



Brisbane Bushwalkers

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Brisbane Bushwalkers Newsletter

July 2023

There is such a lot happening at the Club over the next few months and its a pleasure to let our members know what is in store for them. We have activities, adventures and challenges in abundance both in Australia and overseas.

September brings the close to our BBW75 celebrations so don't forget to take part in either the [Commemorative day walk](#) being held in late August or the [Anniversary Celebration](#) event being held in September.

During the Commemorative day walk our organising committee has gone to great lengths to create the:

"Platinum Hiker Challenge"

Who will gain the ultimate accolade to be titled the "Platinum Hiker"? To undertake the most grueling and demanding competition known. To unleash their skills and overcome physical and mental challenges and earn the respect and admiration of the bushwalking community. Do you have the fortitude and tenacity to be the fastest to erect a tent, swing a Billy and retain its contents, chase a bush rat while still in your sleeping bag, throw a boot and strike said

bush rat and defeat all others to waive the trophy high, and be recognised throughout the land as the “The Platinum Hiker”? The “Platinum Boot” will also be awarded to the bushwalker who attended the most BBW75 Platinum Boot weekends.

You have been warned, start your training now.

Keep an eye out on the [Activities Calendar](#) and remember that walks are put up almost daily, so remember to check it regularly. Although many walks are put on the calendar several weeks in advance, often some go up at the last minute, both before a weekend and mid-week, and may not be full. This will particularly suit those members that are unable to commit in advance because of work commitments.

The Club is seeking a new Social Media Coordinator. The aim is to continue to promote, monitor and moderate our social profile in the succinct and seamless way that Katie Lee has been doing over the past three years. More details further down the page.

Did you know that the club is clearing out the remaining stock of BBW Club shirts at \$10 each? There is a range of limited sizes left and these can be purchased from the library desk at Club meetings. EFT or cash accepted.

Keen to view previous editions of this newsletter? Click [here](#)

[View the Activities Calendar](#)



Atop Surprise Rock at Dave's Creek Circuit - Ben Sielaff

Meeting Calendar

26 July

Club business meeting and New members Introduction

9 August

Walking in Japan by Justin Powell

23 August

Club business meeting and New members Introduction

13 September

Walking in Europe by Sandra Winzar and Anthony Logan

27 September

Club business meeting and New members Introduction

11 October Photographic Competition

Awards night and the presentation of all entries. Refreshments served.

25 October

Club business meeting and New members Introduction

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 to Mt Barney - Guilherme Salum

Track Closures

Main Range National Park

Gap Creek Falls track will remain closed until further notice. All other walking tracks within the park remain open, unless specified otherwise.

Planned Burns in Mt Barney and Moogerah Peaks National Park

Pending favourable weather conditions, areas within Mt Barney and Moogerah Peaks NP 's may be closed on short notice between May and September, as part of the annual hazard reduction/conservation management program for parks and forests.

Head Road closures

The Head Road over Teviot Range, managed by the Scenic Rim Regional Council, is currently closed until further notice, affecting access to sections of Main Range National Park. Southern access to the following locations will be affected:

Lizard South remote bush camp

Mount Superbus - North Peak remote bush camp

Mount Superbus - South Peak remote bush camp

Lamington National Park

Applies 16-03-2023 till 29 Dec 2023. As a result of a series of severe weather events throughout 2022 the eastern (dry) side of the Illinbah circuit will remain temporarily closed until declared safe. The Gwongoorool track (6 km return) and the western (wet) side of the Illinbah circuit (17 km return) have been made safe and are now open for visitors to access. The reopening also provides access to the Illinbah & Darlington remote bush camp sites for bushwalkers during the peak walking season between April and September. Please note: The western (wet) side of the Illinbah circuit includes twelve creek crossings (one way) of the Coomera River to negotiate as part of the walk. Please check the Bureau of Meteorology website for current weather forecast and water level heights of the Coomera River before undertaking this walk.

Glasshouse Mountains Mt Beerwah

The Mt Beerwah Section of Glass House Mountains National Park is temporarily closed until 11 August 2023.

Glen Rock State Forest name change

Land formerly known as the Glen Rock State Forest has been converted to Main Range Conservation Park, allowing continuity of conservation for two key protected areas across the Scenic Rim. Glen Rock State Forest will now formally be known as Main Range Conservation Park, and to maintain linkages to the state forest, the Casuarina camping area has been renamed the Glen Rock camping area.

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>



On the trail towards Buchanan's Fort - Cath Carkeet

2023 Photographic Competition

The closing date for entries in this years competition is Friday 22nd September. The presentation ceremony will be held on Wednesday 11th October at 7:40pm at the Clubhouse. There will be seven categories as follows:

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

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/gordwXPxm4yyHOq0t1Py>

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

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/fFamI0TVsOQoBTfw9hHr>

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

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/Dtga0ALFzAI0rjIshO>

4. Capture of Natural Light: Photographs can include outdoor scenery with natural light.

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/WP6fii77VjI3Q6LfkXq9>

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/NEMyO0il60U8MH0Jd6mH>

6. Funny: Any photo that creates a laugh: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/P69Z49NqOKvu5HUWtLMz>

7. Historic: An old (pre 2000) photo that you may have found in the back of a drawer that demonstrates bushwalking in bygone days.

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/3zekKzfagK753sDAW3Vw>

Conditions of entry

To enter, you:

- Must be a club member.
- Should only submit photos taken on a BBW club activity, that was listed on the calendar, unless you have a strong desire to submit photos of related activities.
- Must submit 10 photos or less.
- Must put each entry in the category to be judged in yourself.

- Give permission for Brisbane Bushwalkers Club Incorporated to reproduce your competition images online, in print, and using a projector or screen display for the purpose of presenting and publishing competition results.
- Give permission for competition images to be shared with sponsors for publishing on their websites if requested by them, in which case images will be required to reference this BBW 2023 photographic competition and give your name as photographer.

How to enter

1. Photos should be compressed where practical to less than 3 megabytes.
2. Upload no more than 10 photos. Use the hyperlink for any category folder you choose in the table above for each photo. You may need to copy the hyperlink into your web browser and click “enter” or “go”.
3. Once you have uploaded your photos, email photographic@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au with a list of each photo by file name or number, the category number (from 1 to 7) you selected for judging of that photo, and your title or description including the BBW or other activity and location.
4. If you don't know how to do steps 1 and 2, look online for help.
5. Follow the instructions and make life easy for the photographic officer and the judge!



Climbing Mt Barney - Guilherme Salum

Spicers to Teviot- extreme version

In May two Club members Denise and Arend took off on an adventure with the aim of completing a traverse between Spicers Gap and Teviot Gap in one day! Denise described the walk as a more "energetic" version, (which is a considerable understatement as this walk is usually completed in 3 or 4 days). She says that " Like all Main Range walks, this features impressive views, lots of up and down, a variety of terrain from rainforest to open forest with grass trees and of course the dreaded gympie gympie."

Denise and Arend successfully completed their adventure and to read about their journey and what they achieved click [here](#)



Denise and Arend, epic adventurers, Spicers to Teviot in one day

Events + Safety and Training

New Member Induction Chermshire Hills - Sunday July 30

The Induction is designed to introduce new members to bushwalking and to the Brisbane Bushwalkers Club. [Nominate here](#)

BBW75 Pilgrimage August 4-6

Registrations have now closed for the 2023 Bushwalking Queensland Pilgrimage which is being hosted this year by our club. For those attending [Click here for the full program](#)

New Member Induction Mt Coot-tha - Saturday August 12

The Induction is designed to introduce new members to bushwalking and to the Brisbane Bushwalkers Club. [Nominate here](#)

Leader Training Base Camp -Mt Glorious Barracks September 2-3

This training is for members interested in becoming leaders for the club, and who will have completed 15 Club walks by September of this year. Experienced leaders will give presentations based on the Guide for Leaders. There will be a couple of walks at Grades acceptable to the attendees. We'll have plenty of time to relax and socialise during what promises to be an informative and enjoyable weekend. [Nominate here](#) or email Helen at training@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au

Nepalese dinner at the Himalayan - Friday 8 September

Our regular dinner hosts Karen and Bernie Ryan invite all members to New Farms' 'Himalayan Cafe'. This cafe is a wonderfully authentic Nepalese and Tibetan restaurant that serves a tasty range of traditional cuisine in a relaxed setting. Sit inside on cushions by the Himalayan prayer wheel or on the tables and chairs in the outside dining area. [Nominate here](#)

Remote First Aid Training - 9-10 September

This training is a certified remote first aid course conducted by Mindy Fovea, a paramedic with many years experience. You will learn more than basic first aid. This course will prompt you to think about how you would improvise and apply first aid in remote situations. The course is aimed at Leaders and members in the club who want expanded first aid techniques and knowledge. It is by email nomination only, apply to training@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au

BBW75 Anniversary Celebration - Friday 15 September

We will celebrate this significant milestone for the Club by holding a cocktail party at the Ship Inn Southbank. [Nominate here](#)

Jane Austen Ball - Saturday 7 October

The Jane Austen Ball is on again in Dayboro. Costumes admired but not required and all dances taught on the night. The band comes highly recommended. [Nominate promptly here](#)



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75th Anniversary

Brisbane
Bushwalkers Club
1948 to 2023

BBW75 Commemorative Magazine- Linda McPhee

BBW75 Commemorative Booklet -

available for purchase now

BBW 75th Anniversary Commemorative Magazine is Available for Purchase Now! To celebrate 75 years of walking strong, BBW has produced a publication to honour our past, present, and future as the oldest and largest bushwalking club in Queensland. At 84 pages, it is packed with historical articles, member interviews and reflections plus a comprehensive review of bushwalking gear across the decades. The magazine can be bought at our upcoming [Pilgrimage](#), 4-6 August at Kalbar Showgrounds; the [Toohey Forest Commemorative Walk](#), 24 August; [75th Anniversary Celebration Cocktail Party](#), 15 September at Ship Inn; all [Club Meetings](#) at Newmarket and at [K2 Basecamp](#), Fortitude Valley. Don't miss getting your copy for \$10. Stocks are limited.



Leaning Peak, scramble and abseil - Matt D

Seeking a Social Media Coordinator

After three years as Social Media Coordinator, Katie Lee wishes to hand over

the role to another member. This is a non-committee role, and the primary task is to monitor and moderate the Clubs social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter). The purpose is to ensure the reputation of the club and that the integrity of the Committee, Leaders and Members is not compromised. A full description of the role can be found [here](#) on Page 21.

If you would like to contribute to the Club by taking over this role, please contact Gerry Burton president@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au



BBW75 logo - Linda McPhee

BBW75 Commemorative Walk &

Anniversary Celebrations

Commemorative Toohey Forest Walk 26 August

On the 29th August 1948, Bert Salmon lead the first BBW walk through Toohey Forest. We will meet at the Salisbury Recreational Reserve off Allendale St, Salisbury, where there is ample parking. Groups of 10 – 15 walkers will depart at 10 min intervals and follow various tracks through Toohey forest to the Mt Gravatt lookout via Griffith Univesity, approximately 5km. Morning tea treats will be provided at the lookout and coffee is available at the café or BYO. Once everyone has had their fill of coffee and views, we will retrace our steps until we reach the Toohey Ridge Track, which we will follow to the Mayne Estate picnic area, via the Toohey picnic area Approximately 4km.

A sausage sizzle lunch and soft drinks will be offered, followed by the **Platinum Boot Challenge**.

After everyone is well rested, we will make our way back to the Salisbury Rec Reserve via the Toohey Mountain track and streets. Approximately 1.5km. Those with energy to spare could detour to Peg's lookout and take in the views out to Flinders Peak. And for anyone interested in "kicking on" a visit to the Hiker Brewing Company in Pentax Street is another detour option.

[Nominate here](#)

BBW75 Anniversary Celebration September 15

On the 15th September 1948, a constitution was presented at a meeting and The Brisbane Bushwalkers Club was officially born - Happy Birthday BBW. We will celebrate this significant occasion by holding a cocktail party at the Ship Inn Southbank. A welcome drink followed by "cocktail food" will be provided. Please note that by "cocktail food" I mean beautiful finger foods which will be served throughout the evening. Let's rifle through the wardrobe and find our finest 40's - 50's attire and enjoy an evening going back to the early days of the club, with the swing band sounds of the era. We can all circulate and catch up with old friends and new while enjoying scrumptious finger foods. There will be a cash bar with reasonably priced drinks. A slide show of interesting memorabilia will be screened throughout the evening.

[Nominate here](#)



On the helipad at Flinders Peak arranged by Graeme Harper

Donating to help the Homeless

If any members have old useable tents, flys, swags etc that they no longer want, we have a club member who can arrange the donation of these items to the homeless. The equipment must be in a reasonable enough condition to be repurposed. To organise delivery or for further enquiries please text or email Irina on [0405288449](tel:0405288449). By prior arrangement items can be dropped off in Lutwyche.



New Leader - Matt D

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





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