



Brisbane
Bushwalkers

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Brisbane Bushwalkers

Newsletter

January/February 2022

2022 here we come with hot and wet weather.

Thank you to our leaders who have embraced the opportunity to focus on water based activities for club members with lots of swim throughs, kayaking trips and stand up paddle board activities on the calendar.

Included in this edition we include lots of great water photos to make us feel cool and cheer us up!

One of the final activities for 2021 was the clubs Christmas party held at the Baden Powell Scout Camp at Samford. Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to Dwan Moore, Anne Kemp, David Sydes and the large team of helpers for a providing a fantastic meal in festive surroundings.

Unfortunately our first meeting of the year had to be cancelled due to the volatility of the pandemic. Please continue to refer to our website and emails as we continue to monitor and respond to the current Covid 19 government

advice. There are many challenges for us all living in a pandemic. Please remember to be kind and compassionate to each and all.

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

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Obi obi Gorge - Sam Seghers

Meeting Calendar

26 January

New members enrollment and club business meeting

9 February

Hiking in Hong Kong by Ken and Jenny Staib and Bob McKercher

23 February

New members enrollment and club business meeting

9 March

iPhone Camera Essentials by Gavin Blakey

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.

If you have recently been on a walk and would like to share your photos and the experience please contact vicepresident@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au



Matt D - Cedar and Love creek falls

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

- **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



Byron Gorge and Stevens Creek - Diane Van

Safety and Training News

Beginners Abseil Training 12 February

A day for absolute beginners who are looking to learn basic abseil skills. All gear supplied by the club.

First Aid Training Course 5-6 March

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

Through walk Skills Development Session 12 March

Aimed at members wishing to learn what gear etc to take on a through walk, explanations of terminology used and what is acceptable through walking practice.

Leaders Training weekend 19-20 March

This is a weekend base camp held at Mt Glorious Barracks

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



Lake Wyaralong Dam - Matt D

BBW 75th Anniversary

September 2023 will herald the 75th Anniversary of the club.

Late last year a sub-committee was formed to develop ideas and events to celebrate this milestone.

A list of activities was compiled for feasibility and development.

The 75th Anniversary group will meet bi-monthly in conjunction with the club business meeting, held

at the Newmarket Hall on the 4th Wednesday of the month, commencing at 7.30pm on the 23 rd

February 2022.

Any members interested in being a part of the organisation and facilitation of the 75 th Anniversary

events are welcome to attend.

social@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au



Northbrook Gorge - Gareth Thomas

Handy hints for new members #2

Some members love to chat on a walk while others like to walk in silence and immerse themselves in their surroundings. Both are absolutely fine! A few important things to communicate clearly:

1. If you have any health issues that may impact your walk, inform the Leader at the start of the walk
2. If you need to duck into the bush for a pit stop, inform the tail so they can ensure you re-join the group. Don't mumble something to the walker beside you – they may not be listening or think to make sure you return
3. If you find you cannot see or hear the walkers in front of you, call out 'Hey

Bob'. This will notify the Leader to stop and allow the group to come back together.

newmembers@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au



Christmas Party - Tanya Mehinagic

From the Equipment desk

The clubs Equipment Officer is Steve Cockburn and he is assisted by Alison Green.

The Club hires out a variety of quality lightweight through walking gear.

Tents - we have a large variety of One and Two Person lightweight through walking tents

Packs - Men's and Women's specific through packs

Sleeping mats - A variety of Exped Mats(Summer and Winter)

Stoves and cooking pots - MSR Pocket Rockets and JetBoils

For Club Walks, you can hire this equipment for **\$10 for the entire set** for the fortnight. **GREAT VALUE !!**

For nonclub walks, you can still hire equipment for \$10 per item for your trip.

It is strongly advised that you email Steve to book your gear. In addition, if you are seeking advice or recommendations on appropriate gear Steve and Alison can assist.

Gear is picked up and returned at Club Meetings - 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in every month.

Also, we try to offer 2 Equipment purchasing nights each year at K 2 Basecamp (Valley). K2 opens its store to BBW-specific members and offers great discounts on these nights. These nights will be advertised on the BBW Calendar.

equipment@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au

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