



Brisbane Bushwalkers

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Brisbane Bushwalkers Newsletter

April 2022

With the approach of Autumn we hope to leave the wet season well and truly behind us. Our thoughts go out to all members, families and friends who have been impacted by the recent flooding. Apart from the devastation caused by wet weather to peoples homes, businesses and properties, events such as the Scenic Rim festival have been cancelled. Wet weather has caused the closure of many National Park tracks and camping grounds. Please see more on this below.

On a brighter note the cooler temperatures will see an increase in walks being offered that include mountain climbs within a days drive from Brisbane. If you intend to tackle some peaks this season our Outings Officer has included some tips below that will assist your nomination and help our leaders assess your suitability.

Click on this link to read about the pick of the peaks in the Scenic Rim

<https://www.mtbarneylodge.com.au/blog/top-10-peaks-in-the-scenic-rim/>

[View the 2022 Activities Calendar](#)

(<https://www.brisbanebushwalkers.org.au/calendar>)



The Overland Track at Narcissus Hut - Libby Andersen

Meeting Calendar

13 April

Exploring and Hiking in the Flinders-Goolman Conservation area
By Bernie and Karen Ryan

27 April

New members enrollment and club business meeting

11 May

Walking the Australian Alps Walking Track (AAWT) by Grant Cracknell

25 May

New members enrollment and club business meeting

8 June

The Americans at Mt Coot-tha during WWII by Allan Tonks

22 June

New members enrollment and club business meeting

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



Paddy's Waterfall - Libby Andersen

Track Closures

Planned QPWS burning:

QPWS will be conducting aerial planned burning in the coming weeks and months as part of the annual hazard reduction/conservation management program for parks and forests.

- Mount Beerburrum Section, Glasshouse Mountains NP April 1- June 30
- Mt Maroon section of Mt Barney NP April 11- June 30
- Coochin Hills section Glasshouse Mountains NP April 1 - June 30

Wet weather access - Lamington National Park partially open February 23 - April 15

Rangers have advised walkers to exercise caution when crossing creeks due to the high water levels in this area and to be mindful of tree falls on the tracks. The following walking tracks in the Binna Burra section are **closed**:

- Illinbah circuit
- Gwongoorool Pool track
- Mount Hobwee circuit
- Wagawn track
- Lower Bellbird circuit (due to fire damage)

The following walking tracks in the Green Mountains section are **closed**:

- Toolona Creek circuit

Mt Beewah- temporary closure until April 15

Gap Creek Falls track closed until June 3

Gold Coast Hinterland Great walk tracks closed Jan 5- May 27

Planned upgrades scheduled, weather dependent

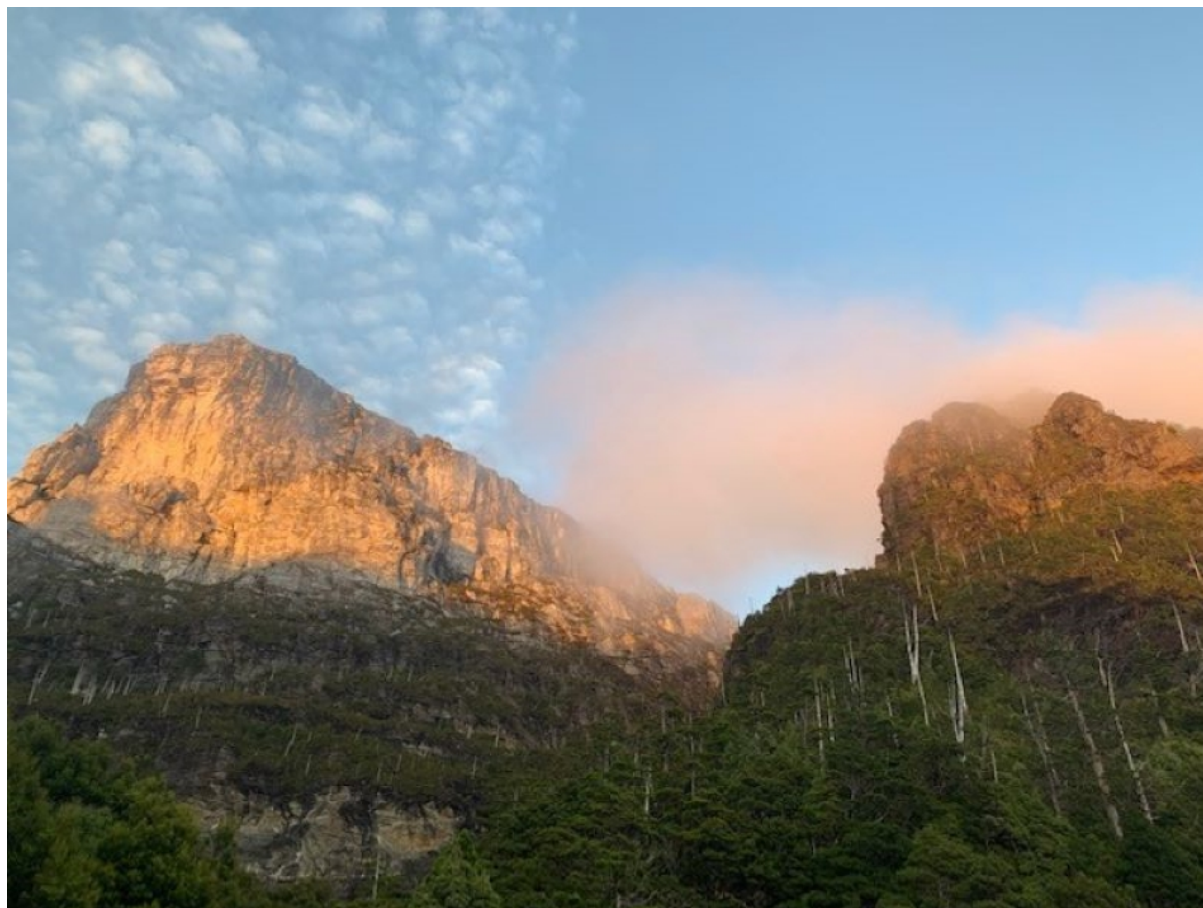
Other Track Closures

- **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

<https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/park-alerts>

<https://www.seqwater.com.au/alert/recreation-update-list-closures-and-re->



Frenchman's Cap - Libby Andersen

Safety and Training News

New Members Induction - Mt Coot-tha 23 April

The New Member Induction is designed to introduce new members to bushwalking and to the Brisbane Bushwalkers Club.

First Aid Training Course CPR refresher and remote exercises - Saturday 30 April

This is a certified CPR course conducted by Qld Ambulance. It is suitable for members who have had previous First Aid training in the last three years. If it is more than three years since you have done any First Aid training, or if you have not had any previous First Aid training, you should consider nominating for the 2 day First Aid course we are

running in July. Priority is given to our Leaders and then Ordinary members.

Navigation Training Weekend 13-15 May

Two days of relaxing in the bush, along with some navigation training at Reedy Creek Diana's bath, Mt Byron.

Leader Training Weekend 17-18 September

A training weekend will be held at the Mt Glorious Barracks, for full members interested in becoming leaders for the club. Nominees will have done at least 15 walks with BBW, by September 2022.

Gerry

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Palm Gorge - Steve Simpson

Tips for nominating on walks

Create or update your profile

This is what the leaders look for, particularly on the higher grade walks.

Read and follow the instructions in the walk description. If the leader asks you to email them with information, do it. If the leader sets a condition you don't meet, don't nominate.

Use a photo that will remind the leader they have met you. A photo of you 50m away with an animal won't work.

Use your profile to explain the bushwalking and related activities you have done outside BBW. Don't be shy. Include the month and year. Walks in the distant past serve as conversation starters but they won't get you on a high grade walk.

Insert your suburb

When arranging car pooling for walks, leaders find it helpful to group members together by location. Your suburb is not automatically included on your member profile. To include this information follow the prompts at

<https://www.brisbanebushwalkers.org.au/news/2021-10-how-list-your-suburb>

Nick

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View from O'Reillys to Mt Lindsay - Katie Lee

BBW Privacy Policy

It is important to note that all members are bound to observe by the BBW Privacy Policy and that members information listed on the website is protected under this policy. No member can disclose another members information to a third party outside of the club without the permission of that member.



Watson Creek falls - Ben

Updated guidelines on fuel contribution

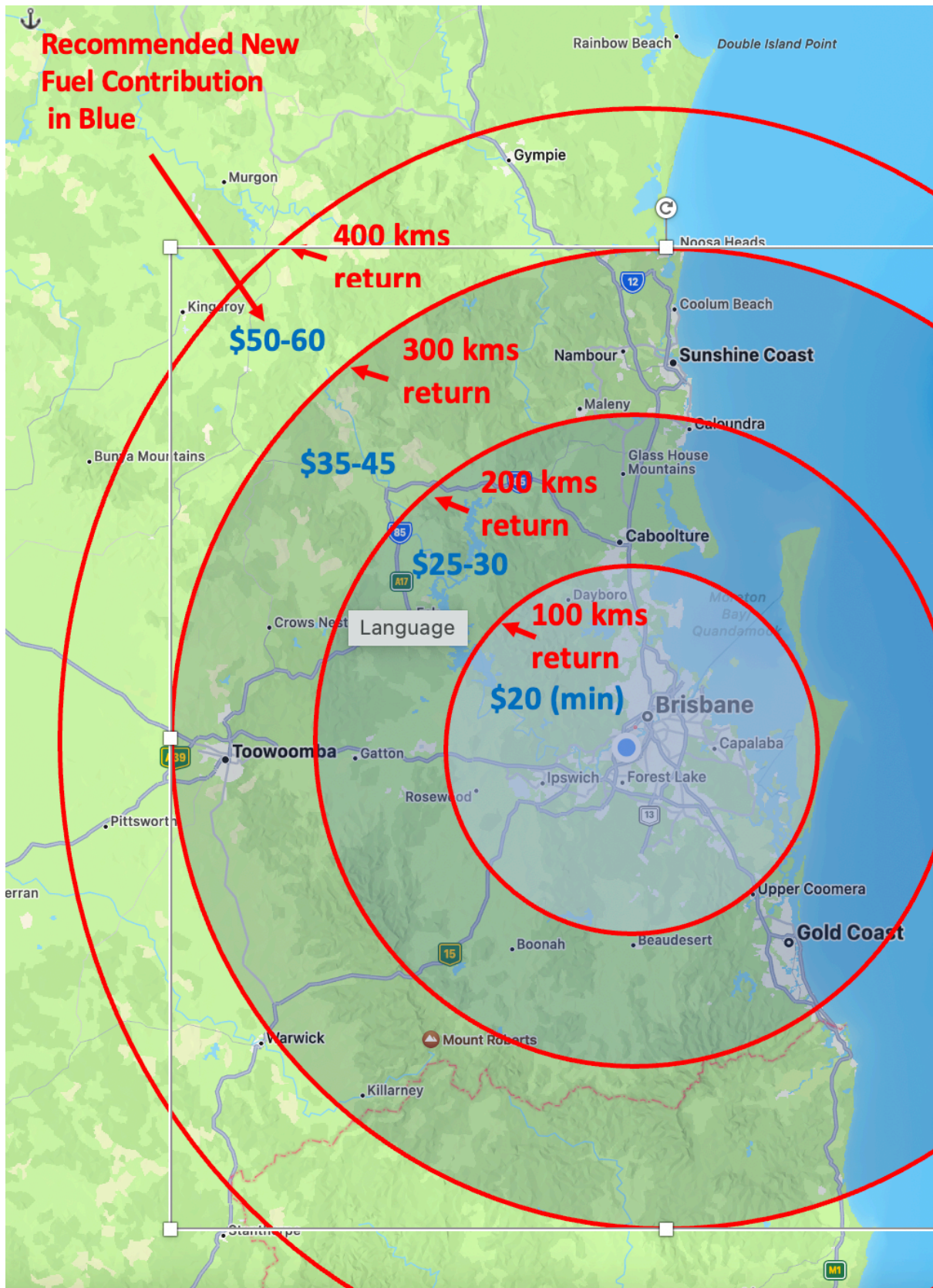
Due to the increasing cost of fuel the Committee has updated its advice around the car-pooling contribution.

100 kms return = \$20

200 kms return = \$25-30

300 kms return = \$35-45

400 kms return = \$50-60



Oxfam Trailwalk - call for Volunteers

Oxfam is looking for volunteers to assist with running this event to be held on

17-19 June.

This organisation works with local communities to help create sustainable solutions tackling inequality.

Positions available include:

Trail marking

Sweep teams

Checkpoint Captain and crew

Trail marshalls

For more information go to

<https://trailwalker.oxfam.org.au/volunteer>



BBW crew at Mt Greville - Gareth Thomas

2022 Pilgrimage August 19-21

The annual gathering of Bushwalking Queensland affiliated clubs called the Pilgrimage, will be held at Crow's Nest showgrounds this year and hosted by the Toowoomba Bushwalking club. Powered and unpowered camping options are available and a range of bushwalks will be held primarily in the Crows Nest

Ravensbourne National Park. In addition to this there will be cycling, kayaking and a Saturday night bushdance.

Nominations for this event will shortly be up on the club calendar.



Jenny atop Bishop and Clerk, Maria Island Tasmania - Diane Van

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Let us know so we can let our community know

If you would like to share photos, walking news or any other appropriate content please email newsletters@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au





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