued walking areas.

- Historical records

As part of the 2nd stage project to digitise BBW magazines, almost all of the past magazines have now been scanned by the helpful staff at the Reformatting Unit at the State Library of Queensland.

Jeanette Simpson, Chris Hall and Stephen Simpson performed the quality assurance on the scanned items. Now all available magazines (minus a missing few) from the 1950's to the 1980's are scanned and awaiting State Library funding to be digitised and uploaded onto their site for all Queenslanders to view and enjoy our history. The magazines from the 1980's to the present are already uploaded and able to be viewed.

- Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM is upon us again and all Committee positions will be vacated at the meeting on 23rd October. So if you want to put something back into the Club you can nominate for a position, and come along to the meeting to vote.

Vice-President - Marion Darveniza

As Vice President it has been a pleasure to work with President Stephen and the Management Committee of this great club.

My thanks to club members who have contributed to meetings with their presentations, and to those who have made suggestions for guest presenters. There has been great variety in the subjects presented whether they be serious, inspirational or just a wonderful collection of great photos on walking trips. Meetings bring our members together to socialise, exchange information, network and importantly are a reminder that BBW is a club.

A committee is needed to run this club. I recommend members seriously consider offering to be on it.

Outings - Diana Norkaitis

What a year - fire bans at end of 2018, Cyclone Oma in February and fires again in August /September severely disrupting Brisbane Bushwalker activities. Where possible leaders posted alternate walks so that we could all do what we are in the Club to do.

For the statistically minded, typically, 40-50 (non-social) activities are posted per month with additional 20-30 training walks serving approximately 450+ and 250+ participants, respectively.

A breakdown for the year (1 Oct-2018 to 30 Sep-19) is:

- 298 Training walks. 261 were night walks and the majority being on Mt Coot-tha.
- 27 New Member Induction walks were conducted, giving us at least 2 per month. Thanks to all Leaders who conduct these essential activities.
- 518 (non-training, non-social activities) activities were posted. This included 34 base camps, 8 kayaks, 36 thru walks and 9 Abseil events serving over 4500 member registrations. A lot of activity!!

In June we welcomed 14 new leaders to the Club and they have been quick to get active. The Club has about 180 leaders, over 50% of whom were active in posting (non-training) walks. The heavy lifters (in no particular order) were Jon Beer, Marion Archbald, Mark Houghton, Bea Duffield, Mary Comer, Bernie Ryan, Brenda Beattie and the team of Peter Hunt and Lisa Fleming. Thank you .. and apologies if I have left any of you off the list. All who regularly post walks are to be thanked.

A special mention must be made of Meredith Hall's challenging programme of 12 Mountains in 12 Months. This was very popular requiring Meredith to quickly double up the walks to cover the demand. It was great to see leaders stepping in to help Meredith complete her programme.

In September, a review of leaders was undertaken in line with the updated Schedule 6 Guide for Leaders to ensure all leaders had lead at least one walk in the last 3 years. As a result of this, some leaders attended Refresher Training and recommitted and are back in the fold and some have had their leadership status revoked. We want all leaders to be active and competent. When those ex leaders are able to get active, we welcome them to attend Leader Training.

Trends observed over the year:

- Walks posted for future dates (even 6 months ahead) were full within days of posting. Leaders appear to be posting walks with less lead time. This allows newer members and those with less flexibility to nominate for a walk at shorter notice. Leaders should continue this trend.
- More activity is happening mid week - high and medium level walks and a variety of destinations.

As we head into summer with dry and hot conditions expected and the residue /possibility of fire, it will be hard to find respite in our traditional summer walking domains. I encourage leaders to keep the momentum in posting walks.

Being Outings Secretary has been a challenge - a rewarding one. I would like to thank the Committee and a host of other leaders who supported me and gave advice in a positive manner. One can always learn. Thanks to Steve Simpson and Marion Darveniza who stepped into Outings shoes while I was away. One final comment to Leaders - no reference to Page 3!!

Safety & Training - Nick Brooking

Since the start of Nov 2018 to 10 Oct, 2019 there have been 11 incidents where medical attention has been warranted. None have been life threatening. There were no reports of property damage. The club has adopted a more proactive approach by conducting investigations into near misses, where members have perceived hazards and danger. Risks have been identified and corrective action taken in consultation with leaders.

In the year from the start of Nov 2018 to the end of Oct 2019 there have been these training courses:

- 3 x 2 day Remote First Aid, resulting in 45 trained first aiders.
- 1 x half day CPR First Aid
- 1 x half day Leaders Refresher
- 1 Navigation weekend
- 1 Leaders Training weekend, resulting in 13 new leaders

A popular and experienced trainer from QAS has been engaged.

Training facilities have been sourced through Dept of Education at reasonable rates at Nudgee Beach.

The schedules and training material related to Leaders and Training have been reworked and are 75% complete.

Equipment - Steve Cockburn and Jenny Howell

The Equipment Officer, Steve Cockburn, and Assistant Equipment Officer, Jenny Howell, have had a busy year looking after the hire equipment for BBW.

One of our main goals has been to promote through walking amongst our members and to provide good quality lightweight equipment for members to try at low cost.

There has been continued demand for the hire of tents, packs, mats and cooking equipment, as well as for the Tyvec sheeting, sold mainly for groundsheets. (Thanks to Ray Glancy for sourcing the Tyvec for us.) We have sold some 'dog bags' for pack liners, but still have sufficient supplies.

The 2 lightweight tarps and the PLBs have been lent out to leaders fairly regularly. Ten PLBs expired in May and were correctly disposed of. They were replaced by 12 new lighter, smaller PLBs which have a 10 year life.

An ongoing part of our role is to assess the condition of the equipment and to do repairs where necessary. We rationalised the stock of older tents, mats and packs, offering some for sale at the Bring and Buy night, and to interested members afterwards. This made space for the purchase of some new basecamp and multi-day hiking tents. Some of the older Tarptents are showing signs of wear and tear, and will need to be replaced soon.

We have purchased 3 rolls of climbing tape and are giving interested leaders 15 meters at no cost, and charging 50 cents/meter for any extra. This is to be used by leaders to assist walkers who are unsure when climbing or descending (mainly off-track walks). We plan to have some mini workshops at the Leaders' weekend and at the Club meetings to give leaders some instruction on the use of the tape.

Two gear nights have been held at K2 Basecamp store where members have been able to purchase gear at good discounts. Most of the hired equipment has been returned on time, and it has been a pleasure to be able to offer members the opportunity to try out the equipment before buying their own.

We would like to thank Elena Williams (and Dan McGee) and Shannon Bratton Hall (and Chris Hall) for looking after the Equipment while we were away.

New Members - Dwan Moore

Since being appointed to this role in March, I have concentrated on fine tuning the introduction and welcome talk to the 15 - 20 new members attending each meeting, explaining the club's status as an incorporated association and our obligations in relation to public liability insurance. I also make them aware that the membership application they sign includes a disclaimer that they accept bush walking is a strenuous activity often over rough terrain with possible risks and hazards and requires a good level of fitness and BBW cannot be held responsible for any subsequent injury due to slips or falls.

I also encourage new members to attend a New Member Induction (MinIMaxS) walk, of which there have been an average of at least two per month, as their first club walk to ensure they meet the required fitness levels.

An update and reconfiguration of the Member's Handbook to the new document format has been completed and will hopefully go to print before the end of this calendar year.

Thank you fellow committee for your assistance and support.

Social - Libby Andersen

2019 was full of fun social activities including base camps, movie nights, dinners and the K2 shopping evenings. Thank you to all the leaders and organisers who contributed their time and energy, including Bernie & Karen Ryan, Shaun Johnston, Brenda Beattie, Steve Cockburn, Ray & Dawn Glancy, David Sydes & Anne Kemp, Valerie Fjellstrom and Stephen Simpson. Thank you also to my supper helpers Anne Kemp, Kay Byrne and Denise Lieben for lightening the load of providing the suppers at each club meeting.

The 2018 BBW Xmas Party was held over 3 days from Friday 30 November - 2 December at Baden Powell Scout Camp at Samford. 52 members attended for a wonderful weekend of walking and celebrations. Master chefs, David Sydes and Anne Kemp and their wonderful team of trained helpers prepared a delicious selection of hors d'oeuvres for Friday night happy hour and followed this up on Saturday evening with a scrumptious 3 course Xmas dinner. Six walks were held over the weekend including Northbrook Mountain (5C - Arthur Walton), England Creek (6C - Annette Miller), Jolly's Lookout (3A - Julie Marsden), Byron Gorge & Stevens Creek (Lou & Marion Darveniza), Morelia (3b - Jon Beer) and Northbrook Creek descent (5B - Lou & Marion). Chris & Shannon Bratton-Hall and Joanne Luke also ran an abseil activity at Love Creek Falls. A huge thank you to the leaders and members who volunteered their time to make this a successful weekend.

The 2019 Winter Solstice was held over 3 days from Friday 21 - 23 June at The Outlook, Boonah. 36 members attended and were accommodated in 3 houses on the Outlook property. Attendees each contributed to Friday & Saturday night's social functions by bringing a dish or plate of food. Friday was the official Winter Solstice and was celebrated with happy hour, soups and hors d'oeuvres around a huge bonfire. On Saturday night we had a two-course buffet style meal held in the large function room of one of the houses. Leaders held 6 walks including Logan's Ridge (8E - Arthur Walton), Mt Greville (5C - Wendy Spiry), Lincoln Bomber (5D - Dwan Moore, Matt D & Henny), Mt Cordeaux & Bare Rock (3B - Lou & Marion Darveniza), Lizard Point (5C - David Sydes & Anne Kemp) and Flinders Peak (5B - Dwan Moore). So much thanks to everyone for their contributions which made this such a fun weekend.

The Arts/Bushwalking Base Camp was held over 3 days September 20th - 22nd at the Mt Glorious Barracks and attended by 23 members. Workshops on nature sketching & journaling and photography were scheduled on Saturday with short walks and yoga sessions held on both Saturday & Sunday. On Sunday morning, we walked over to The Sculpture Gardens on Fahey Road for a tour of the beautiful gardens and artwork and a yoga session in the meditation garden followed by morning tea. Thanks to Val Fjellstrom & Stephen Simpson (photographer) for their organisation and instruction, Dr Paula Peeters (our guest writer, artist & ecologist) and Ilse Broekaert for her yoga/meditation instruction. These weekends are always a popular and relaxing social event.

Technology Officer - Shaun Johnston

The 2018/2019 BBW year was a quiet year Technology-wise, with a couple of incremental improvements here and there on the Club website, and the introduction and discussion of several ideas for ways to improve the club via new technological solutions. Some of these ideas were approved and are in the process of being rolled out.

Over the past year, the following ideas were approved:

- Creation and appointment of the Content Editor role. Peter Hunt is the club's Content Editor, and is responsible for adding documents to the website and editing the website's pages.
- Creation of a shared document repository for the Club's Committee to maintain continuity of information over successive personnel changes.
- Build, test and launch of a new Web Forum for club members to communicate and socialise on-line.
- Appointment of two content moderators - Matt Dunleavy and Henny Shone - who oversee the Web Forum.
- Creation and utilisation of an opt-in member's email list, to allow the Club to more easily communicate with its members.
- Creation of a protocol and budget to utilise third party on-call support if the Web Administrator is in a remote location and unable to troubleshoot problems with the website or the infrastructure that supports it.

Several projects are on the radar for the new year and I look forward to working with the rest of the Committee to roll them out.

Status of Club Documents

From Outings Secretary, Oct 2019

During 2019 the BBW Committee undertook a major review of the Club documentation. Documents have been progressively updated on the BBW website (Rules and Forms) as they have been finalised.

Below is a list of the Rules and Forms and their current status.

Document	Change Detail	Status
Rules of the Club	No change	
By Laws	Major change June 2019. Minor change Sept 2019	
Sched 01 - Training for new members - MiniMaXs		Under review
Sched 02 - privacy statement		Under review
Sched 03 - Bushwalkers Code	Major reformat Jul 2019	
Sched 04 - Ordinary membership	Format change May 2019	Under review
Sched 05 - Members Handbook	Major upgrade Sept 2019	
Sched 06 - Guide for leaders	Major change June 2019. Minor change Sept 2019	
Sched 07 - Disclaimer	No Change	
Sched 08 - Risk Management	Major upgrade Jun 2019	
Sched 09- Incident report	Major upgrade June2019	
Sched 10 - Activity Nomination Sheet		Under review
Sched 11 - Committee Handbook		Under review
Sched 12 - Policy / procedures for Abseil		Under review
Sched 13 - Selecting BBW leaders	Major upgrade Jun 2019	
Sched 14 - Members Renewal Form		DELETED
Sched 15 - Loan and Use of PLBs	Upgrade Jun 2019	
Sched 16 - Guest membership	Upgrade Jul 2019	
Sched 17 - Club Insurance certificate	Updated each year July	
Sched 18 – Club Insurance Policy	Updated as per Insurance Certificate	