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Bushwalkers

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Brisbane Bushwalkers

Newsletter

June 2022

The wet month of May has finally passed and the election has been decided. Lets hope now we can all return to the tracks to keep warm as Brisbane endures the current cold snap. June is a popular month for club base camps with trips on the calendar to the Bunya Mountains, Mt Barney and Mt Mee for Winter solstice celebrations.

The National Parks Association of Queensland Inc (NPAQ) has extended an invitation to all club members to attend the 90th Anniversary dinner to be held on Friday 22 July at the Brisbane City Town Hall. More information will be announced on their website in the coming weeks <https://npaq.org.au/90th-anniversary-dinner/>

The Club runs a forum for all members which is a great opportunity to share information and ask questions in relation to various bushwalking topics. There is a depth of knowledge held amongst our club members and the committee invites all members to participate in the forum, either to share knowledge or

take advantage of other members experiences. There are a number of categories which include Marketplace, Leaders Lounge, Bushwalking and New members. Remember to be respectful to allow us all to enjoy our forum, post thoughtfully, responsibly and abide by the forum rules.

<https://forum.brisbanebushwalkers.org.au/>

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

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Lake Boomanjin, K'gari - Greg Kuss

Meeting Calendar

13 July

Stinging Trees- Botany, Hazards and Treatments by Paul Brinkley

27 July

New members enrolment and club business meeting

27 July

75th Anniversary Organising Group

10 August

The BBW 2022 Photographic Competition

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



View of Little Hugel- Katie Lee

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

Lamington National Park partially open

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
- Lower Bellbird circuit (due to fire damage)

CLOSED remote and bush camping site:

- Illinbah
- Darlington
- Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walks track - Binna Burra to Numinbah Valley:

Gap Creek Falls

Closed until 30 June

Castle Rock Campground, Girraween

Closed 30 Jan 2022 – 26 June 2022 for major redevelopment. Bald Rock campground remains open.

The above is only a *small* selection of track closures, for full details of all track closures visit

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

<https://www.seqwater.com.au/recreation-and-safety-notice>



K' Gari, Fraser Island - Paul Camp

BBW Equipment showcase

At the Equipment desk we offer a variety of gear for hire to members, in addition to providing information and support to those looking to make major gear purchases. Equipment is hired to members for club walks and to a limited extent for other non-club walks.

Members can hire a tent, sleeping mat, cooking stove and pots and a backpack inclusive, for \$10 over a 2-week period. Pick up at club meetings from 7.30 pm.

Below are samples of YouTube resources for some of our Lightweight Tents.

[\(3458\) Macpac Microlight Hiking Tent - YouTube](#) - a solid 4 season tent useful for Tassie trips

[\(3458\) Vango F10 Helium UL 1 | Post Trip Review | - YouTube](#) -

another solid tent for less severe conditions but still a good option for bad weather conditions

[\(3458\) Big Agnes Copper Spur HV UL1 Setup and Initial Impressions Ultralight Freestanding Tent - YouTube](#)- a generic lightweight spacious option for average conditions

[Moment DW \(tarptent.com\)](#) - a quick set option for generic conditions. a smaller tent but excellent for SE Qld conditions.

If you are interested in hiring equipment from the club contact either Steve or Alison at

equipment@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au



Mark Balmanno

Safety and Training

New Members Induction - Mt Coot-tha 25 June

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First Aid Training Course CPR refresher and remote exercises - 6-7 July

This training is a 2 day course conducted by Qld Ambulance and includes a certified "Provide First Aid" course, and uncertified training in first aid in remote situations.

It is suitable for those members that have not had any previous First Aid training, and for those members that wish to refresh their skills and knowledge.

Leaders Weekend South D'Aguilar July 16-17

This is a weekend camp for BBW leaders to show other leaders walks in the area, and socialise on Saturday evening.

Navigation Training Weekend 12-14 August

This weekend is good for:

- first time navigators - we start at the beginning, and we cover the basics
- second time navigators - its good to go over those basics again. If you went to another teacher's course, it is good to come to mine as well, to see it from a different angle.
- intermediate navigators - you can use the course for practice, and maybe help out with some of the exercises.
- gun navigators - come and teach me something.
- non-navigators - it's a lovely camp site. If you want to come just for relaxing and not participating, that's fine too.

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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Main Range - Annie M

Handy hints for new members

Parasites you may encounter

While ticks and leeches are two commonly encountered parasites on bushwalks, it is handy to be aware of a third parasite – the larvae of a small orange-red mite called a Trombiculid which causes Scrub Itch.

These mites are active in the summer months in all rainforest areas around Brisbane, particularly above 300m (think Mt Glorious, Lamington). Eggs are laid

in the soil and the hatched larvae (only 0.2 mm long) climb up vegetation to drop onto animals like us, seeking out exposed skin to feed. The resulting itchy red lumps (often with a tiny black centre) may take a day or two to appear. Larvae will detach after 3-5 days and are no longer parasitic to animals. Prevention is best by using insect repellent with DEET on skin and clothes around where they could attach (top of socks, collar line etc). Stay on a path, don't sit on the ground, avoid brushing against vegetation. If bitten, don't scratch! Use a Scabies cream such as Lyclear from the Chemist. Note that rubbing on anti-itch creams can aggravate the skin reaction. Oral antihistamines can also help.

How to insert your suburb into your member profile

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>

newmembers@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au



Wind Structures, Alpine Plateau - Katie Lee

Photographic competition

The photographic competition is scheduled for AUGUST this year, but will be confirmed with members when final arrangements have been made.

Instructions on how to submit your photos will follow. The categories this year

will be based on a theme and not a device, here they are:

Scenery & Landscape - Photographs in any natural scene which may be a seascape, mountain vista, bush scene or scene you deem to be landscape

Flora & Fauna - Photographs may include any native wildlife, including any macro of fungi, flora or abstract you deem to be macro along the way

Action Adventure - Photographs may be bushwalking, abseiling, kayaking, cycling, and base camping and demonstrate what being a member of BBW is all about

Capture of natural light - Photographs can include outdoor scenery with natural light

Artistic - Use of camera settings to add things (such as pigeons!!) that weren't naturally present or alter images as they are taken. Extensive post processing is also allowed. Turn your photo into a work of art

Funny - Any photo that creates a laugh



Bald Rock - Andrew Christie

Fungi Fungi Fungi

Most of us can't walk past these fascinating little representations of flora(?) without taking photos. In honor of the fascination they hold for us the club has asked the Queensland Mycological Society to present at the 12 October

meeting. There will be information on how to identify fungi and how to photograph them for identification.

For your reference the library has purchased waterproof identification pamphlets from the society which are for sale at \$5 each. Titles are "Fungi of southern Queensland" and "Mushrooms of southern Queensland".

The Mycological society encourages members of the public to join their Facebook page which will allow you to post photos of interesting fungi for identification.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TheQueenslandMycologicalSociety/>



Fungi sp - Felicity Couperthwaite

Protect our parks - petition

The Queensland Government is in the process of handing out 30 year private

leases inside our National Parks for commercial development of luxury accommodation.

The five development sites proposed for Cooloola National Park include Double Island Point, Poona Lake and near Campsite 3 on the Noosa River.

Any decision to sign the petition is at members discretion, the club committee remains impartial on this matter.

If you would like to support this petition go to

<https://www.protectparks.net>



Poona Lake, Cooloola NP - Diane Van

BBW shirt sale

Have you seen our members wearing their navy blue and green club shirts? Its now your chance to look smart whilst promoting the club at a bargain price.

All shirts now \$10.00, sizes limited.

To purchase a shirt either attend the club meeting hall on the 2 and 4th

Wednesday of the month or email

library@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au to check on size and availability.



Springbrook - Gareth Thomas

BBW Snowy Mountains Snow Shoe

trip

This trip has been a highlight of the BBW Activities calendar in the past and has returned in 2022. If any club members are keen to enjoy a week in the beautiful Snowy Mountains in the September school holidays contact either peter@lock.id.au or anna@lock.id.au as soon as possible to secure the last places.

Details of the trip can be found on the Activities calendar

<https://www.brisbanebushwalkers.org.au/activity/2022-09-17/snowy-mountains-snow-shoe>



Mt Tate peak - Libby Anderson

Bushwalking around Samford

Below is an historical article courtesy of the Samford Museum

Some Brisbane Bush Walking Club members volunteered, in about 1953, to clear the Bora Ring site at Samford. We traveled out by train and walked across country to the ring. We possibly left the train at Camp Mt. There were enough members to do it in a day. Another time club members caught the train to Close burn then hiked to Cedar Creek Falls. Another hike was climbing Mt Samson. We could see Mt Samson from Brisbane and called it Mt Bum because of its double peak. Sometimes we caught buses to Mt Glorious or drove cars up the Goat Track (up in the morning and down in the afternoon) and did walks around the mountains. On another walk we followed the North Pine River from Petrie to Dayboro. This walk is not possible now because of North Pine Dam/ Lake Samsonvale construction of which commenced in 1970.

NOTE -" ... could see Mt Samson from Brisbane and called it Mt Bum because of its double peak ... " ; double peak-following a line of sight on a map from Samford to Mt Samson there is no named mountain directly behind Mt Samson. The second peak could be the high point (518 mts) in Mt Samson Range just to the right of and behind Mt Samson.

Your club, your newsletter

Let us know so we can let our community know

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