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Newsletter

December 2021

Welcome to the Brisbane Bushwalkers newsletter. Your newsletter will arrive quarterly and we hope you will find it informative, full of great photos and a pleasure to read.

As we draw towards the end of 2021 the Committee would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas with the hope that 2022 brings more expansive walking opportunities.

The first meeting for 2022 will be held on Wednesday 12 January, please note that there will be a meeting on Wednesday 26 January for members to return gear and borrow library books. New member applications and inductions will also be conducted on this evening.

[View the 2022 Activities Calendar](https://www.brisbanebushwalkers.org.au/calendar)

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Karjini National Park ,Western Australia- Tracey Walker

Meeting Calendar

Each month we have great local and interstate presenters, coming up:

8 December

The Most Amazing Places in the NT and North Qld with Dan Cirsky

12 January

The Americans at Mt Cootha during World War II by Allen Tonks

9 February

To be advised

At the November meeting Shannon and Chris Hall presented "*All you ever need to know about Dehydrated food for through walking*".

[Access some of the recipes for dehydrated meals](https://www.brisbanebushwalkers.org.au/recipes)

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Presentation meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month commencing at 7:40 pm, with refreshments served.

The club accepts new member applications on the 4th Wednesday of the month.



Eril McNamara - Push

Track Closures

Annual closure period for all Lamington Bush camping areas

Due to the annual closure period, all remote bush camping sites are closed from 1 December to 31 January the following year (2 months), to enable natural regeneration of the sites.

Planned upgrades - Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walks track

Pending favourable weather conditions, planned upgrades to a section of the Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walks track will commence from Monday the 29th of November 2021 to Friday the 4th of March 2022.

As a result, the following area will remain temporarily closed for the duration of the closure. The section of the Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walks track between the northern entrance of the Lower Bellbird circuit and Nerang - Murwillumbah Rd.

Other Track Closures

- **Westside Track**, Maiala still partially closed to 31/1/2022 (*Updated 14/9/2021*)
- **Lower Bellbird Circuit** still closed to 17/12/2021 (*Updated 31/8/2021*)
- **Castle Rock Campground, Girraween** closed 30 Jan 2022 – 24 June 2022 for major redevelopment. Bald Rock campground remains open.

For the latest information about track closures, contact outings@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au



Raft Point, The Kimberleys WA - Diane Van

Safety and Training News

Date confirmed for First Aid Course 5-6 March 2022

This training is a certified remote first aid course conducted by Qld Ambulance, with priority to leaders, then full members.

See Activities Calendar for more details or contact Gerry Burton at training@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au



Fungi, Springbrook National Park Shaun Johnson

Photographic Survey Result

Thank you to all members who responded to the photographic survey.

An overwhelming majority of respondents (82%) responded that we would attend club meetings to see presentations by landscape or wildlife photographers. Your Committee hears you.

More generally, respondents commented that we would love to see more photography oriented activities on the calendar, and would love for it to be easier to see the photos that others are taking on activities.

There was also strong interest from respondents in photographic workshops, so we have prepared a followup survey for those interested, with the potential workshops we can put on the calendar. If you are interested in participating in a photographic workshop, please see the survey here: [Photographic Workshops Survey \(https://forms.gle/aYAqGkurLXdtEPHP9\)](https://forms.gle/aYAqGkurLXdtEPHP9). Your response will help to plan a great calendar of activities for 2022!

To view the full report visit the [survey results on our website \(https://www.brisbanebushwalkers.org.au/news/2021-11-20212022-photographic-year-survey-results\)](https://www.brisbanebushwalkers.org.au/news/2021-11-20212022-photographic-year-survey-results).



Springbrook National Park - Shaun Johnson

Handy hints for new members #1

It can be hard to get on walks sometimes. It helps to look at the Activities calendar rather than only your Dashboard when looking for walks. When a leader posts a walk, it immediately appears on the Activities Calendar – it will have a **U** (*Unapproved*) beside it meaning the Outings Officer is yet to approve it. However, you are still able to nominate for this walk. Once the walk has been approved it will appear on your Dashboard – but there can be a delay depending on how busy the Outings Officer is. Hence some walks are already full by the time they appear on your Dashboard.

newmembers@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au



Carnarvon Gorge- Tracey Walker

Citizen Science Project - Help find the next antibiotic

More than half of all antibiotics available worldwide have been developed from microbes found in soil and nature, and Queensland is one of the most biodiverse environments in the world.

You can participate in this project by requesting a soil kit and collecting some samples when you are next out on the tracks.

[UQ Soils for Science \(https://imb.uq.edu.au/soilsforscience\)](https://imb.uq.edu.au/soilsforscience)

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Let us know so we can let our community know

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The Kimberley, Western Australia - Diane Van



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