



# Brisbane Bushwalkers

*Established 1948. Still Walking Strong.*

# Brisbane Bushwalkers Newsletter

## August 2022

Don't forget to checkout details of the annual Bushwalking Queensland Pilgrimage on the clubs activity calendar. This years Pilgrimage is being held on 19-21 August at Crows Nest.

With the clubs AGM scheduled for 26 October, all committee positions become vacant. Some of the current committee members are content to stay on but most importantly the position of president will become vacant as Tom Vaughan has completed his 2 year tenure.

Fulfilling a role on the committee is an opportunity for members to give back to the club and the walking community. There is a wealth of knowledge held by our senior members and ex committee members, all happy to provide support to new committee members. Meetings are held remotely and/or in person once a month.

The Committee is seeking nominations for the following positions:

President

Social secretary  
Safety and Training  
Equipment Officer  
Librarian  
Outings Officer  
Technology Officer  
New Members Officer

We encourage all members to consider nominating for these important roles as they provide the foundation that allows the club to exist.

[View the 2022 Activities Calendar:](#)

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



*A home in the bush - Andrew Christie*

## Meeting Calendar

**10 August**

Lake Rhona: A Hidden Tasmanian Gem by Katie Lee

**24 August**

*New members enrolment and club business meeting*

**24 August**

*75th Anniversary Organising Group*

**14 September**

Identification, Research and Photography of Fungi in Queensland by Tammy Wigg (Mycological Society of Queensland)

**28 September**

*New members enrolment and club business meeting*

**28 September**

*75th Anniversary Organising Group*

**12 October**

The BBW 2022 Photographic Competition

**26 October**

The Annual General 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](mailto:vicepresident@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au)



*Sunrise Anzac Day 2022- Greg Kuss*

## **Track Closures**

### **Mt Barney National Park**

Mt Maroon section of Mt Barney NP including Mount May closed until August 4, then periodic burning until August 31

### **Lamington National Park partially open**

All tracks in the Green Mountain section are open.  
All tracks in the Binna Burra section are open except for Illinbah circuit, Gwongoorool Pool Track, and Lower Bellbird Circuit.

### **Daisy Hill Conservation Park**

Trail maintenance and upgrade works

### **Main Range National Park**

Gap Creek Falls closed until further notice

## Lake Wyaralong track closures

Wyaralong's Eastern Trail Access

Goan Hill Trails at Wyaralong

Wyaralong

Mount Joyce Mountain Bike Trails

Ngumbi Camp Site (Mt Joyce Base Camp)

Leaders should check the NP website for alerts.

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

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



*After a wet day, this reward - Katie Lee*

## BBW 75th Anniversary celebrations

2023 marks BBWs 75th Anniversary

The organising committee requires the help of volunteers (marketing experience is a bonus) to help find and secure sponsors. To mark our 75th anniversary celebrations (along with other fantastic events) we will be publishing a commemorative magazine. The editors are calling

for writers with flair to assist in producing articles. If you have enthusiasm and a desire to be involved, we'd love to have your input. Suggestions for articles are warmly encouraged and highly appreciated. The magazine's focus will be on highlights of the last 25 years covering observations, people, places, and events, for example:

- what have you noticed as the club has continued to evolve
- COVID effects and responses
- favourite walks and destinations
- the most appreciated aspects of the club and what it brings to the lives of members
- fun trivia
- tips to be well prepared for adventure
- thru-hike recipe favourites
- climate change observations
- effects of government policy on national parks
- your best photos with captions

The brief is broad and all contributions, no matter how small, will be considered, so please, speak up! If you know someone who has something to offer, please direct them to this article. If you can help, please any of the organising committee members below.

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You will then be invited to attend a planning meeting to help shape the content.

Looking forward to many ideas!

Katie, Linda, Dwan and Caroline



*Abseil - Ben Harth*

## **Safety and Training, Club Working Bees**

### **New Leaders needed- Leader Training Basecamp - Mt Glorious Barracks 17-18 September**

The Club is in constant need of new Leaders, as senior Leaders ease back from their contribution to the Club, and others move away from Brisbane. You are eligible to become a leader when you have completed 15 BBW walks with the club, excluding NMIs and training walks. There is support available for new leaders when starting out. Committee members are available to give advice and support, and existing leaders mentor new leaders or co-lead with them. You do not have to lead, or have done walks at a high level. There is always demand for easier walks (3A thru 4B) and mid-range walks.

If you are interested in becoming a Leader, there is a New Leaders' training weekend being held on 17-18 September. See the Activities Calendar for details. It is always a fun weekend there is no compulsion to become a leader if you decide it is not for you.

Please contact Gerry Burton, Safety & Training Secretary, if you are interested or have any questions.

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## New Members Induction - Mt Coot-tha 6 August

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

## Mt Glorious Basecamp Working Bee - August 6-7

The intent of the weekend is to do some maintenance work on the West Side and Morelia tracks, maintenance at the Barracks compound and other projects. Social activities on enjoyed on Saturday night, all members welcome.

## 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.



## **New Members Induction - Chermside Hills 21 August**

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## **Navigation Training - A field exercise at Paddy's Peak 27 August**

This course is a follow up opportunity to test your navigation skills after undertaking the basic navigation training weekend course.

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## **New Members Induction - Mt Mee 10 September**

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## **New Members Basecamp - Mt Mee 9-11 September**

This weekend is specifically for members who joined the club after 1 September 2021



*Cath Carkeet*

## **Bushwalking behaviour -its impact on the environment**

As bushwalkers we all have an interest in protecting our environment and abiding by good bushwalking etiquette. ABC Capricornia recently published an article titled "Rangers, walking groups, urge public to stop making rock towers on hiking trails". As a club we follow the Bushwalkers Code where we responsibly observe 'Minimum Impact Bushwalking' by preserving the ecological and wilderness values of our environment. This article explains why. The full article can be read here: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-06-26/park-rangers-call-to-end-rock-cairns-towers-hiking-trails/101173018>



*Sea Eagle against the setting moon - Paul Camp*

## Photographic competition

The date for the photographic competition has been announced as the 12 October. Entries welcome from all members using the device of your choice. The categories are listed below with links to the appropriate Dropbox account to lodge your entries. Best of luck to all entries, we all look forward to viewing your images.

### 1. Scenery and landscape

Any scene such as landscape, seascape, cityscape, mountain vista, bush or other scene

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/ZjO2hGNAI95H8YFqSwET>

## 2. Flora and fauna

Any flora, fungi, or animal of any kind or combination, with or without macro

<http://www.dropbox.com/request/cge7WQyh3RZpznREHB3A>

## 3. Action adventure

Bushwalking, abseiling, kayaking, cycling or base camping and effectively demonstrate what being a member of BBW is all about

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/lyeXaoycGTevLT1BsVzM>

## 4. Capture of natural light

Any scenery or object with natural light

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/ws7wLWBTFRB0lo3gDVQc>

## 5. 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.

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/0wOIUvtB5I0sVvHggIOd>

## 6. Funny

Any photo that creates a laugh

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/T7M1eJSqseGcGwAUPrfv>

For more information on the competition and how to load your photos

<https://www.brisbanebushwalkers.org.au/news/2022-07-bbw-2022-photographic-competition-now-open>



*Gareth Thomas*

## **Attention map enthusiasts**

A large collection of maps has been donated to the club by the executors of the late Hugh Peacheys' estate. Hugh was a civil engineer and a keen BBW member. There are over 100 maps dating back to the 1960's covering Queensland and Tasmania. Sadly the scale is too large for bushwalking at 1:250000 but the club is offering them to any cartophiles out there.

Please contact [secretary@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au](mailto:secretary@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au) for more information.



*Mt Barney weekend - Shaun Johnston*

## **The Winter Solstice weekend**

The club recently celebrated the Winter Solstice at Mt Mee rangers compound. Our social coordinator Dwan Moore fed the masses delicious soups, a variety of warming main meals and the best winter sweets.

An account of the weekend has been written by Roz Glazebrook. To read her story click : <https://www.weekendnotes.com/brisbane-bushwalking-club-winter-solstice-mt-mee/>



*Around the fire - Gareth Thomas*

## Vale Eddie Chappel

Below is a tribute to Eddie Chappel written by Bernie Ryan.

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Eddie Chappel.

Eddie joined the club in the 90's. He introduced Karen and I to the club and he was my mentor when I started leading walks. Although Eddie had been quiet in recent years, he was quite prolific in his earlier years. His brother recently quipped that Eddie has walked every trail in South East QLD. I have always said that if I knew half the places Eddie knows, I would be more than happy. Mary Comer likes to share a story from her 70th birthday at Mount Barney. They were climbing the mountain when Eddie was confronted by a large boulder that was dislodged above him. It was a wonder he wasn't wiped out!



*The late Eddie Chappe*

## **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](mailto:peter@lock.id.au) or [anna@lock.id.au](mailto: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*

## **Great Noosa Trail Walk**

This is a regional community event to promote the area along with the pursuit of a healthy lifestyle. Funds generated from the walk support community projects.

For more information go to

<https://www.greatnoosatrailwalk.com/>

## **Your club, your newsletter**

*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](mailto:newsletters@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au)



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